

CARNEGIE JOLT AIDS IN REFORM

Furnishes Help for Taft in the Battle for Lower Duties.

STANDPATTERS CONFUSED

CANNY SCOT'S TESTIMONY BEFORE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE WILL HAVE MOST TELLING EFFECT.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Walter Wellman in a dispatch to the Record-Herald says:

Andrew Carnegie has helped Mr. Taft win an important part of his battle for tariff reform. The duties on steel will be reduced. It is not probable steel will be put on the free list, but it is semi-officially admitted that heavy reductions will be made in the schedules. Mr. Carnegie has convinced the country, but not the high protectionists of the ways and means committee, that no harm could come to the iron and steel industries, or to its labor, and that possibly some benefit to consumers might follow, if all steel were placed on the free list.

Never before, it is safe to say, did the ruling faction of the tariff committee of the house, the high-duty faction set such a jolt as the canny little Scot gave them Monday. They have not yet recovered from it. They are waiting to see what effect it is going to have upon the country. Yesterday they themselves described the effect of Mr. Carnegie's onslaught upon their minds, and the word they used was "confusion." They are not quite clear as to what they should do. Already they go so far as to admit it is clear there may be some reductions in the iron and steel schedules, but they feel quite confident these will not go so far as to make many additions to the free list, nor do they believe the cut will be horizontal. Their present intention is to mull over the schedules cutting here and there, always with more or less of the old spirit of high protective duties uppermost in their minds.

Oral hearings before the ways and means committee ended yesterday. All who have asked to be heard have either appeared personally while the schedules in which they are interested were under consideration or have submitted briefs. The witnesses subpoenaed by the committee have also been heard, and the committee is now ready to proceed with the drafting of a tariff bill. The committee has not been notably successful in exciting information. It has experienced the usual conflict of interests upon nearly every schedule. Some of the witnesses have promised to furnish information which they could not give while on the stand and when this date is received the committee will be better able to reach its conclusions.

Especially is there confusion in the iron and steel schedule. A majority of the committee favors reducing the duties. How far this reduction should go, whether it should be a horizontal cut of 50 per cent or whether there should be free trade in certain iron and steel products, is a question upon which few of the members of the committee are willing at this time to commit themselves. Mr. Carnegie is the only great ironmonger to advocate free trade. Opposed to him the committee has heard Mr. Schwab and Judge Gary, at present directing the affairs of great steel plants. They do not petition for free trade, but Judge Gary frankly admits that under free trade the steel corporation, over which he presides, would, if it survived, be a trust.

Blooming plants at Gause's greenhouse.

New style Stick Pins, at Haner's.

A FRUITLESS CHASE

Sergeant McManus Fails to Locate Daring Horse Thief.

HE SCOURS THE COUNTRY.

After making a seventy-five mile automobile trip in search for the thief who stole John Crowe's horse and buggy, Monday night, Sergeant McManus of the local police department, returned to the city last night tired and dusty and disgruntled. The country south of Richmond had been secured, Boston, Kitchell's Station, Morning Sun and College Corner had been visited, but not even the slightest clue as to the identity of the whereabouts of the thief was learned. It is now thought that the man who visited Mr. Crowe's barn, which is located east of Webster, and picked out the best horse and buggy, made his escape in another direction. The officers early Tuesday learned that a stranger had passed through Boston at an early hour that morning south bound, and it was surmised that he was the man wanted. Although the police have not given up hope of capturing the thief, it is generally thought that he will not be caught.

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Ladies' watch fobs, Haner's.

Affairs of the Sporting World

St. Louis enthusiast has broken into poetry over the coming of Roger Bresnahan to that city. It is safe to say that Roger's managing will be better than the poetry.

Extensive improvements are being made in the Cleveland baseball field. Among other things the diamond will be raised.

At least four Eastern league clubs—Buffalo, Newark, Rochester and Toronto—are to have new managers next season, and maybe Baltimore will, too.

George Schieff, interviewed in Cincinnati, says he is glad to become a Giant. This is a nice, polite way of stating that he is happy to leave Cincinnati.

LOCAL FLORISTS SELL CHEAPLY

Are Not Taking Advantage of Exorbitant Prices for Roses.

FOREIGN TRADE IS LARGE

RICHMOND GROWERS, HOWEVER, HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MEET THE BIG DEMAND IN THIS CITY.

Richmond florists, unlike many others in Indiana, are not taking advantage of the great Christmas demand for flowers and boosting prices to an almost exorbitant figure. Florists of many Indiana cities are selling American Beauty roses at \$20 per dozen, but the larger growers in Richmond, and, it might be said, among the best in the state, are asking but \$15 for the choicer flowers which always bear longer stems.

Other roses range from \$1 to \$8 a dozen, all being beautiful. Other blooms which are suitable for Christmas gifts, are also cheap in proportion.

An unusually heavy business is being done at the present time by all Richmond growers, it being stated by them that the foreign demand for flowers this year has been greater than ever before. The local demand has been supplied, however. Thousands of dollars worth of flowers have been sold by the florists during the past two weeks.

R. H. S. PLAYERS GET LETTERS

Football Men Are Awarded the School "R".

The initial letter of the school was awarded nine members of the high school football team yesterday. Two members of the team did not play in enough games to win the coveted letter. Those to whom it was awarded are: Haas, Cox, Wann, Ferling, Burcham, Allison, Hobson, Graves and Brown.

DEATH OF AGED MAN.

Former Well Known Man Dies in I. O. O. F. Home.

Henry Emrick, aged 86 years, died Monday afternoon at the I. O. O. F. Home at Greensburg, Ind. The deceased has been an inmate of the home for fifteen years. Previous to this time he was a cobbler in this city having his shop on South Fifth street in the first square. He was always an active member of the order. The body arrived this afternoon and was taken to the home of John Krollenberg, 434 South Eighth street. The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon from Mr. Krollenberg's residence. Burial will be in Lutherania cemetery.

AN ECHO OF THE PANIC.

Rome, Dec. 23.—The pope has fully recovered from his recent illness. He received Archbishop Ireland of St. Paul, in private audience yesterday, speaking cordially of the archbishop's last visit, in 1905. Monsignor Ireland talked with His Holiness about building a new cathedral in St. Paul and a pro-cathedral in Minneapolis. The Pontiff was greatly pleased with this visit and expressed a desire to see the archbishop again before he leaves.

Monsignor Ireland presented his sister, who is a nun, to the pope. The archbishop refused categorically to give out anything concerning his audience with the Pontiff.

HELM'S A JUDGE.

J. S. Helm, residing south of the city will be one of the judges to grade the exhibits of corn, at the Whitewater show held December 30. Mr. Helm is an authority on the subject, having a national reputation.

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Bones—A woman an' two other women—Chicago News.

Heavies Killing Boxing Game Says Old John L. Sullivan

The present line of heavy weight championships is a bunch of duds, and if the claimants for the title, from Jeffries down, keep up their present course, they are going to kill the game in this country, according to John L. Sullivan.

"I have been on the water-wagon a long time now, and I'm going to stay there another long time. I won't even get off to get the whip. Feel fine and dandy without the booze, and say, on the level I never did drink as much as the boys said I did. If I had punished all the booze they said I did, it would have been me to the wooden overcoat long ago.

"There ain't a thing the matter with me, except this," said he, tapping his vest, "and I can take a lot of that off when I get down to business. For seven years I did not put on a glove, until ten weeks ago, and then I was feeling so good that I determined to take up fighting again. Me and Jim have it hot and heavy three times a day and I feel the old stuff coming back to me every day."

DR. S. COULTER IS THE SPEAKER

Head of Purdue Botanical Department to Give Dedicatory Address.

DIRECTORS ARE PLEASED

PROGRAM FOR THE CELEBRATION HAS BEEN OUTLINED AND WILL SOON BE DEFINITELY DECIDED ON.

Word was received yesterday evening by Secretary George L. Goodwin of the Y. M. C. A., that at last a speaker to deliver the dedicatory address had been secured, having received a telegram from Dr. Stanley Coulter, professor in the botanical department of Purdue university, that he would accept the invitation. Consequently, the board of directors heaved sighs of relief when this announcement was made at its meeting last evening to consider matters pertaining to the program. At the meeting a program was outlined, but the matter was referred to Mr. Goodwin, who is to use his own discretion in the matter. Committees were appointed to assist him in the work.

This afternoon Mr. Goodwin stated that he had not as yet prepared the program. However, the Sunday program will include the dedicatory address by Dr. Stanley Coulter, vocal numbers by the Apollo club, a local musical organization, and instrumental music by the High school orchestra. Sharon E. Jones, as president of the association, will probably accept the building and make a short talk. It is very probable that other members of the association will speak. One of the most interesting things will be the reading of the final statement. State Secretary E. E. Stacy may also make a short speech. The program for the week evening meetings has not been completed further than announced previously.

Gents' watch fobs, Haner's.

HAT FACTORY MUST BE SOLD

Creditors of Samuel Simons Demand Settlement of Claims.

AN ECHO OF THE PANIC.

BECAUSE MONEY COULD NOT BE SECURED DURING DEPRESSION OWNERS WERE FORCED TO SHUT DOWN PLANT.

Because of the action of creditors of Samuel Simons, who was the chief backer of the Simons, Wagner and Cook hat factory, in demanding a settlement of their claims, it is probable that the machinery and other effects of the company in this city, will be sold to satisfy these claims. It is understood that one local bank has a claim of about \$7,000, while a number of Wabash men hold other claims against Simons. The local hat factory has been shut down for the past two and one-half months, and the proprietors have moved to their old home in Wabash. Wabash attorneys are representing Simons and a number of his creditors.

The financial troubles of Simons originated last fall, during the time of the financial depression, and when money was needed to continue the operation of the plant. At that time a request was forwarded to the commercial club asking that a certain sum of money be raised and a factory site donated to the company. The commercial club delayed its action and it is said that then the firm resorted to loans from one bank in Richmond in order to tide over the period of depression. The company at that time had a large amount of money tied up in stock, and it was almost impossible to secure enough to pay the force of about fifty men employed. Later it was decided by the members of the company to close the factory indefinitely, and they removed from the city, temporarily.

Recently Simons transferred all his property into the hands of an appointed trustee and the trustee in turn equally distributed this property between Mrs. Rosa Simons and a brother, who is interested with Simons in the retail hat business in Wabash. The creditors in learning of this ac-

ARCADE

VIGOROUS WILL BE THE CONTEST OF DEMOCRATS

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as United States marshal or John Bonnell as internal revenue collector. Pettit and Bonnell have had their second term and the practice in the past has been to retire after two terms. The same is true of Kealing. He is closing his second term as district attorney. He was appointed first by Senator Fairbanks and the last time by Senators Beveridge and Hemenway jointly. Pettit and Bonnell were appointed by Beveridge both times.

A Slim Attendance.

Very few of the republican representatives had arrived up to this morning for the meeting called by Representative Babcock for today, and it was believed that the meeting would not amount to much. Only fifteen of the representatives sent in acceptances of the invitation, but it was expected that before the day was over probably twenty would be present. They seemed to be afraid an effort would be made to line them up on the local option question and they do not wish to do this at this time.

Of course, the question of the repeal of the county local option law was the subject most discussed by the early arrivals, but it was not possible to get a line on their intentions in the matter.

One of the subjects discussed today was that of republican minority floor leader for the house. The three names most frequently mentioned in this connection are Representatives G. A. Elliott, of South Bend; Gus Greiger, of Laporte county and Luman K. Babcock, of Lagrange and Steuben counties. Present indications are that Elliott will be chosen. Most of the members seem to favor him.

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Many Churches Will Render Special Programs Friday.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SOCIALES

The observance of Christmas in a religious way, in the churches of the city, with appropriate services, will probably be very general. In many of the churches several services will be held; the first as early as 5 o'clock in the morning. Last Sunday was observed as Christmas Sunday.

At St. Paul's Lutheran church, of which the Rev. Conrad Huber is pastor, there will be early morning Christmas services at 5 o'clock. The pastor will deliver short sermons in both the English and the German languages. Special music will be rendered by the choir. On Christmas evening the Sunday school of this church will hold its regular Christmas exercises.

The observance of Christmas from a social standpoint, in the churches, is largely in charge of the Sunday schools. Some of these events will be held before and others after Christmas. In each instance the programs prepared will excel those given in the past, according to reports from those in charge.

tion immediately brought it to an issue and all property was again transferred back into the name of Simons. His attorney states that Simons is solvent and will be able to meet his creditors, dollar for dollar. No suit has been entered by the creditors nor will there be, as long as an equitable adjustment is made. It is upon the promise of Simons' attorney that a complete settlement will be made, that suit is withheld.

The action that is demanded by the creditors means that the Richmond hat factory under its present ownership will not be operated again although there is a possibility that some hat manufacturing company may secure control of the property at the public sale which will be held, and operated. It is not thought that the plant will be removed elsewhere, although this is problematical.

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