

LOW COURT HOUSE BID UNDER MILLION

Caldwell & Drake of Columbus, Ind., Offer to Build it for \$824,848.

COST WILL BE LESS IF DIVIDED

Same Firm Has Lowest Bids on Four Separate Parts.

ROBERT BUTKE, OMAHA, GETS IN

Long End of Work by Home Man if Separated.

BIDS REFERRED TO A COMMITTEE

Offers Range from \$825,000 to \$1,100,000 and Various Materials Are Specified, Which Remain to Be Considered.

General Bids.

Caldwell & Drake, Columbus, Ind., twenty months, \$824,848.

H. Ellensberger company, Chicago, two years, \$868,659.

W. J. John, Peoria, Ill., two years, \$859,500.

James Black Masonry and Construction company, St. Louis, two years, \$873,333.

Morrow Bros., Baltimore, Md., two years, \$841,930.

H. J. John, Omaha, two and a half years, \$892,500.

James Black Masonry and Construction company, St. Louis, \$894,847.

Ladd-Sawyer Construction company, Denver, \$961,149.

James Black Masonry and Construction company, St. Louis, two years, \$900,000.

James Black Masonry and Construction company, St. Louis, two and one-half years, \$846,000.

Ambrose Stannard, New York City, two years, \$1,015,681.

F. P. Gould & Son, Omaha, two and one-half years, \$747,583.

Other material, two and one-half years, \$88,000.

John H. Hart, Omaha, two and one-half years, \$915,644.

Northern Construction company, Milwaukee, two years, \$927,000; two and one-half years, \$927,000.

H. Burke, Omaha, two and one-half years, \$1,008,000.

General Construction company, Milwaukee, Wis., two and one-half years, \$87,000.

C. R. Anglin, St. Louis, Mo., two years, \$799,998.

Hilger & Co., Chicago, two years, \$1,088,976; two and one-half years, \$1,096,976.

William Grace company, Chicago, Ill., two years, \$922,000.

W. Peterson, Omaha, two and one-half years, \$1,104,660.

E. J. John, Omaha, two years, \$915,000.

A. & S. Wilson company, Pittsburg, two years, \$922,000; one and one-half years, \$898,000.

Thompson-Starratt company, Chicago, Ill., two and one-half years, \$883,000.

Conners Bros. Co., Lowell, Mass., two and one-half years, \$1,036,000.

Will Cost Under Million.

Douglas county's new court house will not cost more than \$1,000,000 unless elevators, electric wiring, lockers and the heating apparatus costs more than \$175,000.

Caldwell & Drake, contractors of Columbus, Ind., were the low bidder on the complete job when bids were opened by county commissioners Monday, the bid of the firm being \$824,848, and it offers to complete the work in twenty months.

Taking four of the bids on separate parts of the construction submitted by Caldwell & Drake and the bid of R. Butke of Omaha for another part of the work of the court house without fixtures will cost \$824,848.

All bids are to be gone over, as the materials differ and substitution of the same kind of material specified by Caldwell & Drake by some other bidder, may make a difference, and a careful comparison of the materials specified may give preference to some other bidder. But as the bids stand, Caldwell & Drake are lowest on the complete job and their four bids on separate parts of the work are the lowest.

A number of bids were above \$1,000,000 for the complete job and contractors offered to complete the work in from eighteen months to two and one-half years. One St. Louis contractor bid \$900,000 and offered to do the work in two years, putting in another bid at \$948,000 if the work took two and one-half years.

Two bids were thrown out because no certified checks were sent with the bids. The board ordered the certified checks, amounting to more than \$200,000, to be held until the county board ordered their return. The \$20 checks deposited for plans may be had at any time, according to an order of the board.

When the reading, which took just one hour and fifteen minutes, was complete, the bids were referred to the county clerk, comptroller and the chairman of the board for tabulation and summarizing.

Total of Separation Bids.

The total of the five separation bids amounted to \$824,848, or about \$100,000 less than the bid for the entire structure. One of the separation bids, an Omaha firm, R. Butke, was the lowest on Separation No. 1, the bid being \$37,675.

No. 1—R. Butke, Omaha, \$37,675.

No. 2—Caldwell & Drake, Columbus, Ind., \$24,848.

No. 3—Caldwell & Drake, Columbus, Ind., \$24,848.

No. 4—Caldwell & Drake, Columbus, Ind., \$8,941.

No. 5—Caldwell & Drake, Columbus, Ind., \$12,178.

Total, \$824,848.

Separation bid No. 1.

Northern Construction company, Milwaukee, \$200,000.

Caldwell & Drake, Columbus, Ind., \$38,000.

R. Butke, Omaha, \$37,675.

Moore Bros., Baltimore, Md., \$39,000.

W. Peterson, Omaha, \$19,367.

A. C. Busk, Omaha, \$19,367.

W. M. Allen, Son & Co., Peoria, Ill., \$24,000.

Northern Construction company, Milwaukee, \$22,952.

Caldwell & Drake, Columbus, Ind., \$20,000.

Katz-Craig, Omaha, (two years), \$36,000.

R. Butke, Omaha, \$32,500.

Moore Bros., Baltimore, Md., \$31,900.

Edwards & Ward, (two and one-third years), Chicago, Ill., \$32,831; other material, \$28,839; other material, \$38,520.

Phoenix Stone and Lime company, Kansas, \$28,000.

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Maybray Gang Face Grand Jury and Civil Courts

ms Flock to Little Rock and Identify Leader and One or More of Accomplices.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 1.—The vic-tims of the alleged gang of swindlers under arrest here are today arriving in Little Rock, and all of them have identified J. C. Maybray, the alleged leader and one more of the quartette.

J. G. Kille of Decatur, Ill., an aged farmer who was swindled February 22, identified all of the men under arrest. Kille came here to invest \$10,000 and went to a horse race in the suburbs, supplying his money for two hours to a better who was short. Mr. Kille went before the grand jury.

It is believed that all of the men now under arrest will be indicted and that several others who escaped when the raid was made, will be captured.

J. S. Tierney of Streator, Ill., who also arrived today, gave up \$10,000 on a wrestling match in New Orleans January 24, 1907. W. H. McGrath of Minneapolis, another victim, came in last night. He admits losing \$10,000 in a race in Council Bluffs last summer, being "steered" into the game by an "old college friend."

Each of the victims has today filed suit against Maybray and his associates and will follow the example of J. E. Cavanaugh, who was also victimized and attached the boxes shipped to Davenport, Ia., which are supposed to contain \$50,000.

Henry Stockwell, a jockey in the employ of Maybray, who was formerly prominent on association tracks, confessed to officers today, implicating others. Stockwell was identified by J. S. Tierney of Streator, Ill., as one of the wrestlers in the match by which he was swindled out of \$10,000 at the St. Charles hotel in New Orleans.

No Money in Boxes.

DAVENPORT, Ia., March 1.—Two boxes, supposed to contain \$50,000, that were sent to Davenport by express by the swindlers under arrest at Little Rock, were opened this afternoon and found to contain nothing of value. Only newspaper clippings and similar articles were found in the boxes, for which several victims of the swindlers were contesting in court.

Demands Death or Freedom

A. T. Patrick, New York Murderer, Tells Court He Should Be Executed or Released.

NEW YORK, March 1.—Albert T. Patrick, serving a life sentence for the murder of William March Rice, the aged millionaire, appeared before the appellate division of the supreme court of Brooklyn today on a writ of habeas corpus. Patrick argued his own case, contending that he either deserves death in the electric chair or freedom because his commutation to life imprisonment was illegal.

SCALE IN IRON TRADES IS REDUCED THIRTY PER CENT.

Price for Puddling Lowered from \$4.50 to \$3 and Hundreds Are Affected.

POTTSTOWN, Pa., March 1.—A sweeping reduction in the scale for puddling iron in the Schuylkill valley went into effect today at the plant of the Glasgow Iron company. From \$4.50 per ton which has been the price for the last three or four years, the price is reduced to \$3.

DOUGLAS EMPLOYEES STRIKE

Four Hundred Workers for Former Massachusetts Governor Allege Unfair Treatment.

BROCKTON, Mass., March 1.—Alleging unfair treatment in regard to prices for work, 400 employees quit work at the W. L. Douglas Shoe company's factory in this city today.

Paque Train in Mexico.

MEXICO CITY, March 1.—Led by Pablo Macedo, who was instrumental in bringing about the National Association of Mexican Railroads, and Senor Landa y Escobar, governor of the federal district of Mexico, a corporation is being organized to control the output of oil in Mexico. The shareholders as well as the dispensers are being organized and the price probably will be advanced.

Fake Prize Fighter Tells How He Killed His Man

At least one of the men engaged in the carnival of fake prize fights and foot races by which wealthy easy marks have been separated from some of their money at Council Bluffs has been under arrest in Omaha and offered to the Council Bluffs authorities with no takers.

TAFT RECEIVES MANY CALLERS

President-Elect Also Takes Long Walk and Attends Philippine Dinner in Evening.

LONG CONFERENCE WITH KNOX

Number of Important Matters of Administration Gone Into.

PRESIDENT-ELECT FEELING WELL

Apparent Fine Physical Condition is Subject of Congratulation.

CHANGE MADE IN PROGRAM

Mrs. Taft and Mrs. Sherman Will Ride with Their Husbands on the Drive Back to the White House.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—A rush of morning callers interrupted a long walk in the afternoon, and attendance tonight at a special dinner in his honor by the "Taft Philippine Expedition" brought President-elect Taft to within two days of his inauguration with less serious demands on his time than he has experienced during any day since his late return from Panama and New Orleans.

The apparent splendid physical condition, the universal good humor and absence from worry and nervous strain of Mr. Taft made a uniformly gratifying impression on the many statesmen, politicians and friends who are received by him daily. His jovial remark is that his "inaugural address is prepared, his cabinet selected, the inaugural committee is preparing all details for the ceremony on Thursday and why should he feel otherwise than comfortable."

Conference with Knox.

The day was begun with an extended conference between the president-elect and Senator Knox, at which many important matters pertaining to the next administration were gone over. Mr. Knox is giving much attention to the prospective organization of the State department, over which he is to preside after March 4. Besides, he is being consulted freely by Mr. Taft regarding the affairs of other departments. Mr. Taft has many times remarked that he should give great weight to the judgment of his secretary of state.

Charles Nagel of St. Louis, with Mrs. Nagel is here, and they paid their respects to Mr. Taft. In the absence of the official announcement of the personnel of the new cabinet, Mr. Nagel is somewhat shy when addressed as "Mr. Secretary." That the Missouri member of the republican national committee is to be the new secretary of commerce and labor, however, is known to be a fact. Frank H. Hitchcock is here from New York. He spent some time at the capital today, and also saw Mr. Taft regarding matters which will arise directly after the inauguration. No other members of the Taft cabinet are in Washington, with the exception of Postmaster General Meyer and Secretary Wilson, who are attending to their respective duties in the Roosevelt cabinet.

A federal judgeship in northern Alabama brought to the Boardman residence this afternoon a delegation from that state headed by Representative Richman. Mr. Taft went over the situation with them and listened to their recommendations.

An informal tea, which was the feature at the Boardman residence this afternoon, attracted thereto many members of Washington official and social life, and Mr. and Mrs. Taft met all callers.

Philippine Dinner Party.

The Philippine dinner tonight was arranged by Miss Mabel Boardman and Representative McKinley of Illinois, and was the most pretentious of the enjoyable occasions which this famous party indulges in every year. There were present seven United States senators and twenty-four members of the house of representatives, besides a number of otherwise distinguished personages who called to the orient with Mr. Taft in 1905.

The dinner took place in the banquet hall of the Willard hotel, which was rich in decorations and floral settings. Senator Nicholas Longworth and Miss Alice Roosevelt became betrothed; Representative Bourke Cockran met Miss Ide, daughter of Judge Ide of the Philippine commission, who is now Mrs. Casey; and Representative Swager Sherley of Kentucky met Miss Mignon Critter of Staten Island, to whom he became engaged.

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NEARING THE END OF A TEMPESTUOUS VOYAGE

From the St. Paul Pioneer Press.

ALIENS IN UNITED STATES

Immigration Commission Gathering Statistics of Foreign Element.

SCHOOLS AND ASSIMILATION

Many Evasions of Exclusion Law Found and Remedies Will Be Pointed Out in Future Report to Congress.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Some facts showing the far reaching character of the work of the joint commission on immigration, which was appointed by congress on February 20, 1907, were presented to congress today through the publication of a preliminary report by the commission. This report deals with practically every phase of the immigration question, including Oriental aliens and other excluded classes, peonage, charity among immigrants, white slave traffic, conditions of steerage, anthropology, congestion in large cities, alien criminality, competition on immigrants, school inquiries, administration of the immigration laws, distribution of immigrants and other questions.

One of the most important features of the work is connected with evasions of the law resulting in the importation of excluded classes.

An investigation is being made into the question of the importation and harboring of women for immoral purposes. The results show that many women are being constantly imported under conditions which amount to absolute slavery.

It has been found that in numerous instances persons afflicted with contagious diseases, and even criminals of a dangerous type, have been able to evade the immigration laws and come to this country under the pretense of being seamen. The utmost importance is attached to the inquiry being made into the subject of alien criminality.

The most extensive important work undertaken by the commission in the general field is investigation into economic and social status of immigrants to various sections of the country. The most important topic being covered is the employes, hours of work and discrimination for or against immigrants in employment, wages and housing.

In taking up the congestion of immigrants in large cities the commission is observing under the pretense of membership by member of one race, as to whether the slinging together of members of the same race handicaps them in their struggle for advancement and prevents the rapid assimilation and Americanization.

A careful inquiry among wage earners who are forced to compete with immigrant labor, is being made among workers in the trades and occupations in which immigrants are largely engaged.

A special field investigation is being

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Schroeder Gets on the Ballot Despite Protest

City Attorney Holds Not Even Registration is Necessary, Say Nothing About Party Affiliation.

FINDING AGAINST HASKELL

Court Holds That Seizure of Papers of Hearst's Agent is Illegal.

NO EVIDENCE OF CONSPIRACY

Judge Strang Says Governor's Writ Makes No Showing That Would Justify Action of Officers.

GUTHRIE, Okl., March 1.—Scott MacReynolds of Brooklyn, N. Y., the personal representative of William R. Hearst, in the supreme court here today gained a complete victory over Governor Charles N. Haskell in his suit to compel the governor to return to him certain papers seized at the instance of the governor.

Judge Strang, who presided, handed down a lengthy opinion holding that the writ of search and seizure issued under an affidavit signed by Governor Haskell alleging that MacReynolds had in his possession papers which he intended to publish, thereby libeling the governor, was without sufficient fact to justify the action of the officers, and ordered the papers and other property of Mr. MacReynolds be returned to him, in referring to the writ, Judge Strang said:

"It does not rise to the dignity of a showing calculated to satisfy the court that a crime is being committed by the defendant, such a showing as the law requires before a security guaranteed by the constitution against search and seizure shall be disturbed, or while it states that defendant has conspired, in conspiring it also shows that the affiant does not know any specific or definite person with whom he has conspired or is conspiring, and this allegation is not followed by any alleged facts to support the allegation of conspiracy; neither does it present any facts as a foundation for what follows on information and belief, that the defendant has in his possession any papers with the intent to publish the same or otherwise use them as the means of libeling a friend."

DEMOCRATIC BOLT PREVENTS ELECTION IN WISCONSIN

All of Minority Party Except One Leave Legislative Hall on Twentieth Ballot for Senator.

MADISON, Wis. March 1.—Isaac Stephenson might have been elected United States senator at noon today on the twentieth ballot had it not been for a bolt of all of the democrats, except V. H. Cady, and all of the social democrats. There was no quorum. The total vote was 54, of which Senator Stephenson received 22, E. M. J. Cleary, 1, and Neal Brown, 1.

President Roosevelt Lauds Members of Tennis Cabinet

WASHINGTON, March 1.—President Roosevelt today gave a luncheon at the White House to the members of the famous "tennis cabinet" and others who have been closely associated with him during the last seven years. Aside from the distinguished government officials who have served as among the president's chief aides during his administration, and also as his companions at sports of different kinds, there were present men whom the president had made friends with when he was roughing it in the west years ago and with whom he had gone on numerous hunting expeditions. The occasion was memorable to those who surrounded the president today and the latter's familiar words were not entirely free from sadness. The president in a brief speech laid emphasis on the point that no administration had given its chief more loyal service, and he stated that he believed that the country had never had a more devoted set of public servants than those men through whom, he said, most of the work of his administration had been accomplished.

The president in his remarks following the luncheon, said: "Whether a man is a cabinet minister, a bureau chief, a marshal, an Indian agent, a forecaster, a letter carrier, a member of the life saving service, a clerk in a department, or a workman in a navy yard, or whether he holds one of a hundred other positions, makes not the slightest difference if he puts his heart and his soul and his mind into his work, and is content to accept as his chief reward the satisfaction that comes from knowledge that the work has been well done. So, while I greet you for yourselves, I greet you still more as symbolizing all of you one who leaves

public life when I leave it; a man who made great personal sacrifices when seven years ago he came here to take office at my request; a man who has stood ever since as the type of what a good public servant should be; a man who for the last two years has been one of the most useful cabinet ministers who ever sat at the cabinet table—Jim Garfield.

There are many others like you whom I would have given much to bring here today; but there simply was not room enough, and so I have brought you here partly for your own sakes, but primarily as representing thousands of other workers, as representing all good, faithful, fearless public servants, who strive their best to do what the public need demands, and who, in the last analysis, stand along the same level, when judgment by that supreme test of service rendered."

BANKING BILL PUSHED ALONG

Steam Roller Runs Over Everyone Who Gets in the Way of the Measure.

ONLY COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Taylor of Custer Only One Who is Able to Break the Rule.

HALF OF BILL GONE THROUGH

Further Consideration to Be Given it on Wednesday.

GOVERNOR RETAINS POWER

Efforts to Have Remainder of Banking Board Share in Appointments Fails to Secure Enough Votes.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, March 1.—(Special.)—The democratic majority in the house this afternoon, in committee of the whole, put the steam roller to work in the interest of the banking bill. One half of the measure was read and then, on motion of Graff of Cumming, chairman of the banking committee, it was made a special order for Wednesday morning.

Numerous amendments were offered, but unless made by the banking committee, save in one or two instances, they fell by the wayside.

One instance wherein the banking committee did not offer the amendment adopted was in the case where Taylor of Custer secured a change from the provision that the chairman of the Banking board, the governor, had the right to designate where the banks should deposit their reserve funds, not kept in their own vaults.

Killen of Gage moved to strike out this, and in his talk he called the attention of the members to the enormous power it would give the governor to have control of the reserve funds of all the banks controlled by the Banking board. They were voted down. "If the governor has looked into that section and approves it he certainly is not honest," said Killen in his talk regarding the seriousness of placing such power in one man's hands.

Taylor of Custer then moved to amend the section by providing that the money should be deposited in those depositories approved by the State Banking board. This motion carried, Killen agreeing to it.

Killen, Nettleton, Brown of Lancaster and Chase of Dawes, tried to get the bill amended so that the other members of the banking board should have an amendment, providing that the banking board shall have authority to approve the appointment of the secretary made by the board.

"I move the amendment be laid on the table," again said the speaker, and again Kuhl had to rule his motion out or order for it is against the rules to table a motion in the committee of the whole.

Taylor of York offered an amendment to the section, which provides that the examiner may go outside of the bank and investigate securities amounting to 10 per cent of the loans. Taylor asked that this be increased to 75 per cent. His motion was promptly voted down.

Taylor of Custer secured the adoption of a motion, which provided that stockholders of a bank must have, subject to execution, property other than bank stock, equal to twice the amount of the value of the bank stock.

In one of his talks, Chase of Dawes said the legislature was taking a grave responsibility in placing the governor of the state at the head of all the banks. His commented Governor Shallenberger as a good man and a good banker, but he said, no one knew what kind of a successor he would have. But his speech had no effect.

When Bowman moved the bill be made a special order for Wednesday morning there was some objection until it was explained that several of the members desired to be away tomorrow. When the vote was taken the yeas were so few and low that the speaker had to ask the members if they were afraid to vote. He insisted then on a rising vote and the motion carried, with 74 recorded in the affirmative.

When the house had listened to the reports of standing committees right after it convened this afternoon, Kuhl moved to go into committee of the whole for the discussion of the banking bill. Several of the republican objectors to its measure being rushed through, but they were outvoted.

Linch Denies Presence. W. E. Linch objected to having been named as one of the insurance lobbyists who were on the floor of the house last Friday working against the Nettleton bill. Mr. Linch said this morning he was not on the floor of the house and neither did he have any interest in the bill or object of its passage. Instead of being on the floor of the house Friday, Mr. Linch said he was in South Omaha, which would naturally make it impossible for him to be in Lincoln at the same time. As several parties claim to have recognized Mr. Linch on the floor Friday, it is very evident Mr. Linch has been the victim of mistaken identity.

An insurance man named Zimmer, who is interested in some kind of insurance legislation, is making himself conspicuous around the legislature and today, he camped on a comfortable seat in the amen corner of the house. Under the resolution by Stoecker of Dawes, county, any lobbyist who comes inside the railing of the house is subject to forcible ejection. But Zimmer seems not to have been bothered by any one. There is no question but what he has discussed insurance legislation with members, aside from appearing before committees. This is direct violation of the anti-lobby law, but it is evident this anti-lobby law has become a dead letter.

Legislative Reference. Cost necessary A little controversy among the State Re-