

IS SETTLED THAT SEN. KNOX SHALL BE THE PREMIER

President-elect Taft Wants Him for This Position and The Senator Consents to Accept It.

TAFT AND ROOSEVELT
HELD TWO MEETINGS

Next President Shows the Retiring Executive His Report On Canal, Which Favors The Lock Plan.

Washington, Feb. 17.—After a conference with the president-elect, Senator Knox, of Pennsylvania, made up his mind definitely and absolutely that he would not recall his acceptance of Mr. Taft's offer to become secretary of state under the new administration.

The senator was one of the first men whom Judge Taft saw after his arrival here from Cincinnati yesterday and they immediately entered upon a discussion of the peculiar situation that has arisen in connection with Mr. Knox and the state portfolio, which congress, by an unprecedented act, sought to correct. At the conclusion of the conference it was announced that the senator would retire from the senate on March 4, in order to become the head of the department of state.

Taft Confident.

Judge Taft is of the firm opinion that the bill which was passed after so much difficulty by the house of representatives yesterday fully removes the constitutional disability, from which the senator was suffering. He said he also was convinced that there was nothing improper in thus disposing of the disqualification. He had no apprehension, moreover, lest any of the acts of his secretary of state would be invalidated, although he frankly admitted that the question could easily be carried to the courts for judicial interpretation, as could the constitutional right of Mr. Knox to serve in the cabinet.

Next in interest to his conference with Senator Knox was Mr. Taft's call at the white house—rather his calls, for he was there twice. He first paid his respects to the president at 1:30 p. m. but remained a short time. When he was ushered into the president's office, his greeting was, "Hello, Mr. President."

His Greeting to Taft.

"Hello, Taft, I'm glad to see you," was Mr. Roosevelt's response.

The two men, who have been so close to each other, then chatted a few minutes, and, the president being engaged with the postmaster-general, Mr. Taft took his departure and rolled away in a handsome and capacious automobile. Four hours later he called again to go over the report of the engineers on the Panama canal. This report, as is already known, is in favor of the lock type, which is now being built. After the departure of Lieutenant Colonel Goodhue, the chief engineer of the canal, the president and his successor to be at dawn and had a heart-to-heart talk.

CATTS IN A SPAT

Divorce Case to Be Heard Here on Change of Venue From Henry County.

SUIT PROMISES TO BE SPICY

Upon change of venue proceedings from Henry County, the divorce complaint of Cecil F. Catt against Orville Catt has been filed into Wayne Circuit Court. Mrs. Catt prefers all of charges against her husband, not the least being that he is worthless, and will not work. She alleges, also, that he has told her that he loves a woman in a house of ill fame at Indianapolis and will remain with her despite what his wife may say or do. It is alleged that the defendant has threatened to kill his wife and that he has carried a pistol about with him to intimidate her. She says he refused to secure the services of a physician for her when she was ill and further that he has wholly failed to provide for her maintenance. She has been compelled to reside with her parents, the plaintiff avers.

TO HAVE SUPPER
TO MEET EXPENSE

Whitewater Arranges Feast For Next Monday.

In order to secure money to pay off the expenses of Memorial day, a Washington's birthday supper will be given in Laurel Hall, Whitewater, Saturday, Feb. 20. In addition to the regular meal there will be a basket supper. This is an annual event and always well attended. It is expected that a neat sum will be realized.

NATIONAL LEAGUE HOLDS A MEETING

Magnates Were at Peace and A Schedule for the Season Was Adopted.

TWO PLAYERS PURCHASED

CUBS BUY OUTFIELDER BROWNE OF BOSTON NATIONALS—WHITE SOX BUY CRAYATH OF BOSTON AMERICANS.

REDS AT HOME.

April 14, 15, 16, 17x—With Pittsburgh.
April 18*, 19, 20, 21—With St. Louis.
April 25*—With Pittsburgh.
April 26, 27, 28, 29—With Chicago.
May 9*—With Pittsburgh.
May 29x, 30*—With St. Louis.
May 31*, 31*—June 1, 2—With Chicago.
June 3, 4, 5x, 6*—With Brooklyn.
June 7, 8, 9, 10—With Boston.
June 11, 12x, 13*, 14—With New York.
June 16, 17, 19x, 20*—With Philadelphia.
July 4*—With Pittsburgh.
July 25*—With St. Louis.
July 30, 31x; August 1*, 2—With Brooklyn.
August 3, 4, 5, 6—With New York.
August 7x, 8*, 9, 10—With Philadelphia.
August 12, 13, 14x, 15*—With Boston.
September 4x—With Chicago.
September 5*—With St. Louis.
September 12*, 13—With Chicago.
September 15, 16—With Pittsburgh.
September 18x, 19*, 20—With Boston.
September 21, 22, 23—With Philadelphia.
September 24, 25x, 26*—With New York.
September 28, 29, 30—With Brooklyn.
October 1, 2x, 3*—With St. Louis.
October 5, 7—With Pittsburgh.
*Sundays and holidays. xSaturdays.

Chicago, Feb. 17.—When the National league promises a scrap look out for a love feast. As far as evidence of violence between President Pullman and C. Webb Murphy of the Cubs went, there was not even a fierce look passed between them. The old league men talked over constitution matters and adopted a schedule in peace yesterday in the green room of the Annex. But there are a couple of days left for action, and may be the war dogs will be unchained for a period long enough to allow Pullman to say something and hear something in return.

The American league club owners also met at the Annex and fiddled away sixty minutes without doing anything except listen to a few ounces of words relating to the changes to be made in the national agreement for creating class AA for the American Association and Eastern league. The national commission didn't have the minor league matter quite in the proper form for ratification, but that final detail will be attended to today.

Two Deals For Players.

The two Chicago clubs contributed what excitement there was in the way of deals for players. Comiskey bought Outfielder Cravath from the Boston American league club for \$1,500, and Murphy paid the same amount for Outfielder George Browne of the Boston Nationals.

The purchase of Cravath carries no particular significance, as "Commy" has been looking for an outfielder for some time. Cravath is a pretty fair stickler and not bad as an outfielder, but is not looked upon as a successor to Fielder Jones, who may not return to the White Sox team. Jones may be crazy enough to pass up a salary of \$10,000 but nobody expects him to do anything like that.

As for George Browne, he has been seen regularly at the West Side park for the last several years, with the New York giants for several seasons and last year with the Boston. Browne is a fast man when he wants to be, but he doesn't keep it up very long at a time. He used to drive John T. Brush wild with his easy-going methods, and J. Tecumseh swapped him to Boston.

Chance told Browne before buying him that he would give him the same salary he drew last season if he worked hard; if he didn't there would be nothing in the envelope on the 1st and 15th.

SEVERAL ENTRIES
IN Y. M. C. A. GAMES

Exhibition Saturday Night Attracts Attention.

There is a large enrollment of the members of the Y. M. C. A. in the aquatic and basketball sports. The public exhibition to be given Saturday night in aquatics is attracting much attention. Many entries have been made by members who desire to participate in the events.

FORFEIT THE MATCH.

Because of their failure to appear last evening, the members of the Har-old bowling team of League A in the Y. M. C. A. bowling tournament, forfeited the match to the Markleys.

AN INTERCHANGE SWITCH BETWEEN ROADS PROBABLE

Pennsylvania Engineers Are Now Driving Stakes and Connection With C., C. & L. Looks Possible.

NO STATEMENT GIVEN
OUT BY THE COMPANY

Panhandle Was Defeated in The Local Case and Appeal To U. S. Supreme Court Is Thought Unlikely.

Is the Panhandle division of the Pennsylvania railway section to provide the interchange switch at Third and North D streets in accordance with the ruling of the supreme court? Stakes have been driven and to the experienced observer it looks as if the outline formed might be that of a railway track. No information on the subject has been issued by railroad officials.

Company May Comply.

Upon the petition of the Commercial club the state railway commission after a hearing ordered an interchange switch connection established, so that cars from the track of one company could be switched to those of the other. The place decided upon was North D and Third street. A switch was put in in accord with the ruling of the commission, but after it was decided to appeal the matter to the courts, this switch was torn out. A great deal of time has been consumed in litigation, but the supreme court finally upheld the lower courts. Unless the railway is given a new trial and the matter goes back to the lower courts to be fought up again, it is probable that the company may intend to comply with the ruling.

If the matter is to be disposed of under the decision of the court, it will mean the company must pay several hundred dollars for its delay. The ruling of the commission was accompanied by a clause which provided a penalty in the nature of a fine.

ENDLESS CHAIN IS DISCOVERED AT POSTOFFICE

A Postal Clerk Accidentally Makes a Discovery Which Might Have Congested the Local Office.

WHITEWATER GIRL IS
AUTHOR OF EPISTLE

Letter Gives Prayer and Commands That Is Shall Be Repeated to Nine Others Under a Threat.

A scheme to start a mammoth chain letter campaign in this community has been unearthed by the postal authorities and an effort will be made by them to stop the work. Postmaster J. A. Spekenhiser speaking of the campaign stated that the postal laws prohibited chain letters or the like. R. P. Goodwin, first assistant attorney general of the postal department, was communicated with and in a reply Mr. Spekenhiser stated that persons sending mail of the chain order variety, which usually contained threats are liable for severe punishment under the postal laws.

Contains a Threat.

Yesterday one of the clerks at the postoffice inspected an unsealed letter with a one cent postage stamp on it. Thus the chain letter campaign was accidentally discovered. In the letter was a prayer as follows: "Oh, Lord Jesus, I implore Thee to bless all mankind and keep us from evil by Thy precious blood and take us to dwell in eternity." The letter went further to state that this was an ancient prayer delivered by a certain seer of Jerusalem. The belief was current among this sect that the person who delivered the prayer had to give it to nine others and each of these nine had to give it to nine more and so on. Those who repeated the prayer and passed it on to nine others would be eternally blessed. But who ever broke the chain would be damned for ever.

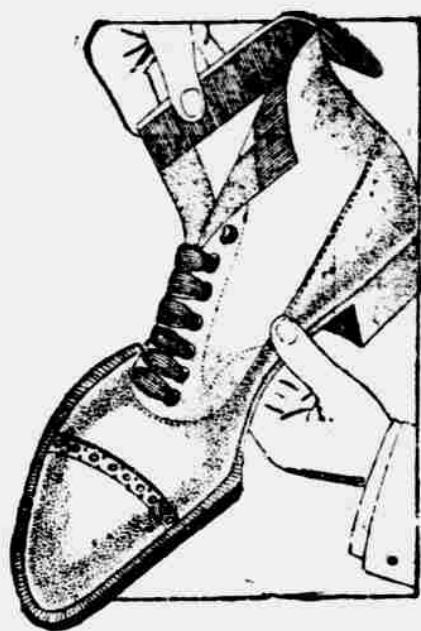
Young Woman the Author.

The letter was from a young lady in Whitewater to her sister. This is not the first letter received at the postoffice of this variety but it is the first in several months.

It can be readily seen that if the campaign was not nipped in its early stages that the business of the postal department would grow enormously. However the government does not want this kind of business. Furthermore these letters contain a threat in that addressees are threat-

WHEN YOU GO

Out of town on business or pleasure you want to feel that your appearance is first-class. You can't look dressed unless you are well shod, and your shoes must be stylish. We keep track of the style trend, and if there's a certain shoe you want, go to Feltman's and you'll get it. Our recent big sale cleaned out all our old styles and now we believe that there is no up-to-date style that we cannot furnish.



For Men

\$4.00 a pair

Just received a new shipment of Wine Calf Shoes for Men; perforated tips, a real spring style. See our display.

\$2.50

Feltman's Special in Box Calf, Patent or Gun Calf, Lace or Button. They will equal the \$3.00 kind any day. Our price, \$2.50.

For Women

\$3.50 and \$4.00

Feltman's Short Vamp, Cloth Top Shoes for Ladies, Plain Toe, with Wave or Straight Top

\$2.00

Feltman's Honest Value Shoes for Women, with Dull Calf Top and Extension Sole. Best \$2.00 Shoe made for Women.



You can depend on us for Shoes of Comfort, Style, Quality and a Perfect Fit.

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Two Shoe Stores

ened with some dire calamity if they break the chain. Under a strict interpretation of the law the consignor could be fined a maximum fine of \$5,000 and imprisoned for five years.

LOCAL FAMILIES
LEAVE FOR TEXAS

May Remain Permanently in Brownsville.

McClellan Darby and family and J. M. Schaefer left yesterday for Texas. They will locate at Brownsville and probably remain permanently. The party was induced to go to Texas by a land settlement company, represented locally by Ball & Peltz.

BUILDING PERMIT
FOR NEW THEATER

Murray Soon to Erect New Play House.

A building permit has been issued to Omar Murray to erect a new theater building at the south-east corner of Main and Tenth streets. Mr. Murray has awarded the contract for the excavation and the work will begin as soon as the weather will permit.

The necessity of the rotation of crops is well recognized among modern farmers, and it now appears that in India nature is seen practicing the same thing in the forests. The soil becoming exhausted after a long period of one kind of forest, seedlings of another species gradually replace the old trees as they die out. On the Indian soil, the deodar tree has been observed taking the place of the blue pine, pine and oak slowly exchange places and spruce and silver fir have been noted gradually extending into a forest of falling oaks.

MANSION MEASURE
WAS SLAUGHTERED
IN STATE SENATE

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fixed in the bill. In this city a widow receives \$600 and \$20 a month pension and each child under the age of sixteen years receives \$6 a month. There was a case in this city two weeks ago in which a fast passenger train struck a hook and ladder truck and killed the driver. He left a widow and eight children, seven of them being under sixteen years of age. From the fireman's pension fund the family received \$600 and the widow receives \$20 a month and each child \$6 a month until he reaches the age of sixteen. It is this kind of a fund that the McCullough bill proposes for cities of the second and third class.

An Election Measure.

A bill aimed to prevent the use of commercial influence in elections was introduced in the house yesterday. It declares invalid any contract made contingent upon the result of any election. For instance, if Smith goes to Jones, a manufacturer and gives him a large order for goods with the agreement that if Brown is elected president the order shall be filled and if Brown is not elected president the order shall be canceled such contract would be invalid. And it would make it unlawful for any employer to tell an employee that in case a certain man is elected to office the factory will run and if he is defeated it will close. It is a democratic measure and is directed, they say, at conditions that have existed in presidential campaigns during the last few years.

Get Salary Raise.

The house education committee has reported favorably a bill to fix the salaries of the county superintendents

of schools throughout the state. Among others, these salaries are fixed in this bill:

Allen county, raised from \$1,472 to \$1,900.
Huntington, raised from \$1,408 to \$1,900.
Lake, raised from \$1,399 to \$1,700.
Laporte, raised from \$1,418 to \$1,700.
St. Joseph, raised from \$1,408 to \$1,900.
Wayne, raised from \$1,408 to \$1,550.

The bill provides also for clerk hire for the county superintendents as follows: Counties having 100 teachers or less, none; 100 to 125 teachers, \$150; 125 to 150 teachers, \$225; 150 to 175 teachers, \$300; 175 or over, \$360. The bill is now ready to be pushed through the house. The salary of the county superintendent in every county in the state is increased under this bill.

To Have Opposition.

The labor committee in the house has recommended for passage a bill that will meet with a good deal of opposition. It is a bill to exempt labor organizations and organizations of farmers and horticulturists from the provisions of the anti-trust law. The bill, it is declared, by several attorneys who have examined it, would kill the entire anti-trust law by making it unconstitutional. They say that the law amended in this way would be class legislation and that the courts would declare it bad.

There is great need for an anti-trust law in this state, and under the present law, which was enacted two years ago several important actions have been begun, this new bill will

have opposition from the people who do not want the law interfered with. It will, however, have the support of those interests that are opposed to any anti-trust law of any kind.

To Prevent Squabble.

Representative Wells, of Fort Wayne, has introduced a bill for the purpose of preventing a recurrence of the squabble that arose a year ago over the school enumeration of Fort Wayne and Terre Haute. It was a question which was the larger of the two cities, and ugly charges were made of crooked work in the taking of the enumeration, especially in Terre Haute. The matter was fought out for months with the state board of education and the state superintendent sent men to Terre Haute and had a new enumeration made. Wells does not propose that his town shall get tangled up in any more such squabbles and he has introduced a bill to require the taking of a new school enumeration when a former enumeration is found to be incorrect. Another bill has been introduced to place the taking of school enumerations in the hands of the state superintendent of public instruction.

A bill introduced by Representative Wickey may bring relief to the Hammond lovers who are now obliged to travel the dreary miles to Crown Point to get a marriage license. Wickey's bill proposes to authorize the clerks of superior courts may issue marriage licenses. This would apply to Hammond, which has a superior court. The circuit court of Lake county is located at Crown Point.

INDIANA POLO LEAGUE

-- COLISEUM --

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Monday Eve'g, Feb. 22.

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Polo Prices—Admission 15c; reserved seats 10 cents extra.

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A Comedy
"The Marathon Race"
A pathetic little story well told.
Extra Tonight! The College Four Quartette
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All the
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"King of the Ring"
A pretty love story in which is one of the most thrilling fights ever pictured. The prize a girl.

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