

TAFT OUT OF THE SENATORIAL FIGHT

Brother of the President Announces His Withdrawal From Ohio Senatorial Contest in Interest of Party Harmony.

MEANS MURTON WINS

Thomas Baker, Who Was to Have Presented Taft's Name, Will Second Burton's Nomination.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 30.—C. P. Taft, officially announced his withdrawal today from the senatorial contest. Accompanying the announcement was the statement that the Hamilton county delegation, which includes Cincinnati, will go solidly for Burton, and Thorn Baker, who was to have presented Taft's name, will second Burton's nomination.

SOCIETY

Mr. and Mrs. James O. Simms will entertain a few of their friends this evening at their home.

The Keokuk Club will give a masquerade dancing party New Years evening in Woodman hall.

The Woodmen and Royal Neighbors will give a dance this evening in their hall at Sixth and Main. The old year will be danced "out" by the party.

Mrs. J. N. Hueston entertained a number of friends last evening at her residence, 510 North Fifth street, in honor of Miss Katherine Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Knox delightfully entertained a few of their friends last evening in honor of their daughter, Nell, who is home from Chicago for the holidays.

A number of Keokuk young ladies and gentlemen will attend the leap year party to be given in Carthage this evening. The party will be in the nature of a dance and will be a feature of Carthage's holiday social festivities.

One of the prettiest dancing parties of the holiday season will be given Saturday evening in Schouten's hall by Miss Mary Rubidge and the invitation list includes nearly one hundred and fifty young people. There will be quite a number of out of town guests.

The C. E. society and friends of the Congregational church will watch the old year out and the new in tonight at the church. Refreshments will be served and various games in harmony with the season will be played by the party.

Today at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. N. E. Cory, No. 1202 Bank street, occurred the wedding of Miss Clara Prasse of Keokuk and Mr. George A. Westerbeck of Des Moines. The newly married couple left this afternoon for Des Moines which is to be their future home, accompanied by the best wishes of their many friends.

On Wednesday at the home of the groom's mother, Mrs. Rosetta Richards at Sugar Creek, occurred the marriage of Miss Lora Etta High and Mr. John Edward Danford, the wedding being conducted by Elder A. D. Richards. The young couple are two of the most popular young people of the community, both being prominent in the social and church life of the community and their many friends wish them a prosperous life's journey and a happy new year.

This afternoon at the residence of Rev. James M. Dunning, No. 317 High street, occurs the marriage of Miss Alice Bonham of this city to Dr. N. S. Bradford of Centerville. The marriage ceremony will take place at 5 o'clock at the rector's residence. The couple will be attended by Miss Mae Bonham, sister of the bride and Mr. Clarence Langston of Hannibal, a gentleman friend of the groom. After the marriage ceremony, the wedding party will repair to the home of the bride's parents where a sumptuous wedding supper will be served. Dr. and Mrs. Bradford will leave at 8:37 this evening for Hannibal where they will visit with friends in that city and in Quincy before taking up their residence in Centerville, the home of the groom. The traveling suit of the bride will be of blue with hat and gloves to match.

The young couple have many friends

In this city, the bride being the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Bonham and a young lady of many charms and graces. For some time she has been stenographer at the Hiskamp Bros. offices of this city and was well thought of by members of that institution. The groom is a young and practicing physician of Centerville where the couple will reside. The best wishes of all Keokuk's younger set go with the couple in their new home.

CITY NEWS.

—Hear "The Messiah." —Read The Daily Gate City, 10 cents per week. —"East Lynne" Saturday night. Prices, 10, 20, 30 and 50 cents. —Don't miss seeing "The White Rats" tomorrow. —"East Lynne" Saturday matinee, 10 and 25 cents. —Most of the dry goods stores of the city will be closed all day tomorrow.

—H. O. Whitney is quite sick at his home, having suffered from a couple of strokes of some character. —Tonight, "The Messiah." —Hear Joe Finerty this evening at St. Peter's hall. He will sing "Shine on Harvest Moon." —The high school carnival at the Keokuk high school building tomorrow afternoon and evening. —Mr. and Mrs. C. Keppel and family have moved from 809 Main street to their new residence on North Twelfth street.

THE MESSIAH THIS EVENING

To Begin Promptly at 8 O'clock at the Congregational Church, Corner Sixth and High. Mr. Bentley's baton will descend promptly at 8 o'clock tonight, when the Messiah will be given in the First Congregational church.

—New Year's day falls on Friday this year, but Catholics will have to refrain from eating flesh meat. By a special provision they were permitted to eat meat on Friday of last week but this condition will not prevail as it did on Christmas.

—V. C. Maxwell, general traffic manager of the Washash with headquarters in St. Louis, arrived in the city today and was a caller at the local Washash office. He is a former Keokuk railroad man and has made good in this department of work.

—A big football game will be pulled off New Year's afternoon at the Coliseum in St. Louis, between the All-Star team of that city and Eckersall's team of Chicago. The game has excited considerable interest throughout Missouri and the result will be awaited with much interest.

—James Fox was given three days in the city jail this morning for being drunk. George Donaldson was given either fifteen days or a fine of \$5 and was undecided whether to pay the money or stay in jail for two weeks. Both were up in the Superior court this morning and plead guilty to the charges against them.

—Tomorrow evening at Woodman hall, the Keokuk club's masquerade dancing party will be given, promising to be the society event of the season. The grand march will start promptly at 8:30 o'clock and quite extensive preparations for the event have been made by those who contemplate taking part in the enjoyment of the evening.

—Herbert Leon Cope, who was forced to postpone his engagement in the Y. M. C. A. entertainment course has recovered and sent word that he will come to Keokuk on next Tuesday evening, arriving in time that evening to give his lecture at 8:45 o'clock at the Grand opera house. Arrangements have been made for giving the entertainment on that date.

—There will be several bowling matches played on New Year's day. In the morning the Drexel and Independents will clash at the Drexel alleys and the Grand Leaders and Keokuk Club will play at the club alleys. The first game will be as per schedule, but the second is just an exhibition. All of the teams will present the same line ups as in previous games.

—The place to go this evening is to St. Peter's hall to see "A Night in Bohemia," produced by Keokuk's favorite slingers. —A meeting of the boys' social committee of the Y. M. C. A. was held yesterday afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. and arrangements made for a big time during the coming year for the boys. A ping pong tournament will start early in January and a spelling bee is also being planned. A racket will be the prize for the winner of the ping pong tournament and those wishing to enter can leave their names with Merrill Majors.

—It has been impossible for a meeting of the directors of the Keokuk Bowling association to take place thus far, but arrangements are being made to meet next week and make plans for the continuance of the season. Vice President Thomas Gray wished to give a prize of some kind to the league, and will place certain restriction on the winner if the plan is carried out. His plan is to make the conditions such that all might have a fair chance for the prize.

BUCHANAN AFTER NEW GOVERNMENT

Special Commissioner Has Opened Negotiations With President Gomez For Settlement American Claims.

WANTS TO BE FRIENDLY

Head of New Venezuelan Government Assures Buchanan of His Desire to be on Friendly Terms.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—A dispatch has been received by the state department from Special Commissioner Buchanan, at Caracas, stating he had opened negotiations with the new Venezuelan government for a settlement of American claims and that President Gomez assured him of his desire to establish friendly relations with the United States.

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Mr. Bentley's baton will descend promptly at 8 o'clock tonight, when the Messiah will be given in the First Congregational church.

With Mr. Bentley, 8 o'clock does not mean one minute after, nor one minute before. Galesburg people appreciate this fact, and when they attend his concerts, realize that they must be in their seats at the hour specified.

There are no reserved seats and in view of the fact that there will be a very large audience present, it will be best to come early to secure the best seats.

The rehearsal last night was well attended and much enjoyed. The chorus was accompanied by John Winter Thompson, organist, the orchestra and Mrs. Hazen I. Sawyer at the piano.

Unimpeachable—If you were to seek the unequalled volume of unimpeachable testimony in favor of Hood's Sarsaparilla, you would upbraid yourself for so long delaying to take this effective medicine for that blood disease from which you are suffering.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. J. F. Sullivan of Hannibal was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Conrad yesterday.

Miss Vera Lee of Centerville returned to her home this morning after a visit here with her grandmother, Mrs. B. R. Lofton and other relatives. Charles A. Gilley left this afternoon for Brush, Colo., to reside. Mrs. Gilley leaves Saturday for Macomb, with her daughter, Miss Maude Gilley, who is a teacher in the public schools there and will visit in Macomb for some time.

Rev. Stahl and Father Landers left this morning at 7:35 for Morse, Iowa. Rev. Landers was formerly assistant pastor of St. Peter's Catholic church of this city.

Rev. E. B. Newcomb left this morning for Montrose, to attend a meeting of the Presbytery held this morning to consider the resignation of W. J. Cresswell of that city.

Judge F. T. Hughes has returned from a business trip in northwestern Iowa. R. L. Helfrich and E. C. Mack of Carthage were in the city last evening attending the fraternity dance.

Chester Norman returned this morning to San Francisco after visiting in the city for a few days with relatives. Miss Edith Helfrich returned this morning to Carthage after spending the night in the city with her friend Miss Polly Morgan.

Mrs. J. P. Kensit of Belleville, Ill., who has been visiting in the city, has gone to Centerville for a few days' visit. Miss Blanche Stafford of St. Louis who has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Sage, has departed for Chicago where she will visit.

Misses Gene Gaston and Mary Rubidge left today for Carthage to be in attendance at a private dance given at that place this evening. Frederick C. Smith left this afternoon for Carthage where he will attend a private dancing party this evening. Mrs. Ella Cutler and Miss Hattie Goodrich of Fort Madison will visit tomorrow with Gen. and Mrs. Noble Warwick.

NAVAL OFFICERS ESTIMATE DEAD

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est difficulty in inducing survivors to accept shelter in homes. They are fearful of another collapse and do not want to risk themselves from falling walls and roofs. There are innumerable cases of insanity among the survivors, many of whom, it is feared, will never recover. The utter absence of news from scores of small towns makes the number of dead inaccurate. Investigation so far has concerned itself with the larger places. It is estimated one hundred thousand and refugees have embarked on warships from Messina, Sicily and Calabria. Sixteen battleships and cruisers are now on the scene. France has started five additional battleships from Toulon. The ships navigated the straits of Messina today without difficulty.

The extent of the second series of shocks is not yet announced. A sudden increase in the estimate of the dead has given rise to the fear that shocks may have been more extensive than was at first believed. In Messina, however, little reference is made other than to say the tottering ruins fell. It is believed the only additional deaths there are in the ruins where the pinned-in victims were killed.

American Ship to Rescue.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Commander Hughes of the navy supply ship, the Celtic, has received orders today to sail at two this afternoon under full speed to the scene of the quake. The Celtic has aboard six thousand tons of fresh beef, mutton and poultry and medicine and clothing which was originally intended for the Jackies of the American fleet which was to be delivered at Gibraltar.

American Fleet to Help.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The American fleet is expected at Suez on January 3rd. It will coal at Port Said. It will enter the Mediterranean about January 5th at ordinary speed and reach Messina in four days. The reports indicate the need of ships to remove the injured. The fleet will be able to land at least 12,000 men to assist in the rescue.

Scorpion to Messina.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The U. S. gunboat Scorpion, at Constantinople, has been ordered to Messina.

Fear Disease Epidemic.

CATANIT, Sicily, Dec. 31.—The danger of epidemic of disease in Messina and Reggio is momentarily becoming more alarming according to telegrams received here today. Hundreds of decaying bodies are lying in the streets, the work of burying them in the trenches and burning them in funeral pyres being so great, an unappreciable diminution in their number is noticeable. As fast as the bodies are disposed of, others are dug from the ruins. The rescuers are constantly staggering from the ruins sick and fainting from the stench of corpses.

Word received here of the greatest need is medical attention and sanitation. Ships are carrying huge cargoes of food and it will be only a few hours until there will be food for all. Physicians, nurses and medical supplies, however, are few, with no apparent means of supplying the lack.

Chicago Italians Contribute.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—The Italian residents of Chicago, so far have collected between

three and four thousand dollars for the relief of the earthquake sufferers. This was cabled at noon to Italy.

Pacific Coast Cities Respond.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 31.—Every city on the Pacific coast has had large sums collected for the relief of the Italian quake sufferers, \$2,000 was collected at Portland.

Caring For Survivors.

ROME, Dec. 31.—There is no trace of the bodies of Cheney and his wife.

Over five million has been subscribed for relief. Of the ninety foreign guests at the Hotel Tricancra at Messina, many of whom were Americans, it is reported only one guest and the proprietor escaped. The American embassy is endeavoring to locate the American travelers but was assured by the government this afternoon that there was no trace of any. In the battleships, cruisers, steamers and smaller crafts, as well as by trains the unfortunates are being taken to other cities. Other nations are vying with Italy in efforts to alleviate the suffering. There are sixty thousand survivors in Naples; twenty thousand in Catania and fifty thousand in other cities on the coast and the interior. The Ionian islands cable is still out and nothing is known concerning the fate of these islands. The financial loss in the stricken regions is unprecedentedly heavy and is practically uninsured. The insurance companies for years have refused to insure any property in the quake belt.

Busch Gives \$25,000.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 31.—A contribution of \$25,000 for the quake sufferers by Adolphus Busch was announced here today. Busch telegraphed from Pasadena, California, to his son August to pay the money to the Red Cross.

Parliament to Meet.

ROME, Italy, Dec. 31.—Parliament will meet in an extra session as soon as the king returns from the scene of the disaster, to frame special measures, bearing upon the relief of the sufferers, and the national recovery from the terrific loss. The most important act that is contemplated is the levying of a special taxation for a period of five years and an increase in the railroad rates. The quake sufferers will be exempt from this burden, and all taxation for the long term. It is also planned to raise two per cent on the national loan.

Since the repair of the official seismic recording apparatus, which was practically wrecked by the violence of the great shock Monday, ninety-five fresh shocks have been registered, and several of them were of a severe nature. The need of food in Messina, is still desperate, and also in the other cities. The hunger crazed and grief maddened people of Messina used knives on each other, and a number were killed before the authorities could stop the combat.

Death List Will Never be Known.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Referring to the earthquake country, Baron Des Planches, the Italian ambassador, said today, "They will never know the number of the dead." Although he had no relatives, in southern Italy he had many friends and acquaintances there, many of whom he fears have been killed. The loss of life is greater than it would have been if more of the buildings in Italy had been constructed of timber. Stones and brick are used almost exclusively.

Roosevelt to Ask Help.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—It was learned authoritatively that Roosevelt will probably send an urgent message to congress immediately re-convening, asking for a liberal appropriation for the earthquake sufferers.

American Fleet May go to Sicily.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The American battleship fleet is in the Red Sea and probably will be sent to Sicily. The plans are now being discussed by the navy and the state departments. If it is acceptable to the Italian government the orders will be issued.

First Blizzard at St. Paul.

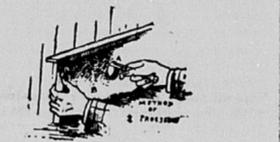
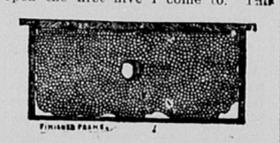
ST. PAUL, Dec. 31.—A cold wave reached here this morning and the wind blew through the city at forty miles an hour. It is the first blizzard of the winter. There are reported delays to the traffic in the Dakotas.

HOLES IN COMB.

Permit Easier Passage from One Part of Hive to Another.

My bees are all in regular ten-frame hives, well-filled with solid slabs of honey, sufficient to winter three ordinary hives of bees. However, in year past, colonies died just the same, and I was surprised to find the mortality greatest in the hives that contained the most food, writes a West Virginia bee keeper in Bee Culture. I decided that this was due to the fact that when once these solid masses of honey became cold, the bees were unable to generate heat sufficient to rewarm them. Then with the appearance of a sunny day dozens of bees would leave the cluster and roam about over the surface of these combs. As night approached and the air became cooler these bees once more drew toward the cluster for warmth; but each time this would occur, numbers of stragglers would become isolated from the main cluster and collect together in the form of compact little knots on the surface of the outside combs, where they slowly chilled to death. In this way I found by actual observation that strong hives of bees positively dwindled down to a mere handful and, with a sudden fall of the temperature, they would succumb. I was not prepared to cellar my bees, so I tried the tarred-paper plan and found it all right, except that there was too much labor and expense connected with it; so I started experimenting, with the result that I no longer lose any colonies here in my home yard from the rigor of winter, and it is pretty cool here, too (17 degrees below zero last winter-four nights in succession).

Here is just the plan I have hit upon, and the one I mean to follow until somebody shows me that I am wrong: Late in October, after all the honey-flow is past and Jack Frost has cut down all the flowers, I go into my yard armed with only a large pall and a long slender-bladed knife (the type generally known as a "physician's knife" is best). I have the knife whetted to a razor edge. As it is late in the evening I experience no trouble from robbers, so I at once proceed to open the first hive I come to. This



How It is Done.

I remove the frames in the center of the hive one by one, and, after shaking the bees off very close to the entrance of the hive, I place the comb firmly against some very solid object and begin by cutting out a circular piece of the honey 1 1/4 inches in diameter, directly in the center of each comb, replacing each comb as soon as the hole has been made through it, and putting the circular chunks of honey in the pall. Having cut this opening through eight of the frames of two outside ones (always leaving the two outside ones intact) I close the hive and proceed to the next one.

The bees clustering in a hive are compelled to keep each frame of honey warmed to a certain point all of the time or there will be grave danger of the entire hive perishing, it being very similar to a person lying down to sleep upon a block of ice with another block over him. Once the honey becomes chilled through, most of the heat communicated from the bees passes back and forth over or under the frames, especially over them; consequently I think you will agree with me that a hole through each of the central frames is what is needed to remedy this, and concentrate the warmth of the hive.

Since adopting this method of preparing for winter I have not lost a single hive of bees. Two years ago I tried this plan at the home yard on eight hives that were not so well stocked with bees as they should have been, and, to my surprise, they came out in better condition than the ones that were stronger in bees in the fall. Last winter I tried the same plan with 35 colonies, with no loss whatever, and this winter I mean to prepare all the colonies in my home yard in this way, as I have full faith in its merits. However, I would not advise any brother bee-keeper to try a large number of hives in this manner as a first experiment, as the locality might have something to do with the success of the plan. One of the very best features of all is the fact that hives treated as above will come out in the spring with at least three more frames of brood than hives at like period that did not have the holes through the frames. The bees always fill in all of these pop-holes before the close of the apple-bloom.

Good Winter Feed.

There is no better winter breakfast for the stock than equal parts, by weight, of bran, middlings, ground oats, corn meal and meat scraps, to which add its bulk in cooked cut clover hay, and five per cent. of linseed meal. Mix the ground grain with the tea made by cooking the clover.

TODAY'S MARKETS.

Furnished by Bennett & Co., Commission Merchants and Members of the Chicago Board of Trade—W. W. Johnson, Local Representative, 312 Johnson Street.

Table with columns: WHEAT, OPEN, HIGH, LOW, CLOSE. Rows for Dec, May, July.

Table with columns: CORN, OPEN, HIGH, LOW, CLOSE. Rows for Dec, May, July.

Table with columns: OATS, OPEN, HIGH, LOW, CLOSE. Rows for Dec, May, July.

Chicago Car Lots. Wheat, 18; graded No. 2, 9; corn, 196, graded No. 2, 7; oats, 83, graded No. 2, 14.

Estimated Receipts Tomorrow. Wheat, 8; corn, 251; oats, 145; hogs 27,000.

There will be no session of the Chicago board of trade Friday, January 1st, New Year's day.

Chicago Live Stock. CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 31.—Cattle, 7,000; strong; hoesves, \$5.35@7.00; stockers, \$2.60@4.90.

Hogs—29,000; 10c higher; light, \$5.15@5.85; heavy, \$5.75@6.10; pigs \$4.15@5.15.

Sheep—12,000; steady; natives, \$2.60@5.15; lambs, \$4.50@7.80.

Kansas City Live Stock. KANSAS CITY, Dec. 30.—Cattle, 2,000; steady; steers, \$4.90@7.00; stockers, \$5.00@5.20; hogs, 11,000, 5c to 10c higher; bulk, \$5.50@5.85; pigs, \$4.00@5.15; lambs, \$5.75@7.65.

New York Produce. NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Dressed poultry, unchanged. Live poultry, unchanged; butter, creamery, extra, 32 1/2@33c; eggs, nearby white, fancy, 28@40c; fresh firsts, 32c; cheese, firm.

New York Stocks. NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—There was considerable irregularity in the market movements in the first hour, a few issues making sharp advances while others became heavy and in some stocks decided weakness was developed. New York Central was strong, advancing 1 1/2 points, Algon Common advanced 2 points and Illinois Central was in good demand. Government bonds unchanged, others firm.

New York Stocks. NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The after noon trading was marked by a display of strength in the N. Y. Central and a number of specialties. The General list, while dull continued strong in tone and the changes were generally in the shape of advances.

Table of stock prices including American Smelting, Amalgamated Copper, Anaconda Copper, etc.

What Rate Regulation Cost. MADISON, Dec. 31.—According to a report today the railroad rate regulation cost the state of Wisconsin \$48,169.77, during the year 1908. Compared with the express commission of other states the services rendered the Wisconsin commission was the least expensive.

Northwestern Fined \$22,000.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Federal Judge Landis today fined the Chicago and Northwestern railroad, \$22,000. Two thousand, two hundred dollars for twenty-two violations of the federal twenty-eight hour cattle law. The railroad pleaded guilty in all of the cases.

Thirty-Six Bodies Recovered.

MAYBURY, Dec. 30.—Twelve bodies were taken from the mine today, making a total of thirty-six recovered. Mine officials believe there are still twenty-one victims to be located.

PERSONALS.

Captain N. L. Warwick, U. S. A., left this morning for his home in Norfolk, Va. E. A. Hesbacher of Des Moines is in the city for a visit with relatives. P. V. Baer and family returned last evening from a visit in St. Louis. Miss Mae N. Blodgett, bible study teacher and lecturer, will arrive in the city soon and will give her first talk at the Y. W. C. A. Sunday afternoon. —"The White Rats" at the Grand tomorrow, matinee and night.