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PLATT DENIES ALL

Aged Senator Says He Did Not Propose to Miss Wood. SAYS THEY WERE NOT MARRIED Had Never Sten Marriage Certificate Handed to Him. EMPHATIC IN HIS NEGATIVE

Once Took Dinner with Woman in New York Hotel. MONEY PAID BY HIS SON He Says He Gave Frank H. Platte \$10,000 to Effect Settlement in Suit Brought by Miss Wood.

NEW YORK, May 20.—Senator T. C. Platt today testified that he paid \$10,000 to his son, Frank H. Platt, to bring about a settlement of a suit brought against him by Miss Mae C. Wood, through the law firm of Howe & Hommel.

NEW YORK, May 20.—Senator T. C. Platt went on the witness stand today to give testimony in his own behalf in the sensational suit brought against him by Mae C. Wood, who is suing him for divorce on the allegation that he entered into a marriage contract with her in 1901.

The senator entered court leaning heavily on the arms of two attendants. His seemed very feeble and walked with difficulty. He was accompanied by his son, Frank H. Platt, and a stylishly attired woman.

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Both Mr. Loeb and Mr. Wynne denied last night that they took part in any such action. In opening his testimony the senator said he was nearly 75 years old. His first wife died in 1901. He first met Miss Wood in 1901.

"Do you remember seeing her at the Oriental hotel?" was asked. "I never saw her at the Oriental hotel in my life."

"Do you remember seeing her in the month of August, 1901, at the Oriental hotel, to become your wife?" "I never asked her, it's false."

SUMMARY OF THE BEE

Thursday, May 21, 1908. Table with columns for date, temperature, and other weather-related data.

FOR OMAHA, COUNCIL BLUFFS AND VICINITY—Showers probably for Thursday. FOR NEBRASKA—Thursday partly cloudy, with cooler east portion.

Public bill in conference with prospects. Nebraska items will go through. Methodist general conference began election of bishops.

Orders have been received from the War department at Washington by the commanding officer of the Department of Missouri designating the state militia that will participate in the army maneuvers at Fort Riley, Kansas, and Fort D. A. Russell, Wyoming.

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War Plans, N. Y., June 15 to July 15. Fort Riley Movements Scheduled for September—Practice Marches and Field Operations Are Being Planned. WASHINGTON, May 20.—Preparations have been completed by the War department for joint maneuvers during the coming summer of all branches of the regular service and many state militia organizations.

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SCHOOL CHILDREN IN PARADE

Two Thousand Reviewed by Veterans of the Grand Army at Hastings. HASTINGS, Neb., May 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Two thousand school children of Hastings marched in the Grand Army parade here this morning which was headed by Department Commander Thomas Creigh and the other officers of the patriotic organization.

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CLIFFY MEN TAKE THE LEAD

Anti-Bryan Men Select Chairman at Harrisburg. FIGHT WARM ON INSTRUCTIONS Michigan Delegation to Denver Will Be for Bryan Without Trouble—Slow Court in Alabama Preliminaries. HARRISBURG, Pa., May 20.—The democratic organization of Pennsylvania, headed by National Committeeman James M. Guffey of Pittsburgh, today defeated the Bryan faction of the party in the state convention upon the questions of instructions to the delegates to the national convention in favor of giving instructions for the Nebraska, while the Guffey forces are absolutely opposed to tying them down to any candidate.

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WILEY TALKS TO NEW DOCTORS

National Pure Food Expert Will Address Omaha Medical Graduates. Twenty-four new doctors will be sent forth into the world Thursday night from the College of Medicine of the University of Nebraska. The college is in Omaha and the commencement exercises will be held Thursday night at the First Congregational church at 8 o'clock.

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BALLOT FOR BISHOPS

Methodist Conference Begins Work of Selecting Superintendents. DR. W. F. ANDERSON IN LEAD New York Man Heads the List with 446 Votes. REV. W. A. QUAYLE IS THIRD Large Number of Candidates Received Over One Hundred Votes Each.

BALTIMORE, May 20.—The first ballot for bishops at the Methodist Episcopal conference today resulted in no choice. Rev. Dr. William F. Anderson of New York, headed the list with 446 votes; Rev. J. L. Nielsen of the Chicago German conference, was second, with 445; Rev. William A. Quayle of Chicago, third, 319; Rev. Dr. M. H. Hughes, president of DePaul university, fourth, 211; Rev. Dr. J. P. Cooke of Tennessee, book editor of the church, fifth, 203; Rev. Dr. Henry G. Jennings, manager Western Book concern, sixth, 196; Rev. W. S. Lewis, W. Smith, seventh, 151; Rev. W. S. Lewis, eighth, 148; Rev. M. O. B. Mason (colored) ninth, 27.

Others were supported as follows: Dr. Henry G. Downey of New York east conference, secretary of the board of education, Freedmen and Sunday schools, 232 votes; Dr. Joseph Hingley, Minneapolis, secretary of the general conference, 211; Dr. C. M. Mitchell, Cleveland, 156, and Dr. George F. Reed, president Dickinson college, 136.

The result of the second ballot will not be announced until tomorrow. There were 70 effective ballots cast, of which 514 were necessary to a choice. A number received over 100 votes and the remainder of a long list from that figure down to a few votes each.

CHURCHES TALK AMALGAMATION. Pertinent Topic Before Presbyterian Assembly. KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 20.—Amalgamation of the different branches of the Presbyterian church and the harmonizing of all organized religions will likely form one of the most important questions to be brought up in the 125th general assembly of the Presbyterian church, which begins here tomorrow. It is already known that the report of the committee on fraternity and union will show a strong sentiment favorable to amalgamation.

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RUFE JURY UNABLE TO AGREE. Indications Point to Disagreement After Deliberation During Entire Night. SAN FRANCISCO, May 20.—The jury in the case of Abraham Ruef, accused of offering a bribe to the former Supervisor James Phillips, came into court this morning after having been locked up all night, anxious that no agreement had yet been reached and asked for instructions. The indications point to a disagreement.

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