

## CANDIDATES OUT IN POSTAL FIGHT

Two Applicants for Pawnee City Postoffice Withdraw, Clarifying Unusual Struggle.

## BASCOM AND MILLER CONTENDING

Congressman Kinkaid Recommends Several Appointments.

## FREE TREES FOR HOMESTEADERS

Bill by Kinkaid to Have National Nursery Furnish Them.

## ALLIANCE AND CRAWFORD WIN

Secretary MacVeagh Will Recommend Fifteen Thousand for Each in Sundry Civil Appropriation Bill.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—(Special Telegram).—The fight over the Pawnee City postoffice which at one time threatened to involve not only the inhabitants of the town, but everybody in Richardson county, abated considerably through the withdrawal of Messrs. Griffith and Agnew from the race, leaving in the field only Messrs. Bascom and Miller. Mr. Bascom is chairman of the county central committee of Richardson county and is a young man. Mr. Miller is very much older than Mr. Bascom and is being antagonized on that account by a considerable number of patrons of the office.

Congressman Kinkaid today recommended the appointment of George H. Gregg as postmaster at Marsland, Dawes county, vice Anna S. Woody, resigned. He also recommended that the application of Mrs. Elizabeth McTeer to withdraw her nomination as postmaster of Burns, Box Butte county, be granted, and that she be re-appointed. He also advised the appointment of Grace McCallum as postmaster at Arder, Wheeler county, vice L. R. Bradley, resigned; and Roy O. Lyon as postmaster at Gordon, vice M. G. Lee, resigned.

Congressman Kinkaid today introduced a bill in the effect that the secretary of agriculture is authorized, under rules and regulations he shall prescribe, to be caused to be furnished free to residents of the territory covered by an act entitled "An Act to amend the homestead laws as to certain unreserved and unappropriated lands in Nebraska," approved April 28, 1904, free from the nurseries maintained on the Nebraska national forest reserve.

## Alliance and Crawford Plums.

Judge Kinkaid, who is getting extremely wise, has made sure, by seeing the secretary of the treasury, that he will recommend the sum of \$5,000 to be included in the sundry civil appropriation bill for the purchase of public building site at both Alliance and Chadron. This concession Judge Kinkaid has pulled out of Secretary MacVeagh, knowing the secretary's determination to withhold any recommendation for public buildings at this session of Congress.

T. W. Blackburn of Omaha is in Washington and had a conference with Senator Burkett today on insurance matters affecting the District of Columbia. Senator Burkett is a member of the sub-committee of the District of Columbia committee charged with preparing a comprehensive insurance law and Mr. Blackburn representing several insurance organizations and realizing that the law passed for the District of Columbia and territory might be adopted in the states took the opportunity to outline the position of the companies as to contemplated legislation.

## Burkett Calls on President.

Senator Burkett saw the president today relative to his boiler inspection bill, which passed the senate yesterday.

President Taft, while somewhat favorable to the Mann bill, saw the force of Senator Burdick's argument that the bill introduced by Senator Mann could not possibly pass the house because it was unsatisfactory to organized labor, and that it had other defects of a purely legislative character, which would mitigate against its passing. It is believed, since the president is anxious that legislation of the character outlined in the Burkett bill shall pass, that Senator Mann and Burkett will get together and agree upon a measure which will reach the ends aimed at, namely, federal inspection of locomotive boilers in every sense of the term.

In his idle moments, and they are mighty few, Senator Burkett is engaged in compiling his speeches covering a period of ten years and not including speeches he has made during his cautious addresses, his speeches on lecture platforms and newspaper editorials in 1908, a Taft speech, the compilation will include the introduction of Speaker Cannon, Senator Burdick and General J. Warren Keifer, his orations on "The American Boy," "American Flag" and "Marchant Marine," and speeches before fraternal organizations.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron L. Learned left for New York this afternoon. They accompanied Senator Brown to the White House reception last night, rounding out an exceedingly pleasant visit to Washington.

## Norris Not Considered.

It might as well be stated first as last President Taft is not considering Representative G. E. Norris for the vacancy on the eighth circuit bench. Representative activity in his behalf, however, continues. Madison and Murdoch of Kansas and others. The president, so far as is known, still believes that Judge W. J. Smith should be appointed although he may be convinced otherwise.

Senator Burkett presented Frank Nevin's Fells City to the president today.

The house committee on public lands today made a favorable report on the senate bill granting a fifty-day leave of absence from homestead entries in a number of western states including Nebraska and Wyoming. This bill is in line with a measure passed last winter and seeks to protect settlers who, because of stress of weather have been obliged to abandon their entries temporarily in order to seek a livelihood elsewhere with the intent of returning to their claims in the spring. The bill, which has already passed the senate gives such homestead entrymen until May 15 to return to their claims.

**Proceedings in Congress.**  
Two art speeches were delivered in the senate today. Senator Gallinger spoke in support of his bill providing for an ocean mail subsidy to ports in South America. No vote was taken. The other speech was by Senator Newlands, in advocacy of a permanent tariff commission with comprehensive powers.

The entire session of the house was de-

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## Bandits Shoot Druggist When He Resists Holdup

Reuben Elton Near Death from Wound Received in Drug Store at Twenty-Fourth and Bristol.

Reuben Elton, shot down by two bandits in his drug store last night, is lying at the point of death from a revolver bullet wound which severed an artery near the ear. The bandits are uncaught.

The shooting took place at 8:15 p. m. in the Bristol Street pharmacy, of which Elton is the proprietor, and which is located at Twenty-fourth and Bristol streets.

Mr. Elton was behind the counter and alone in the store when the holdup men appeared. The two men, both young and under 21 years, walked up to the counter and one inquired if Elton had a certain kind of pills.

"I'll see," said Elton, turning his back and bending down.

When he raised his head again, two revolvers stared him in the face.

"Drop that," commanded one of the footpads.

Elton rejoined by trying to knock the gun out of the hand of the foremost bandit. A bullet from the footpad's gun shot off the little finger of Elton's right hand.

A second shot struck the druggist in front of the right ear, inflicting a peculiarly-curved wound. The bullet did not penetrate deeply, but shot downward, severing an artery and coming out on the side of the neck.

The bandits immediately turned and ran. Elton followed them as far as the door. The two men ran fast. They were seen to run across the street by a pedestrian named James Connor. Mr. Elton was able to give the police a good description of the two men and a draw net was at once thrown out.

Dr. J. H. Vance, who is attending Elton, pronounced him in a precarious condition. Elton was not taken to a hospital, but was removed to his room upstairs. He is 33 years of age and married.

## Forcible Protest Against Poor Car Service in Des Moines

Indignant Suburbanites Wreck Interior of Car and Throw Seats Into Des Moines River.

DES MOINES, Jan. 11.—Passengers on a downtown Urbandale suburban car, indignant at the poor service stopped the vehicle on the Des Moines river bridge, upset the stove, tore all the seats loose and threw them in the river and broke the windows. They then quit the wrecked car and permitted the crew to take it to the shops.

## Dynamite Bomb in Chicago Judge's Home

Attempt Made to Blow Up Residence of John E. Owens, Head of Election Machinery.

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—A dynamite bomb was found early today in the vestibule of the home of County Judge John E. Owens, the recently elected head of the county election machinery. It was about seven inches long and an inch in diameter, lead covered and its fuse appeared to have been ignited, but to have burned out.

Judge Owens discovered the bomb as he was about to leave the house for his office. It was beside the wall of his library, where he is accustomed to spend part of his evenings.

"I thought first it was some sort of a joke," said the judge. "Then, when I saw that the fuse evidently had been lit, I thought I had better turn it over to the police, which I did. I cannot imagine what would prompt anyone to blow up my house."

When the lead casing of the bomb had been cut into by the police it was seen to contain a coarse, reddish powder, which had become wet. It was believed by the police to be high-power blasting powder, and the bomb was sent to the bureau of explosives.

## Mrs. Stella E. James is Granted Divorce

Wife of Son of Bandit is Given Custody of Four Children and Alimony.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 11.—Stella E. James was granted a divorce from Jesse E. James, son of Jesse James, the famous bandit, in the circuit court here last night. James made no effort to contest the suit. Mrs. James was given the custody of their four children and \$100 a month alimony. Mrs. James testified that she and her husband had separated three times since their marriage, eleven years ago. She said the last separation had lasted six months and that it was impossible for them to be reconciled.

Perkins for Equitable Board.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—George W. Perkins, former member of the banking house of P. F. Morgan & Co., has been chosen by Mr. Morris as his representative on one of the three trustees for the Equitable Life Assurance society. Should Mr. Perkins decline to trustee, he will fill the position made vacant by the late George Cleveland. Mr. Cleveland received \$2,000 a year as trustee.

## STEPHENSON TO ANSWER CHARGES

Senator from Wisconsin Undergoes Result of Investigation Committee.

## ELECTION WILL BE CHALLENGED

Alleged to Have Failed to Turn in Expense Account.

## DISBURSED FUNDS ILLEGALLY

Asserted to Have Had Knowledge of Improper Proceedings.

## ACCUSED OF VIOLATIONS OF LAW

Report Says His Election Was Secured by Illegal Means and Asks United States Senate to Investigate.

Madison, Wis., Jan. 11.—United States Senator Isaac Stephenson is charged with a number of violations of the laws of Wisconsin in a lengthy statement filed with Governor McGovern today by the 1910 state senate committee in its report on the investigation of the primary investigation and the election of Senator Stephenson.

The committee recommends that a copy of the report be submitted to the United States senate and that body investigate Stephenson's election.

Senator Stephenson is charged with violating the statute which requires an account under oath of campaign expenditures to be filed, and it is also alleged that such violation was premeditated.

It is further charged he violated the law which prohibits any one from contributing money to assist a candidate for the legislature residing outside of the district in which the contributor resides.

That the civil service law of this state was violated when he caused to be paid money which the evidence shows was paid to State Game Warden Stone and L. B. Dresser, then president of the board of control.

That he gave a sum of money to a sup-

porter of McGovern for United States senator, such supporter afterwards switching to Stephenson, and that he paid large sums of money to others which were afterwards used by them to induce other persons to assist in procuring his election.

What the Committee Says.

"On the whole record, therefore, the report states, 'Stephenson is charged with knowledge of the manner in which his campaign was being conducted and the purposes for which money was being disbursed.'

"The failure to keep, or require accounts and the practice of destroying original memoranda by those engaged in disbursing Stephenson's funds in the campaign makes it clear there was premeditation and method on the part of Stephenson and his managers to cover up their methods of conducting the campaign.

"That he approved of these methods can-

not be doubted. Those managers in plain violation of the law gave considerable sums of money to Levi H. Bancroft, C. C. Wellensgard, Thomas Reynolds, John Muller, E. A. Everett and W. L. Smith, who were candidates for nomination to the assembly.

"A large part of the money distributed in the Stephenson campaign, probably a sum in excess of \$50,000, was used by Stephenson's managers unlawfully and corruptly to procure the nomination and election of Isaac Stephenson to the United States Senate.

Democrats Brought In.

"Further, Isaac Stephenson was elected by the legislature to the United States senate by a majority of three votes, while the charges of corruption against him were being investigated by the legislature.

"In addition to the several acts of cor-

ruption and fraud herein referred to, it

should be remembered that the election of Isaac Stephenson on March 4 was made possible by three democrats, who, at the instigation of Stephenson managers and agents, walked out of the joint assembly

when it became known that their presence would prevent the election of Isaac Stephenson.

"Under the law, if a person elected

clearly participated in any act of bribery, or attempts bribery, he should be denied office, although the result of the election was not thereby changed. This, in the opinion of the committee, Senator Stephenson did.

Election Pronounced Void.

"The findings of the committee are that the nomination in the primary and the election to the United States senate by the legislature of Isaac Stephenson of Wisconsin is null and void on account of attempted bribery and corrupt practices by himself and by his campaign managers, agents and workers, and of violations of the laws of Wisconsin defining and punishing offenses against the electing franchise.

"The committee recommends that a copy of this report be certified to the United States senate by the governor and the legislature, with the statement that they will investigate the manner and means by which the election of Isaac Stephenson secured his election to the United States senate."

The report further recommends that proceedings be commenced by the district attorney of Dane county against all persons shown by the evidence to have committed perjury in the investigation and that a like copy of the evidence be submitted to the attorney general, with the recommendation that he cause to be commenced prosecution against all persons

so named by the committee.

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