

# WASHINGTON LETTER

## Events of Interest from the Nation's Seat of Government

Tavener Will Continue as Washington Correspondent for The Herald

LaFollette's Magazine, edited by United States Senator Robert M. LaFollette, republican, pays a fine compliment to Clyde H. Tavener, who has been acting for some time past as our special Washington correspondent, and who was elected to congress from the Fourteenth Illinois District. Senator LaFollette, editorially, says:

"Clyde H. Tavener goes to congress from the Fourteenth Illinois district. Tavener is a talented young man, and a progressive democrat. As a newspaper correspondent at the national capital, he earned a reputation for integrity, industry and insight into the problems of government. Given the choice of two progressive candidates to represent them, the voters selected Tavener. We believe this confidence in Tavener is not misplaced. His past performances give assurance of a creditable record in the House, against machine domination, and for progressive principles."

This endorsement may be accepted as unprejudiced, because Senator LaFollette's magazine is republican. The fact is, Tavener won almost solely on the merits of his Washington letters which have appeared in this newspaper, and which we will continue to publish exclusively in this territory.

The extent of the magnificent tribute paid to his work as a writer can be best understood when it is considered that he won out by 1,200 in a district which is normally from 6,500 to 12,000 republican, and which has not been represented in congress by a democrat in 22 years.

Tavener did not have both a republican and progressive candidate against him, a condition which prevailed in many districts and which would have made success easier. His opponent was the regular republican nominee, who also had the advantage of the strong endorsement and support of the progressive party.

BY CLYDE H. TAVENER

Special Washington Correspondent to this Newspaper

Washington, Dec. 12.—Everybody wants to know about the distribution of patronage under the new administration. Every member of congress of democratic faith is receiving inquiries and applications by the hundred.

I came on to Washington at an earlier date than I intended, to try to discover the prospects of what will be done in a general way, but have found out nothing valuable or tangible. There is much guessing and newspaper talk; but that is all. All things concerning the distribution of patronage are up in the air, so to speak. President-elect Wilson, who is resting in Bermuda, has not, so far as is generally known, given any indication of his intention on this subject. Nothing definite will be known until he speaks.

The only things certain at this writing are:

1. President Taft has by executive order placed all the 4th class postmasters under the civil service, that is, all postmasters drawing less than \$1,000 per annum. This means that the present 4th class postmasters will hold for life, or during good behavior, unless President Wilson revokes President Taft's order. Whether he will revoke it nobody knows.

2. Most of the places worth having except those which have to be confirmed by the senate have been for some time under civil service. This greatly lessens the number of positions formerly available.

3. For twenty years the custom has been for federal officials appointed for four years, such as postmasters, U. S. marshals, etc., to serve out their terms unless they took part in politics during their terms. Whether this custom will be continued it is impossible to say.

4. President Taft is said to have declared his intention to fill all vacancies as soon as they occur. But whether the senate will confirm his appointments, or hold up his nominations, it is impossible to even guess.

5. The custom has been for the patronage of any particular state to be distributed through the senators and representatives thereof who are of the same political persuasion as the administration, if any such there be, and if none such, then through the national committee or some dependable friend or friends. Under this arrangement representatives are depended upon to recommend postmasters in their own districts while senators are depended upon to recommend postmasters in congressional districts not represented by congressmen of the same political faith as the president. Senators are also depended upon to recommend for marshalships and offices of that kind, including departmental positions and places in the consular and diplomatic service, and in fact all offices not local. Of course, as a rule, the senators consult with representatives in these matters, all trying to do the most possible for their constituents.

6. What scheme for selecting postmasters, etc., President Wilson and his cabinet may adopt is wholly conjectural. Some advocate one plan and some another. Consequently it might be best for those intending to be applicants to let matters rest until the situation clears up somewhat.

It has been figured out by some of the newspaper correspondents in the national capital that Mr. Wilson, when he enters the White House on March 4, will find that he has the power to fill directly 19,839 government positions. They declare the appointive places requiring confirmation are divided as follows:

Departments—State, 441; Treasury, 736; War (excluding army) 6; Jus-

tice, 383; Postoffice, 7,953; Navy (excluding officers) 11; Interior, 272; Agriculture, 3; Commerce and Labor (excluding census) 28; Civil Service Commission, 4; Government Printing Office, 1; Interstate Commerce Commission, 7; and Library of Congress, 1.

The places not requiring confirmation by the senate are thus divided: Departments—State, 94; Justice, 846; Interior, 44; Commerce, 3; Civil Service Commission, 1.

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Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.

### The First Day in Congress

Assuming that Thomas B. Reid was right when he described a statesman as a dead politician, then we have in the reassembling of congress the greatest array of statesmen ever collected under the capitol dome. The shattered phalanxes of republicans are on deck, but like Christians in Turkey they wonder what is to happen next. Never forgetful of the idea of November they wonder whether anything worse can possibly happen. Not a single democrat need be told that he is a part of "the whole show"—he knows it. It was considered quite natural that Speaker Champ Clark should break two great mallets in less than an hour and a half of the first session, but one cannot help wondering how many the speaker would have required in the same length of time had the majority rule been in force in the Baltimore convention. "The House will be in order," he would declare, giving at the same time mighty whacks with a mighty gavel. But surely good old Champ while repeating this phrase sixty times a minute for eighty odd minutes on the opening day of congress, could never have meant it once, another striking illustration in progress since George Washington confessed the cherry tree incident.

Strange though it may seem, during the continuous round of orations in the house on the opening day, ex-speaker Cannon, erstwhile arch enemy of every Democratic policy, was accorded the monster ovation of the day. In March he will have completed nearly forty years service in the house, and though Official Cannon and Cannonism have been assailed throughout the country, yet Cannon, the "Uncle Joe" kind, is so likable and unique that not even the most partisan democrats in the Chamber attempted to refrain from showing their kindly feeling toward the good old scout whose scalp has so long been eagerly sought. Included in the cheering gale, which was equal in velocity to a football rush, and in vociferousness a rival of the motor cycle, four governors-elect were given distinct recognition, they being Cox of Ohio, Robinson of Arkansas, Sulzer of New York, and Hanna of North Dakota.

The opening of the senate was a sober affair, as the hour glass of life had spent the sands, and three of the members of the world's greatest legislative body had in a few short weeks fallen with the autumn leaves to enrich mother earth. Vice President Sherman was gone, and so were Senators Heyburn and Rayner. The session was devoted entirely to the memory of those who had fallen, and with grave and thoughtful demeanor those in the senate observed the brief proceedings. In the evening as the writer of this paragraph was on his way home he met Senator LaFollette, and the latter also homeward bound, trudged along with bowed head. The impatient gladiator like the other senators had been unable to shake off the depression of a scene which emphasized the insignificance of man, inasmuch as in a few short weeks three mighty leaders of the thought and action of the nation had been called from life's labors to their everlasting abode in the kingdom of God.

### 30,000 Good Reasons

A democratic argument is that supposing there are 30,000 fourth class post masters in the United States, there are an exactly equal number of reasons why the incoming president should annul President Taft's order placing this class of officials in the civil service.

### Protecting the Sere and Yellow Leaf

The readers of this paper will not be surprised to learn that Representative Lindbergh of Minnesota, who is the original money trust buster, did not wait to get his rubbers off before he commenced bombarding congress at the opening of the session, to reprove its money trust investigating committee. Lindbergh's hat covers more than the ordinary amount of gray matter, and he has not much patience with a committee that spends months in foolish attempts to get evidence that might implicate a whole lot of capitalists in engineering high finances. He just takes that much for granted, and he wants congress to have the information necessary to properly legislate to prevent a few head bankers in New York dictating the policy of thousands of their correspondents throughout the country, who in turn hold the local financial situations in hand. Besides this phase of the legislative calculations there is the proposed scheme for the Central bank, the Aldrich plan, etc., which were initiated for the purpose of patching up the holes in the country's banking system; and there seems to be a well defined unrecurrent that congress will ere long take up and solve some of these problems that are vital to depositors and which will likewise act as safeguards to reputable bankers, any of whom will tell you in confidence that when everything is running all right banking is the finest business in the world, but when depositors get panicky, then—oh well, why remind the banking fraternity of the difference, since some of them might have been in business in 1893.

### The Shake Up

Tennyson's brook that "goes on forever" is quite unlike the celebrities of political life. Looking over the balcony rail at the House, only Payne of New York and Fordney of Michigan among the framers of the present tariff law, remain in the perspective vision. The rest have all gone to that land from whence is heard the mournful tones of the Whangdoodle. George C. Scott of Iowa and Edwin A. Merritt of New York are new members who will fill vacancies occasioned by death. Longworth of Ohio; Dalzell and Olmsted of Pennsylvania; McCall of Massachusetts; McKinley, Cannon, Wilson, Foss and Prince of Illinois, are on the skiddo list. Even Crumpacker, who was the lone republican solace from Indiana, is beaten. Among the senators that are getting ready to pack are Crane of Massachusetts, Dixon of Montana, Bourne of Oregon, Guggenheim of Colorado, Wetmore of Rhode Island, Curtis of Kansas, Paynter of Kentucky, Gamble of South Dakota and Brown of Nebraska. Oh, it's surely terrible to note how things have been changing since Professor Wilson gave up teaching for a living.

### Wants Direct Election of President

Fresh from Nebraska, where he has received one of the handsomest endorsements given any man, Congressman Norris, who will sit in the senate after March 4, says that "the electoral college is nothing better than a bump on a log and long ago outgrew its usefulness," and firmly believing this he will use his utmost efforts to secure a constitutional amendment in order that voters may vote directly for president and vice president.

### Judges in the Expectancy

The president has again sent the names of Richard E. Sloan of Arizona and Clinton W. Howard, of the state of Washington, to the senate, asking that his appointment of these men to judgeships be confirmed. The senate had the performances of a bumpy horse distanced when these names were before it last session, and it is not suspected that the power of the president with the unruly solons has greatly increased.

### THURSDAY IN CONGRESS

#### Senate

Resumed consideration of omnibus claims bill.  
Joint commission to investigate purchase of American tobacco by foreign governments elected Senator Martin chairman and organized for an investigation which may take a year.

#### Court of impeachment resumed

trial of Judge Archbald at 2 p. m.

#### House

Convened at noon.

Indian affairs sub-committee completed Indian appropriation bill for \$600,000, which will be reported Saturday.

Chairman Henry of rules committee tentatively set next Tuesday for hearings on the alleged New Haven-Grand Trunk traffic deal.

Banking and currency sub-committee decided to take testimony of persons at hearings to begin April 6.

Director Stratton of bureau of standards opposed before agricultural committee bill for regulation and tax of oleomargarine.

Delegates urged liberal appropriations for Mississippi levees before river and harbors committee.

Chairman Alexander of merchant marine committee called meeting for Friday to resume "shipping trust" investigation.

Passed Adamson bill for physical valuation of railroads with Mann amendment empowering commerce commission to regulate issuance of stocks and bonds.

Took up legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill.

### McKELVIE'S BARGAIN OFFER

There is only one Real farm paper in Nebraska, and that is The Nebraska Farmer, published at Lincoln by S. R. McKelvie.

The Nebraska Farmer is a weekly farm paper, over fifty years old. During a single year it contains over 1,200 pages, and is edited by men who have spent a life-time in connection with Nebraska farming. It carries no medical, liquor or unreliable advertising.

The annual New Year's number alone is worth more than the subscription price for one year. That beautiful number will be sent to all who accept this December offer.

McKelvie says the only way to run a farm paper is to keep it clean and reliable, stop it when the time is out, give no premiums or other free stuff, and sell the paper at the lowest possible price. That is his policy with The Nebraska Farmer, and it is now received on that basis in more than 40,000 Nebraska farm homes.

During December only Mr. McKelvie makes the exceptional offer of THREE YEARS FOR \$1.50. This is just one-half the regular price.

In order to accept this offer, cut out this notice and mail it today to The Nebraska Farmer, Lincoln, Nebraska, or ask for a free sample copy before subscribing. After reading a copy of this Real farm paper, you will be sure to subscribe. The local representative will make you this same rate.

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Alliance, Nebraska  
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The finishing touches are being put to the improvements on the W. W. Norton store building this week.

# COURT HOUSE NEWS

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Reported by F. E. Reddish, Bonded Abstractor, Box Butte County, Nebraska

H. P. Dodge, Jr., to James W. Burns: lots 271-272, Belmont addition to Alliance, Neb., \$455.  
Treasurer of Box Butte Co. to Belle Robinson: lot 3, block 9, Simonsons addition to Alliance, Neb., treasurer's deed.  
Nellie Sage to Clarence R. Tompkins: lots 15 and 16, block 3, South Lawn add. to Alliance.  
Clarence R. Tompkins to Marie Honoline Ditch: lots 15 and 16, block 3, south lawn add. to Alliance.  
Treasurer of Box Butte Co. to Belle Robinson: lot 6, block 6, Simonsons add. to Alliance, treasurer's deed.  
Treasurer of Box Butte Co. to Belle Robinson: lot 7, block 6, Simonsons add. to Alliance, treasurer's deed.  
Treasurer of Box Butte Co. to Belle Robinson: lot 5, blk. 6, Simonsons add. to Alliance, treasurer's deed.  
Treasurer of Box Butte Co. to Belle Robinson: lot 9, 4, 10, block 6, Simonsons add. to Alliance, treasurer's deed.  
Allie L. Marlett to John H. Skinner: lot 6, block 8, Hills add. to Alliance.  
Charles E. Gibson to John C. Rapp: E½NE¼ sec. 7, and S½NW¼ sec. 8, twp. 28, rg. 55.  
Hemington Cemetery Ass'n to E. W. Stigler: lot 7, block 3, division A in Hemington cemetery.  
United States to Edward T. Gregg: NE¼ sec. 14, twp. 28, range 51, patent.  
John Duhon to Ethel V. Arbutnot: 54 acres located in north part of N½SW¼ sec. 3, twp. 28, range 51.  
James H. Hewett to A. M. Miller: lot 1, block 1, Bushnell's add. to Hemington.  
Roy Hickey and Elizabeth O. Barney to W. S. Thompson: N½SE¼ sec. 4, twp. 24, rg. 49.  
Howard L. Bushnell—vacation deed—vacates lots 1, 2, 3, 4, block 1, Bushnell's add. to Hemington.  
A. M. Miller to Howard L. Bushnell: lot 1, block 1, Bushnell's add. to Hemington.  
Mary Tiernan to Charles Tiernan: SE¼ sec. 17, N½NE¼ sec. 20, N½NW¼ sec. 21, twp. 24, range 51.  
Anton Uhrig to The Farmers Creamery Co.: lots 4, 5, 6, block 21, in the amended plat of Hemington.  
John C. McCorkle to Elizabeth Skinner: SE¼ sec. 28, twp. 26, range 49.  
New Cases on Docket for Term of Court Beginning Dec. 16

George Williams vs. J. F. Spiker and Mrs. Spiker, Foreclosure.

Alice M. Harbottle vs. Harry P. Harbottle, Divorce.

City of Alliance vs. The School District of Alliance, et al., Injunction.

R. M. Hampton vs. Walfrid Johnson and wife, Foreclosure.

State of Nebraska vs. James Donovan.

State of Nebraska vs. Grant Hale, Gambling.

State of Nebraska vs. Charley George.

State of Nebraska vs. Fred W. Roe.

Ora E. Phillips vs. Ira Bogard, Foreclosure.

Theo. Johnson, Alvin M. Miller, Calvin J. Wildy, C. A. Burlew, A. E. Clark and H. L. Bushnell vs. The County of Box Butte, Sang C. Reck, Joseph M. Wanek, Calvin L. Hashman, Co. Com. of said Co., and Monte S. Hargraves, Co. Clerk.

Gertrude U. Gardner vs. Earl Gardner, Divorce.

State of Nebraska vs. J. E. Henry.

State of Nebraska vs. Georgia Coleman.

Alpha M. Lewis vs. John K. Lewis, Divorce.

Eva T. Townley vs. Harry F. Townley, Divorce.

Mrs. Alpha M. Lewis files a petition for divorce on the charges that her husband, John K. Lewis, has been extremely cruel at times refusing to speak to her and utterly ignoring her at times. That for more than five years he was guilty of neglect and she was compelled to work to keep her family. There are two children as the result of said marriage.

Mrs. Eva T. Townley filed a petition for divorce Dec. 11th. She declares that her husband, Harry F. Townley, has been extremely cruel to her, has refused to support her and has been seen with other women.

The Woman's Club met last Friday afternoon with Mrs. C. E. Slagle at the Slagle residence. The regular program was carried out. There were eighteen members of the club present.

# LOCAL NEWS

J. R. Phelan was in Alliance the first of the week.

Father Mosher of Broken Bow is in Alliance for a short time.

Frank Cady and wife of Lakeside are in the city.

W. G. Gentle of Angora was in Alliance on business Wednesday.

Rev. D. W. Montgomery returned to Alliance Monday from a missionary trip south.

J. C. McCorkle returned Wednesday noon from Chadron, where he disposed of two new Carters.

A. D. Rodgers is on a trip up the North Platte valley in the interests of the Alliance Fruit Company.

Dr. W. M. Lee returned Friday from a professional trip up the valley.

Little Gladys McCook, who has been out of school on account of sickness, is reported better today.

Mrs. Lon Hubbard of Ellsworth will return home tomorrow with the little boy who was born in Alliance.

Mrs. L. F. Smith was taken seriously ill yesterday. She is reported better today.

Mrs. Sang C. Reck will arrive next week from Denver to spend the holidays with family and friends in Alliance.

W. H. Babbitt removed last week from Alliance to Bridgeport, where he will engage in the real estate business.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. McDonald have moved from 1028 Laramie to Anderson property on Cheyenne avenue.

Mrs. Jerry Rowan entertained on Tuesday evening at Cards for Mrs. Lindley Ellis, who was on her way to Washington, her new home.

Ida M. Ross made the sale of fine Schmolzer & Mueller pianos to Mr. Rosenkrantz, S. Smith and Miss Nora Johnson the last few days.

The wedding invitations of Miss Emma Diana Soules of this city and Mr. John Henderson of Toronto, Can., are issued for Wednesday, Dec. 18.

F. B. McDonald, of the Alliance Film Exchange, returned to Alliance Monday from a business trip on the North Platte valley.

J. G. Stewart, general storekeeper for the Burlington, with headquarters in Chicago, was in Alliance one day last week conferring with storekeeper Hagaman.

Invitations are issued for the reception held after the marriage ceremony of Miss Emma Evalyn Tash and John Axel Johnson, Tuesday the 17th of December.

The cases of Georgia Coleman, the colored woman, and J. E. Henry, who kidnapped Cary Lewis, are now carried to the district court and will be tried at the Dec. 16th term of court.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Brown from near Lakeside were making final proof and doing Christmas shopping in Alliance the fore part of the week. From here they went to Sidney Wednesday for a visit with Mr. Brown's sister.

Francis Lowry, who has been engaged at the Lowry & Henry garage, went to Grand Island Tuesday night to visit his parents. He will return to Alliance in March.

The Alliance W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Martin at the home of Mrs. Mours, Thursday, Dec. 12, at 2:30 p. m. There will be an evangelistic program conducted by Mrs. Martin.

The taffy pull given by the Epworth League at the Methodist church Monday evening was well attended and the young people enjoyed a very good time.

Mrs. Davis, who resided near Lakeside for many years but who is now living in Alberta, Canada, is visiting in Alliance with Mrs. Cuff and Mrs. Hand.

Eugene Burton went to Scottsbluff Wednesday noon. He is attending district court at Gering. He stated that there were forty-seven jury cases to be tried there at this term of court. Mr. Burton expects to return Saturday.

E. G. Laing has fitted up a window in the window of his clothing store as an up-to-date den for a young man. The display has attracted a great deal of attention.

W. W. Norton is displaying in one of the large windows of his store the 120 pound squash raised southeast of Alliance this year. Also displayed with the monster squash is the inscription, "The Largest Squash in the World in the Largest Store in the World."

FOR SALE.—Pure bred Plymouth Rock Cockerels. \$1.00 each while they last. A. R. Wilson, phone 548, Alliance.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Gripp of Atton, Iowa, are here to attend the Tash-Johnson wedding. Mrs. Gripp is a sister of Mrs. E. I. Tash.

Mrs. James Hunter and Mrs. J. C. McCorkle are entertaining this evening in the way of a kitchen show for Miss Emma Tash.

John Snoddy, the insurance man, went to Rushville and Gordon in his automobile on business this week, leaving Tuesday and returning today.

Mr. and Mrs. McNutt of Lakeside returned home yesterday after a day's visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Braman in Alliance.

We are pleased to note that E. A. Marsh, who has been suffering from rheumatism, is feeling much better today and able to attend to business at the Bicknell Grocery Co. store.

Chas. E. Ford, of Chicago, president of the First National Bank of Alliance, arrived in the city this morning to be here until next Tuesday.

Mrs. H. A. Hamilton and her daughter Elva will give a bathroom shower Saturday evening in honor of Miss Emma Tash. Some forty guests are invited.

Bill Mosher entertained a number of friends at a theatre party Saturday night. We understand that Bill was a good fellow and fed them well.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Otto and children of Lakeside were in Alliance this week, returning home today. Mr. Otto proved up on his claim. Mrs. Otto and children visited at the home of Mrs. W. H. Zehrung.

The skating pond which the city officials ordered made at the meeting of the city council Tuesday night of last week has been filled with water and the recent cold snap has made a good starting of ice. A dam fifty feet long by three feet wide was constructed by the street commissioner.

Mr. and Mrs. John Leimbach and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. LaClair autoed over to Alliance, Monday, in Mr. Leimbach's car, visiting with relatives and friends until Wednesday when Mr. LaClair purchased a Ford car of his own and they returned home.—Hay Springs News, Dec. 6.

A number of our citizens attended the Westover and Hippach wedding at Rushville Monday. The charming and accomplished bride, Pearl Hippach, is a grand daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Guthrie of our city, while the groom, Joseph L. Westover, is a very bright young lawyer, already very capable and is following in the footsteps of his father, Hon. W. H. Westover, whose fame is not confined to this state alone. Joe is a twin and we think that has something to do with his prominent position in life. This young couple start out in life with a very promising future.—Hay Springs Enterprise.

Mrs. J. J. Vance has received from Mrs. Adelaide Rood, of Lincoln, state W. C. T. U. press Supt. the W. C. T. U. Press Star, a prize token for having had printed the greatest number of columns of press material in the state. The "Star" was held last year by Mrs. Watson of Albion. Mrs. Vance received this same honor for her Union in 1908, while living in Wyoming.

The Famous has installed in one of its large show windows a new picture service, which is change two times each week. This is called the International Pictorial Review and gives the current events of the world in colored pictures. It attracts a great deal of attention.

R. E. Roberts, proprietor of the shooting gallery formerly located in Alliance, but now at Chadron, was in the city for a few hours Wednesday on his way back to Chadron after a visit to Ft. Morgan, Colorado. Mr. Roberts may return to Alliance with his gallery in the near future.

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