

TO DIVIDE OFFICES.

HOUSE PATRONAGE CAUSING A LIVELY SCRAMBLE.

Congressman Aldrich of Illinois Thinks the East Is Slated for Too Many Plums—Wants More of the Good Things for the West.

Washington, Nov. 21.—The contest for congressional offices is growing more spirited, and friends of the several candidates show increasing anxiety. The contest over the house offices is becoming sharp and bitter. Congressman Aldrich, of Chicago, who is recognized as a leader at the headquarters of General Henderson, of Illinois, candidate for clerk of the house, says:

"The two states of Kentucky and Pennsylvania have largely monopolized the offices of speaker and clerk, having an aggregate of fifty-two years to their credit, while no elective office has ever gone west of the Mississippi river, save to Minnesota, with one postmaster. The Eastern and Middle states have had the lion's share, having furnished the speaker and clerk for eighty-one years. These states in the next house will have ninety republican members, and without contest will have the speaker-ship."

"It is now proposed to make a 'combine' that will give to two of these states, besides that of speaker, the important office of clerk, and also that of doorkeeper, which last two offices have nine-tenths of the patronage of the house, while the Eastern and Middle states furnish less than four-tenths of the republican membership. The Southern states in the Forty-seventh congress, with a republican membership of fourteen out of a total republican membership of 150, were again given that office. The Western states will have 121 republican members in the next house, and have had but three out of thirty speakers, and two clerks, with one term each, out of twenty-two."

"The Southern states will have a republican membership in the next house of thirty-three, nearly two-fifths of the Eastern and Middle states membership, and yet it is intended by the proposed 'combine' to completely ignore those states. The West should have the second office of the house on considerations of geographical propriety, which have always governed in the organization of the house, as well as in all national conventions of both parties; while the South, with its steadily increasing republican representation, should have, as in the Forty-seventh and Fifty-first congresses, the office of doorkeeper.

"When the speaker has come from the Eastern or Middle states the clerk has come from the West or South. When the speaker was taken from a Southern state the chairmanship went to a Northern state, as illustrated in the last two congresses, in which the speaker and doorkeeper were from Southern states, the clerk from a Northern or Middle state, and the sergeant-at-arms and postmaster from Western states.

"The claim that Pennsylvania is entitled to the chairmanship is absurd. That state presents as a candidate a gentleman who served one term, and who, it is stated, without denial, refused a renomination, with the pledge that he should be the clerk of the next house of representative, if it was republican. Have the republican members of the house of representatives of the Fifty-fourth congress surrendered their functions and privileges in respect to the selection of their officers to a United States senator from, and a private citizen of, the state of Pennsylvania, in order that these two gentlemen might arrange the local politics and patronage of that state to their liking?"

RE-ELECT SOVEREIGN.

Knights of Labor Again Honor Their General Master Workman.

Washington, Nov. 21.—The proceedings in the Knights of Labor general assembly took rather a sensational turn yesterday afternoon, growing out of some harsh criticisms passed upon local assemblies by the general officers. In executive session, assembly No. 49 of New York retaliated with charges of general mismanagement against General Master Workman Sovereign, whereupon the latter resigned. But the great majority of the delegates sided with Sovereign, and after a very heated debate he was triumphantly re-elected. His majority was largely in excess of the requisite two-thirds. Today the assembly will consider and act upon a proposition to enforce a general boycott against the Lorillard Tobacco company.

It is expected that the general assembly will conclude its work by Saturday and adjourn sine die. Rochester, N. Y., is likely to be selected as the place of meeting next year. Hot Springs and Little Rock, Ark., and Dallas, Texas, have been suggested, also.

Shoot Women and Children.

Tampa, Fla., Nov. 21.—Col. Fernando Figueredo, the Cuban leader here, has received a letter from Havana, giving an account of the butchery of several women and children in Matanzas province by Spanish troops under Col. Molino. Two of the women killed were the wives of prominent Spaniards and the husbands have complained to Martinez Campos, demanding Molino's punishment. Campos has ordered a court-martial and it is thought Col. Molino will be shot, as his atrocious conduct is condemned as bitterly by Spaniards as by Cubans.

To Answer Bribery Charges.

Springfield, Ill., Nov. 21.—The trial of Representative Milroy H. Gibson, of Chicago, on the charge of accepting a bribe is set for today in the circuit court.

INDIANA REPUBLICANS.

State Committee Issues the Call for Re-organization Meetings in January. Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 21.—This year's "love feast" was the most largely attended the Republicans in Indiana have ever held. When the open meeting was called to order yesterday afternoon the commodious hall would not hold the crowd of 500. During the morning the state committee met and issued the call for the reorganization meeting in January. The precinct meetings will be held January 11 and the county committees will organize January 18. The district convention to elect members of the state committee will be held January 21, and the state committee will organize January 28.

Western Baseball League.

Chicago, Nov. 21.—At the session of the Western Baseball League yesterday a variety of matters was considered. It was decided to abolish the old rate whereby each club was obliged to contribute 10 per cent of the receipts of each game to the league. Hereafter they will be assessed \$1,000 each in order to fulfill their obligations to the league. This morning the question of the circuit will be considered. Columbus, Ohio, will be taken into the league in place of Grand Rapids, Mich. Applications for the franchise have been received from T. J. Loftus, Dubuque, Iowa; Bert Dasher, Indianapolis, Ind., and John J. Shipherd; Cleveland, Ohio. On the 1st and 15th of each month the clubs will be assessed alike to defray the running expenses of the association.

For Northwestern Settlement.

St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 21.—The Northwestern Immigration convention continued its session yesterday with increased interest. Among the speakers was Archbishop Ireland, who delivered an address on "Emigration to the Northwest." A resolution for permanent organization was presented and adopted. The organization will be known as the Northwestern Immigration Board, and its members shall be the Northwestern states and Manitoba. Three members from each shall be appointed by the delegates to this convention who come from Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Manitoba, Montana, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming, Oregon and Iowa.

Illinois Odd Fellows Elect Officers.

Springfield, Ill., Nov. 21.—The main feature in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., yesterday was the nomination and election of officers. The honors are distributed as follows: Grand master, C. F. Mansfield of Mansfield; deputy grand master, George C. Rankin of Monmouth; grand representatives, E. S. Conway of Chicago, and J. O. Humphrey; grand secretary, James R. Miller of Springfield; grand treasurer, Thomas B. Needles of Nashville. The Rebekahs held their annual session in the senate chamber, and disposed of the routine. Mrs. Nellie Harris was elected state president by acclamation; vice president, Mrs. May D. Stone of Vandalia; secretary, Mrs. Lola L. Rickard of Olney; treasurer, Mrs. Etta Springer, of Chicago.

American Baptist Missionary Union.

New York, Nov. 21.—The opening session of the conference on foreign missions, in the interest of the American Baptist Missionary Union, was held yesterday at the Mount Morris Baptist church. Rev. E. E. Chivvers, secretary of the New York district of the Baptist Foreign Missionary Union, presided. Addresses were made by Rev. George Thamissen, late a missionary at Kurnool, India; J. L. Nicoll, British vice consul at Nyasaland, Africa; Rev. A. S. Hobart, D. D., of Yonkers; Rev. B. Hartley of New York; and Rev. H. C. Mable of Boston.

White Girl Elopement with a Negro.

Sedalia, Mo., Nov. 21.—C. N. Thouvenil, a Benton county farmer, came here yesterday in search of his 16-year-old daughter Rosa, who disappeared from home with Fred Chism, an illiterate, coal black negro, who owns a few acres of land adjoining Thouvenil's. The runaways were traced to this city, where all trace of them was lost, and it is believed they have gone to the Indian territory to be married. Should Chism return Thouvenil swears he will kill him.

Flood of Dangerous Counterfeits.

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 21.—The secret service officers have discovered that this city has been flooded with a dangerous counterfeit \$2 bill. One bank teller threw out six yesterday that came in with deposits of merchants. The secret revenue agents say it is the most dangerous counterfeit that has appeared in years. It is about one-eighth of an inch larger than the genuine, and in the portrait of Wm. Windom the eyes are larger than in the original.

Kurds Shot by Russian Troops.

Odessa, Nov. 21.—It is stated in Kars, which is located on the Arpa-Chal river, 100 miles northeast of Erzurum, that the Russian frontier guards have killed or captured numerous Kurds, who have been engaged in pursuing Armenians trying to escape. Three Armenians, who have just arrived at Kars, say that they are the sole survivors of an Armenian village which numbered 1,000 inhabitants before the massacre.

Still Talks of the Big Fight.

Dallas, Tex., Nov. 21.—Dan Stuart returned from El Paso yesterday. He said: "I have selected battle-ground for the Corbett-Fitzsimmons contest, and there is going to be no more legal complications. I have hung up a \$20,000 purse, and if the fight is interfered with Corbett and Fitzsimmons can each take \$10,000 and walk off with it."

IN THE LABOR.

UNITED MINE WORKERS OF AMERICA IN SESSION.

Many Important Points to Be Acted On—Co-operative Trust Formed in Illinois—New York Strike Growing—General Labor News.

Ottumwa, Iowa, Nov. 21.—A meeting of the representatives of district No. 13 of the United Mine Workers of America was held here yesterday. The principal object of the gathering is to prepare a number of amendments to various mining laws to submit to the next legislature. It is claimed by the miners that there are a great many laws in force now for the protection of the miners which are nothing more than dead letters. The miners claim that in some cases there are no provisions made to enforce them, and in other cases the only way they can be enforced is by the expenditure of money in litigation.

The second object is to strengthen the organization. The miners are anxious that the truck store be abolished; they want their salaries paid to them every two weeks. They will ask for a rectification of the alleged present evil in the weighing of coal. Plans will be submitted for the better ventilation of mines. More safety appliances in mines will be asked for.

A CO-OPERATIVE TRUST.

Illinois Coal Miners Hold an Important Meeting.

Peoria, Ill., Nov. 21.—A meeting of the coal operators along the lines of the Toledo, Peoria & Western, the Iowa Central and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroads was held yesterday at the National hotel and the meeting was most important in its character. The business transacted is important, for it has to do with controlling the coal business, so far as the mining is concerned, for the West and Northwest, commonly termed the Peoria district.

Those present had little to say on the subject, but it was learned that it was decided to form a co-operative company. A committee of three will be selected from each road, and they will have direct management of the company, which will be incorporated under the laws of Illinois. They regard this as the only means of protecting their business. Operators along the lines of the Peoria & Pekin, Union, and the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis were excluded from the meeting. The price to commercial men was advanced 25 cents per ton at a recent meeting and this subject was not considered yesterday.

Miners Get an Increase.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Nov. 21.—It is learned from W. P. De Armit, president of the New York and Cleveland Gas Coal company, that he has made a contract with his miners for one year from Nov. 6 whereby he agrees to pay them 59 cents per ton. This is an increase of 9 cents per ton for his men, but still falls 5 cents short of the present rate.

The conference between operators and miners is set for next Tuesday, and in order to discuss Mr. De Armit's latest move the miners have called a convention for Monday. General confusion in the coal trade is expected to follow the conference.

New York Strike Growing.

New York, Nov. 21.—The delegates of the housesmiths and bridge-men's union are said to have demanded that the delegates of all other unions call out their men in all cases where non-union housesmiths were employed in the event of being called upon to do so. In retaliation for these sympathetic strikes the Iron League is said to be contemplating a general lockout of all union men employed by its members. Such action would throw 40,000 men out of employment.

A. R. U. Men Will Be Discharged.

Devil's Lake, N. D., Nov. 21.—The superintendent and other officials of the Great Northern were here yesterday and put all employees through an examination as to whether they belonged to the A. R. U. Very few men could be found who would acknowledge they belonged to the organization. It is believed that the company will request those who are affiliated with the organization to withdraw from it or sever their connection with the road.

To Welcome Debts at Chicago.

Chicago, Nov. 21.—When Eugene V. Debs arrives here tomorrow evening an immense procession of workingmen will meet him. There will be a band and a drum corps in waiting to play "See the Conquering Hero Comes," and thousands of people will watch his progress to Battery D armory, where he will deliver an address.

Fort Wayne Strike Settled.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Nov. 21.—The Wayne knitting mills' strike has been settled and the strikers return to work as individuals.

New Half Mile Bicycle Record.

Denver, Col., Nov. 21.—Harry C. Clark rode a half-mile unpaced in 59 seconds on the Denver Wheel club track yesterday, breaking William De-Carly's record of 1:00.2-5. The ride was made in a strong wind. This gives Clark all the class A unpaced records up to five miles.

Earthquake in Delaware.

Wilmington, Del., Nov. 21.—Residents of Clayton, six miles north of this city, report having felt a severe earthquake shock early yesterday. At Linwood, Pa., a short distance from Clayton, the shock was also felt.

CTING EVIDENCE.

In the Cause of the Cleveland Accident Begins.

Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 21.—The most important witness examined yesterday at the coroner's inquest in the Central viaduct horror was Augustus Rogers, motorman of the ill-fated car which plunged into the river. He testified that the conductor ran ahead when the cars stopped at the safety switch and signaled him "All right;" that the glass in the vestibule was blurred by rain, and that he did not discover that the bridge was open until his car was within about thirty feet of the gates. He then turned off the current, set the brakes and jumped. He testified that he saw no red light, and believed, had there been one displayed, he would have seen it. He admitted that he had been misled by the fact that the electric cut provided by the street railway company as a safeguard was out of order.

Two other witnesses examined swore that the red light was displayed over the gates when the car struck them. In the afternoon several witnesses were examined to ascertain whether the red danger light was on the closed gates before the motor car went through them. Most of the testimony was that the light was in place. A battered lantern, still retaining fragments of a red globe, which had been fished out of the river under the draw, was identified by the bridge captain as the one which was on the gates.

Ship Boilers Were Unsatisfactory.

Victoria, B. C., Nov. 21.—The impress of China, just arrived from the orient, reports cholera practically extinguished in Japan and few interesting developments in the eastern situation. All the Asiatic coast when she sailed was looking to Kin Chow, where on Oct. 18, a combined boiler and magazine explosion on the troop ship Kin Pal sent 600 men to death. The affair was fraught with peculiar horror, as a rough sea was raging and there was no chance of life overboard. The boilers were old and unsatisfactory and ordinary caution would have prevented the catastrophe.

Don't Want Mormons in Florida.

Tallahassee, Fla., Nov. 21.—Elders Nebecker and Rogers, who came here on Monday to sow seeds of the Mormon faith, were arrested yesterday, charged with being a menace to the peace, dignity and good morals of the city. They offered no defense, and were fined \$200 or sixty days in jail. The mayor stated that execution of judgment would be held in abeyance for one hour, during which time they would be permitted to leave the city under the escort of the chief of police. They immediately left, and said they would leave the state.

Defalcation Is Growing.

Findlay, O., Nov. 21.—Three thousand dollars additional defalcation has been discovered in the accounts of Thomas C. Dunn, the absconding secretary of the North Side Building and Loan company. The total theft thus far discovered amounts to \$18,000 and extends over five years. The stock of the company has been assessed 58 per cent to make up losses. Dunn is still in hiding.

Farmers Burning Corn for Fuel.

Mason City, Iowa, Nov. 21.—Seventeen crews have been laid off on the Iowa and Dakota division of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, occasioned by farmers holding their grain for a rise in price. They claim that the prevailing price of corn does not pay them for work in husking and marketing. It is now being quite generally used for fuel in lieu of coal.

Shorts in Provisions Were Able to Cover Considerable Stuff without the Least Trouble at Lower Figures.

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