

INVITES GOVERNORS

PRESIDENT ASKS THEM TO MEET MID IN CONFERENCE.

MAY 13, 14 AND 15 THE DATES

The Question of Natural Resources Will Be the Uppermost Topic of Discussion.

Washington—President Roosevelt has invited the governors of the states and territories to meet him at the White House, May 13, 14 and 15 next, to discuss the question of means to conserve the natural resources of the country. Invitations are to be extended to the members of both houses of congress and to the inland waterways commission. The importance and manner in which the subject is to be considered are indicated in the president's letter to the governors, which was made public at the White House Sunday.

"The natural resources of the territory of the United States were, at the time of settlement, richer, more varied and more available than those of any other equal area on the surface of the earth. The development of these resources has given us for more than a century a rate of increase of population and wealth undreamed of by the men who founded our government and without parallel in history. It is obvious that the vigor and success which we desire and foresee for this nation in the future must have this as its ultimate material basis.

"In view of these evident facts, it seems to me time for this country to take account of its natural resources and inquire how long they are likely to last. We are prosperous now; we should not forget that it will be just as important to our descendants to be prosperous in their times as it is for us to be prosperous in our time. Recently I expressed the opinion that there is no other question now before the nation of equal gravity with the question of the conservation of our natural resources, and I added that it is the plain duty of those of us who for the moment are responsible to make inventory of the natural resources which have been handed down to us, to forecast as well as we may the needs of the future and so to handle the great sources of our prosperity as not to destroy in advance all hope of the prosperity of our descendants.

"It is evident that the abundant natural resources on which the welfare of this nation rests are becoming depleted, and in not a few cases are already exhausted. This is true of all portions of the United States, it is especially true of the longer settled communities of the east. The situation, I believe, must appeal with equal force to the governors of the states, because of their close relations to the people and their responsibility for the welfare of their communities. I have therefore decided, in accordance with the suggestion of the inland waterways commission, to ask the governors of the states and territories to meet at the White House on May 13, 14 and 15 to confer with the president and with each other upon the conservation of natural resources.

"It gives me great pleasure to invite you to take part in this conference. I should be glad to have you select three citizens to accompany you and to attend the conference as your assistants or advisers. I shall also invite the senators and representatives of the Sixtieth congress to be present at the sessions, so far as their duties will permit. The matters to be considered at this conference are not confined to any region, or group of states, but are of vital concern to the nation as a whole and to all the people. These subjects include the use and conservation of the mineral resources, the resources of the land and the resources of the waters in every part of our territory.

"In order to open discussion I shall invite a few recognized authorities to present brief descriptions of actual facts and conditions, without argument, leaving this conference to deal with each topic as it may elect. The members of the inland waterways commission will be present, in order to share with me the benefit of information and suggestions, and if desired to set forth their provisional plans and conclusions.

"Facts, which I cannot gainsay, force me to believe that the conservation of our natural resources is the most weighty question now before the people of the United States. If this is so the proposed conference, which is the first of its kind, will be among the most important gatherings in our history in its effect upon the welfare of all our people.

"I earnestly hope, my dear governor, that you will find it possible to be present. Sincerely yours, THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

TAGGART SAYS IT IS BRYAN.

Indiana Man Says He Will Be Nominated If Name Is Used.
New York—Thomas Taggart, Indiana, chairman of the democratic national committee, arrived here and said that as to possibilities for the democratic nomination for president in 1908, it was "virtually Bryan against the field." He added: "I don't think that there is any doubt that William Jennings Bryan will be nominated, if his name is mentioned in the convention."

CUBAN PEOPLE ARE GRATEFUL.

Banquet to Be Tendered Governor Magoon for His Work.
Havana—Out of gratitude of the country for good government, the Chamber of Commerce has unanimously decided to give a banquet to Governor Magoon. It is planned to make a huge demonstration of the banquet and in furtherance thereof all the commercial, agricultural and industrial elements of the island will be represented.

CANDIDACY OF MR. BRYAN.

Mayor Johnson of Cleveland Much Gratiplied.
Cleveland—In an open letter to William J. Bryan, expressing satisfaction with Mr. Bryan's announcement of Friday, Mayor Tom L. Johnson says he will endeavor to secure an Ohio delegation to the national democratic convention that will call upon Mr. Bryan again to be the democratic candidate for the presidency. The mayor declares he is not an aspirant for the nomination. The letter says:

"The Commoner's editorial announcement of your decision regarding the presidential situation gives me the greatest satisfaction. Both in spirit and form it is worthy of you and of our democratic cause. This declaration is the one thing needed to secure to the democratic party the benefit of its best leadership in the coming campaign.

"To the fullest extent of my influence in such matters I shall endeavor to secure from Ohio a delegation for the national convention that will truly represent what I know to be the democratic sentiment of the state, by calling upon you to take up again the commission that you laid down at St. Louis in 1904. And wherever I have friends in other states I shall advise them to follow my example in this respect.

"I shall not allow myself to be diverted from our work in Cleveland, which I regard as a public trust and of the highest importance, both locally and generally. This would be an insuperable objection to my presidential aspirations on my part; but in addition, I regard your candidacy next year as of vital importance to the cause of genuine democracy."

Boone, Ia.—Col. Henry Waterston, asked by the Associated Press for his opinion on William J. Bryan's tentative acceptance of the democratic nomination, declared that he had inquired with Bryan to decline the nomination and to quit his "dog in the manger" attitude. Col. Waterston realized that Bryan had it in his power to demand the leadership of the democratic party in 1908 or "defeat any other candidate by knifing him as did Parker." Bryan's acceptance was no more than he had expected, however greatly he regretted the action, because he thought Bryan could no longer create the enthusiasm as he had done heretofore.

MUST PROVIDE SEATS.

Atlanta, Ga.—A common carrier does not fulfill its legal duty until it provides a seat for each passenger is the decision rendered by the Georgia court of appeals. The decision was rendered in a suit for damages brought against the Georgia Electric & Railway company of Atlanta by Dr. Ascar Linden, who was injured by the sudden starting of a car in which he was standing.

BARNEY COMMITS SUICIDE.

President of Knickerbocker Trust Company Ends His Life.
New York—Charles Tracy Barney, the deposed president of Knickerbocker Trust company and until recently a tower in the financial world, shot and killed himself in his home. His loans with the company, it is said, are amply secured, and when he was forced from its presidency he was to all intents and purposes eliminated as a factor in banking circles. What ill effects his unexpected taking off might have had on the financial situation generally, had long since been discounted. In distress of mind over the disposition of his private fortune and the loss of his high standing among business associates and intimate acquaintances find the hidden drift that broke his health and reason.

GRAIN RECEIPTS GROWING.

Omaha—Within a few days the receipts of grain at the Omaha market will be normal, while farmers in the country will be able to dispose of grain as usual and congestion will be avoided by the arrangement which the grain men have made with the bankers of Omaha, Sioux City and Minneapolis.

FOREIGNERS FLOCKING HOMEWARD.

New York—Immigrants are becoming emigrants just now. More than 5,000 men of alien birth who have been working in this country have just sailed from this port for their native shores, aboard three liners, and at least 3,000 more are booked.

AGED CASHIER ENDS HIS LIFE.

J. B. Thomas of the Bank of Albany, Mo., Blows Out Brains.
Kansas City, Mo.—J. B. Thomas, aged 65, cashier of the Bank of Albany, Mo., committed suicide late Friday afternoon at a local hotel in this city by shooting. Thomas walked into a bath room and deliberately blew out his brains. No motive is known.

First Trip Through Canal.

Rock Island—The United States steamer Marine reached Rock Island Friday afternoon from Hennepin, Ill., completing the first trip through the recently opened Illinois and Michigan canal. The steamer was met by a delegation of citizens and greeted by a chorus of whistles. A general jollification will follow. A general jollification will follow. A general jollification will follow.

COMBINE IN EXPRESS

NEW YORK COMMISSION TURNING ON THE LIGHT.

QUESTION AS TO AUTHORITY

Agent of the United States Express Company Enters Denial of the Right of Regulation.

Albany, N. Y.—Albert Boardman, representing the United States Express company before the Public Service commission in the Second district, questions the right of the commission to regulate the powers of the seven directors, a joint stock corporation. He contended that the duties of the board were prescribed in the articles of association.

Attorneys for the petitioners and the Board of Directors of the Express company was a self-perpetuating body; that no meeting of the stockholders had been held since 1882, and that although the Board of Directors had been requested by a majority of the shareholders to call a meeting of the shareholders for the election of directors it refused to do so; that the United States Express company is controlled by the Adams and American Express companies, and that neither one of the last two companies has had a meeting of stockholders in years for the purpose of electing directors.

Mr. Cramer also brought out that the following seven directors of the United States Express company are being paid \$3,600 a year for serving as directors of the United States Express company: Senator T. C. Platt, who is also president, receiving an annual salary of \$25,000; H. Crosby, vice-president and secretary, an annual salary of \$20,000; E. T. Platt, treasurer, for which he receives \$15,000; F. H. Platt, who is also counsel to the company, Frank L. Steason, L. C. Weir and J. C. Fargo.

Chairman Stevens referred to one section of the articles of association which provides that no directors of the United States Express company shall be interested in a rival company. It was admitted by Mr. Boardman that Messrs. Fargo and Weir are officials of the American and Adams Express companies, respectively, and hold jointly 20,000 shares of stock of the United States Express company. Mr. Boardman said that all three companies had a community of interest and insisted that unless these conditions existed the stock of the United States Express company and the other twenty-six companies would be almost worthless.

MINNEAPOLIS RATE UNJUST.

Interstate Commerce Commission Decides for Hay Shipper.
Washington—In the case of Welmer & Rich of Leeward, Ia., against the Northwestern railway, the Omaha railway and the Peoria & Pekin Railway company, involving the reasonableness of the minimum car load weights prescribed by the defendants on shipments of hay to Minneapolis and Pekin, Ill., the Interstate Commerce commission on Monday decided that the regulations as to Pekin, Ill., were reasonable, but that the regulations as to hay shipments to Minneapolis were unjust.

TOTAL NOW SIXTY MILLIONS.

American Banks Still Continue to Engage Gold from Abroad.
New York—More than \$60,000,000 in gold has been engaged abroad for import to the United States since the present movement began. Announcement of engagements of \$900,000 by the Illinois Trust and Savings bank, and \$1,000,000 by banks in New Orleans brought the grand total to \$60,330,000.

Business Men Scared.

Montgomery, Ala.—One hundred business men of Montgomery met at the Commercial club last night and adopted resolutions calling a mass meeting of business men of the entire state at Montgomery, November 12, to appeal to the legislature to postpone all legislation until the present financial depression has passed.

PEACE IN CENTRAL AMERICA.

Presidents of Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua Are Agreed.
Washington—Official announcement was made that an understanding had been reached among the presidents of the republics of Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua, as a result of which questions have been adjusted and cordial relations have been established between the countries. The announcement was given out at the state department in a telegraphic correspondence between President Figueroa of Salvador and President Roosevelt.

Cleveland Hunting Rabbits.

Princeton, N. J.—For the first time since his recent illness, ex-President Cleveland will make a trip into the hunting preserves in the country near here for rabbit hunting.

Postpones Bradley Trial.

Washington—On account of the death of Justice McComas of the district court of appeals, criminal court No. 1, in which Mrs. Anna M. Bradley was to have been put on trial Monday, put off the case until Wednesday.

Train of Cattle Wrecked.

Trinidad, Colo.—A trainload of cattle, consisting of thirteen cars, bound for Omaha was wrecked here on the Santa Fe road. Many cattle were killed and a general stampede ensued. Many that escaped have not yet been recovered.

Madame Gould Denies Story.

Paris—Madame Anna Gould authorized the Associated Press to deny the reports that she is engaged to be married to Prince Helle De Sagan or anybody else.

A FINANCIAL BARNYARD ECHO.



The Turkey—The old man can feed me all that he wishes to, but I've got the joke on him in case this financial stringency keeps up and the diet of turkey is limited.

MR. BRYAN WILL ACCEPT NO INSCRIPTION ON NEW COIN

BUT DOES NOT SEEK A PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION.

Thinks the Party Should Select Candidate, and is Willing to Serve if He is Wanted.

Lincoln, Neb.—William J. Bryan will accept the democratic nomination for president in 1908, but he neither will ask or make a fight for it. He says that for a year or more he has been pressed to answer the question, "Will you accept a nomination?" and he believes the public is entitled to an answer and to know the position he occupies. The question that ought to weigh most, he says, is whether his nomination will strengthen the democratic party. Not only will he not seek or ask for the nomination, but he will not assume to decide the question of availability and if the prize falls to another, he will neither be disappointed nor disgruntled. Mr. Bryan in an editorial statement in the Commoner, says:

"A year ago last summer, while in Europe, Mr. Bryan in an interview stated that it was too early to discuss the campaign of 1908 from a personal standpoint, although during that summer the democratic conventions in something like half of the states of the union had passed resolutions complimentary to him and mentioned his name in connection with the democratic nomination for president. He has from time to time refused to discuss the availability either of himself or other candidates, believing that the party should have all the light possible before attempting a selection. A presidential candidate should fit the platform adopted by his party, and platforms are made to fit the conditions existing when the platform is made. No one can see very far ahead or speak with certainty as to the issues or as to the relative importance of issues in the campaign. Sometimes a day will change the situation, and a few months may bring forward a new issue which will have an important bearing upon the availability of a candidate. For this reason Mr. Bryan has refused to make any announcement as to his own position, although he has from time to time discussed issues old and new. Now that the election of 1907 is past and plans are being made for next year's campaign, he feels that a statement is due the public. Those who prefer another candidate are entitled to know his position, and those who favor his nomination have a right to demand an answer to the question so often put—'Will you accept a nomination?' His refusal to answer the question has led to the circulation of many false reports, and unfriendly newspapers have taken advantage of his silence to misrepresent his attitude.

"Mr. Bryan will not ask for or seek a nomination; and he will not assume to decide the question of his availability. He has been so amply recompensed by his party for what he has done and for what he has endeavored to do that he cannot claim a nomination as a reward, neither should his ambition be considered, for he has had honors enough from his party to satisfy any reasonable ambition. The only question that ought to weigh with the party is whether the party can be strengthened and aided by the nomination of someone else.

Use Mail for Frauds.
Kansas City—H. J. Egan, of Omaha, one of the organizers of the Interstate Fiscal Agency company, agents for the Kansas City Life Insurance company, was arrested here upon a warrant sworn out by a postoffice inspector, charging him with using the mails to defraud. The charge against Egan is almost identical with that against J. C. Wilson, president of the Interstate Fiscal Agency company, who was arrested Thursday. The Fiscal Agency company is alleged to have collected \$200,000 by false promises.

Mrs. Nation a Life Member.
Nashville, Tenn.—During Wednesday's session of the Woman's Christian Temperance union national convention, the Nebraska delegation formally constituted Mrs. Carrie Nation a life member of the union.

Passes Prohibition Bill.
Montgomery, Ia.—Securing the necessary two-thirds vote of the members present, the house of representatives introduced the statutory prohibition bill introduced by Speaker Carmichael, by a vote of 63 to 25.

Indian Pensioned.
Deadwood, S. D.—Former Congressman E. W. Martin has been notified from Washington that the claim for a pension for Ralph Eagle Feather, a full blooded Sioux Indian from the Rosebud reservation, had been allowed by the government, an unusual procedure. Eagle Feather served in the Spanish-American war as a member of the Sixth United States cavalry, and during an engagement was severely wounded in the leg, for which reason he is to be cared for by the government.

Denver Chosen.
Nashville, Tenn.—At the meeting of the national officers of the Women's Christian Temperance Union here Monday, Denver, Colo., was selected as the next meeting place of the national convention.

Cousins Can't Marry.
Lincoln, Neb.—Albert Will and Sophia Will of Sprague cannot marry in Nebraska. They are first cousins and were denied a license in Lancaster county. Kansas laws permit such marriages.

Money Lost in Speculation.
Foster, Ky.—Daniel C. McKnight, cashier of the Foster State bank, was arrested here charged with embezzling \$16,600. It is said McKnight lost the money in speculation.

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Durango, Colo.—A report reached here that a battle occurred at McElmo Canon between Ute Indians and United States troops, in which six Indians were killed. No soldiers were killed or wounded. McElmo canon is in reservation. The Utes have been resisting the attempts of the soldiers to compel them to return to their reservation.

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HARRIMAN CASE BROUGHT UP.

Magnate's Refusal to Answer to Be Argued.

New York—Arguments will be heard Wednesday on the petition of the Interstate Commerce commission to an order requiring Edward H. Harriman to answer certain questions propounded by the commission in its investigation of the Union Pacific railroad and its allied lines the early part of this year. Counsel for both sides Tuesday were in active preparation for what promised to be a legal battle, the result of which may have an important bearing on not only the direct issue involved, but on the province and limitation of the commerce investigations in the future.

The arguments will be made by distinguished counsel before Judge Hough in the United States circuit court. The government will be represented by Henry L. Stimson, United States district attorney, Frank B. Kellogg of St. Paul and C. A. Severance, while former Senator John C. Spooner of Wisconsin, former Judge E. S. Lovett and John G. Milburn of this city will appear for Mr. Harriman.

Mr. Harriman at the investigation declined to answer certain questions regarding the purchase of stocks and their sale to the Union Pacific, and in their answer to the commission's petition, which has just been filed, counsel for Mr. Harriman contended that Mr. Harriman's acts in the matter did not relate to interstate commerce and therefore the commission had no right to put the questions and to demand answers.

It was learned that in the brief that will be filed by federal counsel in court Wednesday, it will be claimed that the Interstate Commerce commission in making this investigation was virtually a congressional committee of inquiry, and was exercising the inquisitorial powers of congress.

It is declared in the federal brief that under section 12 of the interstate commerce act, the commission has authority to inquire into the management of the business of all common carriers doing an interstate business, and under section 2 is required, on or before December 1 of each year, to make and transmit to congress its report, the report to contain such information and data collected by the commission as may be considered of value in the determination of questions connected with regulation of commerce, together with such recommendations as to additional legislation relating thereto as the commission may deem necessary.

Roosevelt is a Candidate.

Guthrie, Okla.—Governor Frantz is back from a visit to Washington. He conferred with President Roosevelt at the capital and as a result of his chat announces positively that President Roosevelt will again be a candidate for the nomination.

The governor said that despite statements and reports that Roosevelt would not again be a candidate he is qualified to state that the president will certainly seek another term.

CANNON AND BRYAN—TILLMAN.

These Will Be the Opposing Nominees in Opinion of Tillman.

Danville, Ill.—In an interview Senator Tillman of South Carolina declared that President Roosevelt will not accept a third term and that Speaker Cannon will be the republican nominee.

"Bryan," Mr. Tillman said, "will be the democratic nominee without a doubt. He is the greatest living democrat and the proper man to entrust with the affairs of our government." The senator declared that the present financial situation need not worry the people. "This country," he said, "has reached a point in its prosperity where financial surges in the money centers do not affect it."

Final Trial of Nebraska.

Washington—Secretary Metcalf has appointed a special board of naval officers to conduct the final acceptance trial of the battleship Nebraska now at the naval station on Puget Sound, Wash., on November 25. Captain Reginald F. Nicholson, former assistant chief of the bureau of navigation, is in command of the ship.

MUCH GOLD WILL BE COINED.

Government Orders Fifty-Two Millions in Double Eagles.

Philadelphia—The United States mint Tuesday delivered \$1,900,000 in gold double eagles to the treasury in this city. It is stated that within the next three months the mint here will coin \$52,000,000 in double eagles. This enormous amount of gold will be distributed among the treasuries in various parts of the country and will be employed to relieve the money stringency.

Horace G. McKinley Escapes.

Peking—Horace G. McKinley, wanted in Oregon in connection with the land fraud trials in that state and who was arrested by the Manchurian authorities at Mukden, October 5, and incarcerated pending the arrival of an officer from America, escaped from custody on Tuesday. The Chinese government is making efforts to recapture the prisoner. The escape of McKinley will probably defeat the first attempt of China's co-operation in the extradition of criminals without a treaty.

EDMUND GARDNER.

Edmund Gardner, who was run over by train No. 6 at Brady Island, is dead. The accident occurred in some manner unknown. He was taken to Lexington and was found to be so badly injured that it was necessary to amputate both limbs.

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NEBRASKA POINTERS

STATE NEWS AND NOTES IN CONDENSED FORM.

THE PRESS, PULPIT AND PUBLIC

What is Going on Here and There That is of Interest to the Readers Throughout Nebraska.

Harvey Bird, of Nebraska City, who was reported as being cremated in the fire when his was burned, returned to this city rather unexpectedly.

News has reached Fremont that Orin Condit, a Fremont boy, who is hunting gold in Alaska, is in a serious condition as the result of an accident.

Mrs. Gertrude Wells of Kansas City who left for the south several weeks ago, will return next week and resume her position as clerk of the state railway commission.

Company A, National guard, York, is to reorganize. This organization has existed since 1882 and the old members are interesting themselves in securing the quota of members.

The Fairmont creamery at York has closed, throwing nine employees out of work. Business has been slack for some time and the company is taking this opportunity to repair its plant.

A fight for prohibition will be waged in Lincoln next spring. The prohibition forces have been organizing for some time and the campaign will be conducted using the churches as a basis.

Governor Sheldon is still watching the express and railway litigation. Should the state lose out it is predicted that a special session of the legislature will be called to make the various reformative acts specific and timely.

Postmaster Hollingsworth of Beatrice, received notice from the department at Washington that his request for an additional carrier in the city delivery had been granted, in effect November 15.

The building erected by the I. O. O. F. at North Platte, will be dedicated Thanksgiving evening unless there should be unforeseen delay on account of the furniture, which is said to be very handsome.

The State Board of Public Lands and Buildings will shortly get busy and let a contract for setting the poles and stringing the wires for the penitentiary to the Home for the Friendless and the state house.

Citizens of Arlington are much interested in the reports coming from Fremont, that the capitalists are busy looking over the field with an idea of building an interurban railway between Fremont and Omaha.

Walter Faulkner, a driver for the United States Express company, Omaha, met death under the wheels of a Union Pacific switch engine under the Tenth street viaduct. The horse he was driving was also killed.

The sugar beet harvest at Sunderland is nearly completed and the growers are congratulating themselves on the success they attained this year. The yield was good and the sugar content such that about \$5 per ton will be realized.

Joe Vomachka, a well known character, from his itinerant propensities, known as the "Bohemian globe trotter," was found dead in the manger of Joseph Reszabek's barn near Wilber. His death is believed to have been accidental.

After a Fire or Wind loss you need the money. Friends may sympathize, but if you want a company which pays cash try the Farmers and Merchants Ins. Co., established since 1885. Over a million dollars already paid to patrons.

A corn judging contest for boys will be an interesting feature of the boys' cornrowing contest which will be held in Fremont on December 12. The boys who participate will be given some corn to judge, and the one who does it best will be given a prize. This will be under direction of Prof. L. L. Zook of Lincoln, who is to be the corn judge.

Secretary of State Junkin has made a "you'll have to hurry" announcement for the benefit of owners of automobiles in Nebraska. January 1 next, the licenses of all automobiles expire and unless the present licenses are renewed before that date any delinquent will have to take "any old" number assigned to him instead of getting a license bearing the number of the present one.

Mrs. Melbourn, of Long Pine, who is enjoying a visit with her two sons, whom she has not seen for over twenty years. When the boys were mere babies they were taken from their mother and carried to Oregon, where they grew to manhood, thinking that their mother was dead. After they became of age they were told that their mother still lived, and the boys began a vigorous search, finding her at Long Pine.

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