

PUSH THEIR CLAIMS

Nebraskans in Washington Alert for Federal Appointments.

JUDGE TUCKER FOR JUDICIAL

Various Postmasters Are Named by Both the Senators.

PETITIONS FROM OMAHA AND ELSEWHERE

One is from Labor Unions for Navy Yard Shipbuilding.

DEADWOOD SEEKS LARGER ASSAY OFFICE

Special Agent Llewellyn Returns to Nebraska Prepared to Extend Rural Free Delivery Routes.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—(Special Telegram.)—Judge A. H. Tucker, who arrived in Washington this morning in the hope of securing a judicial appointment, Congressman Burkett accompanied Mr. Tucker in his calls upon the Nebraska senators and through the departments. Tomorrow they will call upon Attorney General Knox, with whom Judge Tucker's papers have been filed.

Senator Dietrich today recommended the following postmasters: C. A. Warner, Geneva, Fillmore county, vice M. V. King, resigned; W. T. Mawhor, Shelby, Polk county; Charles Kingslow, Wyanad, Polk county; Mrs. Lillie Buckley, Stromberg, reappointment.

Senator Millard sent in a recommendation for J. M. Erickson, postmaster at Dannebrog, Howard county. Mr. Erickson is publisher of the News at that place. Senator Millard also recommended Charles Wille for postmaster at Nelich. A contest for this office was waged during the autumn, but through the efforts of the county central committee all candidates withdrew in Wille's favor.

Petitions from Nebraskans.

Senator Dietrich today introduced a number of petitions, including one from citizens of Tecumseh, Chadron, Carey, Harrison, Crawford, Colon, Wahoo, Mead, Falls City, Omaha, Pender, DeWitt, Gordon, Albany and Holdrege, praying for the enactment of legislation to prohibit polygamy; also one from Finneton post, No. 129, Grand Army of the Republic, of Wisner, Neb., praying for the enactment of legislation to suppress anarchy and to restrict immigration, and one from the Omaha local union, No. 12, of Omaha, machinists' union, No. 31, of South Omaha; Broom Makers' union, No. 43, of Lincoln; Bakers' union, No. 15, of Omaha; Electrotypers' and Stereotypers' union, No. 24, of Omaha; Central Labor union of Omaha; Journeymen Barbers' union, No. 164, of Lincoln, and of the Leather Workers' local union, No. 12, of Omaha, all of the American Federation of Labor, praying for the enactment of legislation authorizing the construction of war vessels in the navy yards of the country.

To Enlarge Deadwood Assay Office.

Representative Martin of South Dakota called at the Treasury department today in the interest of securing enlarged facilities for the transaction of business at the Deadwood assay office. One of the changes desired is in relation to the character of the gold bullion. The regulations require that this bullion must be of certain fineness and weighing below the standard must be sent to private assay offices. This requirement necessitates additional expense and delay. The director of the mint can take no action in this matter and Mr. Martin will submit it to the secretary of the treasury.

The South Dakota delegation is making an effort to have Fort Meade considered by the warboard for designation as one of the military camps of instruction. The delegation will formally take this matter up with the board later.

Right to Tax Indians.

Senator Kittredge is to leave for St. Louis tomorrow to argue the case in United States circuit court in which Roberts county, South Dakota, is a party. The question involved is the right of the state to tax real estate, buildings and property of Indians.

Senator Gamble of South Dakota presented a bill today regulating the settlement of accounts between the United States and the several states relative to the disposition of public lands.

Miss E. A. Butlin of Omaha, who has been on an extended visit to her brother, George R. Butlin of this city, left today for her home in Nebraska.

Special Agent Charles E. Llewellyn of the rural free delivery department, with headquarters in Nebraska, left for Omaha today. "My instructions are," he said, "to locate more routes in Nebraska, and I will go home with one object in view, help gridders to the state with rural free delivery routes."

Lieutenant Colonel Earl D. Thomas, Thirtieth cavalry, has been ordered to report to the commanding general of the Department of the Missouri for assignment to a station.

Department Notes.

The following rural free delivery routes have been ordered established February 1: Nebraska—Fort Calhoun, Washington county; route embraces fifty-eight square miles, containing a population of 950; J. S. Walton and C. H. Joy, carriers, Wakesfield-Dixon county; area, eighty-two square miles; population, 1,225; M. H. Bannan and F. E. Smith, carriers.

Iowa—Eldridge, Scott county; area, twenty-seven square miles; population, 53; J. W. Ross, carrier.

Phillip Newmiller was today appointed substitute carrier at Dubuque, and John C. Horner was appointed substitute carrier at Cedar Rapids, Ia.

George H. Hurd was appointed elevator conductor in the public building at Omaha.

The Chase National bank of New York was today approved as a reserve agent for the Custer National bank of Broken Bow, Neb.

Miss D. D. Demuth of Hastings, Neb., was today appointed cook in the Indian school at Omaha.

Nebraska—Thomas M. Campbell, Box Elder, Red Willow county, vice D. P. Bower, resigned; Dewitt C. Weaver, Brunswick, Antelope county, vice S. A. Dear, removed; Miss Ida M. Coats, Stockham, Hamilton county, vice C. A. Coats, resigned.

Iowa—Augustus C. Blizard, Malcom, Potosi county, vice C. Blizard, Malcom, Potosi county.

APPROVE PHILIPPINE TARIFF

Ways and Means Committee Direct Chairman Payne to Submit Favorable Report.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—At a meeting of the ways and means committee today Chairman Payne was directed to report favorably to the house the Philippine tariff bill, which the republican members of the committee had passed yesterday. The report will be made in the house next Tuesday, with a vote, p. m., on Wednesday, instead of on Thursday as at first planned.

Some confusion was occasioned at the failure of the majority of the committee to ask for a division and vote on the question of reporting the bill. In the absence of such request no vote was recorded. It was stated, however, that a minority report would be presented by the democratic members opposing the bill on general grounds, although it is doubtful whether Representative Robertson of Louisiana will sign the report.

Surprise from Democrats.

Numerous conferences of democratic members were held prior to the meeting of the ways and means committee because of the question which had arisen as to united opposition to the Philippine bill drafted by republican members. It developed that the four Louisiana members now in the city, Representatives Robertson, Meyer, Davis and Russell, were favorable to the bill, and that the two Louisiana members out of the city, Messrs. Broussard and Breazeale, probably would favor it.

The Louisiana members made no concealment of the fact that the sugar industry of their state required the measure of protection against Philippine sugar, which the majority bill gave by applying the Dingley rates. Under these circumstances the minority members reached no united decision as to opposing the bill and, although there will be a minority report opposing the measure on general grounds, the Louisiana members will send themselves individually free to vote for the bill.

Secretary Gage has written to Chairman Payne, pointing out that the bill should provide for a rebate when articles exported from this country contain ingredients imported from the Philippines on which duty has already been paid. The bill probably will be amended to conform to this suggestion.

NOMINATIONS SENT TO SENATE

Carl Kramer for Columbus and Cyrus E. Hunter for Wakefield Among Nebraska Postmasters.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The president today sent nominations to the senate, among them being those of Carl Kramer for Columbus and Cyrus E. Hunter for Wakefield, Nebraska. Mr. Kramer is a resident of Columbus, and Mr. Hunter of Wakefield. The president also sent nominations to the senate, among them being those of John C. Ames, United States marshal for the northern district of Illinois, a reappointment; Auleik Palmer, United States marshal for the district of Columbia, reappointment; Leo E. Bennett, United States marshal for the northern district of Indiana Territory, reappointment.

Postmasters: Wyoming—G. W. Hoyt, Cheyenne; North Dakota—F. R. Trubshaw, Copperstown; A. S. Ellington, Northwood; South Dakota—James Lewis, Canton; Walter McKay, Lead; C. H. Stillwell, Tinsdale; Kansas—John Niese, Caldwell; L. G. Goodfellow, Fort Leavenworth; John V. Vincent, Hutchinson; Alex. Barron, Kirwin; Thomas D. Fitzpatrick, Salina; William H. Nelson, Smith Center; John B. Kennedy, Troy; William E. Hogeland, Yates Center; James C. Clark, Centralia; William A. Hopkins, Solomon; Arthur F. Dunbar, Wellsville; Montana—Alonso H. Foster, Boulder; Charles A. Burg, Livingston, Nebraska—William T. Ager, Beaver City; Dennis Tracey, Cedar Rapids; Carl Kramer, Columbus; Frank P. Corrick, Cozad; William W. Hopkins, Oakland; Alfred L. Dunbar, Wellsville; Nebraska—Alonso H. Foster, Boulder; Charles A. Burg, Livingston, Nebraska—William T. Ager, Beaver City; Dennis Tracey, Cedar Rapids; Carl Kramer, Columbus; Frank P. Corrick, Cozad; William W. Hopkins, Oakland; Alfred L. Dunbar, Wellsville.

Navy: Lieutenant John J. Knapp, to be a lieutenant commander; Lieutenant (Junior Grade) D. F. Sellers, to be a lieutenant; Lieutenant (Junior Grade) Irvin V. Gillis, to be a lieutenant.

UNITED STATES JUDGESHIPS

In the List of New Mexico One Vacancy is Left to Be Filled Later.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—(Special Telegram.)—At a conference today between the president and Attorney General Knox the president decided to reappoint the following United States judges: George E. Davis, Fletcher M. Doan, R. E. Sloan, New Mexico—Chief Justice: W. J. Mills, associate justices: John R. McPhe and Frank W. Parker.

Oklahoma—Chief Justice: John H. Burton, associate justices: B. T. Hainer and B. H. Burton.

In connection with the appointments to New Mexico it is a fact of interest to Nebraskans that there is one vacancy yet to be filled, and it is understood in Washington that it is open to Judge Benjamin S. Baker of Omaha if he desires it.

WILL BE GENERAL ROOSEVELT

Army Board to Confer Title on President for His Recent Military Services.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The army board which has been for several months preparing a list of officials which shall be recommended for brevet rank in recognition of gallant services in Cuba, Porto Rico, the Philippines and China has completed its work and the report will be submitted to the secretary of war in a day or two. This list is to take the place of that laid before the senate last session and withdrawn before action.

Notwithstanding that this board began with the purpose of very much restricting the bestowal of brevets, it has been unable to keep the sum total of names much below 1,000 in number. It is said that President Roosevelt's name will be on the brevet list with the rank of brigadier general of volunteers.

HOLDS AN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Senate Convenes to Consider Isthmian Canal Treaty—Bacon Criticizes the Protocol.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—When the senate went into executive session today the new Isthmian canal treaty was immediately taken up. Senator Culberson spoke briefly in criticism of the treaty and was followed by Senator Bacon, who made a somewhat extended argument against it. Senator Bacon criticized the treaty as un-American and said that it contained many of the objectionable features of the original agreement, while it was entirely unguarded, as the old treaty had been, by the senate amendment. He said, however, that he would not obstruct the ratification of the new treaty.

TRADE AUTONOMY THE ISSUE

Question of Prime Importance to Federation Now Before Special Committee.

CONVENTION PAYS TRIBUTE TO M'KINLEY

Effort to Create Innovation by the Organization of Female Co-makers Meets with Decided Failure.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 11.—Business closely relating to the organization of labor in those fields where there is no union and strengthening of the hands of those who have embraced unionism took up most of the time of today's sessions of the American Federation of Labor, which is now in convention in this city. Thirty-odd resolutions were considered, upon eight of which final action was taken. On all others the final propositions were either sent back to committees or referred to the incoming executive council, which has power to dispose of questions referred to it.

The great question of trade autonomy is now in the hands of the special committee appointed to consider the subject. The personnel of the committee was named at the morning session and all resolutions and other documents relating to trade or industrial autonomy were referred to it. The committee has already started work and will report probably Friday or Saturday. The members of this little body, on which rests the responsibility of solving the intricate subject are:

Trade Autonomy Committee.

President Gompers, First Vice President James Duncanson, Second Vice President John Mitchell, John Mulholland, president of the International Association of Bridge, Structural, and Ornamental Ironworkers, and C. N. Hughes, of the San Antonio, Tex., trades council.

Among the resolutions adopted were these: Requesting the Terra Cotta Pressers and Finishers' union to affiliate with the International Association of Bridge, Structural, and Ornamental Ironworkers' alliance, or have their charters revoked by the federation; recommending that the federation make an effort during the coming year to organize the school teachers of this country; authorizing the federation to send representatives to national and international organizations, particularly those of railway employes, endorsing the label of the International Wood Carvers' association and instructing the executive council to use every effort to secure the passage of a national law protecting and legalizing union labels.

Objects to Star Chambers.

There was strong opposition to the sending of some resolutions to the executive council for disposal. This has particularly true of the one introduced by the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butchers Workmen of North America to compel local unions of the Benchmen's Association of Retail Butchers of New York to affiliate with them. The Amalgamated Butchers claim that the rival organization does not recognize its union cards. Some of the delegates interested wanted to settle the differences existing between the unions outside of the executive council, but the majority of the delegates voted otherwise.

The reading of the report of the executive council took up much of the morning session. When the first vice president finished reading it the report was sent to the committee for consideration. The report of the executive council was read by James Duncanson of Boston, secretary of the National Union of Public Employees, who is also first vice president of the federation.

Report of Executive Council.

In the report of the executive council the Shaffer-Gompers-Mitchell controversy growing out of the recent steel strike is not mentioned. The report eulogizes the late President McKinley and recommends that the federation make a direct appropriation to the McKinley memorial fund. There were six chapters of the union in the federation during the year and the council advocates the passage by congress of anti-injunction and Chinese exclusion laws. The council regrets the effort made in certain parts of the west to divide and injure the labor movement and recommends that members of the union be sent to the convention of the Western Federation of Miners with the object of bringing about harmony. Revision of the "Don't patronize" list is recommended, as it is too long and many firm are out of existence.

It took more than an hour to read the report, after which it was referred to committee.

Resolutions referring to trade autonomy were sent to the new special committee on autonomy. Other resolutions in which reform of trade and several resolutions drawn up for the purpose of settling local union differences were referred to the incoming executive council. A resolution calling for the appointment of more colored men as organizers in the south was referred to the executive council for final action. A resolution recommending that the organizers of the federation make an effort to organize the school teachers of this country was unanimously adopted. A recommendation from the committee on labels instructing the executive council to secure the passage of a national law protecting and legalizing union labels was also adopted.

Question of Dual Organization.

The Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paper Hangers of America, through Delegate William H. Bell of Omaha, presented several resolutions which were adopted at the brotherhood's national convention at Detroit on Monday. One of the resolutions calls for the American Federation of Labor to compel unions in New York City affiliated with the federation to recognize the brotherhood's card. It is the old question of dual organizations. The brotherhood's resolution goes on to say that if the federation does not comply with the request the brotherhood members will take a referendum vote as to whether the brotherhood should or should not secede from the federation.

A proposition to organize female co-makers employed in foundries was defeated. The resolution was introduced by the Co-makers' International union.

The convention as a whole is working more rapidly than the committee and an adjournment day to be taken early in the afternoon session, so as to enable the committee consider business which will come before the convention later.

WIFE MURDERER MUST HANG

Joseph Rinkard is Sentenced to Pay the Penalty of His Crime.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 11.—The supreme court today decided that Joseph Rinkard, who is 61 years old, must hang. Rinkard murdered his wife at Marion in June, 1900.

TUNNEL NEW YORK HARBOR

Pennsylvania Lines to Connect New Jersey with Long Island.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 11.—A railroad company which includes among its directors officials of the Pennsylvania and Long Island Railroad companies was incorporated today to promote a railroad line through an underground tunnel connecting New Jersey with Long Island. The name of the company is the Pennsylvania-New York Extension Railroad company and its capital stock is \$1,000,000.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—A. J. Cassatt, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad company, today made public his plan for securing a New York terminus for his company. He made the following statement to the Associated Press:

The Pennsylvania Railroad company is now preparing to carry out its plan since adopted of extending its railroad into New York city, therein establishing a suitable passenger terminus for the accommodation of the public.

After years of exhaustive study the conclusion has been reached that a tunnel line, operated by electricity, is in every respect the most practical and economical of the best, both for the interests of the railroad company and of the public. The line is to be carried into effect here on a grade from the Hudson river to the East river and be underground throughout, and at such depth as not to interfere with future construction of subways by the city on the Hudson river front.

Take Off Fast Sleepers.

The effect of this resolution on St. Paul and Minneapolis will be to take off the fast sleepers which are now running in connection with the fast mail train on the North-western and the St. Paul roads. These trains make the run in ten hours. The old-time agreement between the two cities called for a minimum schedule of thirteen hours and twenty minutes, so that the new schedule adopted is twenty-five minutes faster than that, but is two hours and fifty-five minutes slower than the present fastest schedule.

In order to carry out the agreement between here and Omaha the Northwestern will have to lengthen the schedule of the Overland Limited fifty minutes, which will probably again leave Chicago at 6:30 p. m., instead of at 8 p. m., as at present. In addition, the Northwestern will have to lengthen by twenty minutes the time made by train No. 5, which now leaves Chicago at 10 a. m., and arrives at Omaha at 11:10 p. m.

The Rock Island will lengthen the schedule of its "Omaha Limited" and the Burlington will lengthen its schedule by fifteen minutes.

In Spite of Improvements.

The settlement of the question apparently illustrates the power of the "community of interests." Despite the fact that over \$2,000,000 has been expended by the Union Pacific and the Northwestern in betterments here and there and Omaha and Ogden, and despite the fact that the Southern Pacific is expending another \$25,000,000 between Ogden and San Francisco, with a view to shortening the time fifteen hours between Chicago and the Pacific coast, the Pacific and the Northwestern in betterments here and there and Omaha and Ogden, and despite the fact that the Southern Pacific is expending another \$25,000,000 between Ogden and San Francisco, with a view to shortening the time fifteen hours between Chicago and the Pacific coast, the Pacific and the Northwestern in betterments here and there and Omaha and Ogden, and despite the fact that the Southern Pacific is expending another \$25,000,000 between Ogden and San Francisco, with a view to shortening the time fifteen hours between Chicago and the Pacific coast, the Pacific and the Northwestern in betterments here and there and Omaha and 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