

HE COVETS ROBINSON'S SEAT

Secretary Porter Wants to Go to Congress from the Third District.

HIS AMBITION LIKELY TO BE THWARTED

Cornell Calls Hitchcock a Knave and Criticizes the Attitude of the Omaha Man's Alleged Newspaper on Certain Questions.

LINCOLN, Jan. 26.—(Special.)—Secretary of State Porter is a candidate to succeed Congressman John S. Robinson of the Third District, who is now serving his first term in the lower branch of congress. This is taken as an explanation of Mr. Porter's action in demanding the resignation of Secretaries Laws, Dahman and Elzener of the Board of Transportation. Had the secretary of state pursued the usual course and submitted his proposed resolution to the Transportation Board it would not have reached the ears of the public, but by causing its publication in the popular press he has accomplished his purpose, which was simply to gain notoriety as a foundation for his campaign for the congressional nomination. It is the unanimous opinion at the state house and among popular politicians in the city that Mr. Porter has made a serious mistake and that his resolution will be voted down by the board as soon as it is read.

Mr. Porter may be egotistical enough to believe that by pursuing such tactics he can run Robinson out of his job at the end of his first term, said a man at the state house who stands with the inner circle of the populist state central committee, "but if he does there will have to be a remarkable change of sentiment. The publication of such a resolution as that is enough to kill any man politically. There is undoubtedly a strong feeling against Robinson in the Third District and it is quite possible that he will be defeated for re-nomination, but you can put it down as an assured fact that our fellows will not nominate a fool. The stand taken by Robinson in voting for Polyzansky Roberts on the preliminary ballot has had the effect of arousing considerable opposition toward him and besides Robinson himself established the one term precedent when he defeated Maxwell after he had served only one term in congress.

Cornell Criticizes Hitchcock.

Speaking of the attitude of the World-Herald Auditor Cornell today said: "A paper is judged where it stands by what it prints. The World-Herald no longer defends Bryan and silver. I have no doubt that Hitchcock is looking forward to the senatorship, but he certainly will have nothing to gain his candidacy on. The sting of ingratitude, it seems to me, is the real cause of his attack upon the secretaries of the Board of Transportation. You may call a man a knave or a fool and in this case I would call Mr. Hitchcock a knave, for that is the most charitable way of looking at it." Wilbur F. Bryant of Hartington is authority for the statement that Leo Herdman of Omaha will on February 6 be appointed clerk of the supreme court and he himself will be appointed deputy.

Major J. N. Kilian, late of the First Regiment, has been authorized to recruit Company K of Columbus for muster in the re-organized First.

Adjutant General Barry returned today from Indianapolis, where he attended a meeting of the National Guard association. A resolution recommending to congress an appropriation of \$2,000,000 annually for the support of the militia of the various states instead of \$400,000 as at present, was adopted at the meeting.

Business of Lincoln Postoffice.

Postmaster H. M. Bushnell has completed the following report, showing the volume of business transacted in the Lincoln postoffice during the year 1899, together with a comparison with the report of the previous year:

Table with 2 columns: Category (Increase in stamp sales, Increase in money order business, etc.) and Amount/Percentage.

County Foreclosing on Land.

CHAPPELL, Neb., Jan. 26.—(Special.)—Deuel county foreclosed taxes on about 100 quarters of land and at the sale today large tracts brought from \$50 to \$250 per quarter, according to the improvements. This is the first county to take such action this year.

Company A's New Officers.

YORK, Neb., Jan. 26.—(Special.)—Forty-seven young men are enrolled as members of Company A, First Nebraska, just reorganized. Former Sergeant Harry and eleven corporals, E. Verrill, first lieutenant and George Davis second lieutenant.

Jerome Gets a Ten-Year Sentence.

FREMONT, Neb., Jan. 26.—(Special.)—Judge Grimsont this morning sentenced Ed-

THIS MAY DEVELOP MURDER

Farmer Near Holstein Disappears—Blood Spots Are Discovered Near His Farm.

HASTINGS, Neb., Jan. 26.—(Special Telegram.)—Otto Miller, a farmer, who lived eight miles southwest of Holstein, has mysteriously disappeared and it is believed by his neighbors that he has been murdered. Miller was last seen last Friday and since then no trace can be found of him. A searching party was organized and visited his home, but found no sign save some blood spots about the barn. It is said that Miller had several enemies and that one day last week he told of having seen someone looking in his windows at night. George Maxwell, postmaster at Holstein, and other business men of that town are aiding in an investigation.

Orbit Mull Held on One Charge.

HASTINGS, Neb., Jan. 26.—(Special Telegram.)—Orbit Mull, who was arrested at Concordia, Kan., last week by Sheriff Stimmering on the charge of criminal assault and perjury, was arraigned before County Judge Bowen this afternoon. He was acquitted of the first charge, but was held to the March term of the district court. He is accused of unlawfully securing a marriage license and marrying Zena Sontz, the 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sontz of Franklin county. On December 29 Mull and the young girl married. The next day Mull went to Concordia, Kan., and the girl went to York to attend school. As soon as the parents of the girl learned of the marriage they had Mull arrested.

Commerce of Philippines.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—The War department made public today the following summary statement of the commerce of the Philippines during the month of January, 1900. The total value of merchandise imported at all ports in the archipelago during said month amounted to \$1,577,430, of which amount articles to the value of \$192,192 were imported free of duty. Articles of value and amount imported amounted to \$83,022, or 37 per cent. of the total; manufactured articles to \$49,231, or 29 per cent. of the total. The total value of merchandise exported during the month amounted to \$1,156,469. Products of agriculture amounted to \$1,109,881.

Fortune Seeks Frank Leavitt.

PAWNEE CITY, Neb., Jan. 26.—(Special.)—The postmaster here received a letter yesterday from B. R. Johnson of the Bank of Cornell, Cornell, Ill., inquiring for Frank P. Leavitt, a former citizen of that place, and stating that an old man with whom Leavitt lived when young had died and left him a handsome legacy. Johnson, as executor, holds the money and desires to pay it over to the beneficiary. Leavitt lives in Pawnee City several years and married the daughter of a prominent citizen here. He now resides at Table Rock, this county.

Snow in City for Crop Damages.

FREMONT, Neb., Jan. 26.—(Special.)—Andrew Norcen has begun suit against the city of Fremont to recover \$1,548.43 for damage to his crops last season, caused by the overflow of the sewer ditch southeast of the city. He claims the ditch was not intended to carry off the sewerage emptied into it after heavy rains. Ed McMahon is also joined as a defendant, on the theory that he contributed to the damage by digging a drainage ditch that connects with the sewer and empties a quantity of surface water into it.

Straws in Plattsburgh Campaign.

PLATTSBURGH, Neb., Jan. 26.—(Special.)—C. O. Fellows has received this vote through his Plattsburgh Evening Post: For mayor, T. E. Parmelee, 139; A. W. Atwood, 60; H. D. Travis, 40; J. P. Sattler, 13; J. A. Gutsche, 12; W. L. Pickett, 10. For clerk, R. O. Fellows, 65; C. B. Kerr, 46. For treasurer, E. W. Cook, 59; W. K. Fox, 53.

Madison Poultry Show Ends.

MADISON, Neb., Jan. 26.—(Special.)—The Elkhorn Valley Poultry and Pet Stock association show, just closed, has been a success, the entries numbering about 400. Barred Plymouth Rocks, Wyandottes and Langshans were in the majority. Some prize birds changed hands at good prices.

Wolf Bounties Case to Be Appealed.

PIERRE, S. D., Jan. 26.—(Special Telegram.)—State Auditor Reeves today decided to appeal the wolf bounty case to the supreme court. This case was decided in the Eighth district by Judge Moore, who held that the appropriation was for the calendar year 1899 and each fiscal year after that. This would leave the period from January 1 to July 1 of this year without an appropriation. The auditor has therefore decided to secure the opinion of the supreme court before issuing any warrants on the wolf bounty fund.

Wool Warehouse to Be Built.

BELLEVILLE, Pa., Jan. 26.—(Special Telegram.)—The first annual exhibition of the South Dakota Poultry association came to a close this afternoon, when prizes were awarded. This meeting a business session was held and officers elected for the year. They are: President, W. G. Andrews, Plankinton; vice president, N. J. Nielsen, Mitchell; secretary, C. H. Mitchell; treasurer, C. C. Halphide, Mitchell. The exhibition has been a great success. The next exhibition will be held here probably in January, 1901.

To Enlarge All Saints' School.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Jan. 26.—(Special.)—Bishop W. H. Hare, the well known divine of this city, has departed for the east. It is proposed to enlarge All Saints' church, which Bishop Hare is the head, and he will endeavor to secure in the east the \$100,000 necessary for this purpose. The school was erected in 1884.

South Dakota News Notes.

The citizens of Summit are taking steps to secure a postoffice. Grand Valley reports a shortage of both business and dwelling houses. A farmers' institute will be held at Alameda, Grand county, January 29 and 30. On the first of next month George Frantz, the first man of Salem, will take charge of the lecture house at Howard.

Change in Mexican Cabinet.

CITY OF MEXICO, Jan. 26.—(Special Telegram.)—Bernardo Reyes has been sworn in as minister of war to succeed the late General Felipe Berriozabal. General Reyes has been governor of the state of Nuevo Leon for some time.

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Representatives of Milling and Other Industries Before the Senate Committee.

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Rev. E. Stubenvoll, pastor of the Bethel church, at Pella, Wis., in a recent letter to Dr. Hartman says:

"I cannot but feel obliged to extend you my personal thanks for my complete restoration. All through this winter I suffered from throat and lung trouble, but recovered my entire health by the use of your excellent remedy, Pe-ru-na, and can only speak well of your extraordinary medicine. My own medicine has the same blessing to others that it has been to me."

Every person who has had a gripe during the last year should take a course of Pe-ru-na. No one need expect perfect recovery unless they do so. The gripe has produced catarrhal inflammation of the whole mucous membrane, and good health is impossible until these are restored to a normal condition. This Pe-ru-na will do. A great many remedies have been suggested for this condition from time to time, but Pe-ru-na appears to be the only remedy that has any substantial value in these cases. It has stood the test of forty years' experience and is restored to the unique position of being the leading (if not the only) specific remedy for the after-effects of the gripe.

Mr. John H. Johnson, Prin. Belle Haven high school, and editor of "Farmer and Pisherman, Belle Haven, Va., in a recent letter to Dr. Hartman, says: "I was taken with a gripe on December 19, 1898. I began to recuperate in one week, but took a relapse and was in bed several weeks, during which time other serious symptoms developed, such as heart trouble, throat and lung trouble, extreme weak chest, and a prostration of my nervous and muscular systems. "It became emaciated, weak, and was troubled every day and night with profuse sweating. I as well as my friends became hopeless and thought that my days on earth were few. I had begun to have my

before the first bottle of Pe-ru-na was gone that feeling in my stomach had left me; also the catarrhal expectorations began to grow less, which before was a continual hawk and spit also the wheezing in my throat caused by a swollen membrane of the catarrh was stopped immediately. In fact, to make matters short, I continued with Pe-ru-na till it made a man of me. "The year following I did the hardest year's work I ever did in my life. I have been exposed a good deal since and have never taken the least cold. As a catarrh remedy Pe-ru-na cannot be beaten in the whole range of medical science."

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