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Washington News

By C. H. TAVENNER special Washington correspondent.

William Howard Taft is the one best bet in the Republican nomination handicap. At least that is the way it looks to me today, and I have tried to view the situation, if possible, without prejudice.

I base my prediction on the theory that Special Privilege, as represented by Aldrich, Penrose, Smoot, Dodge, Crane, Guggenheim, J. Pierpont Morgan, John D. Rockefeller, Andrew Carnegie, and the tariff trusts, still dominate the Republican machine. And it must never be forgotten that the Republican machine, and not the Republican voters, rules national Republican conventions and names presidential candidates.

The Republican machine, it is true is badly damaged, but I think, however, it is still powerful enough, backed as it is by the millions of Special Privilege, to control one more national convention. After that it will go on the scrap heap, and men freer of corporate influences will be in control of the party.

The only deduction that the reader may draw from the foregoing is that Mr. Taft is to be nominated, not because the people desire his renomination, but because the Big Interests desire his renomination; not because Mr. Taft has earned a renomination by representing the interests of Special Privilege.

There seems to be an increasing talk about Roosevelt, but I do not think the machine politicians will permit his nomination. If Roosevelt should be nominated, however, I believe he would be defeated. It was during his administration that the present abnormally high cost of living was piled up, largely because of the system of excessive protection in which Mr. Roosevelt believes. Roosevelt is an Aldrich-Smoot-Penrose Republican on the tariff question, so far as anyone knows. But if he should come out on the Progressive side of the tariff issue, it would only make him less desirable to the Republican machine, and his nomination would be even less probable than it is now.

Robert M. La Follette, the one man mentioned in connection with the Republican nomination on whom the people can put their finger on every public question of the day, cannot be nominated, in my opinion, the reason being, only, that the people cannot vote on presidential nominees.

Any day, of course, may bring developments to change the positions of the men on the political checker board, but the above is the situation as it appears to your correspondent at this writing.

Uncle Joe Cannon, "High Protection Joe," wanted to know, when the Democratic metal bill was before the House, why such articles as sewing machines were placed on the free list. Chairman Underwood, of the Democratic Ways and Means committee, courteously supplied the exp-speaker with the desired information.

"We have placed these articles on the free list for the benefit of the American people," said Mr. Underwood. "The uncontested testimony shows that sewing machines are being sold to the rich and poor alike in this country from \$23 to \$45 a machine, and yet are being laid down, freight paid, in the Orient for \$3.75, yet the gentleman from Illinois would ask this Congress, in the name of the manufacturers of the United States, to retain a pro-

hibitive tax on sewing machines and other like articles in order that we might trade for terms in foreign markets for the benefit of men who have already made millions out of the American people. But I say to him when we barter in trade in the real necessities of the American people, we are bartering and trading in the life blood of poverty.

"We are not ashamed to go to the American people and say that when an article is manufactured in this country so cheaply that it can compete in all the markets of the world, we are willing to place it on the free list for the benefit of our own people."

The metal bill, which also places on the free list, iron ore, nails, cash registers and many other steel and iron products, and makes reductions on all metal goods averaging 35 per cent, passed the House by a vote of 210 to 109. The articles placed on the free list are being sold by American manufacturers much cheaper to foreigners than to home consumers.

Sixty-five per cent of the workers in the United States Steel corporation's plants at Pittsburgh earn less than the actual cost of subsistence, according to calculations made before the Stanley steel trust investigating committee by Louis D. Brandies, "the people's lawyer."

"The average wage of 65 per cent of the employees of the workers in the steel plants of Pittsburgh," he said, "is 17 1/2 cents an hour. The Associated Charities of that city, by careful investigation, has figured it out that the bare existence of a family of a husband and wife and three children in Pittsburgh is \$768 a year. By working 12 hours a day, 365 days a year, this 65 per cent of the workers, at the end of their year's labor, will have earned just \$1.50 less than this sum.

"These horrible conditions are the result of the use of the great power and wealth of this trust to prevent its employees from joining organizations. The condition of labor in this industry is nothing less than slavery. In ten years this trust, while working men under these conditions, has taken from the American people \$650,000,000 in excess of a liberal profit on its actual investment, and this enormous profit has been used to grind down its workers to their present miserable condition."

Town Board Meeting.

At the regular town board meeting Monday night the board passed a resolution to divide the town into wards under the law regulating cities of the second class and the city attorney was instructed to draw up an ordinance to that effect.

A committee from the Commercial club, Mr. Haley and Mr. Sparks, met with the board and asked that police protection be given the post office with a view to having the office opened after the arrival of the evening passenger. The board agreed to furnish all the protection necessary.

Eugene Grace & Son were given permission to string an electric light wire between the two hotel buildings. They are installing their own lighting system and wished to light both buildings from the one plant.

Several bills were allowed and other minor matters attended to.

Land Office Notes.

New blanks for use in applying for the sale of isolated tracts have been received, and must be used in all cases in the future.

During the month of January the local office allowed thirty-four homestead entries, aggregating 16807 acres; eleven final proofs, aggregating 5151 acres; twenty-eight public sales, aggregating 3222 acres.

From action recently taken by the general land office it appears that all of the applications for sale of isolated tracts now pending at Washington will be disposed of under the new regulations. There-

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fore in all cases where the land has not been isolated and vacant for two years or more, the applicants may expect to have their applications rejected.

Among those who have bought land at public sale recently are George E. Hornby 40 acres, Frank Graff 120 acres, Harrison Smith 80 acres in Brown county; William H. Kurzenberger 40 acres in Keya Paha county; John R. Annon 40 acres in Rock county; Fred E. Gardner, 120 acres, Oscar E. Swanson 400 acres, William G. Heelan 240 acres, Amos E. Williams 320 acres, Fred B. Simpson 480 acres in Cherry county.

The office is in receipt of Executive Order No. 1461, dated January 11th, setting aside some twenty-three sections of land in the old Ft. Niobrara military reservation as a reservation for the protection of native birds. Nothing is said in the order in regard to the protection of ferocious wild beasts on the reservation. The reserve lies in townships 33 and 34, in ranges 26 and 27. The balance of the military reservation is the subject of a new bill before Congress, which provides for opening it for settlement under the homestead laws. If it is so opened, it will undoubtedly be by registration and drawing.

Definite Railroad News.

That there is something doing along railroad lines is shown in a recent interview in the Sioux City Journal when W. E. King, one of the promoters of the interurban railway from Sioux City west, gave it as his opinion that the road would be in actual operation within the next eighteen months.

Mr. King also outlined the proposed route as leaving Sioux City over the combination bridge and passing through Jackson, Ponca, Martinsburg, Hartington, Bloomfield and Center, thence west to the Verdigre creek where it will make connections with the Valentine extension. Most enthusiastic meetings have been held in all of the above towns within the past two weeks and the farmers and business men along the proposed route are right in line with the promoters in their attempt to rush the work to a speedy completion.

The Valentine extension, as being promoted by Mr. Cornell of Valentine, will make the above connection at some point, as yet undetermined, and following up the Niobrara river will strike the divide between Ponca creek and the river and following that natural roadway west to Naper, Jamison, Burton and other towns in Keya Paha county and across the Niobrara river at Valentine.

This authentic news sounds very good to the people of Boyd and Keya Paha counties.

The Naper Commercial Club held a most enthusiastic meeting Wednesday evening of this week and discussed the prospects, appointed a committee and voted an assessment of \$2.00 per member for local assistance for the promoters.—Naper News.

G. W. Gaskill is up from his claim near Kennedy visiting relatives.

L. M. Sears was in town several days this week and went home with a load of groceries Thursday.

Benjamin Franklin Felch died on February 6th at the home of his daughter, Mrs. N. S. Rowley, 50 miles south of Valentine. The body was brought to Valentine and Mrs. Rowley and James Felch accompanied the remains to Amhurst, Wis., for burial.

The first number of the lecture course will appear on Saturday evening February 10th at Quigley Hall. The entertainer will be our congenial State Superintendent, James E. Delzell, who will deliver his favorite and popular address on "The man with the Hoe."

This address will be followed by another number of the course the following Friday evening, February 16th. (All numbers of the lecture course will be in Quigley Hall.) This number will be the well known Imperial Concert Company which consists of five gentlemen and a lady accompanist. They are by no means amateurs in their line.

County teachers who wish to avail themselves of the benefit of the County Teachers' Association during the day should come prepared to remain to the lecture in the evening. I assure you it will be an intellectual treat.

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G. W. EATON, Supt.




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1133	Low	Long	19 to 28	\$1.00
1139	Medium	Medium	19 to 25	\$1.00
121	"	"	19 to 30	\$1.50

For Average Figures				
Style	Bust	Hip	Sizes	Price
1125	Low	Long	18 to 25	\$1.50
1122	Medium	"	19 to 26	\$2.00
128	Low	"	19 to 26	\$2.50

For Large Figures				
Style	Bust	Hip	Sizes	Price
768	Medium	Medium	28 to 36	\$1.00
121	"	"	19 to 30	\$1.50
761	"	"	19 to 36	\$1.50

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786	Low	Long	20 to 36	\$3.00
781	"	"	"	\$3.00

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