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WHO WILL SUCCEED WINDOM?

A Question to Which a Variety of Answers Are Suggested.

THERE IS NO HOPE FOR A NEW YORK MAN.

An Editorial Estimate of the Indian Visitors—General Alger on a Peace-Making Expedition—He Undertakes a Difficult Task.

WASHINGTON BUREAU THE OMAHA BEE, 513 FOURTEENTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 2.

In the house today Major McKinley of Ohio presented a bill extending the time from ten to thirty days during which a vacancy in a cabinet office may be filled by the transfer of an assistant. It was adopted without delay. Tomorrow the senate committee on finance will meet to consider the message of President Harrison on the subject, and Senators Aldrich and Hiscock of the committee said today that it was probable the house bill will be promptly reported to the senate and passed. The president can for the present dismiss from his mind the question of Secretary Windom's successorship. He will not be required to make a nomination till after the close of this congress, March 4, unless he wishes to act sooner. It is believed that he will send to the senate the nomination of a secretary of the treasury during the last week of the session. Senator Spooner of Wisconsin has taken himself out of the mouth of the cabinet slate makers by announcing that he would not accept the position if it were tendered to him, as he is not fitted for routine or departmental work. Besides it is very well known now that President Harrison does not want to take two officers from the same state. This fact will put a quietus to the talk of Hon. John C. New and James N. Huston of Indiana. Both of these men have been favorably mentioned. It is probable that Senator Aldrich of Rhode Island would be asked to take the treasury portfolio if it were not for the fact that his successor, whether appointed by the governor or elected by the legislature, would be a democrat. Senator Aldrich is thoroughly fitted for the place by natural talent and his training and study, as a member of the senate committee on finance, at the head of which he has really been for years. A number of well known New Yorkers who attended the funeral of the dead secretary today did some strong talking for Hon. Cornelius N. Bliss of their state. They also said the transfer of Secretary Tracy would be popular. It is no secret that President Harrison has always contended that the treasury portfolio should never go to New York, if for no other reason, because the state is so much interested in treasury affairs and it is universally charged that Wall street has hold of the throat of the government's treasury. So this should put an end to the talk of New York supplying the vacancy. All the circumstances considered Representative McKinley of Ohio stands more marked in the lines of probabilities than any other man. His fitness, by reason of his study of the tariff, which is just now the all-important part of the duties of the secretary of the treasury, and the general reputation of the man, together with his close relations with the president, and the further fact that Ohio is not represented in the cabinet, makes it very likely that the position will be tendered to him, especially in view of the extension of the time when the nomination must be made. Ohio republicans and personal friends of Major McKinley doubt whether he would accept the place if tendered to him, as he has been, by acclamation of his party and, far in advance of the opening of the campaign, selected for the gubernatorial race in Ohio this fall. Of course, if it should appear to the president that Major McKinley was essential to republican success in Ohio this fall, he would not insist upon his services in the treasury department. Should Major McKinley not get the place, for any reason, it would create no surprise if Secretary Proctor of Vermont should be transferred to the treasury. Secretary Proctor is splendidly equipped for the office. He is a financier and has shown good executive ability in the war department. He is popular and comes from a state with no financial entanglement. Proctor is a likely man. To the country at large it is not a matter of importance who is called to fill the place vacated by the death of Secretary Windom. The policies of the treasury department are well defined. They will be continued under the new head of the department as heretofore. A good and safe man will be selected. Speaking in a business way, the president's hand will always appear in important movements of the treasury department, and affairs will not be changed from what they have been for nearly two years.

THE INDIAN VISITORS.

The attention being paid to the Sioux warriors now here from Pine Ridge is the subject of comment in official circles. These are the Indians of the day. This evening the Star says: "The government's justification in taking 'bad' Indians east would probably be found, however, in the tendency to peace which might be expected to follow from the appreciation by them of the numbers and powers of the whites. It is natural, too, that those who rebelled should be viewed as the best informed concerning the reasons for rebelling, and that the authorities should wish to discuss the causes of the outbreak with its leaders. Possibly the most effective disposition of the 'bad' Indian leaders, if it were feasible would be to hold them as hostages at Washington or Chicago all through next spring when there is danger of an uprising and to distribute the good food, black suits and high hats among the faithful working Indians who deserve reward. The killing of the fatted calf for the prodigal sons among the Indians is seriously overdone, if it is expected that any of them are to remain faithful and industrious. The goodly raiment of white hats and medals which the Indian views as rewards of merit should, at any rate, be lavished upon the 'good,' more profusely than upon the 'bad' Indians, even if it be considered wise to make eastern tourists of the latter."

ALGER AS A PEACEMAKER.

General Alger will arrive here tomorrow and try and straighten out the embarrassing snarl between Senator Wolcott and the Michigan delegation. Some time ago the Michigan club invited a number of prominent men to attend their annual banquet at Detroit on February 22. Senator Wolcott was among those bidden. The club is the leading organization of Michigan, and its banquets each year call together from six hundred to eight hundred guests. Mr. Harrison was one of the star speakers while he was in the senate and General Logan, Senators Frye, Manderson, Evarts and others of lesser light have attended from time to time. This year the speakers were to be as conspicuous as ever and Senator Wolcott was down for a rattling address. But these arrangements were made prior to Wolcott's vote on the force bill. As he was one of the "Big Six" which retired that measure there are many republicans who feel very bitter toward him. Representative Brewer of Michigan says that if Wolcott speaks at the banquet he will resign from the club. Representative Allen of Michigan is equally vigorous in declaring that it is no banquet or no Wolcott with him. The feeling among the Michigan representatives is about equally divided, but those who oppose Wolcott oppose him with an intensity which would make it very lively in case he attended the banquet. In view of this family disturbance General Alger will come here and try and catch up a truce. Just how he can quiet the obstreperous Michigan men and also side track Mr. Wolcott without offending him is not very clear. The senator is not losing sleep over the matter. Hearing of the feeling against him he has concluded that "business engagements will prevent him from attending," however, as this is well understood to be a retreat under fire, General Alger will endeavor to bring about a better feeling and restore harmony among the disturbed Michigan elements.

FEDERAL EXPENSES IN THE WEST.

A desperate effort was made by the democrats in the house today to defeat the bill giving double pay to United States marshals, district attorneys, judges and their clerks in the Dakotas, Montana, Washington, Idaho and Nevada. It was found that owing to the long distances to be traveled and the extraordinary expenses of federal offices these do not receive proper pay. The bill was pending when the house adjourned.

PADDOCK WILL PUSH HIS BILLS.

Senator Paddock says he will continue to push the Indian depredation court bill in the morning hour of the senate tommorrow and he believes it will be passed within forty-eight hours. He will follow that with his pure food bill.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Joseph Ford left Washington today for his home at Chadron.

Drs. Anderson, Ballard and Wright have been appointed on the pension board at Pawnee City.

The second assistant postmaster, in reply to a letter from Dr. Skuyse of Grand Rapids, asking for a mail route from Grand Rapids to Fort Randall, has informed Senator Manderson that until there are some kinds of postoffices established on the proposed route the service cannot be established. It is very doubtful whether Senator Manderson's bill proposing an exploration and survey of Alaska will be passed at this session. If it is passed and becomes a law it will afford no employment for civilians as the work will be done by scienusts now in the employ of the government.

A number of letters have been received here from Nebraska applying for employment under the provisions of the bill. All such letters are useless, for none but the government's employes will be assigned to do the work. Should it be ordered, it is the express intention of the bill to have employes of the government assigned for this duty.

Hon. S. W. Christy of Edgar, Neb., left for his home today.

For the information of Nebraskans who seem to be desirous of settling on the Cherokee strip it may be stated that the status of the case is as follows: Negotiations have been pending between the government and the Cherokees to get these lands, pending which early this session Senator Jones of Nevada offered a resolution to investigate the negotiations. This investigation is now pending. Meantime Mr. Mansure of Missouri has offered a bill in the house to take these lands and pay the Indians $1.25 an acre. There is no probability whatever that the bill will be passed and there the agitation will end for at least a year.

A favorable report has been made by the senate committee on commerce upon the Allison bill making Des Moines, Ia., a port of delivery.

Representative D. B. Henderson of Iowa left for St. Augustine, Fla., by order of his physician. His ankle is healing slowly and he has not otherwise recovered from the effects of his fall at the capital some days ago.

Senator Manderson introduced a duplicate of Connell's Farnam street bridge bill in the senate today.

The Paddock low railroad bridge bill, passed by the senate on Saturday, was placed upon Speaker Reed's desk today. The speaker will not name a conference committee to consider it and the bill will not be passed by the house under two or three days in order to give a hearing to Omaha people expected here. PERRY S. HEATH.

OWENBY TESTIFIES.

He Gives the Silver Pool Examiners an Interesting Session.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2. In the silver pool investigation today Representative Abner Taylor of Illinois testified he had bought on margin in last July and August 40,000 ounces of silver and sold it at a profit. He wished it put on record that the purchase was made after the silver bill became a law. He has not bought any silver since.

Taylor said he did not know of any senator or other representatives having bought silver. The witness did not buy any silver before the law went into effect nor while legislation was pending. He had dealt some in wheat since he had been in congress. He had, after consultation with the president, secretary of the treasury and director of the mint (by whom it was approved) introduced a bill at the beginning of the present session looking to the purchase of the 13,000,000 ounces surplus in the United States. He did not hold an ounce of silver at that time and did not before the introduction of the bill have any conference with any man supposed to own silver.

Representative Clunie of California testified that he never dealt in silver and did not know any senator or representative who had.

James A. Owenby was sworn. He resided, he said, in New York, but spent most of his time in Washington. His business last year was that of a broker. He handled all sorts of securities, and when he had an opportunity dealt in silver. His original business was mining. He had desk room in the office of Wells, Fargo & Co. in New York. Payne asked if the witness talked with Stevens, correspondent of the Globe-Democrat, about the silver pool.

Witness: "I probably have used the word 'pool' in speaking of parties in conversations about silver. I had some knowledge of the different parties who, I believed, were engaged in silver trading, but of an organized pool I don't believe I did." He had seen accounts upon the books of Wells, Fargo & Co. Witness was asked a number of questions to find out if any names on the books were those of senators and representatives. He evaded these questions and volunteered a suggestion that the committee should have experts examine the books of Wells, Fargo & Co. During the testimony the witness at one time asked if his questioner meant "books of any bank." Payne wanted to know after a while what the witness meant by this question and finally learned he referred to the books of J. M. Donald, cashier of the Hanover National bank, and of Hall, the assistant cashier. Owenby was asked if on any of these books was the name of any senator or representative, and after considering the question awhile he replied, Donald had once picked up a letter while they were canvassing the silver situation and said:

"That man is in it, I know what he will do."

Payne—He mentioned the name, did he?

Owenby—You are very anxious to have me mention that, are you? Yes, I will state positively it was a senator's name. As an excuse for not being able to give information with regard to the questions asked, Owenby said the information was in his books. The books referred to were his private affairs, and he would not state how they could be obtained unless compelled to do so. He was doing business in Chicago and interested with the firm of Field, Welcher & Kling. Their business was of a personal nature, and it would probably be detrimental to the state where the books, accounts and stocks were kept. He did not remember what was in the books and did not want to. Other questions brought out the fact that outside these books the witness had in a trunk and other receptacles memoranda relating to silver speculations. The deputy sergeant-at-arms had brought him to Washington in such a hurry that he forgot all about the papers in his trunk. Adjourned.

Confirmations.

WASHINGTON, Feb 2.—The senate today confirmed the following postmasters:

Illinois—F. H. Robinson, Morrison; G. C. Rankin, Monmouth; J. B. Lambert, Atlanta; J. T. Hubbard, Decatur; E. M. Harris, Duquoin.

Iowa—Orrin Krouskup, Humboldt; R. A. Carleton, Iowa Falls.

Wisconsin—H. B. Marsh, Horicon; F. L. Karson, Tomahawk.

The Weather Forecast.

For Omaha and Vicinity—Fair; decidedly colder.

For Nebraska—Slightly warmer; variable winds; fair.

For Iowa—Fair except snows in the eastern portion; northwesterly winds becoming variable; warmer by Wednesday morning in the western portion, colder in the eastern portion.

For South Dakota—Fair; variable winds; warmer.

ASHES TO ASHES, DUST TO DUST

The Earthly Remains of Secretary Windom Laid Tenderly to Rest.

SIMPLE BUT IMPRESSIVE SERVICES.

Hundreds of People Gaze for the Last Time on the Face of the Dead Statesman—The Church Thronged.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The national capital was truly a city of mourning today. The executive departments and their various branches were closed all day, and congress did not assemble until 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The flags on all the public buildings were displayed at half mast, also those of the hotels and business establishments throughout the city, and the large columns on the four fronts of the treasury department were heavily draped in black.

These honors were paid to the memory of the late Secretary Windom, whose remains were committed to their last resting place today. The navy department and department of justice were also draped in mourning in honor of ex-Secretary Bancroft and ex-Attorney General Devens.

The streets in the vicinity of the church where the last rites were performed were crowded with men, women and children, who stood in respectful silence, many of them with bared heads, as the mournful cortege passed. The funeral was simple in character and without the least attempt at display or ostentation.

The only semblance to military honors was the presence of sixteen members of the treasury branch of the national guard who acted as the body bearers and marched beside the hearse. The civic funeral was so large, however, as to be striking evidence of the people's great love and esteem for the dead statesman.

During the forenoon the body of the dead secretary lay in an open casket in the family drawing room. The face of the deceased wore a calm and peaceful expression. The sombre black covering of the casket was relieved by a profusion of beautiful white flowers in various designs, tributes of loving friends. On the casket the only decorations were crossed palm leaves and a rope of English violets around the upper edge of the lid.

The house was thrown open to the public between 8 and 11 o'clock, during which time there was a constant stream of people passing through. At the latter hour the house was closed to visitors, and soon after religious services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Hamlin, pastor of the Church of the Covenant. These services were private, the fifty persons present being members of the afflicted family, near relatives, the president, vice president and members of the cabinet with their ladies.

The funeral services at the Church of the Covenant began at 12 o'clock. While exceedingly simple they were profoundly impressive. The attendance comprised all the leading officials in Washington and their families, including the president and cabinet, the diplomatic corps, justices of the supreme court and court of claims, senators and representatives and officers of the army and navy. The Ohio society of New York was also represented. The church was crowded and there was an immense crowd surrounding it that could not gain admittance. The church was devoid of decoration except that many beautiful floral pieces were tastefully arranged at the front of the pulpit platform. The pew formerly occupied by the deceased was heavily draped in mourning.

The services consisted of singing by a quartette and a number of prayers. Dr. Hamlin then reviewed the dead statesman's life, portraying how, while following a farmer's life Windom's ambition led him to espouse the profession of law. He traced Windom's course through the house and senate, paying the highest eulogiums to his ability as a senator and representative.

At the conclusion of the church services the remains were conveyed to Rock Creek cemetery and there interred.

A company of old soldiers from the National Soldiers' home, the grounds of which adjoin Rock Creek cemetery on the east, had obtained permission to witness the closing ceremonies and, accompanied by General Wilcox, governor of the home, and other officers, they were drawn up in a double line at the entrance gate and, as the long cortege passed in and wound its way under the dark thick foliage of overhanging evergreen trees that border the principal avenue, the home band, which headed the column of veterans, played "Nearer My God to Thee."

The grave was on the side of a gently sloping hill, a little to the west and north of the center of the grounds, and just at the foot of a towering oak. The services at the grave were impressive.

Following the casket, which had been carried to the side of the open grave, came the members of the cabinet, two by two, and after them Mrs. Windom, leaning heavily on the arm of her son. Then came two daughters, and following them other relations and friends. Mrs. McKee on the arm of the president, Private Secretary Halford and other members of the president's official household were among those who came after.

When all had reached the side of the grave Dr. Hamlin read a chapter from the bible and then invoked the divine blessing upon the stricken family. He thanked God for the good example which the dead secretary had set for the world and prayed that the peace which passeth all understanding might sustain and comfort those who mourn his loss. After the casket was lowered the weeping mother and children stepped to the side of the grave, took their last look upon the viole laden casket and then turned away. The procession quickly re-formed and returned to the city.

Tributes of Respect at New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—The United States treasury offices in the city were closed today and draped with mourning as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Secretary Windom. Flags were lowered at half mast on all public buildings, and on many private houses and dwellings similar tokens of mourning may be seen.

The Behring Sea Case in Court.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—In the supreme court of the United States today Chief Justice Fuller announced that the court had decided to grant the British government leave to file application for a writ of prohibition in the Behring sea matter. A rule directing the district court of Alaska to show cause why the writ should not be issued was made returnable on the second Monday in April. The chief justice said in delivering the decision that the supreme court undoubtedly had jurisdiction in the matter.

Miners Suffocated.

SALT LAKE, Utah, Feb. 2.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Pat Crowley and two companions while working in the Bullion-Beck mine at Eureka yesterday were overcome by bad air. When discovered Crowley was dead and his fellow workmen insensible, but the latter soon recovered after being brought to the surface.

Cold in Minnesota.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 2.—Minnesota is now experiencing the coldest weather of the season. No point yet reported had the mercury above zero in Minnesota, the Dakotas, Montana and Manitoba. The thermometer ranged from 38 degrees below at Minnedosa to 2 degrees below at St. Paul.

Grief Frenzied Women.

MAMMOTH, Pa., Feb. 2.—Superintendent Keighley of the ill-fated Mammoth mine was assaulted today by several German and Hungarian women, wives of the victims of the recent explosion. They were led by a woman named Heinlich, who sprang on the superintendent and nearly strangled him before she could be shaken off. All then joined in stoning him, injuring him quite severely. They hold him responsible for the death of their husbands.

EXCITEMENT IN JAIL.

A Desperado Holds a Mob of Lynchers at Bay.

SHREVEPORT, La., Feb. 2.—Homer, the parish seat of Claibourne, has been the scene of intense excitement the past two days. Saturday night a mob battered a hole in the jail and six men went through the passage to kill Link Waggoner, a desperado, recently captured. Link, who had two revolvers, shot two of the men in the arms and held the others at bay. Waggoner was not in a cell and did the shooting from a corridor, dodging into the different apartments. In trying to pull open the door of a fellow prisoner's cell, the latter caught the door with one hand to keep him out when Waggoner drew a knife and cut off the fellow's fingers. The sheriff says friends must have furnished him with arms.

A SINGULAR CRIME.

A New York Girl Robbed and Terribly Maltreated.

UTICA, N. Y., Feb. 2.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—In the town of Mary, about five miles from this city, there occurred last evening an attempt to murder a young lady named Lena Marks. She is aged about twenty years, and resided with her father, who conducts a pie bakery.

In the evening the young lady left the room in which her father, mother and several brothers were seated and went out to the bakery, situated a few yards from the house. She had been there but a few minutes when the door opened and a stranger stepped into the room. He asked her to follow him, and on her refusal he turned towards her with a bottle and a handkerchief in his hands, and after a moment's struggle the girl lost consciousness and was in his power. About 9 o'clock the family became alarmed at her absence and the brothers went to the bakery to find her. She was found lying in a pool of blood, just outside the bakery door with her throat cut from one side to the other. After hours of work the girl became conscious and though she is badly wounded and has lost a large quantity of blood it is now believed she will recover.

The doctor who attended the girl thinks she was assaulted and then that her assailant attempted to murder her to escape detection from the crime of outrage. She is still too weak to tell the story in all its details. Enough has been learned to know that she is aware who her assailant is, and though she doesn't know his name it is probable from his description he may be captured.

Almost Intestate.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Ex-Mayor Job Mole of Plainfield was buried beside his wife in Greenwood today. Three hours before his death he said to those about his bed that he felt his end was near and he wanted to make his will. He explained clearly what he wanted done with his property. The will was drawn and read to him.

"Is this your last will and testament?" he asked.

"Yes," he said feebly. His eyes were closing then but he took hold of the pen and was in the act of signing the will when his fingers relaxed and he fell dead. Mr. Mole was commonly reputed to be a millionaire. In the unsigned will he left large sums to the public library, hospital, Unitarian church and other local institutions. It is said the will may stand if the witnesses who were present at his death all agree that it was his freely made testament.

To Deprive Chicago of Gas.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind, Feb. 2.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A bill to prevent the use of pumps to convey natural gas from one locality to another came up in the senate today. The advocates of the measure said the object is to prevent the contemplated piping of natural gas to Chicago and that some protection is absolutely necessary to prevent the state being drained of this valuable product. The law passed for this purpose two years ago has been declared unconstitutional, but this bill, its advocates claim, would be sustained by the courts, as it is properly a police regulation and not in conflict with the laws regulating interstate commerce.

A Cardinal's Remarkable Letter.

PARIS, Feb. 2.—Cardinal Lavigerie, archbishop of Algiers, has addressed a remarkable circular letter to the clergy of his diocese. While advocating adherence to the French republic he pleads for the formation of a purely Catholic party, distinct from the monarchial and imperial elements. The French priests should adopt the programme approved by the vatican—recognition of the established form of government—in order to be in better condition to defend religion openly. They should forget internal divisions so as to present a united front against sectarian oppression.

Buncoed His Bride.

ZANESVILLE, O., Feb. 2.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Colonel H. Milton Hovey was arrested today on complaint of Lizzie Armstrong, charging him with obtaining money under false pretenses. A marriage license was issued to the pair last Friday, but while waiting for a minister Hovey induced his bride to transfer $1,200 she had to his possession. He then declined to consummate the marriage contract, and has been spending the money lavishly among his friends. Hovey is a young man, good looking and a prominent politician. Miss Armstrong is twenty years his senior.

Won It at Last.

JACKSON, Miss., Feb. 2.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The supreme court today affirmed the decision against the Western Union telegraph company in favor of C. H. Alexander of this city for $2,500 damages and interest. In 1886 Alexander sent a telegram to a real estate dealer in Chattanooga to purchase certain property for him. The telegram was delayed thirty-six hours and when it was delivered the property had been sold. Alexander then brought suit against the company. The company gained the case twice in the circuit court.

Betting on Woods-Conley.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 2.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Bat Masterson has sent $25,000 from Denver to a friend in this city to be placed on Woods, the Denver heavy weight, who will fight Tom Conley, the Ithaca giant, on February 9, in this city. Orders for sixty tickets have been sent from Chicago and 100 of Woods' friends from Denver have applied for seats.

The Assaulted Teacher Dead.

WINNEBAGO CITY, Minn., Feb. 2.—Miss Lent, the young school teacher who was so brutally assaulted by the Cruzen family a few days ago because she punished Cruzen's daughter, has died from the injuries she received. The greatest indignation prevails. The Cruzens, father, mother and daughter, were arrested and gave bail.

Ice Houses Burned.

LAPORTE, Ind., Feb. 2.—Eight large ice houses on Pike lake were burned this morning. Sixteen thousand tons of ice were destroyed. The loss is a serious one, as it is doubtful if another crop of ice can be secured. The money loss is $50,000.

Too Much for a Bear.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 2.—The advance in wheat today was too much for John Tyson, the well known bear. The fact became known just before the hour of closing. He is not prepared at present to make a statement.

NEITHER ONE OF THE THREE.

Palmer, Oglesby and Streeter Considered Impossibilities by "Long" Jones.

JUDGE GRESHAM'S UNCERTAIN STAND.

He is Non-Committal—Getting Architect Meyers' Evidence—Senator Hansbrough On North Dakota's Needs—Other News.

CHICAGO OFFICE OF THE OMAHA BEE, CHICAGO, Feb. 2.

Just as he had stepped out of his bed at the Grand Pacific this morning, "Long" Jones was asked his opinion as to the probable action of the senatorial fight at Springfield. When asked whether Palmer would eventually win the astute chairman of the republican state central committee, he gazed at his questioner with just a suggestion of pity in his eye, and replied, pointing to a floor ornament:

"Palmer has just as much show of being elected as that spittoon."

"How about Oglesby?"

"His chance isn't a —— bit better. Neither is Streeter's. Why, neither Palmer nor Oglesby can be elected unless the farmers vote for one of them, and they have time and again declared to me that they would never do such a thing. I have nothing personally against Palmer, neither have I against the others, but this isn't a question of personal feeling. It's a stern fight, the present condition of which is a deadlock. And any immediate end I can't see. There are some who declare that a senator will be elected on Wednesday. Well, I am willing to bet $1,000 that there won't be."

There were no takers and after a pause Mr. Jones continued:

"This talk about the democrats staying with Palmer is all very fine, but the democrats want to elect a senator, and seeing, as they must certainly by this time see, that there is no hope of electing Palmer, unless the republicans blunder—and I can see very easily how they might blunder, although I don't think they will do so. They will offer to put up some one else if the Farmers' Mutual Benefit association will come under their standard."

JUDGE GRESHAM'S CANDIDACY.

Judge Gresham, who has been out of the city several days and who has been talked of as a candidate for the senatorship, was found in his private office this morning.

"Would you accept the position if tendered you?" was asked.

"That is a very ticklish question," was the reply, "and I don't care to talk about it. You will have to excuse me."

"Then you wouldn't accept the nomination?"

"No. I don't say that," was his answer. "And neither do I say that I would. I will say nothing on the subject in any shape or manner."

Judge Gresham left the city today, bound for Springfield. He was very careful to explain that he had no intention of looking after the legislature, but repaired to the capital simply and solely for the purpose of holding court.

ARCHITECT MYERS' DEPOSITION.

The taking of the deposition of Architect Myers in behalf of the defendant in the case of Ryan & Walsh, contractors, against Douglas county for $80,000 for extra work done on the county hospital began here today. The examination took place before Notary King at Architect Myers' room at the Palmer house. County Attorney Mahoney appeared for the defendant and Judge Bradley of Omaha looked after the interests of the contractors. General J. C. Cowin has also been retained for plaintiffs, but will probably not be present at the taking of depositions here. The proceedings only lasted two hours today, beginning at 4 this afternoon and ending at 6. Mr. Meyers' testimony today had reference to the plans for the foundation. It is the intention to finish the examination tomorrow if possible.

NORTH DAKOTA'S NEW SENATOR.

United States Senator-elect H. C. Hansbrough of North Dakota, who is at present serving his constituents in the capacity of congressman, is in town. An agreeable gentleman to meet is the senator-elect. Though young he bears his blushing honors easily and his spine, his friends say, is just as pliable as when in 1879 he worked as a reporter on one of Chicago's daily papers.

"The chief things that we Dakotans are interested in at present," he remarked this morning at the Grand Pacific hotel, "are our local affairs. National politics is all very well, but if we can get an appropriation from congress large enough to irrigate our state, force and silver bills may pass or stay where they are. We desire to tap the flood waters of the Missouri, and if we can do so we will not only be able to turn North Dakota into as productive a state as exists, but to relieve the cities toward the mouth of the stream from the damage annually done by spring freshets."

"Do you think congress can appropriate money for the purpose?"

"As well as it did to aid people along the Mississippi."

BARON YERKES' POOR BRUTES.

The Humane society has taken up the cause of the poor street car horses of Baron Yerkes here, and a wholesale system of arrests have been inaugurated. The work began on the North and West Division railways this morning by the arrest of two drivers and a barn boss on the Sheffield avenue extension. A warrant was also issued for the arrest of a driver on the Lawrence avenue extension, and the barn boss of the Diversey street barns.

"This is the only way we can get at this company," said an officer of the society today. "If we have the superintendent or president of the company arrested they would probably elude us by swearing they did not know of the bad condition of the horses. Our attorneys say we can get at the company through the men who are directly concerned in the cruelty to these horses. We will in the meantime go on making arrests on these two roads.

"President Yerkes has made many promises to the president of this society. I don't believe that any more promises will be taken from him."

It is fully expected that Mr. Yerkes will find bondsmen for the men as soon as they are arrested, and that the president of the roads will fight the cases.

FATHER BOUDREAUX'S JUBILEE.

The Church of the Sacred Heart was thronged with people this morning, who assembled to participate in the services in honor of the golden jubilee of the religious life of Rev. Florentin J. Boudreaux, S. J. Father Boudreaux has spent a large portion of his time in the colleges conducted by the order to which he belongs. His recognized ability as a chemist has placed him in the front rank of educators of that order. He accompanied Fathers Damien and Smarius in many of their famous missionary trips throughout the United States.

PROVISIONS IN STORE.

Stocks of contract provisions in store at Chicago today were as follows: Pork, 246,000 pounds; lard, 134,000 pounds; short ribs, 76,342,000 pounds. This is an unusually large showing, and the storage of short ribs is the largest on record.

GROUND HOG DAY.

If there is anything in the old saw, spring will soon pulsate his perfumed pinions through Chicago's smoky canopy. If the ground hog saw his shadow in this immediate vicinity today his eyes must be very keen or his imagination exceedingly strong. The weather has been unusually raw, with a mist, drizzle, rain and occasional flurry of snow. Pools of water as dark as those Eugene Aram saw in his fevered dreams formed at the street corners and in the depressions in the stone sidewalks. Umbrellas were out in such numbers that at 6 o'clock the streets looked like a forest of big black mushrooms. A cold wind sprung up when the sun went down and the government weather dispenser promised a drop of 10° by February 4. The thermometer now registers about above zero, and this change with the raw lake breeze accompaniment will have a decided tendency to bull the overcoat market.

WESTERN PEOPLE IN TOWN.

Among the western people in Chicago today were:

At the Auditorium—E. E. Naugle, Omaha; Sidney A. Foster and sons, Des Moines, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. George Grill, Colfax, Ia.; Alexander McKenzie, Lead City, S. D.

At the Leland—T. J. Mahoney, Omaha; A. W. Clancy and F. L. Warren, Des Moines, Ia.

At the Wellington: A. J. Bothwell, Wyoming.

At the Grand Pacific: C. S. Montgomery, Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Hall, Charles O. Whedon and Charles E. Magoon, Lincoln, Neb.

At the Palmer: M. T. Sherbrum, W. J. and R. J. Pratt, Des Moines, Ia.; M. T. Demoodey, Bowdle, S. D.; F. A. Thompson, Livingstone, Mont.

A. C. Heyman of Miles, Ia., is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dunn at 6641 Perry avenue.

W. F. Nichols of Omaha is visiting his brother, Frank Nichols, Sixty-third street and Stewart avenue. ATKINSON.

THE STREETER BOOM.

He is Considered a Good Man, Not a Democrat.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 2.—As less than a quorum was present at the joint session, adjournment was taken until tomorrow. There are fears tonight that there will not be a full attendance of the joint assembly tomorrow. But few members reached the city, and the severe snow and sleet storms in progress will have a tendency to delay trains and cause connections to be missed.

Senator Milton Mathews is quite ill, but hopes to attend the session tomorrow.

The Streeter boom received a new impetus today from certain republicans who are endeavoring to persuade the members of that party in joint assembly to support a Farmers' Mutual Benefit association candidate. Ex-Representative Galloway of Alledo and ex-Representative Petrie of New Windsor are in the city urging this course. They will tomorrow labor with the representatives.

In an interview tonight Galloway said: "The representatives can only elect a man by a combination with the Farmers' Mutual Benefit association, and if they cannot elect a regular stalwart republican, it strikes him they should do the next best thing and elect a good man who is not a democrat. Streeter's views on the tariff show that he is not greatly at variance with the republican party, and his past record has shown he has, upon every important occasion, refused to give the democrats his vote or support.

ANOTHER BASEBALL BREAK.

A Hard Road for the National League to Travel.

CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—The Herald this morning says: The national baseball league is threatened with serious trouble. When it subdued the insurrection of the players, and when, at enormous expense, it had arranged a settlement with its stubborn opponents, the path to victory and the restoration of interest in the sport looked safe and sure. The grand march to triumph has now reached a fork in the road. Big rocks obstruct the way, and unless great care is taken the National baseball league will stub its toe. If it does, no board of control will be powerful enough to prevent disaster. A speck of war is visible in the distance and unless strong measures are taken to prevent an outbreak, an open conflict resulting in the slaughter of the popular pastime will ensue.

President Robinson of the Cleveland club, who has been surpassed by none in his fealty to the cause of the league, has been here in consultation with Spalding. He came to secure several of the surplus Chicago players, but was disappointed. Robinson has fought hard for the abolition of the sales system, and Spalding was among the magnates who agreed to do away with the pernicious custom. Now, when Robinson wants players for whom Chicago has no use, the local management, it is said, wants money for them. Robinson is therefore disgusted. Unless pacified he threatens trouble, and should a break in the league's circuit occur demoralization is certain to result.

South Dakota's Deadlock.

PIERRE, S. D., Feb. 2.—One ballot was taken for senator today. The independents gave Hardin, 42. The democrats are still solid for Tripp. Among the republicans Moody got 35 and Melville 19, and the balance scattering. It is rumored that ten independents will go to Mellette soon, and if the republicans will support him solidly this will elect him. The last election contest was settled today in favor of the sitting member (republican) from Douglas county. All parties will caucus tonight as to future action.

Ridiculed in Toledo.

TOLEDO, O., Feb. 2.—The report that the wife of C. S. Allen of St. Louis, by the death of her father, Dr. Jones of Boston, becomes heir to the business portion of Toledo, is ridiculed here. The deed not being recorded it is valueless as the law limitation of title in Ohio extinguishes a claim if not brought within twenty-one years after the cause of action accrues.

Pennsylvania Legislation.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 2.—Governor Pattison vetoed the joint resolution of the legislature instructing the Pennsylvania senators to vote for the elections bill in the house this evening. Thompson called up for a second reading his resolution directing Senator Cameron to stand by his party principles or resign. The consideration was postponed 128 to 25.

Steamship Arrivals.

At Moville—The Anchoria, from New York.

At New York—The Trave, from Bremen.

At Southampton—The Fulda, from New York.

At Hamburg—The Servia, from New York.

Is He a Resident.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 2.—A house joint resolution was offered in the legislature this evening requesting Senator Sherman to vote against the admission of Senator-Elect Brice to the United States senate on the ground that he is not a resident of Ohio, but of New York.

Another Insurance Failure.

CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—The Consolidated fire insurance company made a voluntary assignment this morning. The assets are placed at $800 and liabilities at $35,000. This company was originally absorbed by the Mutual fire insurance company, which assigned Saturday.

Severe Storm in Kansas.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 2.—A severe snow storm has been raging in the western part of the state for the past forty-eight hours. Poor people are in more pressing need of assistance than ever in consequence of the severe change of weather.

A Georgia Wreck.

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 2.—A passenger train on the Savannah, Griffin and North Alabama road was derailed near Griffin tonight. Fifteen passengers were severely injured but none were killed. No details are obtainable.

Traveling Men Organizing.

AUSTIN, Minn., Feb. 2.—Representatives of over fifteen hundred traveling men, mostly from Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois are in session here, organizing a Western Traveling Men's association.

Dakota's Lottery Bill.

BISMARCK, N. D., Feb. 2.—At last the constitutional amendment prohibiting lotteries has reached the governor for his approval. It will have to be submitted to the next legislature and then to the people.

FEARFUL FATE OF A CHILD.

A Five-Year-Old Girl at Hastings Burned to a Crisp.

A SUNDAY HUNTER SHOT AND KILLED.

Beatrice Firemen Have a Cold Tussle with a Hot Fire—A Farmer Boy Suffers for His Father's Crime—Nebraska News.

HASTINGS, Neb., Feb. 2.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A most tragic affair occurred this morning at the residence of Dan Berry, resulting in fatal injuries to his five-year-old daughter. Mrs. Berry had been called to the sick bed of her mother, leaving her two children at home alone. A lady book agent passing the house heard cries of distress and broke in the door. She found the little girl completely enveloped in flames, with hands extended pleading piteously for help. The lady extinguished the flames with a table cloth and gave the alarm.

The childs' face was burned to an unrecognizable mass. The flesh dropped off the bones when touched. The child lingered twenty minutes, dying in horrible anguish. The supposition is that the child's clothing caught from a base burner.

Nebraska Weather.

LOUP CITY, Neb., Feb. 2.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Old settlers say that more snow fell in the storm of Tuesday and Wednesday than in any storm for the past ten years in this vicinity. In many places the drifts are five and six feet deep, which make the roads impassible, and the towns in this section of the state were without a mail for two days.

SILVER CREEK, Neb., Feb. 2.—[Special to THE BEE.]—An effort was made to open the road between here and Osceola, Neb., today. The snow is from fifteen inches to three feet deep, with no heavy drifts. A crust of from one to three inches thick makes it almost impassible for teams. The weather has been intensely cold here all day.

O'NEILL, Neb., Feb. 2.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The weather is intensely cold in this section today.

A Beatrice Blaze.

BEATRICE, Neb., Feb. 2.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—J. F. Huntling & Co.'s grocery establishment, 613 East Court street, was destroyed by fire last night. The real estate office of Green Bros.' and Dr. J. H. Baker's office in the same building were also included in the conflagration. Huntling's loss will approximate $2,500; insured for $1,000.

The building was a frame two-story structure, sheeted with sheet iron and owned by S. S. Green. Green Brothers' loss on building and office fixtures is about $1,800 and Dr. Baker's loss on office fixtures is about $200, all covered by insurance. The fire was of incendiary origin. Two or three of