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TWO CENTS.

## CHIEF POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Head of Chicago Police Department Attacked in His Home.

### Assaultant Shoots Young Shippy and a Servant.

### HAD DRAWN A KNIFE.

### The Chief Grabbed Him and Was Badly Cut.

### Then He Drew His Revolver and Began to Shoot.

### ASSASSIN UNKNOWN.

### He Is Believed to Be Member of Anarchist Organization.

### Mayor Busse Also Is Threatened by a Visitor.

Chicago, March 2.—George M. Shippy, chief of the Chicago police department, today was instantly killed and his son, Harry, who was wounded, the chief, shot the official's son, Harry, in the lung, and severely wounded the family coachman, James Foley. Harry Shippy is seriously hurt; Foley will probably recover and the chief was stabbed in the hand, his wound being trivial.

The assailant, who was armed with a revolver, shot Shippy's home while the chief and his son were alone in one of the rooms. The man is said to have handed Shippy a letter, which the chief opened and began to read. Almost immediately the anarchist drew a revolver and fired at Harry Shippy. The boy fell to the floor and his father grappled with the assailant.

Foley, attracted by the shooting, rushed to his employer's aid. As the assailant entered the room the anarchist chief was summoned to take charge of the investigation which is following the shooting. Mayor Busse ordered the police to search the neighborhood for the body of the anarchist who was shot. A crowd of curiosity seekers gathered about the place and at one time became so importunate that the police were obliged to use force in keeping the crowd back.

Another crowd surrounded the Shippy residence and kept the police from entering the house. Several of the sight seekers had been threatened with arrest until they submitted to control.

## OFFERS A PRIZE.

### The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

### Will Give \$500 for Less Cruel Slaughter Methods.

### ELECTRICITY BARRED.

### It Is Considered Objectionable in Many Ways.

### Competition Will End Monday, June 1, 1908.

New York, March 2.—Henry Bergh, nephew of the founder of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, in a letter in connection with the offer of a prize of \$500 by the society for an invention for the humane slaughter of animals for food, objects to present slaughter methods, as cruel.

"In all the relations of man to the lower animals there is nothing," says the letter, "involving so much suffering as the raising and killing of those used for market purposes.

"To mitigate as far as possible the sufferings inflicted on them committees have been appointed by the American Humane association and the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to investigate the various methods of slaughtering throughout this country and Europe.

"Electricity for the purpose has been considered objectionable, because of the danger to human life, its questionable economy, the fact that it requires skilled hands and its possible injurious effects on the flesh of the animal."

Concluding, the letter says that in the competition for the prize drawings and models, either or both, accompanied by a typewritten description must be delivered at the offices of the society, 200 West 10th street, New York, before 6 p. m. on Monday, June 1, 1908.

## POLITICAL GOSSIP

### Mr. Stubbs Plans to Get His Petition.

### Would Secure Maximum of Sixteen Thousand Names.

### NEW KIND OF MACHINE

### Plan to Have Big Working Force to Rely Upon.

### E. Dumont Smith Is Turned Down at Home.

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For hours after her experience, she was in a precarious condition. Miss Kingsnorth previously had agreed to be photographed in a photograph that would depict all the imaginable horrors conceived by art.

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First, he can get at least one per cent of the vote of the party in at least each of ten counties of the state, and in the aggregate not less than one per cent or more than ten per cent of the total vote of his party in the state.

Second, he can get at least one per cent of the total vote of his party in each of twenty counties.

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The second plan, while it limits the number of counties, does not limit the number of signers. This fact has been overlooked by the party politicians, who have figured it out that a candidate might select the 20 largest counties in the state, which contain a majority of the voters of the state, and by putting in enough time and labor, might in those 20 counties actually secure a majority of the voters of his party in the state and thus be eligible to run.

While this plan looks all right in theory, it would be a very expensive undertaking to work it out in practice. It would require the candidate to have to get about 70,000 signatures on his petitions in 20 counties. Such an undertaking is not to be undertaken lightly. It means a tremendous expense.

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Politicians are predicting, however, that after the primary plan has been in use for a few years people will become wary of signing any petitions in support of a candidate and will hasten to get the minimum, instead of figuring on how close he can come to the maximum without stopping over.

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"At this time we express our particular approval of the course of Senator F. Dumont Smith of our county in the last special session. We realize that upon public questions there is always room for difference of opinion, but we assure the people of this county that the services of Senator Smith in the last eight years have been of vast benefit, not only to the people of this district but to the whole state at large, and if he should be elected to the senate we pledge him our best efforts to that end."

Smith was also defeated for delegate to the state convention. The delegates elected to the state convention are: M. C. Tubbs, M. Parkhurst, Clay McKibben and D. D. Baxter. The delegates to the district convention are: C. G. Sprigg, F. D. West, J. S. Craft, B. F. Brown and A. Hardy. The latter were instructed to vote for W. M. Kennison for district national delegate.

Senator Smith's friends say that he will be a candidate for re-election notwithstanding the action of today's convention.

The Republicans of Lyon county unanimously endorsed the candidacy of William H. Taft for president of the United States, and emphatically commended the administration of Theodore Roosevelt in spite of the contrary efforts of Taft's enemies. Only one other endorsement was made by the convention, that of W. C. Austin of Cottonwood Falls for state printer. Representative J. M. Miller arrived here today from Washington, prepared for a fight against George H. Tucker, state senator of Eureka, who is a candidate for congressman against Miller. No fight materialized, however, and the work of the convention was completed in little more than an hour. Tucker was here, as were also W. C. Austin and F. B. McKercher of Marion, chairman of the congressional central committee. Tucker's friends gave Senator Curran and Senator Long, and Congressman Miller a slap in the resolutions which were adopted, in which was embodied the following:

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## FELT IN A SWOON

### Artist Model Is Led Blindfolded Into a Room

### Full of the Bodies of Dead Human Beings.

### SIGHT WAS TOO MUCH.

### She Went Into Hysterics and Later Collapsed.

### She Had Previously Waltzed With a Skeleton.

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## WILL BE NO SLATE.

### Ohio Republican State Convention to Be in the Open.

### Columbus, O., March 2.—With the arrival of the morning trains the army of politicians who are to take part in the state convention Tuesday was heavily increased. By night it is said, that the city will be filled to overflowing.

### The announcement that there will be no "slate," no prearrangement of any kind and that the nominations for the various offices are to be the result of a free-for-all fight and the prize of anybody who can get them, has greatly increased the interest in the convention.

### The only offices for which there will not be a struggle are governor, where Governor Harris has no opposition; secretary of state, where the present incumbent, Carl A. Thompson, will be nominated by acclamation and dairy and food commissioner for which Renwick W. Dunlap will have a walk-away. It is also highly probable that Judges John A. Schauck and James L. Price, present members of the supreme court will be nominated, although Judge Wildman of Norwalk, is also a candidate.

### The four delegates at large to the Republican national convention have been selected and there will be no opposition to any of them. They will be Governor Harris, Myron T. Herrick of Cleveland, Arthur I. Voris of Lancaster, the political manager of the Taft campaign, and Charles E. Taft of Cincinnati, the brother of the secretary of war.

### The platform will be short. The draft of it has been approved by Secretary Taft and Attorney General Wade Ellis is now polishing up the literary side of it. The present subject of acute discussion in relation to the platform and the mention shall be made of Senators Foraker and Dick and the character of such mention.

### No uncompromising allusion to the machine will be made, the question being whether or not any allusion shall be made to them. The feeling among the Taft leaders is that they should not be ignored but just what to say just how to say it, is the problem.

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### "I am not a candidate for United States senator and have no expectations about it. I hope to be nominated and elected governor and serve out my full term to the best of my ability. I have no ambition beyond that."

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## TRY TO FIX IT UP.

### Effort to Avoid a Fight in Republican Convention.

### Long and Stubbs Factions Talk of Compromise.

### LONG IS IN TOPEKA.

### Refuses to Discuss the Local Situation.

### Not a Candidate for Delegate to National Convention.

### An effort is now being made to arrange a compromise between the Long and Stubbs factions in the organization and work of the Republican state convention to be held here Wednesday.

### Some of the state leaders, and especially those who are expected to be candidates for state office, do not want the Stubbs-Long fight precipitated into the convention. There is serious danger of a wild fight for control of the convention unless the compromise is all fixed up ahead of time.

### The fight would come on the election of temporary chairman of the convention. This fight would settle the whole struggle, for the next thing would be to elect a permanent chairman, and appoint a committee on credentials which would see to it that the defeated faction got the worst of it in the seating of delegations.

### The dominant faction would probably have its candidate for blood shed whetted by this time that it would ride rough shod over all opposition, and endorse all its own factional candidates. Such a convention would go a long way toward splitting the party wide apart, and the party leaders generally recognize that it would be a serious political error.

### So serious is the situation that the two factions will compromise by electing some man for chairman of the convention who is satisfactory to both factions—a man who would be able to get a crowd, if such a man can be found. The agreement would also provide for the appointment of a strictly impartial committee to make up the question of whether or not any allusion shall be made to them. The feeling among the Taft leaders is that they should not be ignored but just what to say just how to say it, is the problem.

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## OPPOSE FULTON BILL.

### Commerce Commission Find Several Objections to Measure.

### Washington, March 2.—Responding to a letter of inquiry to the interstate commerce commission of the senate, the interstate commerce commission has written a letter taking a position in opposition to Senator Fulton's bill prohibiting railroad companies from advancing rates in the price of a product made by a shipper until the commission shall have passed upon the reasonableness of the increase. "To the effect of preventing the advance of any rate until the reasonableness of that advance was affirmatively determined by the commission," says the letter, "the bill would establish a hard and fast rule of doubtful fairness to the railroads and questionable advantage to the public. Under existing conditions we are of the opinion that it would be unwise to adopt the arbitrary limitations which this bill proposes, whatever may be found desirable or necessary in this regard in the future."

### The commission also finds an objection to the bill in a possibility of increased burden upon the commission. On this point they say:

### "The bill would require the commission to be investigated by the commission and officially sanctioned before it could take effect, the number of cases to be considered would probably be so large as to render their prompt disposition almost impossible. In instances of justifiable increase the necessity of delay resulting from the commission's action would be unjust to the carriers. Until conditions become more stable and the substantive provisions of the act are more completely observed in railroad rates, it is believed that wider latitude of discretion on the part of carriers than this measure allows should be permitted."

### The committee suggests as a possible remedy the voluntary reduction of rates. "If," they say, "the rate could be increased without the approval of the commission after affirmative showing by the carrier, the bill would be a hard and fast rule of doubtful fairness to the railroads and questionable advantage to the public. Under existing conditions we are of the opinion that it would be unwise to adopt the arbitrary limitations which this bill proposes, whatever may be found desirable or necessary in this regard in the future."

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