PRESIDENT TAKES NO PART

Tells Politicians He Will Not Interfere in Factional Fight in Illinois.

ENTERTAINS LEAGUERS AT LUNCHEON

Members of National League of Republican Clubs Guest of Chief Executive and Meet His Friends.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—President Roosevelt declared to a party of Illinois officials and political friends who called on him today that he would take no part, directly or indirectly, in the political contest now being waged in that state. The members of the party are supporters of Governor Yates and hope that he may be renominated and re-elected. The president, in addition to defining his own position, does not expect that federal officeholders in the state will participate actively in the contest, as his position in respect to such activity is pretty well understood.

Entertains Members of League.

The president today entertained at luncheon the officers of the National League of Republican Clubs and prominent league workers from various parts of the country. Invited to meet them were several of the president's personal friends.

The guests at luncheon were: J. Hampton Moore, president of the league; James J. Sheridan of Chicago, vice president; Elbert W. Weeks of Guthrie Center, Ia., secretary; Sid B. Redding of Little Rock, Ark., treasurer; John A Stewart of New York, president New York league; C. F. Gallenkamp of St. Louis, president Missouri league; Scott Benham of Cincinnati, president Ohio league; R. Harry Miller of Fairmount, Ind., president of the Indiana league; Dr. Henry W. Coe of Portland, Ore., president of the executive committee of the Oregon Roosevelt league; Joseph M. Huston, J. Martin Rommell of Philadelphia and John Porter of Chicago, Secretary Cortelyou of the Department of Commerce and Labor, William Loeb, jr., secretary to the president; Nevada Stranahan, collector of the port of New York; General J. S. Clarkson, surveyor of the port of New York; Linn Bruce, chairman of the republican committee of New York, and J. R. Sheffield of New York.

Will Receive Diplomatic Corps.

Mrs. Roosevelt will receive the diplomatic corps on Friday next, December 18, at 5 o'clock. Owing to the period of mourning which has been observed at the White House the recently accredited diplomats have not before had the opportunity to be presented to Mrs. Roosevelt. Mrs. Roosevelt will give a children's party on Saturday afternoon, December 26, from 4 to 6:30 o'clock.

Still Protest Against Smoot.

A mass meeting will be held at the Metropolitan Methodist Episcopal church in this city tomorrow afternoon to protest against the seating of Senator Smoot of Utah. Bishop Satterlee will preside.

Negroes Call on President.

The executive committee of the Afro-American league held its final meeting today. The next session will be held in St. Louis, beginning September 6, 1904. The committee declared vacant the office of national organizer held by James H. Hayes of Virginia and A. B. Cosey of New Jersey was appointed to the place. A committee was appointed to revise the constitution as well as the taking of definite action eliminating the nonpartisam character of the organization. During the day Bishop Alexander Walters of New Jersey and several other members of the council called on President Roosevelt and discussed with him matters of interest to their race.

EVENTS ON RUNNING TRACKS

Dutiful Goes Longest Route and Wins Preliminary Derby at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 12.—Rain fell after the third race today, but not sufficient to spoil the speed of the track for the preliminary Derby handicap for 2-year-olds at six furlongs, worth $1,225 to the winner. Captain S. S. Brown's pair, Exclamation and Safety Light, were favorites. Scherr's entry, Dutiful and Monastic, opened at fours, receding to seven. Fifteen started. Monastic set the pace to the head of the stretch, then J. P. Mayberry forged to the front. Dutiful, who had gone the longest route, came very fast at the end, winning in a drive by half a length. Parisienne and Montebank were the winning favorites.

Results:

First race, six furlongs: Scorpio won, Van Ness second, Elsie L. third. Time: 1:14¾.

Second race, five furlongs: Parisienne won, Belle Mahona second, Tioga third. Time: 1:02.

Third race, for 2-year-olds, seven furlongs: Montebank won, Sea Shark second, Wreath of Ivy third. Time: 1:45.

Fourth race, preliminary Derby, handicap, six furlongs: Dutiful won, Conkling second, J. P. Mayberry third. Time: 1:16.

Fifth race, one mile and a sixteenth: Sarah Maxim won, Bard of Avon second, Pastime third. Time: 1:53.

Sixth race, one mile and a half, selling: Adelante won, The Bobby second, Siddons third. Time: 2:43.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—Results:

First race, thirteen-sixteenth of a mile, selling: Judge won, Avenger second, Winfreda third. Time: 1:21.

Second race, futurity course, selling: Nervator won, Mocorito second, Fort Wayne third. Time: 1:11.

Third race, five furlongs, purse: H. L. Frank won, Military Man second, The Cure third. Time: 1:00.

Fourth race, seven furlongs, selling, Crocker stakes: Fossil won, Waste Nicht second, Princess Titania third. Time: 1:26.

Fifth race, one mile and a quarter: Club Men won, Position second, The Ferrier third. Time: 2:08¾.

Sixth race, one mile and an eighth, handicap: Homilus won, Eonic second, Verano third. Time: 1:53¾.

Thirteen Get Rewards of Merit.

IOWA CITY, Ia., Dec. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—The Iowa Board of Athletic Control on recommendation of Coach Chalmers, today granted "I's" to thirteen members of the 1903 foot ball team. Those receiving "I's" were: Captain Coulthard, Gilwinn, Donovan, Johnston, Atkinson, McGowan, Watters, Griffith, Allen, Jones, Fred Buckley, Gibbs and Roy Buckley.

Winners of Bicycle Race.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The six-day bicycle race was won by Walthour and Munroe, with Leander and Butler second and Floyd Krebs and Peterson third.

Sands Wins Tennis Championship.

TUXEDO PARK, Dec. 12.—In the final round for the gold racquet championship today Charles E. Sands of New York defeated Joshua Crane, jr., champion of the United States, in straight heats, 6-4, 6-3, 6-0, thus gaining two legs on the handsome trophy presented by Suffern Tailor to the Tuxedo Tennis and Racket club for competition.

MAY BRING THE WIZARD HERE

Contemplated Billiard Tourney May Attract Jacob Shaefer to Omaha This Winter.

Now that the outdoor games, such as foot ball, golf, base ball and the like, are out of season, the indoor games are once more in vogue. One of the games which is now competing with bowling, basket ball and the like is billiards, and the announcement is made that a tourney for the city championship will begin in the Symes billiard hall on January 11, 150 points to be played each night until the winner is known. The entrants are numerous. This tourney is what is known as "class A" and is at 14-inch balk line, the winner to be known as the champion of the city. Arrangements are under way for a state tournew which will be held in this city later on. It is expected that before the winter ends some of the crack billiardists of the east will visit Omaha. Among the probabilities is Jake Shaefer, the "Wizard."

Columbus Outbowls Schuyler.

COLUMBUS, Neb., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—The Big Five team came down from Schuyler last evening and a match game was rolled with the Columbus team on Hagel's alleys. The home team forfeited three fouls, but still had a good lead at the end of the game. Following is the score:

COLUMBUS.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Kavanaugh	157	189	157	503
Gregorius	137	189	151	477
Hagel	121	184	173	488
Snyder	134	199	153	486
Drake	155	149	156	460
Total				2,414

SCHUYLER.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Becker	197	156	135	488
Goodenschwager	135	197	139	471
Pruyn	133	115	113	361
Webster	178	121	127	426
Marek	145	124	160	429
Total				2,175

Iowa Wins Opening Game.

IOWA CITY, Ia., Dec. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Iowa defeated Grinnell 39 to 35 in the opening basket ball game of the season here today.

WALTER WELLMAN HAS PLAN

Turns Scheme Over to Arctic Club if It Would Reach North Pole.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The annual dinner of the Arctic club, composed of men who have had experience in the Arctic regions, was held tonight, Prof. Brewer of Yale presiding. The guest of honor was Walter Wellman, the explorer, of Washington.

Mr. Wellman in the course of his address proposed that the Arctic club itself fit out an expedition to reach the north pole. He suggested that a committee be formed to prepare the plan and select the leader and the members of the party. He said that if an American citizen of wealth who wished that America should have the honor of being first to reach the pole would come forward with the necessary funds, about $100,000, he would turn over to the club his plan for attaining the pole.

A Work of Art.

Following its usual custom of previous years, the Equitable Life Assurance society has issued a beautiful calendar for the coming year. It is printed on art paper and splendidly colored, depicting the frolics of the child, first playing child, and on the last page she is found in the role of grandmother. H. D. Neely is the general manager for this district and will gladly furnish one of these gems upon request.

DEATH RECORD.

Father of Eleven.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Frank Busche, sr., passed away yesterday after a short illness. Two weeks ago he suffered a stroke of pafalysis and a few hours later he received another stroke. Mr. Busche was born in Philadelphia in 1858, and came to Nebraska in 1866. Besides a widow he leaves eleven children. The funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon.

Prison Evangelist.

DAVENPORT, Ia., Dec. 12.—J. Stanley Forest, widely known as the prison evangelist, died here today from tuberculosis. He had served several terms in penitentiaries in Iowa, Illinois, Indiana and other states, according to his own story. He was afterward converted and became an evangelist.

Cuming County Pioneer.

WEST POINT, Neb., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—The remains of Mrs. Cecelia Wortmann were laid to rest this week. Deceased was the widow of Joseph Wortmann, one of the first settlers, and was aged 65 years. She was the mother of thirteen children, of whom nine survive her.

Lord Abinger.

PARIS, Dec. 12.—Lord Abinger died in a hospital here today as the result of injuries sustained in falling down the stairs of a restaurant. He was born in 1871. His mother is a daughter of the late Commodore Magruder, U. S. N.

James Heaston.

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—James Heaston, for the past twenty-seven years a resident of this section of the state, died yesterday, aged 61 years. He is survived by his wife and family of grown children.

Mother of Nine Children.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Mrs. George Hanson, aged 65 years, residing southwest of Plattsmouth, died at her home yesterdaoy. A husband, six sons and three daughters survive her.

Iowa Central's Showing.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—The annual report of the Iowa Central railroad has just been issued. While the transportation receipts show a decrease, the result is considered satisfactory by President Hawley. The gross earnings for the year ended June 30, 1903, were $2,405,543, a decrease of $128,806. Expenses and taxes were $1,966,980, a decrease of $135,810.

DIED.

LINDHOLM—John P., aged 62 years 3 months 26 days, after forty-five years of residence in Omaha.

Funeral, Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence of Mrs. Marks, 1208 Cass street. Interment at Forest Lawn cemetery. Friends invited.

CHARGES AGAINST SMOOT

Specific Complaint with Six Counts Filed Against Salt Lake Senator.

SIGNED BY EIGHTEEN MEN OF UTAH

Accuses Senator of Favoring Polygamy and of Being Member of Church Not Loyal to Nation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12. — The senate committee on privileges and elections met today to outline a policy to be pursued in investigation of the protests filed against Senator Reed Smoot being permitted to retain his seat and decided that before taking further steps in the matter Senator Smoot should be given opportunity to make reply to the charges.

Senator Burrows, chairman of the committee, was instructed to notify Mr. Smoot of the decision of the committee and to request that whatever reply he may desire to make shall be in writing.

In addition to the innumerable petitions filed with the committee for the expulsion of Mr. Smoot two protests from citizens of Utah were presented and briefly considered by the committee. These protests charge Mr. Smoot with being a polygamist. They also charge that the Mormon church, of which Smoot is an apostle, holds its own laws to be superior to those of the state, and they contend that the church still stands for polygamy. Neither Senator Smoot nor his opponents were represented at the meeting and for that reason members of the committee avoided taking any action which would in any manner show the sentiment of individuals.

The specific charge that Mr. Smoot is a polygamist is made by John T. Leilich. The other charges are signed by eighteen citizens of Utah, of whom fourteen are republicans and four democrats. A statement has been filed with the committee giving the occupations and other facts concerning the signers. This statement shows them to be men of standing. Their charges are:

Charges Against Smoot.

1. The Mormon priesthood, according to the doctrines of that church, is vested with supreme authority in all things, temporal and spiritual.

2. The first presidency and twelve apostles are supreme in the exercise and transmission of the mandates of this authority.

3. That this body of men has not abandoned the principles and practice of political dictation, so also it has not abandoned belief in polygamy and polygamous cohabitation.

4. That this is the attitude of the first presidency, and even since the suspensory manifesto of 1890, is evidenced by their teachings.

5. This body, of which Senator Smoot is one, encourages the practice of polygamy and polygamous cohabitation, and those whom they have permitted to hold legislative offices have without protest or objection from them sought to pass a law nullifying enactments against polygamous cohabitation.

6. The supreme authorities in the church, of whom Senator-elect Reed H. Smoot is one, to wit, the first presidency and twelve apostles, not only connive at violations of, but protect and honor the violators of, the laws against polygamy and polygamous cohabitation.

Senator Will Make Showing.

During the meeting it was stated on behalf of Senator Smoot that he had employed counsel and that John G. Carlisle would conduct the prosecution. There was considerable informal discussion of the case, in the course of which Senator Hoar spoke of the charge that the Mormon church had undertaken to dictate the course of political affairs, and said that if this was true this was a very serious matter. He urged careful inquiry on that point. The consensus of opinion was that if the investigation was entered upon it should be thorough.

After the committee adjourned Senator Burroughs notified Senator Smoot in writing of the committee's action and forwarded to him a copy of the charges.

The Utah senator, discussing the matter, said he would be glad to prepare a statement in denial of the charges affecting his character as soon as practicable and added that if necessary he would bring witnesses to substantiate his assertions.

To Lovers of Scottish Music.

Miss Flora F. Donaldson, the Gaelic and Scottish prima donna soprano, whose conquests in the realm of song are noted all over the civilized world, has just arrived in America on a tour around the world, and will give a concert in Kountze Memorial church, Monday evening, December 21.

Accompanying Miss Donaldson is Gavin Spence, the prince of delineators of Scottish character. The two make a combination acknowledged by critics to be the strongest and most fascinating in its particular line of artistic work.

The artists have given their entertainments in the principal cities and towns of Europe and America, and everywhere have they met with the most flattering success. Their names are a household word in Britain. They have entertained royalty; have sung and danced before the nobility in almost every county of the realm.

If the palm for supremacy in the art of song writing rests with the Scotch, as has been so often declared, no better opportunity could possibly be open to music lovers of the west than hearing Flora F. Donaldson in her superb soprano renderings of the classic lilts and deathless lyrics.

WESTON OFFERS COMPROMISE

Majority of Creditors of Bank, After Stormy Meeting at Casper, Will Accept.

CASPER, Wyo., Dec. 12.—The creditors of the failed bank at this place held a stormy meeting here today. State Auditor Weston of Nebraska, a partner in the bank, who was arrested at the time of the failure and has since been here, attended the meeting and agreed to raise $10,000 if the charges against him were dismissed, and to this a majority of the creditors agreed.

Mr. Weston expects to have the money in Casper by the middle of next week, and after paying it over will leave for Lincoln. His partners in the bank are turning over their property to creditors. The meeting at times was exciting and some of the more demonstrative creditors made threats. Friends of Auditor Weston assert that he is innocent of wrong-doing.

Expect Black Hills Editors to Join.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—At a meeting of local newspaper men preliminary steps were taken to arrange for the entertainment of the members of the South Dakota Press association, which will hold its regular mid-winter meeting in Sioux Falls on January 21 and 22. A movement is on foot to have the Black Hills editors participate in the meeting, one of the railroads having offered to place a special train at the disposal of the editors of that section if a sufficient number will make the round trip to Sioux Falls.

Mitchell's New Library is Open.

MITCHELL, S. D., Dec. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Mitchell's new library building was opened to the public today. It was completed last summer at a cost of $12,000, but was not opened until now on account of the books not having arrived. There are now nearly 2,000 volumes and another large order for books has been placed.

Grain Men Adjust Differences.

HURON, S. D., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—A conference of grain dealers was held here yesterday for the purpose of adjusting differences between grain men and some of their agents. J. J. Quinn, secretary of the Grain Men's union, came from Minneapolis to assist in settling the differences, which was accomplished to the satisfaction of all concerned.

BANK DIRECTOR HAS TO PAY

Depositor Sues on Ground that He Placed Faith in Published Report and Recovers.

COLUMBUS, Neb., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—The court yesterday instructed a verdict for $300 for the plaintiff in the suit brought by Peter Phillips, a Butler county farmer, against Louis Hahn, a director of the Bellwood bank, which failed in January, 1902. Hahn had signed a published report the previous month certifying the bank to be in good, sound condition, and Phillips alleged that upon the strength of this report he deposited in the bank during the months of December, 1901, and January, 1902, sums of money aggregating $1,900. The testimony of Mr. Hahn went to show that even had he exercised due caution in keeping posted with the bank's affairs he was not the only one misled by the artful work of the men responsible for the failure, and among the others were practical business men.

The case has attracted considerable attention throughout the state and will probably be appealed. One of the questions involved is the extent of responsibility of bank directors in the actual business management of bank affairs, and the present verdict is one to make directors duly cautious in the future about placing their names to instruments purporting to be a true report of the condition of their banks.

Nebraska Hens Win Prize.

RAVENNA, Neb., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—The Sherman county hen has made her mark on the scroll of fame. A pen of Rose Comb Brown Leghorns, owned by Mrs. A. H. Hansel of Sherman county, near Loup City, won first honors in the international egg-laying contest recently conducted at Hawksberry Agricultural college, New South Wales, Australia, by the government poultry expert. Mrs. Hansel entered a pen of hens in the contest last spring. The reports show that these chickens have outdone all other competitors from all parts of the world. The contest covered a period of six months from April to September inclusive, and in that time the Sherman county chickens were credited with 711 eggs, having a market value of $24.28.

Poisoned by Sardines.

RAVENNA, Neb., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—For six hours John Terry of Sweetwater was a very sick man, due, it is supposed, to eating poisonous canned fish. Sunday evening Mr. Terry ate a small piece of canned sardine. Monday morning about 4 o'clock he was awakened by severe cramps in the stomach and bowels. At 7 o'clock the muscles of his limbs commenced cramping and forming into hard knots, and shooting pains passed through his body, and for a matter of six hours he suffered great agony. He sent to Ravenna for Dr. Penn, who soon succeeded in relieving him.

Plays Role of Preacher.

SHELTON, Neb., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—J. F. Marston, an insurance agent, fell into the toils of the law at Shelton last week. He represented himself in the employ of the Aetna Insurance company and also claimed to be a Baptist minister. He went to the Baptist society in Shelton some few weeks ago and offered to conduct a series of revival meetings for them. They accepted his offer and engaged the Evangelical church. "Rev." Marston officiated in an able manner, but after three or four meetings they suddenly ceased and no one knew why. Last week he left and also left a board bill with Landlord Crumley of the Commercial hotel. The latter gentleman had the so-called parson returned to Shelton and Marston fixed up the matter satisfactory to the hotel man. In his grip which he left at the hotel was found a discharge from the Illinois penitentiary signed by Governor Yates.

Cheap 'Phones for Stanton.

STANTON, Neb., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—G. C. Merritt, president of the Western Engineering company, has made the city a proposition to install an independent telephone system, and an ordinance is being drawn embodying the proposal. Local and long distance 'phones at $1.75 per month and $1.25 for residences are to be furnished, and the company is to pay $100 and 1 per cent of gross earnings to the city for the first five years, 3 per cent for the next five years, and 4 per cent thereafter.