

ROOSEVELT TO KEEP CLOSE TO WHITE HOUSE

Extensive Changes Seen in
Offices to Insure Work
in Private.

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WARM SPRINGS Ga., Feb. 3.—President-Elect Roosevelt's frequent "bedroom interviews" with the press have led to definite reports that both the private and executive offices of the White House will undergo radical alterations after March 4.

One report says that Mr. Roosevelt will visit the executive offices only in the morning, and hold his more important conferences at the mansion itself from noon on.

Another report—and both come from persons close to the next President—suggests that he will do almost all his work in offices to be built in the basement of the White House.

Although a novelty, this change, in fact, will be a return to the system of early colonial days.

Under L'Enfant's original plan for the capital, the front of the White House was to face the beautiful landscape reaching down to the banks of the Potomac river.

Office May Be in Basement

Mr. Roosevelt, according to one plan, will make this rear entrance the principal approach to the White House. For one thing, he can go in through the ground floor, and have more easy access to the elevator reaching the upper story.

Near the rear basement door may be constructed offices for conferences, as there were in the old days. Here, in the earliest years, was the President's diplomatic reception room, and receiving diplomats and war debt representatives—on the quiet—will be one of Mr. Roosevelt's biggest jobs.

The belief that the next President will sequester himself is fortified by another quality he exhibits. Quite like Mr. Hoover, he is averse to pre-mature publicity.

Like to Fool the Press

Mr. Hoover once said that he "did not see why the press wanted advance or incomplete reports any more than an engineer would want to throw open a half-finished bridge."

The same attitude animates Mr. Roosevelt. He likes to fool the press in a good-natured way, and to elude their traps; he prides himself on his supposed ability to spar with them on their own terms. Even members of his family, who usually attend his press conferences, enjoy the spectacle.

"Isn't it clever the way he handles you?" asked one member of the President-elect's household. "And can't he make you feel small when he wants to?"

There was, of course, no answer. But if alterations will give him greater secrecy in dealing with world and domestic problems, he probably will order them.

SCIENCE EDITOR NAMED

Prof. Richard S. Lull Successor to
Dr. Ernest Howe.

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NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 3.—Professor Richard S. Lull, author of "Organic Evolution," "Ancient Man" and "Fossils," and a member of the Yale University faculty since 1906, has been appointed editor of the American Journal of Science, succeeding Dr. Ernest Howe, who died in December.

The Journal has been edited in New Haven since 1918 and forms an integral part of the educational activities of Yale University. Former editors of this Journal, one of the foremost scientific publications in this country, covering the broader fields of science, have been Benjamin Silliman, the elder; Benjamin Silliman, the younger; James Dwight Dana, Edward Salisbury Dana, and Dr. Howe. The ownership of the American Journal of Science passed from the Silliman and Dana families to Yale in 1926.

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CONTRACT BRIDGE

BY W. E. MCKENNEY
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Today's hand was played in duplicate at a number of tables, with East and West vulnerable, North and South not vulnerable.

The approach bidders who held the South hand opened with one spade, which West overcalled with two diamonds and, in most cases that became the final contract. In

▲ 5-3-2
◆ J-10-7-6-5
♦ 10
♣ 8-7-5-3
A-K-10-
6-4
♦ K-J-6-
4-2
♣ A-J-9
NORTH
WEST
EAST
Dealer
SOUTH
▲ J-8
◆ A-8-4-
3
♦ 8-7-5-
3
♣ 6-4-2
▲ A-Q-9-7
◆ Q-9-2
♦ A-Q-9
♣ K-Q-10
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one case, South bid two on trump, which contract was defeated.

One over one bidders who held the South hand preferred to open with one no trump in spite of the biddable spade suit, because of the latent positions in the hand and the distributed high card strength.

This usually became the final contract, for the opening no trump made West's bid too dangerous and neither North nor East had sufficient strength to overcall.

West reasoned that the opening no trump bid showed three and one-half high card tricks well distributed over three or four suits. In view of his own holding, there could be about only one high card trick between North and East.

If North should hold the missing high card strength and the distribution should be unfavorable, a heavy penalty certainly would result.

Those who would be inclined to bid the West hand defensively over a no trump respectively are referred to my previous article, in which a hand fully as strong as this was defeated 1,400 points.

The Play

West opened the four of diamonds and dummy's ten held. Declarer wisely played for the hearts, preferring to have his tenaces in the other suits led up to if possible.

West won with the singleton king and led another diamond. Winning the diamond with the queen, South played another heart and East was forced to let it hold to keep from establishing the suit in dummy.

Declarer now played the ace of diamonds and West made a brilliant play by putting in the jack.

He could see that he was about to be thrown into the lead and desired to establish an entry in the East hand.

Declarer's next lead was the king of clubs, which West won with the ace. West returned to the lead, declarer desired a small spade.

East cashed his ace of hearts and returned the jack of spades.

By this time declarer had a perfect count on the West hand, so he went up with the ace of spades and returned the queen.

This threw West in the lead to make his last diamond, but he was obliged to lead up to the queen ten of clubs at the end.

By virtue of good card reading South was able to make one no trump in spite of West's brilliant defensive play.

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