

### LAWMAKERS WILL GET BUSY

Both Houses of Congress Expected to Push Work of Redeeming Platform Pledges.

### SEVERAL BILLS ARE WELL ALONG

Number of Measures Are Ready to Report.

### INQUIRY INTO PRICE OF

Appointment of Senate Committee Will Probably Be Made Today.

### APPROPRIATIONS IN HOUSE

Greater Part of Week Will Be Devoted to Rivers, Indian and Postoffice Measures.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—The fact that President Taft in his New York speech picked out for his subject postal savings banks, interstate commerce legislation, anti-injunction, statehood and conservation of natural resources seems to mark these as subjects for early consideration by congress. Especially is this true for the reason that measures to carry out these party pledges have reached advanced stages before the appropriate committees.

It is remarked also that the character of Mr. Taft's allusions to the federal incorporation bill would hardly justify the placing of that measure in the first rank of administration measures, while the fact that ship subsidy was ignored altogether makes it questionable whether the executive will bring pressure to bear to promote its chances.

Ship subsidy legislation seems almost certain to pass the senate, but the democrats in the house are preparing to line up against the bill and believe that with some republican assistance they will be able to defeat it. It is not improbable that the senate would then refer to the committee on the postoffice appropriation bill as a rider, in which event a second contest would be precipitated in the house.

**Food Price Inquiry.**  
It is expected that the select committee of the senate designed to conduct the proposed inquiry regarding the price of food products and other necessities of life will be announced tomorrow, or if not then, at an early day of the present week. There is little doubt that the republican membership of the committee will consist of Senator Lodge, chairman, and Senators Elkins, McCumber, Smoot and Crawford. The democratic membership has not been determined, but indications are Senator Simmons of North Carolina and Senator Clarke of Arkansas will be asked to officiate on behalf of the minority membership.

If the committee thus should be composed the transmission of the bill would have four of the seven members. The republican members generally express the opinion that the inquiry can be conducted so speedily as to insure a report before the conclusion of the present session of congress and their efforts will be directed to that end. They will undertake especially to demonstrate that the tariff is not responsible for the rise in prices.

The question of whether the house committee on ways and means will undertake the investigation of the high cost of living in view of the action the senate is taking is undetermined. There is a demand for a rival inquiry and the indications are that the house will be willing to leave the whole subject to the senate, as the latter's probe is intended to constitute a defense of republican principles and is designed for use in the coming congressional elections.

**Appropriation Bills.**  
Postal savings banks and appropriation bills will take up practically the entire week in the senate. In the house the rivers and harbors bill will probably occupy considerable time and there are other appropriation bills ready for consideration. Among these is the postoffice bill, carrying \$20,000,000, and the Indian bill. It is unlikely that any of the administration bills will be considered in the house this week.

The Ballinger-Pinehot investigation is scheduled for resumption tomorrow. There will be important hearings also at both ends of the capitol on the administration railroad bill.

### AUGUST BELMONT TO MARRY MISS ROBSON IN MARCH

Engagement of New York Financier and Successful Actress Is Announced.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—Formal announcement of the engagement of Miss Eleanor Robson to August Belmont was made last night. The announcement was for a long time being suspected and its official confirmation did not create surprise. Miss Robson closed her season tonight in Brooklyn, passing with the fall of the curtain, from professional to private life. She will return to her home in this city, where she will remain until the marriage. The wedding will take place in March and only intimate friends will be present.

Miss Eleanor Robson, although of English parentage, was brought to this country as a child and has always lived in New York state. She was educated in a convent school, where she remained until she was 18. It was then necessary for her to choose a calling and she chose the stage, a profession in which her mother, Mrs. Madge Carr Cook, had already achieved success. Her successful career as a star began at the Garden theater, New York, as "Mary Ann" in "Merely Mary Ann," about five years ago.

August Belmont is a widower, 57 years old. His wife died in Paris in September, 1898. He has three sons, August, admitted this year into the firm of August Belmont and company; Raymond, recently graduated from Harvard, and a clerk in a banking house; and Morgan, still in a preparatory school.

**Record for Hogs at South Omaha.**  
Shinestock brothers of West Point, Neb., topped the market Saturday with a carload of hogs weighing 770 average. They received \$35, the highest price ever paid in South Omaha for hogs. This firm is one of the largest shippers in the state.

### Bryan's Stand May Embarrass Some Speakers

Nearly All the Orators at the Dollar Dinner Tonight Are Opposed to the Proposition.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
LINCOLN, Feb. 13.—(Special.)—The pronouncement of Mr. Bryan for county option and his avowed intention to try to get the county option into the coming democratic platform, will probably cause embarrassment at the dollar banquet to be given here tonight. With the exception of Mr. Bryan, the local speakers are all opposed to the proposition, and at least Governor Berger and Mayor Dahlgren have so informed the perpetual president of the banquet.

Before leaving for the south Mr. Bryan held several conferences with leading democrats of the state and urged them to stand for county option, but by every one of them, including Edgar Howard of Columbus. He was turned down cold and given to understand that if he persisted in his intentions an open breach would result in the party.

Following the conference Edgar Howard came out in an editorial, endorsed by Mr. Bryan, in which he said county option was not one of the planks in his proposed platform, so it was generally understood by those with whom he conferred that Bryan had for once agreed to subordinate his own desire to the welfare of the party.

His announcement of this morning will, therefore, be a surprise to many democrats here, and it is a bare possibility that some of the speakers at the valentine party will go on record opposed to his plan. If there be a speaker present who has the temerity to speak out in meeting in opposition to the Peerless Leader there will be a fight, for Richard L. Metcalfe is on the program and he will defend with might and main the stand of his chief. In fact Metcalfe is liable to start the fight by endorsing the county option stand without waiting for someone else to attack it.

The program for the banquet was completed this afternoon and is as follows:  
Toastmaster—P. L. Hall.  
"Payne-Aldrich Bill. Who for It? Who Against It?" Hon. W. H. Thompson, Grand Island.  
"Prosperity by Act of Congress!" Hon. Gilbert M. Hitchcock, Omaha.  
"Self-Reliance." Hon. James C. Dahlgren, Omaha.  
"Original Insurgents." Hon. Richard L. Metcalfe, Lincoln.  
"Nebraska Democracy." Hon. A. C. Shallenberger, Lincoln.  
"Centralization." Hon. James A. Reed, Kansas City.

During the afternoon the democratic state committee will meet at the Lincoln hotel and discuss matters pertaining to the welfare of the party, and it is not improbable that the question of a successor to Chairman Byrnes will occupy a good portion of the time. Senator Byrnes has publicly announced that he will not agree to land the executive of the party, but if Mayor Dahlgren gets the nomination it is reported that Grunther will again consent to get back into active politics.

### Love May Run for Governor

Friends of Lincoln Mayor Grooming Him to Make Race for Republican Nomination.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
LINCOLN, Feb. 13.—(Special.)—At the annual banquet of the Young Men's Republican club held last night it developed that there are several candidates for the republican nomination for governor. For several days there have been rumors afloat that Mayor Don L. Love would be urged to get into the fight and last night following the banquet, several republicans talked of perfecting an organization to secure for him the nomination providing he would consent to make the race. Following his speech last night the talk started that Mayor Love would be the logical candidate representing the insurgent republicans and the anti-saloon voters of the state. Since Lincoln has been a dry town the mayor is in favor of keeping it that way and in all of his speeches, welcoming conventions to the city, the mayor never misses an opportunity to express his views on the liquor question.

The anti-saloonists of the city have issued a call for a meeting of the delegates from temperance towns of the state to be held here March 14 and 15, and it is not impossible that this meeting will be the occasion to be started to start Mayor Love for the nomination.

**Steamship Lima Wrecked.**  
SANTIAGO, Chile, Feb. 13.—The Pacific Navigation company's steamer Lima is ashore on one of the islands of the Humboldt passage of the Straits of Magellan and will probably be a total loss. The chief pilot and fifty passengers were drowned.

The British steamer Hathlum rescued 205 of the persons aboard the steamer, but was forced to leave eighty-eight persons aboard, whom it was impossible to rescue.

**Panama Canal Will Work  
Great Changes in Trade**  
TAMPA, Fla., Feb. 13.—Addressing several thousand visitors to the Panama canal celebration here Saturday, the British ambassador, James Bryce, declared that when the Panama canal is completed the physical and commercial status of half the nations of the earth will be changed and that America will be the greatest beneficiary of the establishment of navigation through the canal across the isthmus.

The canal expedition, which Ambassador Bryce's address formally opened, was held in accordance with a resolution issued by congress two years ago, designating Tampa as the proper place for the holding of the celebration, as this is the nearest port to the eastern terminus of the canal. In attendance were several thousand troops of the United States army, two gunboats of the American navy and two visiting gunboats.

### DECISIONS BY SUPREME COURT

Long List of Important Findings is Expected One Week from Today.

### TRIBUNAL CLEARING DOCKET

It is Making Ready for Number of Sherman Law Cases.

### HOURS OF SERVICE STATUTE

Validity of Limit Placed Upon Railroad Workers to Be Tested.

### STATE LAWS ARE UNDER FIRE

Minnesota, Kansas and Arkansas Acts Regulating and Taxing Corporations Are to Be Construed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—When the supreme court of the United States convenes Monday, February 21, a long list of decisions is expected by lawyers who have been following the proceedings in the court. The lawyers believe that the court during its three weeks' vacation has endeavored to dispose of many cases, in order that it may be as free as possible to consider this spring the great questions of the application of the Sherman anti-trust law to corporations and the validity of the corporation tax provisions of the Payne tariff law.

Overhanging all others, the suit of the government against the American Tobacco company and others is the most important under advisement by the court. It was argued several weeks ago. On account of the Standard Oil case, to be argued March 14, and involving similar questions, it is believed that the decision in the tobacco case will not be announced until after the Standard Oil suit has been heard.

**Hours of Service Law.**  
One of the most important laws, whose validity has been questioned in arguments before the court, is the "hours of service" law for railroad employees, passed by congress in 1907. The railroads have attacked the law as being applicable to employees engaged in commerce within the state as well as in interstate commerce. It is claimed the law is open to the same objection which wiped the employer's liability law of 1906 of the statute. A decision in this case may be announced on February 21.

Another suit which has attracted much attention is that in which the government is seeking to get possession of property amounting to nearly \$600,000, in the hands of the late M. Carter, a former captain in the engineer corps of the army, who was sentenced to prison for his alleged connection with schemes to defraud the government out of \$2,000,000 intended for the improvement of the harbor at Savannah, Ga. The court has the case under advisement.

A trio of cases under advisement involve the authority of the federal officials to bring Theodore H. Price, Frederick A. Peckham and Moses Haas from their homes in New York to the District of Columbia for trial on charges growing out of the "colton leak scandal" in the Department of Agriculture in 1909.

**State Laws Under Fire.**  
The validity of a number of state laws is questioned in cases which the court has heard argued, but in which it has not announced its decision. Among these is the act of the legislature of Minnesota, increasing to 4 per cent the rate of the gross receipts tax upon railroads in the state. The Chicago, Great Western company and the Great Northern Railway company have brought suits in the supreme court claiming that as applied to them the law is void, because they possess charters which exempt them from paying a higher rate than specified in those charters.

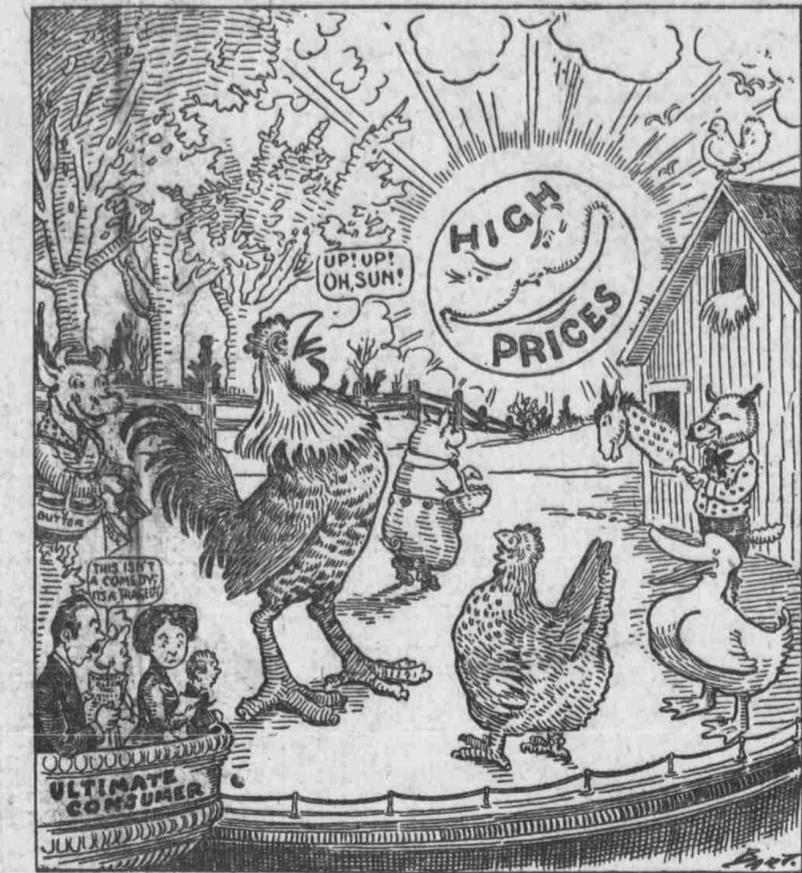
Another suit attacks the validity of the Arkansas law which authorizes the revocation of the charter of any foreign corporation which removes a suit of prosecution brought by any one against it in any court of the state to any federal court without the consent of the party or which institutes an original suit or proceeding against any citizen of Arkansas in any federal court.

The validity of the regulations of the railroad commissioner of Arkansas requiring railroads to furnish cars for local shipments within five days after order has been received is raised in another case under consideration.

**Democrats Want New Paper.**  
ABERDEEN, S. D., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—A movement is on foot among the democrats of South Dakota, backed by Governor Jones of Chamberlain and C. W. Colver of Aberdeen, to establish a morning democratic daily in the state. It is understood that Aberdeen has been chosen as the field for the new venture.

**Panama Canal Will Work  
Great Changes in Trade**  
In his glowing Ambassador Bryce said a living tribute to the splendid achievement of the American government in advancing the canal so near to completion, declaring that the eyes of the world stand open in wonder.

"It is indeed a stupendous undertaking," he said, "an undertaking that will reflect unending glory upon those who complete it, upon the national government which was not afraid of it; upon the people of the United States who supported the national government; upon all those who are carrying it through to completion; among whom I will not forget those officers and those military governors who have succeeded in rendering a service to humanity over and above the commercial services of the canal in showing how possible it is to take a land which was cursed by disease and make it a perfectly healthy country."



The "Chanticleer" in America.  
From the Minneapolis Journal.

### PLAIN TALES FROM ALASKA

Casey Moran Arrives from Land of Cold and Gold.

### DISCOVERER OF NOAH'S ARK

Inventor of Fake Story that Went Rounds of Press in Washington with More Stories.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—(Special.)—Just now when the Ballinger-Pinehot controversy is in the limelight, anything pertaining to Alaska and Alaskan affairs is more than interesting. Then, too, at this time of year, there comes out of that far off territory a bunch of virtue weather-tanned men who have done things and who have made their names in the north purchase. Among the latest arrivals is a short, stocky, browned American, whose name gives away his ancestors without the necessity of producing a genealogical tree. He is Casey Moran, who, like many other pioneers in the Arctic regions, has passed through all sorts of vicissitudes. Casey Moran landed in Juneau many years ago with six bits in his pocket and a burning thirst that an absinthe frappe did not satisfy. He thereby chafed upon the barkeep at the nearest shack to the landing place to "make him a cocktail. He knew cocktails were high in Alaska and threw down 50 cents, thinking that even where the cost of living was higher than it is in New York the price of a cocktail would not exceed four bits. But the barkeep requested him to "come again" with a like amount. Casey Moran, the necessary amount he could only swallow his drink by leaving a fourth of the original purchase price unpaid. Casey Moran noted that in spite of the fact that he was in Alaska there was a certain lack of ice in that bar, and put an idea into his head. He secured a cache and a rope, and rowing out a mile or so he succeeded in lassoing a small iceberg, which he towed into port. Within a few moments he had established a profitable business. The sign which he displayed announced to everyone that he had ice for sale, "by the pound, ton or berg."

**Richardson Protects Cache.**  
Casey Moran was up at Fort Yukon some years ago when he was in charge of a supply depot of the Alaska Commercial company. That company had sent 300 tons of provisions up the Yukon river, but the vessel in which they were being transported was frozen in before the end of the journey was reached, and consequently a cache was established and the food was distributed for a time under government supervision. It was actually seized by the government in order to prevent its falling into the hands of desperate men who thought under the so-called paper act they could obtain what they wanted without payment.

**New Telephone System.**  
OGALLALA, Neb., Feb. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Manager Warner of the Ogallala North Platte telephone system today transferred to the new office in the Clifford block and connected with the new switchboard and cable system. Ogallala now has the whole town covered by cable and every phone on a metallic circuit, and expert cable splicer, J. L. Weisell of Omaha, says he knows of no town this size in Nebraska with as complete a system. Manager Warner is in full charge of the North Platte system, which has recently been completely rebuilt and is a model of equipment and service.

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### Long Chase for Murderer Grant Ended by Benson

Spectacular Pursuit Over Frozen Plains of South Dakota Almost Cost Life.

ABERDEEN, S. D., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—Worn thin with his ten weeks' expedition, without an ounce of superfluous flesh upon his gaunt frame, Casey Moran arrived in Aberdeen today from his long chase in pursuit of young Daniel Gant, the Texas cowboy who, on Thanksgiving day, 1909, murdered Lewis Maxwell at Englevalle, N. D., and then fled with Samuel Gant, a younger brother. Samuel Gant was captured near Newark, S. D., a few days later, but Daniel escaped.

Among the posse who took up the chase at Newark was Benson, who had known the Gant boys of old, having ridden the range with them. In Walworth county all trace of the fugitive was lost and the various possees gave up the pursuit, all but Benson. The latter, knowing the Standing Rock reservation country so well, was confident he could eventually capture Gant. In a short time he was rewarded by again finding his trail. The man has succeeded in crossing the Missouri river. Benson followed, for miles and miles, over the snow-covered ground, the murderer fled for his life, and his pursuer doggedly continued on the trail.

Finally, late last week, Gant succeeded in eluding his pursuer, though at times Benson had been so close behind his quarry that the water holes broken through the ice by Gant in order to secure water for himself and his horse, had not yet frozen over when Benson came up. At times Gant threw farmers off the scent by representing himself to be Benson, and securing supplies in that way.

Yesterday Benson heard Gant had taken the back trail and had managed to get to Waterton, S. D., where he had purchased a ticket to Minneapolis. Benson said he had wired the Minneapolis authorities and he expected to hear at any minute of Gant's capture.

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### PRESIDENT HAS QUIET DAY

Executive Sits for Sketch by Young Artist and Reads Mail.

### DINES WITH HIS BROTHER

In the Afternoon He Left New York with Mrs. Taft in Private Car Olive to Washington.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—President Taft returned to the capitol tonight at 9:35, after his visit to New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—President Taft had a quiet Sunday in New York. He posed leisurely for a sketch or two, before starting this morning, saw only two callers during the day and left for Washington in the private car Olive, leaving Jersey City at 3:35 p. m.

Otto T. Bannard, president of the New York Trust company and defeated candidate for mayor at the late municipal contest, and Lloyd C. Griscom, president of the New York republican county committee, were the only persons besides relatives and the artist whom the president saw during the day.

Mr. Bannard declined to give the name of the artist who was fortunate enough to have the opportunity of sketching the president. "He is a young friend of mine," he said, "and I think he is doing remarkably well. He has been ambitious to sketch the president and I was glad that I could help him. The president agreed with the plan and, as he had considerable personal mail to go through, he thought it would be a good idea to favor my friend and at the same time get through his mail."

**President Sits for Sketch.**  
After the banquet of the Republican club last night at which the president made a speech on republican policies, he returned to the home of his brother, Henry W. Taft, and did not get up until nearly 10 o'clock today. A number of chaurchmen had extended special invitations to Mr. Taft to attend services today, but he declined, explaining in each instance that the activities of yesterday necessitated seclusion and rest.

Mr. Bannard arrived at the Taft residence a few minutes before 11 o'clock, and a moment after he had entered the house he came out with Mrs. Taft on his arm. The president followed. The three, accompanied by secret service agents, were driven in automobiles to Mr. Bannard's home.

While Mrs. Taft remained in the car Mr. Bannard took the president into the house, introduced him to the young artist and the president consented to sit for a sketch. Mr. Bannard left them and accompanied.

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### DAHLMAN SEES HOT FIGHT AHEAD

Mayor of Omaha Says He Cannot Follow Bryan Into the County Local Option Plant.

### EXPECTED SUCH A DECLARATION

Looks for Governor Shallenberger to Line Up Against Bryan.

### LOCAL LEGISLATORS ARE DEFIANT

Senators Ransom and Tanner Toss a Few Weedy Bouquets.

### PEERLESS LOSER IS A DEAD ONE

Such is Unanimous Declaration of Douglas County Men Who Were in Last Legislature, Formerly Devout Bryanites.

Mayor Dahlgren and Governor Shallenberger in the same bed! And Bryan on the floor!  
The Omaha mayor returned Sunday from Excelsior Springs, Mo., looking fit as a fiddle. The first thing that gave him the shivers, mentally, he admitted, was the declaration of William J. Bryan for county option.

"Mr. Bryan's declaration will not affect my plans in any manner," said Mayor Dahlgren. "I have expected such action by him for some time. As I view it, he held himself back on this subject just as long as he could. It's pretty warm down here Bryan is now, you know, and apparently some of the climatic heat has got into his editorial."

"I have followed Bryan, and fought with and for him a good many years. Now we have come to the parting of the ways, on this subject. He may win some prohibition republicans, but he certainly will lose the support of a great many democrats. Our party is composed very largely of the so-called liberal element, and men with that belief will not follow Mr. Bryan or any body else into the camp of the county optionists. I shall positively maintain my position and do all I can to defeat any such proposition."

"Asked if he expected Governor Shallenberger to be with him in the coming fight to keep a county local option plank out of the democratic platform, Mayor Dahlgren said: "Yes, I do. Judging from an interview he gave out some time back, and I believe we will be able to keep out of the platform any plank looking to that end. Of course, this latest utterance of Mr. Bryan means a fight in the primaries on delegates, as well as a fight in the convention. We are ready right now to take up and meet the issue. That we will win I have no doubt."

The mayor spoke with considerable regret of the break with Bryan that is now unavoidable; but while cautious in his remarks, he left no room for doubt that the fight thus proffered by the democratic party of Nebraska will be to a finish on the county local option issue.

**Local Legislators Scornful.**  
Mr. Bryan's charge in the course of his declaration for county option that the liquor interests exercised too much influence in the last democratic legislature and controlled the democratic majority in the senate did not pass unheeded by Douglas county members of the legislature. The Bee interviewed most of them yesterday and in several cases got the prompt reply, "I am just reading that in 'The Bee now' or, 'I have just read that.'"

One thing on which all those interviewed were practically agreed was, "Mr. Bryan is a dead one politically." Also every member was outspoken against Bryan's avowal for county option, but not every one of the legislators here have ready to deny his charge as to how the initiative and referendum was defeated in the senate.

Senator J. T. Ransom, admittedly the bell wether of the senate, said: "Mr. Bryan's declaration is a disgrace to the legislature and we objected. He urged us to pass the initiative and referendum and we refused. He is peevish and that is all there is to this whole thing. He had the support in the last presidential campaign of the very element he is now fighting. He refused to sign a petition or resolution asking the legislature to pass a county option bill, but now he comes out for it."

**Hard Words for Pet Measure.**  
"As to his initiative and referendum, which is un-American, if he thinks it such a good thing why didn't he place it in the Denver platform on which he ran for president? Why didn't he have it placed in the state platform? He could have had it placed in either, but he didn't simply because he was running for office and was afraid it would lose him some votes. Now, having been defeated three times and probably convinced he is dead politically, he is willing to endorse Shallenberger, county option and everything else."

Senator J. M. Tanner, South Omaha: "What Bryan says wouldn't have any influence on me, whether it be praise or criticism. And I don't believe it will have any more effect on the democratic party. I was and am opposed to the bills against which I voted."

Representative James P. Connolly: "We all know Bryan. We have followed him for a good many years—always to defeat. We are through with him. I think, as Jim Dahlgren says, 'He's a four-flusher.' I think his county option policy is bad for the party, or would be if the party were to take up. So far as the initiative and referendum is concerned, I think, myself, it was a very bad thing to defeat the bill. I thought so then. But I don't care to hear from Bryan on the subject. If he was not a straggler he'd come out for prohibition instead of county option."

**Peerless Loser in Wrong Pew.**  
Representative W. F. Stoenker: "Bryan will find no support among independent democrats either in his attack on the democratic legislature or his county option policy. He gets into the wrong pew this time. I would rather wait until I have fully digested his criticisms to say more."

Representative W. F. Thomas: "I appreciate the declaration of the legislature, nor of his declaration for county option and other such laws. Of course, since the house, of which I was a member, passed the initiative and referendum I feel that it is not up to me to reply much to his attack on the senate for killing it. We all know that the senate was its own enemy."

Representative J. P. Kraus of South Omaha said: "Personally, I never made any

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### Status of Roosevelt at Berlin Puzzles Diplomats

BERLIN, Feb. 13.—The Foreign office has endeavored for some weeks to learn just when former President Roosevelt expects to be in Germany, but is still in the dark as to his plans. It has been widely published that Mr. Roosevelt will be in Berlin on April 23, but if this is so, it is not known officially and the situation is embarrassing in a way, as Emperor William's spring plans cannot be definitely arranged in the meantime, because his majesty purposed to be in the capital when his guest arrived.

Official messages have now been addressed to Mr. Roosevelt with instructions that he be forwarded with the greatest despatch and if necessary by native runners if he can thus be reached sooner between telegraphic points. A reply from him making known his intentions is expected any day.