

# TAFT TO OPEN CAMPAIGN

WILL SOUND KEYNOTE OF PRESIDENTIAL ATTITUDE.

WHEN OKLAHOMA BEGINS GAME

Speech of Secretary of War in Oklahoma, When That State Enters Upon its First Political Campaign, Will Contain Pointers.

Washington, March 23.—Secretary of War Taft will sound the keynote for the first republican campaign in the new state of Oklahoma, and, in his speech, he is expected to define his position on the presidential nomination next year.

First Election in August.

The first election in the new state, to ratify the constitution and elect state officials, will be held in August, and the republican state convention will probably be held during the latter part of May or early in June. Mr. Taft has engagements to speak in Iowa and Minnesota on June 12 and 13.

Gov. Frantz, of Oklahoma, who has been in Washington for some time, left for home last night, and it is understood he will get busy at once in effecting the necessary arrangements.

Will be Important.

The political importance of a speech by Mr. Taft as the keynote for the republican campaign in Oklahoma is not to be underestimated. It will have the direct bearing on the republican presidential politics for it will be generally regarded as in a certain measure the keynote of Secretary Taft's candidacy for the presidency.

It is well within the range of possibilities also, that Secretary Taft's presence at the first republican state convention in Oklahoma would lead to some action by the convention virtually, if not unequivocally, endorsing him for the presidential nomination.

A Delegation for Taft.

A strong Taft sentiment is said to exist in Oklahoma, and it has been reported that only the definite assurance that the secretary will be in the presidential lists is needed to start the ball rolling and insure a Taft delegation from the new state to the next republican national convention.

\$10,000,000 FOR REFORM.

Widow Sets Aside Sum for Foundation, With Novel Objects.

Alhany, N. Y., March 23.—Mrs. Russell Sage has set aside the sum of \$10,000,000, to be known as the Sage foundation, and to be devoted to the improvement of social and living conditions in the United States.

A bill incorporating the foundation was introduced in the legislature. As trustees of the foundation Mrs. Sage has appointed Robert W. De Forest, Cleveland H. Dodge, Daniel C. Gilman, John M. Glenn, Miss Helen Gould, Mrs. William B. Rice, and Miss Louisa L. Schuyler.

The following statement by Mrs. Sage concerning the foundation and its objects was given out by Mrs. Sage:

"I have set aside \$10,000,000 for the endowment of this foundation. Its object is the improvement of social and living conditions in the United States.

"The means to that end will include research, publication, education, the establishment and maintenance of charitable and beneficial activities, agencies and institutions, and the aid of any such activities, agencies, and institutions already established.

"It will be within the scope of the foundation to investigate and study the causes of adverse social conditions, including ignorance, poverty and vice, to suggest how these conditions can be remedied or ameliorated, and to put in operation any appropriate means to that end.

"It will also be within the scope of the foundation to establish any new agency necessary to carry out any of its conclusions and equally to contribute to the resources of any existing agencies which are doing efficient and satisfactory work, just as the present general education fund, organized to promote higher education, is aiding existing colleges and universities.

"While its scope is broad, it should, preferably, not undertake to do within that scope what is now being done, and likely to be effectively done, by other individuals or by other agencies with less resources. It will be its aim to take up the larger and more difficult problems and to take them up, so far as possible, in such a manner as to secure co-operation and aid in their solution.

"In some instances it may wisely initiate movements with the expectation of having them maintain themselves until aided after once being started. In other instances, it may start movements with the expectation of carrying them on itself. The income will only be used for its charitable purposes because the foundation is to be permanent and its action continuous. It may, however, make investments for social betterment which themselves produce income.

"While having its headquarters in New York City, where Mr. Sage and I have lived and where social problems are most pressing and complicated, partly by reason of its extent and partly because it is the port of entry for about a million immigrants a year, the foundation will be national in its scope and in its activities.

"I have sought to select as my trustees men and women who are familiar with social problems and who can bring to their solution not only zeal

and interest, but experience and judgment."

Robert W. De Forest was chairman of the New York state tenement house commission of 1900, appointed by Gov. Roosevelt, and later first tenement house commissioner of the city of New York. He has been president of the charity organization society for nearly twenty years.

Cleveland H. Dodge is chairman of the executive committee of the Red Cross society in New York and an officer of the International Young Men's Christian association.

Daniel C. Gilman has an international reputation as an educator and philanthropist. He is a trustee of the general education fund and was for many years president of the Baltimore charity organization society.

John M. Glenn has been prominent for many years in all national conferences of charities. He was president of the Washington meeting of 1901. He is a manager of many charitable institutions in his native city of Baltimore, and for the last few years has been at the head of its department of public charities.

Miss Helen Gould, who is well known for her benefactions, has been a lifelong friend of Mrs. Sage.

Mrs. William B. Rice has been for many years the president of the State Charities Aid association of New York.

Miss Louisa L. Schuyler, like Mrs. Rice, is one of the officers of the New York State Charities Aid association, of which she is the founder.

## WHO'S WHO IN CAMPAIGN?

WHEN IS A CANDIDATE NOT A CANDIDATE?

THE BALLOT GIVES SURPRISES

Judge Westervelt's Name is On Ballot, Despite His Efforts to Escape, and B. E. Bowden's Name Has Been Left Off—Dolan is Republican.

[From Wednesday's Daily.]

When is a candidate not a candidate? Simple folk will say that a man becomes a genuine candidate when he is nominated for office by a regularly constituted convention, caucus or committee and ceases to be a candidate when he declines the nomination. Not so in Norfolk.

A Norfolk man is running away from an office with a salary attachment. While other men are urging their qualifications for office holding upon the voters this man is making strenuous efforts to keep out of office. The man is Judge Ira G. Westervelt and the office that he is seeking to avoid is that of police judge of Norfolk. Apparently he is making no material progress.

Judge Westervelt Can't Quit.

Judge Westervelt was renominated over his protest by the democratic city convention. He thereupon declared through the columns of The News that he would not be a candidate, that he would not qualify if elected and that he declined the nomination. The democratic central committee met, held that no man could be put in office against his will and decided to turn the judgeship over to Judge Eiseley the republican nominee, by default. Judge Westervelt rested in fancied security until yesterday, when his mental equilibrium received an unmerited jolt. His name had been printed on the official ballot and to all intents and purposes he was still a candidate.

Running But Not Running.

A very different situation confronts another Norfolk man. This gentleman had been nominated for office and had entered into the campaign with a vim. Just before the election he finds that as a matter of fact, he is not a candidate at all—at least his name is not on the official ballot. This man is B. E. Bowden—supposedly the republican candidate for city engineer.

Dolan Republican.

The appearance of sample ballots in the city clerk's office brings still another new fact to light touching the candidates before the people. Pat Dolan, the all-Fourth-ward candidate for the council, is a republican. The heated debates at the Junction may now cease for the democratic label is not tagged on to Dolan on the official ballot and Dolan will ride to victory on the republican ticket. The democratic endorsement of Dolan though loud and joyous never marched into the city clerk's office in the required legal form.

Ballot According to Law.

The appearance of the sample ballots yesterday aroused some interesting political comment. City Clerk Hulff states that he followed the law in the matter and that the ballot represents the sum total of the official communications that reached him on the subject. Members of the republican city central committee, when they learned that Mr. Bowden's name had not been presented in regular form to the city clerk, were anxious to take any possible steps to correct the matter. Judge Westervelt is as determined as ever to get off the ticket according to his published statement. And the Fourth ward democrats, for the honor of their party, ought to want to have their brand placed after the good sounding name of Dolan.

# EDITOR IN COUNTY JAIL

W. I. KORTRIGHT OF FAIRFAX IS IMPRISONED.

AN OUTGROWTH OF LIBEL SUIT

Editor of Sun-Review of Fairfax, S. D., Opposed Two Republican Nominees and Was Sued for Libel—Attorneys' Error Lets Client Go to Jail.

Fairfax, S. D., March 26.—Special to The News: W. I. Kortright, editor of the Fairfax Sun-Review, has been placed in the county jail by Deputy Sheriff Morrissey, by order of the court. He was placed there on account of a default judgment.

Last fall Kortright opposed Huston and Doherty, the republican nominees for sheriff and states attorney and they sued him for libel. Through some mistake of attorneys, the answer was not properly served and judgment was rendered against Kortright.

By reason of Huston's putting up \$2 per day for ten days, Kortright is in jail. Attorneys Backus of Bonesteel and Harben of Platte are busy trying to reopen the case and release Kortright.

CHARGED WITH FORGERY.

Brown's in Town at Fairfax, Locked Behind the Bars.

Fairfax, S. D., March 25.—Special to The News: A man by the name of Brown is in the county jail here charged with forgery. Some time ago he negotiated a loan from Orion Porter, real estate man, for \$1,100 on a quarter section of land but by accident last week Mr. Porter, it is alleged, found out that he was not the man who owned the land but that he had forged the other man's name to the papers, and that Brown still lived on the land. He had him arrested. \$500 of the money was left in the Gregory County State bank and about \$400 more have been recovered.

The original owner lives somewhere in Illinois. The funniest part of it is that Brown did not try to get out of the country but left part of the money in the bank and had bought some horses and other things and lived on the land which he had rented.

THEY CRITICISED NORFOLK.

Drummers Wouldn't Live Here Because of Muddy Streets.

A big, smooth-faced, good natured looking commercial drummer, sat in a seat in the smoking car of the Bonesteel-Omaha passenger train which passed through Norfolk Sunday morning. At Stanton another drummer boarded the train.

"Don't you live at Norfolk?" asked the first.

"I should say not!" declared the new arrival. "I wouldn't live in that burg if you would give me a house and lot."

"Nor I," agreed the first passenger. "I never did like the town. I rather live at any town on the line."

"What's the matter with Norfolk?" was asked by a passenger across the aisle, who may have been from Norfolk.

"What isn't?" they broke in, in concert. "It's a mudhole. Look at that main street. It's a slough."

"But that street will be paved before next October," was argued.

"That won't help the residence part."

"But the residence part doesn't get muddy to speak of," argued the Norfolk citizen.

"Oh," said the Council Bluffs drummer. "What do you call that street from Norfolk down to the Junction? Doesn't that get muddy?"

"Yes, and then they never do anything there. They're always talking about what they intend to do, but they don't do it." This from the Fremont traveler. "Every time Fremont takes a step ahead Norfolk gets green-eyed—but doesn't do anything to progress."

"What would you call a pleasant town to live in?" was asked.

"Some place where there's something to do," said Council Bluffs. "Up in Norfolk you can sit around and gossip, or go to a medicine show in the little dump of an opera house with the same scenery that's been there for the past fifteen years."

"Yes, Fremont has twice as much business," broke in the Fremonter.

"Business is what makes a town worth living in. There's more excitement in Fremont—more business done."

"And then the only live part of the town is away all the week—the traveling men," said Council Bluffs. "How many traveling men are there in Norfolk—100?"

"Easily," replied the Norfolk citizen. "No, not near," broke in Fremont.

"I'm secretary of the U. C. T. Lodge at Fremont and I know that when we come to talking about new candidates in Norfolk, even Charlie Green—and he's about as big a booster for Norfolk as I know, always talking for the town—he has to admit there are only about sixty."

And so they argued and discussed and cursed Norfolk. They finally admitted that Norfolk has a theater superior to that at Fremont, which is borne out by theatrical companies; they finally admitted that Norfolk is getting high grade shows that Fremont cannot get. They finally admitted that Norfolk has railroad features that Fremont would like. They admitted in the end that Norfolk has a delightful class of people for neighbors and that Norfolk business institu-

tions rank well. They admitted everything, in fact, excepting that it rains in Norfolk and that Main street and First street need improving.

Farewell Reception.

The ladies of the foreign missionary society of the Methodist church gave a farewell reception Monday evening for Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hager, who leave Wednesday for their new home at Hastings. The reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Kuhl. Mrs. Hager has been the president of the missionary society.

# MAY DISBAR CAPT. FISHER

CHADRON LAWYER CONFRONTS STATE PROCEEDINGS.

IN CASE BEGUN IN NORFOLK

Action of Attorney Following Death of Patient at Norfolk Hospital, Results in Investigation into Chadron Lawyer's Methods.

Lincoln, Neb., March 23.—Special to The News: Disbarment proceedings confront Captain Allen G. Fisher of Chadron, one of the prominent lawyers of Nebraska. The claims committee of the house of representatives declares that Fisher's conduct has been irregular, illegal and unprofessional in the case of the claim of the heirs of Herman Goode against the state of Nebraska. A ripple of amazement swept over the house this morning on the reading of the report of the claims committee by Chairman J. W. Armstrong.

The report recommending that Captain Fisher of Chadron be disbarred was unanimously adopted today.

Man Died in Norfolk.

The committee has been investigating the Goode case for some time, but the result seems to be a surprise to all concerned. The report is concluded with the recommendation that the attorney general be instructed to institute immediately disbarment proceedings against Captain Fisher. On February 23, 1899, Herman Goode of Sioux county died intestate at the hospital for the insane at Norfolk, Neb. He was the owner of a section of land in Sioux county, and his only heirs were a brother and sister in Prussia, the sister living at Bleefeld, Westphalia, Prussia, and the brother at Buren, Westphalia. Herman Kaup of West Point, Neb., was appointed by these heirs as their attorney to settle the estate and send the proceeds to them.

Mr. Kaup, in the execution of the trust, appointed Captain Fisher as his attorney to settle the estate in Sioux county, under the agreement that Fisher was to receive all funds realized in excess of \$1,000.

The German heirs were prohibited by the laws of Nebraska from inheriting the property, but the provisions of a treaty between America and Germany gave them the right to sell the land and appropriate the proceeds. The county attorney of Sioux county instituted proceedings praying for a decree escheating the land to the state of Nebraska, and in so doing the legislative committee declares its belief that the county attorney acted in violation of treaty rights. Captain Fisher, in the answer which he filed for the heirs, joined with the county attorney in asking the escheat of the land to the state. The district court handed down the decree of escheat October 5, 1899. A week later the land was appraised at \$1,500, according to the testimony of the appraisers, who were called before the committee.

Later the figure 1 was feloniously inserted before the figure 5, thus making the appraised value \$11,500. In 1901 Fisher, for the Goode heirs, filed a claim for \$9,000 for the value of this land which had escheated to the state. The legislature rejected this claim. When Captain Fisher filed the claim for the Goode heirs with the state auditor in February, 1903, it was for \$11,500. This claim was also rejected by the legislature of 1903.

Fisher Gets Land.

In 1906 Captain Fisher offered to buy for \$950 the Sioux county land and the claim of the German heirs against the state. The brother and sister in Prussia were tired of waiting for the payment of their inheritance, so they executed a deed and sent it to the First National bank of Chadron to be delivered to Fisher upon the receipt of \$950. On November 23, 1906, this deed was received by the Chadron bank, and it remained there until March 3, 1907, when Mr. Fisher paid the \$950 and took the deed. This was done on Sunday and early the next morning he garnished the money and caused it to be retained in the bank at the suit of his wife. When the cashier of the bank was called before the legislative committee this garnishment was released. Mr. Fisher, while on the witness stand, declared that he supposed this money had been sent to the German heirs.

This year Herman Kaup of West Point, becoming suspicious of Fisher's long delay and learning of the claim presented for \$11,500, applied himself in behalf of the heirs to the legislature for the \$1,500 appraised valuation of the escheated lands. In this way the matter came before the claims committee. The claim of Kaup has been rejected on the opinion of Attorney General W. T. Thompson that the decree of escheat of the district court of Sioux county was void because of its violation of the treaty rights of the German heirs. The heirs will receive their \$950, and Captain Fisher has title to the land.

# PASS CHILD LABOR BILL

MEASURE GOES THROUGH BY A VOTE OF 24 TO 9.

NO CHILD ALLOWED TO WORK

The Weeding and Thinning of Beets by Children Will be Prohibited in Nebraska by Measure That Now Goes to Governor—Terminal Tax.

Lincoln, Neb., March 26.—Special to The News: The child labor bill introduced in the house by Clark of Douglas, passed the senate today by a vote of 24 to 9.

The bill will now go to the governor. It prohibits child labor in all its forms, including working in the beet fields.

Terminal Tax Bill to Governor.

The house agreed today to the senate amendments to the terminal tax bill and the measure will now go to the governor.

WEDNESDAY WRINKLES.

Attorney M. C. Hazen was in Pierce today.

C. H. Matheson was in from Pilger yesterday.

F. W. Woods of Spencer is in Norfolk today.

Paul Heitman was up from Madison yesterday.

Mrs. J. D. Sturgeon left yesterday for Bradish.

N. P. Jeppeson of Plainville is in Norfolk today.

W. W. Braithwait of Spencer is in the city today.

F. W. Liermann of Laurel stopped in Norfolk today.

W. E. Cole of Monroe was in Norfolk this morning.

A. A. Welch was a Wayne visitor in Norfolk yesterday.

Z. H. Bateman was in Stanton yesterday on business.

F. J. Dover and A. E. Remender were Madison visitors in the city yesterday.

O. J. Johnson is home from a hunting trip near Page.

Mrs. S. Schavland was up from Madison yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Bauman of Fremont are in the city today.

Henry Greiner of Central City was in Norfolk yesterday.

Attorney Burt Mapes returned from Butte this morning.

C. H. Doane of Hartington stopped in the city yesterday.

J. Niellola of Bloomfield was in Norfolk over night.

J. B. Crain was in from Meadow Grove this morning.

Mrs. Cheney of Creighton is spending the day in Norfolk.

Frank Melcher is home from a Sunday visit at Plainville.

K. Kollmorgen and family of Bancroft are visiting in Norfolk.

Mrs. C. Richardson of Pierce was a Norfolk visitor this morning.

H. E. Stillman of Genoa is a business visitor in Norfolk today.

A. P. Sprague of Hastings was in Norfolk for a few hours yesterday.

Commercial Agent N. W. Clover of the Union Pacific is in Colorado.

W. J. Stafford returned yesterday from a short visit at Grand Island.

E. P. Olmstead returned yesterday from a business trip to Bonesteel.

Miss Katie Weidenfeller left today for a week's visit at Le Mars, Iowa.

A. P. Sprague of Hastings was in Norfolk between trains yesterday.

E. H. Hunter of Oakdale stopped in Norfolk for a few hours yesterday.

F. M. Younglove of South Bend was in Norfolk for a few hours yesterday.

Mrs. William Dirks and Miss Clara Bucknan of Ansley stopped in Norfolk yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cottrell and Miss Martha Cottrell of Genoa were in Norfolk today.

L. D. Nicola, the Foster banker, returned home yesterday after a visit with friends here.

George C. Frierichs and W. C. Frierichs were visitors in Norfolk yesterday from Coleridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Croak and Miss Alma Lee of Meadow Grove were in Norfolk yesterday.

Members of the Empire stock company, a repertoire troupe, are enjoying a week's rest in Norfolk.

Mr. Firkins has arrived in Norfolk from Omaha to take charge of the Bennett company's music store in Norfolk.

Miss Steffen of St. Paul, Minn., has arrived in Norfolk to take a place as assistant trimmer at Mrs. Schwartz' millinery store.

Mrs. Cordella Cummins and Charles Cummins and family leave Norfolk tomorrow for the state of Washington, where they will reside in the future.

S. W. Garvin has received a telegram from Valley Falls, Kan., announcing the birth of a grandson. The parents are Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Ragan of Valley Falls.

Mrs. A. B. McKibbin, living northwest of Norfolk, is ill with the measles.

Miss Lottie Kuhl is acting as cashier at the Star Clothing Co.'s store for the present.

The J. S. C. club met Tuesday evening at the home of Frank Mense on South First street.

The Trinity Social guild will issue invitations for a dance at Marquardt hall on Thursday evening, April 11.

Seventy children of the Norfolk schools will sing at the teachers' association meeting next week. They are now rehearsing.

Passion week services at the Congregational church at 8 o'clock. "The Day of Retirement." Dr. Bithell will

speak on "The Good Man of the House."

H. J. Mallory, son of Mrs. G. W. Goode of this city, has succumbed at Guadalupe, Mexico, to an attack of pneumonia. Mrs. Goode lives on Thirteenth street. Word was received last week of Mr. Mallory's fatal illness and a message came yesterday announcing his death.

The public meeting of the city council for the purpose of arranging for the assessment of the cost of paying Norfolk avenue against the adjacent property will be held on Tuesday evening, April 23, instead of Monday evening, April 22. This represented the sum total of the action taken at a special meeting of the city council held last evening at the city hall. The date of the public meeting of the council had been fixed inadvertently on Arbor day evening, April 22. In order to avoid possible legal entanglements that might arise from a legal holiday meeting the council was advised to make a change of dates.

J. Earle Harper of this city went to Clearwater, Neb., yesterday afternoon with the intention of probably purchasing the drug store of M. C. Bressler at that place. He has not yet returned and it is thought that he completed the transaction. Mr. Harper has been associated with the Klossau Drug company's store here for some time and has been interested in the Harper Medicine company. The store which he is thought to have bought is the only one in Clearwater and has built up a splendid business under Mr. Bressler, who is known to be an extraordinarily good business man. Mr. Bressler recently returned from a trip to New Mexico, where he went to look into real estate.

There are indications that a number of the northern Nebraska teachers who are planning to visit this city next week, will arrive Saturday of this week in order to see Miss Isabel Irving in Jerome K. Jerome's comedy, "Susan in Search of a Husband." Mail orders for tickets for this performance at the Auditorium Saturday night are now being received. The seat sale will go on at The News business office Friday morning at 9 o'clock. Among the company are players who have starred for themselves and who have, at various times, been with John Drew, Richard Mansfield, E. S. Willard, Henry Irving and others of note. Miss Irving, the star in this clever comedy, was for three years leading lady with John Drew, having succeeded Maudie Adams in the part.

Mrs. Long is in Lynch visiting her daughter, Mrs. Cad Strain and family, who intend leaving for South Dakota in a few days.

The V. Z. girls met at the home of Miss Madeline Welsh last evening and held a club meeting.

Alvin Shrader of Morse Bluff stopped over last night with his old friend Mike Moelick while on his way to Creighton on business.

Origin of "Opportunities."

Somewhere in this city is a combination of people, ideas, circumstances, accidents, temperaments and events which, in the aggregate, spell opportunity for you.

These clash and struggle—and a "business opportunity" advertisement is the result.

Others than married couples prove to be "incompatible." A planned business alliance or a partnership or a "co-operation" of some sort fails, the structure partly reared tumbles about disgusted heads—and you have a chance to buy something at a "sacrifice."

Many of the classified ads. have their origin in "clashes" and "collisions" in business life—and impassionate watchers of the want ads. profit through these things.

Not the least interesting thing about these want ads. is the fact that they write the final chapters in many a little story of enterprise in business life, and of many a well-planned but badly managed venture.

## FUNERAL OF WILLIAM R. BRAASCH

One More Sad Service is Held in the Home of Norfolk Pioneer.

[From Wednesday's Daily.]

Once more, on Tuesday afternoon, the funeral line moved away from the Braasch home and again words of condolence and of good hope were offered C. W. Braasch, the grief-stricken father mourning the loss of the last remaining member of his family. It was a large gathering of Norfolk citizens that met at the Braasch home to show their respect for the dead and their sympathy for the living.