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Late Congressman Declares He Wants No Office Under Government.

PAYNE WITHDRAWS POSTAL INSPECTORS

Orders Officials Checking Canceling Machines to Return to Respective Offices Pending Decision as to Legality of Their Work.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, April 20.—(Special Telegram.)—W. A. Richards, commissioner of the general land office, returned to Washington last night from Virginia Beach, where he has spent the past ten days by advice of his physician, to cure an attack of grip. Mr. Richards said today that he believed his outing has thoroughly cured him and that he feels like a new man and ready to tackle almost any proposition in the way of work.

"I never felt better in my life," said he today. "The salt breezes, combined with entire relaxation from official care and worry have worked a charm and I return to my department duties entirely fit."

Chief Justice Fuller from the supreme court bench today dismissed the case of Mary J. Lyon, George W. Lyon, jr., and Clara A. Hartz, plaintiffs in error, against Margaret Gombert, Eliza Fadley, Catherine Miller and Harriet Bowman, defendants in error, for want of jurisdiction.

Thurston Going to St. Louis.

Ex-Senator John M. Thurston of Nebraska, one of the commissioners on the part of the government to the Louisiana Purchase exposition, leaves Washington tomorrow for New York and thence to St. Louis to be present at the dedication exercises which begin April 30.

Mercer Packs Up.

Ex-Congressman Mercer is going "home." He has been in Washington for the past few days packing up his household goods and chattels preparatory to their removal to Omaha. Mr. Mercer and his family will leave Washington next Saturday. According to his intimate friends he busied himself today about the departments calling upon the men with whom he came closely in touch during his congressional career. Mr. Mercer is not in search of an office, so his closest friends assert, but it is extremely doubtful if he would dodge any official lightning that might strike in his immediate vicinity. According to the selfsame friends Mr. Mercer came over from New York yesterday and after preparing his household effects for shipment will go to Omaha to make that city his permanent residence, engaging in business, the nature of which is not at present divulged by Mercer's friends.

Nebraska Girl Weds.

Miss Helen Davis, daughter of Charles W. Davis, formerly of McCook, Neb., was married tonight to William A. Orton of the Department of Agriculture at the home of the bride's parents in Tacoma park. A number of the older members of the Nebraska colony in Washington were in attendance on the wedding. Judge Davis, father of the bride and a well known citizen of McCook, came to Washington during the early days of the Harrison administration to take a position in the law division of the Interior department. On the accession of Cleveland to the presidency Judge Davis became one of the "cuts" and he at once began the practice of law in this city, where he has been ever since.

Miss Lavinia Egan of Louisiana, one of the members of the board of lady commissioners to the Louisiana Purchase exposition, is the guest of Mrs. W. E. Andrews, wife of the auditor of the Treasury department and will accompany Mr. and Mrs. Andrews to the dedication at St. Louis on next Thursday.

Postal Inspectors Withdraw.

Postmaster General Payne has ordered the entire staff of inspectors of canceling machines to return to the postoffices to which they are accredited. These inspectors are borne on the clerical rolls of certain postoffices, but are assigned to traveling duties throughout the country, installing, inspecting and reporting on the condition of the machines in the various offices. There are several inspectors, one of whom is now engaged in confidential work in connection with the investigation of the department's affairs.

The legality of such assignments of employes, paid out of appropriations for other purposes, is pending before the comptroller of the treasury and till his decision is known the inspections will be discontinued.

Greece Ratifies Treaties.

Last Wednesday the Greek congress ratified the treaties of commerce and amity, and that regulating consular affairs, between the United States and Greece.

Many Wish Insular Loan.

Bids were opened at the bureau of insular affairs of the War department today for $3,000,000 certificates of indebtedness of the Philippine islands, authorized by the last congress. The certificates are to be dated May 1 and bear interest at the rate of 4 per cent, and are redeemable in one year in gold coin of the United States.

The best bid was by Fiske & Robinson, for all or any part of the loan at 102.513. The next best bid was that of the National City bank of New York, at 102.2576. The certificates were over-subscribed about eight times. It is estimated that the premium on the best bid will be about $75,000.

Conaty Receives Appointment.

Right Rev. Bishop Conaty was notified this afternoon by the papal delegate that the brief appointing him bishop of Los Angeles had been received. He will remain in charge of the university until the meeting of the trustees on Wednesday, when he will make his final report and turn the administration over to his successor, Right Rev. Monsignour O'Connell. Bishop Conaty expects to be in Los Angeles towards the end of May.

Routine of Departments.

A civil service examination will be held on May 23 at Omaha for the position of clerk at a salary of $1,000 in the customs service in that city.

These Iowa rural letter carriers were appointed today: Chapin, regular, William H. Randolph; substitute, Murriel Randolph. Grinnell, regular, J. T. Byrnes; substitute, Marie C. Byrnes. Sergeant Bluff, regular, Wallace Townley; substitute, Mont Townley.

D. F. Block has been appointed a substitute letter carrier at Independence, Ia.

George B. Frazier has been appointed a clerk in the Creston (Ia.) postoffice.

The Cedar Rapids National bank of Cedar Rapids has been approved as reserve agent for the First National bank of Eldora and the Hamilton National bank of Chicago for the Marion County National of Knoxville, Ia.

Postmasters appointed: South Dakota, John T. McPeek, Marindahl, Yankton county. Wyoming, David Lasalle, Rudefeha, Carbon county.

An additional rural free delivery route will be established July 1 at Fairbury, Jefferson county, Neb. The route embraces an area of thirty-seven square miles, containing a population of 410.

HOLD UP JAILED PRISONERS

Desperadoes Seeking Flight Overawe Fellow Convicts with Revolvers.

COLUMBUS, O., April 20.—A desperate, but unsuccessful, attempt, was made by John McGowan, a life prisoner, and Jesse Grant, a ten-year man, both from Cleveland, to escape from the penitentiary this afternoon.

McGowan and Grant both had revolvers, which had been smuggled into the prison. Walking into a room in the stamp shop they ordered the half dozen trusties employed there to lie down. All complied but Charles Harnhouse, a five-year man from Vinton county, and he was knocked senseless with a hammer. The two men then compelled one of the trusties to carry the ladder to the wall nearby. As they were about to scale the wall guards appeared and a fusillade of shots was exchanged, but none took effect. McGowan and Grant were finally overpowered and placed in solitary confinement.

STEEL OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

Billion Dollar Trust Approves Executive Acts and Returns Directors to Power.

NEW YORK, April 20.—The annual meeting of the United States Steel corporation was held in Hoboken, N. J., today. The acts of the directors, the finance committee and the executive committee during the last year were approved. The proceedings included the purchase of the stock of the Union Steel company and the stock and bonds of the Troy Steel Products company. The following directors were re-elected for three years: F. H. Peabody, Charles Steele, William H. Moore, Norman B. Ream, P. A. B. Widener, James H. Reed, H. C. Frick and William Edenborn. The board of directors will meet on May 5 to elect a president and other officers.

JEALOUS WIFE SLAYS SPOUSE

Shoots Her Husband as He Bids Farewell to Another Woman.

CRANSTON, Wis., April 20.—With his goodby to another woman on his lips, Farlee Duff, a young Kentuckian, was shot and fatally wounded by his jealous wife in front of the residence of the woman upon whom he had been calling.

The woman of whom Mrs. Duff was jealous is a sister-in-law of the notorious Tom Baker, who was shot by officers while resisting arrest at Bryant, Wis., for participating in a knife duel. Mrs. Duff was arrested. She expressed regret that she did not shoot "that woman" too.

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W. K. VANDERBILT MAY WED

Rumor Says Millionaire Will Marry American Widow on Wednesday.

NEW YORK COURT GIVES PERMISSION

Prospective Groom Denies Story, but Persuades Judge to Change Divorce Decree as He Desires Another Wife.

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PARIS, April 20.—(New York World Cablegram, Special Telegram.)—It is reported in the American colony that William K. Vanderbilt, sr., will marry within a few days Mrs. Lewis Morris Rutherford, jr., daughter of Oliver Harriman, sr., of New York City. The wedding, it is said, will be quiet. There is some doubt as to where it will be celebrated, but it is believed that London has been chosen.

Mr. Vanderbilt's intentions with respect to Mrs. Rutherford, who is considered the beauty of the American contingent in Paris have been an open secret for a long time. The American multi-millionaire's devotion to his charming countrywoman was so marked as to attract general attention, and it was freely declared that the widow of Lewis Rutherford was deeply in love with Mr. Vanderbilt.

Mrs. Rutherford's husband died a year ago of consumption. For a time the widow lived in a tiny cottage, set in a little court yard, in the Avenue Bois De Boulogne. She recently removed to her handsome home in the arrondissement of Passy, in which fashionable part of the city the De Castellanes have their mansion, and where there are many other splendid homes. Mr. Vanderbilt claims a legal residence in Poissy, which is fourteen miles out of Paris and where he and Mrs. Rutherford could declare their intentions as the law requires.

The necessary legal action might also be taken in Passy, but since nothing of the kind has been done at either it is believed that Mr. Vanderbilt and Mrs. Rutherford will avoid the red tape and circumlocution of the marriage requirements against foreigners in France and seek the less exacting regulations of England.

An American marrying in France must, among other things, present a fully attested certificate of birth and not being able to provide this must make oath to the facts of the customary residence and conform to certain other declarations to be made at the nearest American consulate or embassy.

There is not yet on file with the ambassador or consul here any of the necessary legal papers, which lends additional color to the statement that the marriage will take place in London. It is not improbable, however, that the event may be celebrated at Mrs. Rutherford's house in Passy, or at Poissy.

In reply to a note sent to Mr. Vanderbilt at his residence at 138 Champs Elysees, asking if it were true he was to be married on Wednesday or on any other date, the following was received tonight by the World correspondent:

Report that I am to be married on Wednesday is untrue.
(Signed.) W. K. VANDERBILT.

This equivocal note was in the handwriting of Mr. Vanderbilt and was dispatched immediately upon Mr. Vanderbilt's return from St. Cloud, where he spent the day at a race meet and where one of his horses won.

NEW YORK, April 20.—It is reported here, says the Paris correspondent of the American, that William K. Vanderbilt is to be married here quietly on Wednesday to a young American widow, to whom he has recently been paying attention.

The name of the bride-to-be, who is at present living in Paris, is kept secret. She is reported to have visited New York a year ago, where she was entertained by her sister, an unmarried woman, who is in the secret of the approaching marriage, to the exclusion of Mr. Vanderbilt's relatives in New York.

Justice Geigerich in the supreme court today signed an order permitting William K. Vanderbilt to marry again. The order modifies the decree obtained by Mrs. Alva E. Vanderbilt in 1895 by which Mr. Vanderbilt was forbidden to marry within the life of his divorced wife. The application stated that Mr. Vanderbilt is now in France and is desirous of forthwith contracting another marriage.

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PREACHER HELD AS FORGER

Police Arrest Illinois Christian Pastor on Serious Charge.

CARBONDALE, Ill., April 20. — Rev. Charles E. Campbell, pastor of the Christian church at Anna, Ill., has been arrested at the request of the police of Marshall, Ill., on a charge of forgery.

FLOUR SHUTDOWN IS OVER

Minneapolis Mills Hail Weakening Railway Concert with Order to Resume.

MINNEAPOLIS, April 20.—The shutdown of the Minneapolis flour mills has come to an end, as it is understood one of the Minneapolis-Chicago roads may break away from the concert of action.

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PEASANTS DEFEND THE MONKS

Drive Off Officials Armed with Papers of Expulsion from France.

PARIS, April 20.—The government is proceeding to expel from France those religious orders which were refused authorization and which are not leaving of their own accord.

A process server of Grenoble, while attempting to serve a summons on the monks of the Grande Chartreuse, was driven away by a crowd of peasants armed with pitchforks.

At Havre 2,000 clericals escorted a number of Franciscans from the court whither the monks had gone for the hearing of a summons, but as the case was postponed no disorders occurred. A similar scene occurred at Nimes, and a mob at St. Etienne stoned and injured a magistrate who was trying to serve notice on the Marists.

The archbishop of Lyons and the bishop of Nantes have written to Premier Combes declaring they are unable to obey the recent circulars enjoining them to forbid members of unauthorized orders to preach or hold services in unauthorized chapels. On the other hand the archbishop of Bourges has closed all such chapels in his diocese and would-be worshipers have manifested their displeasure against both the archbishop and the government.

CUBAN ROBS FOREIGN FIRMS

Gives Worthless Drafts to Pay for Five Hundred Thousand Dollars' Worth of Goods.

HAVANA, April 20.—Frauds upon merchants in London, Paris and Frankfort to the extent of $500,000 are charged against Santos Vasquez, who conducted a merchandise brokerage business in Havana under the name of the Mutual Mercantile Agency of New York.

Complaint was made by the German consul here, acting on behalf of merchants in Frankfort, and Vasquez was arrested.

It is alleged the prisoner had quantities of foreign goods shipped to Havana during the last six months, giving in payment ninety-day drafts on Fruhling Bros. of London. This firm accepted the drafts, but refused payment when due, saying the Havana house had not sent it money. Mexican merchants also are reported to have been victimized.

Withdrawing the Guards.

THE HAGUE, April 20.—The withdrawal of the military guards on the railroad has commenced in the northern and southern provinces, but the guards will be maintained for the present in the central provinces and at Amsterdam.

Five Sentenced for Mutiny.

LONDON, April 20.—The five mutinous sailors of Induna were today sentenced to terms ranging from one month to six weeks at hard labor.

Expects Heir to Throne.

LONDON, April 20.—A dispatch to the Daily Express from The Hague says that Queen Wilhelmina is expecting an heir to the throne.

FOR USE OF RAILROAD BRIDGE

Hearing of Case of Chicago Great Western Company Against Union Pacific.

The taking of testimony in the matter of the Chicago Great Western railroad against the Union Pacific, for the purpose of forcing the latter company to grant the Chicago Great Western the use and privileges of the bridge and Omaha and South Omaha trackage facilities, was begun yesterday in the federal court before the special examiner, Charles W. Pearsall.

President Burt and Assistant Auditor Bettis of the Union Pacific were on the witness stand during the forenoon and were cross-questioned with respect to the contract relations between the Union Pacific, on the one side, and the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul and the other rairoads using the privileges asked for by the Chicago Great Western on the other side.

The testimony failed to elicit any particularly new points and covered the relations between the contracting parties in so far as they concerned the use of the bridge and tracks between Omaha and South Omaha.

The counsel for the Chicago Great Western were Frank B. Kellogg, James M. Woolworth and W. D. McHugh, while John N. Baldwin represented the Union Pacific. The hearing probably will occupy two or three days.

HOME INDUSTRY PROTECTION

Result of Wyoming's New Law Prohibiting Exportation of Unmounted Antlers.

The last Wyoming legislature passed a law prohibiting the exportation of any elk antlers unless they are mounted. This act has been called to the attention of Omaha railroad men who sent to their representatives in Wyoming for a few "unmounted" antlers as specimens. They did not receive them, but instead were advised of the enactment of the new statute.

The purpose of the law is a mystery to these whose plans have been disrupted by it, but there is a grave suspicion that it will—whether designed with that end in view or not—work to the advantage of Wyoming taxidermists. In a letter sent in reply to a demand from an Omaha railroad man for a few unmounted antlers appears this casual statement:

You can get the antlers mounted by a good taxidermist here for about $15.

He had already explained that on receiving the letter he found upon investigation that the legislature had passed this law imposing a penalty for shipping out of the state any elk antlers that were not mounted.

NEWS WHILE IT IS NEWS

Red Ink Sheet Asked to Pay Damages on One of Its Exclusive Items.

Zada Hale, by her father, John D. Hale, has started suit in district court against the Omaha Daily News for $5,000 damages by alleged defamation. The girl, aged 6, is cared for by Miss Kittie Stillwell of 313 North Sixteenth, the petition avers, but all expenses are borne by the child's father, expert engineer employed by the Aultman-Taylor company. She has been at the police station with Miss Stillwell, who is matron there, and had been given the name of "Little Sunshine." The News made its offending blunder in printing that "Little Sunshine" is the daughter of Mrs. Rose Evernghim, a confessed inmate of a house of ill-fame for a time.

OIL MAGNATE FEELS KNIFE

H. H. Rogers Suffers Operation for Appendicitis and May Die.

NEW YORK, April 20.—H. H. Rogers, the Standard Oil millionaire, was operated upon today for appendicitis.

He withstood the operation well, but on account of his age, 60 years, his condition is considered grave.

BARREL VICTIM IDENTIFIED

Buffalo Woman Recognizes Picture of Dead Man as Her Husband.

SAYS HE BELONGED TO SECRET SOCIETY

Declares Spouse Joined Mysterious Order in New York, but Never Talked About Its Name, Objects or Members.

BUFFALO, April 20.—The New York detective, Petrosini, arrived at Buffalo this evening. He went at once to Trenton avenue. Mrs. Ludia Lucia Medonia identified a picture of the man found in the barrel as that of her husband, Benedetto Medonia. Mrs. Medonia said:

My husband went to New York about the first of the month. I heard from him twice since he went and wrote to him in care of Salvatore Macolozo.

The reason my husband went to New York was that my brother was in trouble there and sent to Sing Sing prison for four years. My husband said he thought that if he went to New York he could have my brother sent to a prison near Buffalo. He did not tell me why he thought he could do it, but he said something about some men down there who would be able to help him. He belonged to some secret society there; no, I don't know the name of the society. He never told me much about it. Before I came over from Italy my husband told me about belonging to a secret society in New York. He told me about it in a letter, but that was all he said.

Some time ago my brother, Joseph de Primo, got into trouble in New York. I don't know what the trouble was, but my husband said he would help him out. Then my brother sent to us for money to pay his lawyer. My husband sent the money.

I don't know just how much it was, but it was over $100. My brother had to send this money to Salvatore Macolozo. After we sent the money we got a letter from my brother saying the money had been received by Macolozo and that it had been given to Morrellio.

Afterwards, when my brother was sentenced to prison, my husband said he would go to New York and have him sent to prison in Buffalo, or near here. He said he would see Morrellio. When my husband got to New York he wrote to me that he had seen Morrellio and that Morrellio would not do anything to have my brother sent to a prison near here. He said Morrellio was against him.

No, I don't know anything about this Morrellio. My husband never told me much about him, but I guessed that he belonged to the secret society to which my husband belonged.

Before we came to this country our home was in Larcara Fredo, near Palermo, Italy. Before we came here my husband did not tell me much about his affairs and he did not after we got here. He did write to me that Morrellio was against him. He wrote it in a letter the children tore up.

One of the family will go to New York tomorrow to identify the body.

FIRE AND POLICE MATTERS

Board Allows March Bills, Grants Leaves and Makes New Policemen.

At the regular session of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners last night Messrs. Broatch, Thomas and Wright were present. Among other routine business transacted bills for the two departments during March were approved.

In the fire department William Gallagher, who at the last meeting was granted ten days' leave with pay, had this leave extended two days. Nels Nelson of hose company No. 9 was rewarded with the annual ten days off duty. Alexander E. Pockrant was placed on the substitute list.

In the police department John Brady, J. D. Reynolds and John Barrett, the first two patrolmen and the latter the hostler at the jail stable, were granted ten days' leave with pay. In the case of Brady this was for sickness. J. P. Shea was reappointed as a patrolman and Otto Lickert of 1909 South Second street, was placed on the force and will have his physical examination in the office of Dr. Ralph today. Lickert has not before been a policeman, but Shea was one of those let out last fall because of an alleged shortage in the police appropriation. The board adjourned until next Monday evening.

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OLD MAIDS' CONVENTION

Woman's Auxiliary of North Side Improvement Club Gives Entertainment.

The Woman's auxiliary of the North Side Improvement club took possession of the club's affairs last night and appropriated the evening to a very pleasant entertainment in the nature of an "old maids' convention." Gruenig's hall at Twenty-fourth street and Ames avenue, was crowded to its utmost capacity with an interested audience of women, men and children to enjoy the entertainment. The hall was very prettily decorated and a stage was improvised at the south end of the hall with dressing room accessories for the proper presentation of the "convention," which was under the management of Miss Maude Kimball. The "old maids" comprised some ten or a dozen of the brightest young women of that section of the city, and they were costumed with all the splendor of ancient spinsters, and gave a very pleasant performance, which was enthusiastically applauded by the audience. Following the "convention" the chairs were removed from the hall and the remainder of the evening was given over to an enjoyable dance, participated in by the host of young people gathered there.

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MANSFIELD FAVORS OMAHA

Great Actor Likes the Town and Gives It Consideration on His Tour.

What is Omaha's standing as a theatrical city? That was the question under discussion yesterday at lunch. There were present a banker, an editor, a broker and a theatrical manager. The last was Paul Wilstach, business manager for Richard Mansfield, and the question was put to him.

"One can only answer that from intimate experience," said Mr. Wilstach, "and based on Mr. Mansfield's warm welcomes in Omaha, your city's standing is first-class. It is with us. Heretofore, for a number of years, it has been down for one night on Mr. Mansfield's route. Always the tickets on sale have been thousands too few for the demand. So this season Omaha is down two nights of 'Julius Caesar.' This was done out of confidence in the city, for you know the science of successful management is to give as few performances to as many people as possible.

"Have you any idea of the comparative standing of Omaha on Mr. Mansfield's tour?"

"Well, comparatively this city is getting more nights of 'Julius Caesar' than any other city in America. There are Providence and Montreal, the former with 176,000 and the latter with 287,000, yet Omaha, with 103,000, has as many nights of Mansfield as either. This is based on the census of 1900, as are the following," he continued, consulting a note book: "Louisville has 204,000, Indianapolis 169,000, Rochester 162,000, Toledo 131,000, Columbus 125,000, Worcester 118,000 and New Haven 108,000; yet these, with more population than Omaha, have only half as many appearances of Mr. Mansfield. In other words, they are one-night stands on his route. From this you can gather Omaha's standing as a center of culture and appreciation, at least with Mr. Mansfield."

Mr. Wilstach has been an annual visitor to Omaha during his six years association with Mr. Mansfield and declares that the city during the last two years has shown remarkable vitality and growth. He is the author of several plays which have been seen here, the last of which was "A Capital Comedy," given by Tim Murphy, and he is the brother of Frank J. Wilstach, manager of Viola Allen, and of Claxton Wilstach, manager of petite Adelaide Thurston. He has just completed a new comedy which he has named "Polly Primrose." Adelaide Thurston will play "Polly Primrose" next season.

ROYAL ARCANUM MAGNATES

Grand Council of Nebraska Will Assemble in Omaha Next Tuesday.

The seventh annual session of the grand council, Royal Arcanum of Nebraska, will convene in this city Tuesday, April 28, at 10 a. m., in Royal Arcanum hall, Bee building. The grand council is composed of its officers, committee on laws, committee on finance, committee on state of the order, representatives from subordinate councils, representatives of the grand council to the supreme council, all past grand regents, the state medical examiner and all life members of the grand council who are in good standing in the order.

Officials of the grand council will be elected at this meeting for the ensuing year and the session promises to be one of the most largely attended in the history of the Royal Arcanum in this state. Deputy Supreme Regent James D. Loyd of Providence, R. I., has been designated by the supreme regent to install the officers of the grand council.

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