

SENATOR CULLOM IN OMAHA

Venerable Illinois Statesman Spends Several Hours in the City.

SAYS LITTLE OF POLITICS AND CANDIDACY

Has No Doubt of Roosevelt's Election to Succeed Himself as President of the United States.

United States Senator Shelby M. Cullom of Illinois was in the city several hours yesterday in his private car No. 1, of the Illinois Central road, having arrived here shortly before noon from Chicago over the Illinois Central. The train was badly delayed because of the heavy rains and was stuck in the mud for an hour or more some distance beyond Council Bluffs. Senator Cullom is accompanied by Mrs. Cullom, his sister-in-law, Mrs. Foster, and two grandchildren, the Misses Ridgely, and his private secretary, Mr. W. Malloy. The party is enroute to California to visit Senator Cullom's brother, H. C. Cullom, at San Francisco, who is lying ill of paralysis, occasioned by a stroke of the apoplexy during a runaway a few weeks ago.

The presence of the distinguished Illinoisan was not known in the city until late in the afternoon. During the afternoon the party took a carriage ride about the city.

"I must decline to talk politics," said Senator Cullom, "but am at your service on any other subject. The president has not yet issued a call for an extra session of congress, but he will doubtless do so. It now looks as if the extra session may be called for November 8, although there is a prospect of its being called about a month earlier. The president may not call it until later after ascertaining the wishes of the different sections of the country, and it is likely that November 9 will be the time.

Financial Legislation.

"The general purpose of the session will be the consideration of the Cuban treaty, but I am not prepared to say in just what manner it will be taken up. It is not probable that any extra session will be called during the extra session, as the treaty will occupy most of the time of the session.

"Financial matters will be left to the regular session. The Fowler and the Aldrich bills are now in the hands of a subcommittee of the senate finance committee, and it is difficult to predict just what the recommendation of the committee will be. I do not know just what position I may take on either of the bills before the report of the committee. I can say freely, however, that I am opposed to any currency. Our present currency system is the best in the world, and there is not much room for improvement.

"Illinois will give its electoral vote for Roosevelt for president, and he will be nominated and elected beyond the slightest doubt. I think that the vice president should go to the west and believe that it will. We had not yet heard of the candidacy of Mr. Webster of your state. Either he or General Manderson would make a good candidate. I am well acquainted with General Manderson, and think him one of the ablest men in the country. He told me shortly before the expiration of his senatorial term that he was weary of politics and desired above all things to get back to private life.

Some Probable Candidates.

"Yes, Governor Yates has announced that he will be a candidate for re-nomination for governor of Illinois. Speaking of vice presidential candidates, Senator Beveridge of Indiana has said that he does not want the nomination. Unless there is some big unlooked-for political revolution, Indiana is safe for the republican ticket. As for the democratic candidate for the presidency the party is still at sea. They have some good timber in Cleveland, Gorman and Olney. There seems to be little cohesion in the democratic party just now that it will not be able to do much, and the leaders are only waiting for some issue that they can take up. It will have to be a new one, and I take it that they are hoping for some administrative blunder. But this administration is not making any blunders. Clevelandism has the apparent ascendancy just now, and I rather think it will be that element that will dominate the democratic convention. Should Tom Johnson succeed in carrying Ohio, with Bryan to help him, it will give him a big lift with the democratic party. I know him quite well, but I do not think that there are any real differences between him and the republicans. I know him quite well, but I do not think that there are any real differences between him and the republicans. I know him quite well, but I do not think that there are any real differences between him and the republicans.

Colombia and the Canal.

"I am disposed to think that the Colombian government will yet recede from its present attitude on the Panama canal treaty matter. It looks a little to me like a question of money with them. The United States will not acquiesce in any measure that will relinquish its territorial and civil rights over the canal strip, and I think that the matter will be adjusted to the complete satisfaction of the United States. I do not think that there are any European influences back of Colombia's attitude. The European powers need the canal as bad as we do."

The senator leaned into a reminiscent strain and said:

"Some of the most pleasing memories of the old days are those related to President Lincoln, whom I knew quite well. He was a man of the most remarkable memory. He seldom spoke from notes, if ever. It was his Cooper institute speech that really made him president. When he went east to deliver it he had the address to Joe Merrill and Dr. Ray, both old-time Chicago friends of his. They took it and suggested a number of additions and interlineations, and had their notes passed all around it. Mr. Lincoln took it very philosophically, and thinking that they were his kindred spirits, he took it to New York and delivered his speech (verbatim-interlineated) as he had originally prepared it. When Merrill and Ray read over the speech later in the New York papers, they did

not discover a line or word of their notes or interlineations, and Merrill was moved to remark that their additions to the speech must have blown out the window.

Cleveland's Superb Confidence.

"President Cleveland was another man of phenomenal memory. At his first inauguration he delivered his inaugural address off-hand and without the slightest reference to notes. This was the first instance that I remember of a president doing this. It was also Mr. Cleveland's first appearance in Washington, and the achievement was remarkable from the fact that he was a stranger to the manners and customs of the city, and his superb self-confidence in delivering that address off-hand before that great audience of over 10,000 people, including some of the greatest public speakers of the country, was certainly a great thing to do.

"Yes, there are several senators who anticipate me in the senate, among them Senators Aldrich, Allison, Hale, Frye and one or two others. I entered the senate in 1882.

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Looking for Dave Rice.

The police are looking for Dave Rice, colored. Yesterday afternoon at Swift's Rice assaulted Thomas Trowbridge, the foreman of the beef killing department, and injured him quite severely. Rice had been given an order which he declined to obey and Trowbridge told him he would either do as told or quit. Rice then struck Trowbridge a blow which knocked him down and stunned him. Before an officer arrived Rice got away from the plant and it is thought that he has left the city.

Magic City Gossp.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike O'Hearn have returned from an eastern trip.

A son was born Wednesday to Mr. and Mrs. James J. Fitzgerald.

Mrs. Mary Stants of Lincoln is here visiting her father, Charles Stants.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Brownham, 240 Q street, announce the birth of a son.

Miss M. E. Ellis of Peru, Mo., is in the city the guest of Mrs. Mary J. Carpenter.

Colonel J. B. Watkins left last night for Winnipeg to attend to some business matters.

Frank J. Fille came up from Lincoln yesterday to look after his property interests here.

A daughter has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sorensen, Thirteenth and Harrison streets.

A permanent sidewalk is being laid around the corner of the city hall at Twenty-first and M streets.

Miss Augusta Burke returned last night from Dunlap, Mo., where she visited friends and relatives for a few days.

Dana Morrill, president of the South Omaha Board of Education, continues to improve at the South Omaha hospital.

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C. W. Tullie, a switchman at the stock yards, had his right hand badly bruised yesterday when he stepped on it.

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Denies Validity of Pact

Attorney Attacks Contract Awarded by Council.

Holds Action by Resolution Void

Argues that Council Has No Right to Transact Business of Any Kind Except by Solemn Ordinance.

Has the city council the right to transact any business except by formal ordinance?

Attorney W. A. DeBord says it has not. He has raised this point as one of the principal reasons why asphalt repairs should not be made under a contract awarded to the Barber Asphalt company. According to his argument, made before Judge Day yesterday afternoon, several thousand and some matters the various councils have disposed of by mere resolution, concurrent or "plain," since the first council was organized, were handled contrary to law.

The contention of the attorney is that the charter specifically authorizes the council to do certain things by ordinance, but provides no other mode of accomplishing business, stating explicitly that no exception will be made unless specifically provided.

"I challenge anyone to improve this statement," he says in court. "The word resolution is mentioned in the charter but once, but in no place is authority given to the council to proceed by resolution. All its acts must be carried out through the dignified and solemn ordinance. The council cannot do business as it pleases, according to numerous court decisions, but must act in a definite way as authorized to do by the power creating it."

Resolution the Rule.

The rule with the Omaha council has been to award contracts, order the expenditure of money and, in fact, transact all ordinary business by resolution, concurrent and requiring signature by the mayor when involving money, and "plain" when not. By this means an act could be consummated at a single meeting, instead of requiring two sessions on different days, as ordinance demand.

Judge Day's decision is anxiously waited. The case pending is the injunction suit brought by an association of the Nebraska Bimillitium company to restrain the city from proceeding under a contract for asphalt repaving awarded to the Barber Asphalt company by concurrent resolution.

Attorneys for the plaintiff hold that one of the reasons why the injunction should issue is that the proposition exacted pledged the bidder to furnish a surety company bond for the amount of the undertaking involved, and that the mayor and council have not the right to exercise such discretion, as opposed to a personal bond signed by two resident freeholders.

The arguments will be finished today, but a decision is not looked for immediately.

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