

## PRESIDENT'S TOUR IN THE SOUTHLAND STATES

Chief Executive Is Extended a Warm Welcome by People of South Carolina.

### RECEPTION COMMITTEE ASSEMBLED AT DEPOT

Company of Confederate Veterans Escort Mr. Roosevelt Through the Principal Streets of Asheville, North Carolina—City Elaborately Decorated and Hundreds of Country People Greet President—Thousands Hear Address.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.] Asheville, N. C., Sept. 9.—Asheville extended a warm greeting to President Roosevelt today. Fully 10,000 people occupied the court house square where the president addressed them from a stand. The special train arrived at 9:30 o'clock. The night was passed at Hot Springs and the run from there this morning was uneventful.

A short stop was made at Marshall, the home of Senator Prichard, where a large number of people had assembled. The president thanked them for their greeting. At Asheville he was met by a reception committee of which Charles McNamee was chairman.

Mayor Miller, Senator Prichard and Congressman Moody were among those who greeted the president, the members of the committee being introduced to the president in his car by Senator Prichard.

Carrriages were in waiting and under the escort of Zeb Vance and a company of confederate veterans with their little flags, and two companies of state militia and the first regiment band the party started for the court house square.

At Battery park the school children were assembled on the lawn and sang "America," as the party passed.

President Roosevelt stood in his carriage bareheaded. The city was elaborately decorated and hundreds of people had come in from the country to greet the president. He was introduced by Chairman McNamee and was greeted with cheers.

### Served Under Wheeler.

The president spoke of the pleasure it gave him to speak before the monument of the late Senator Vance, which is near the stand. He was glad, he said, to meet the people whose forefathers had fought under Marion; glad to be greeted by men who served in the confederate army. He told of his visit Sunday to the battlefield of Chickamauga and repeated the declaration that the man would be a poor American who did not come from the scenes commemorating the valorous deeds of those armies a better American. He told of serving under Wheeler in Cuba and said that yesterday he met an old man who served in the confederate army.

"I was one of Wheeler's boys," said the veteran.

"So was I," replied the president.

"I think it is a good thing," he said, "for an American president to have the chance to travel through different sections of the country, because it is a mighty good thing for any American to meet his fellow-Americans in order that he may realize how trivial are the points of unlikeness and how essential are the points of likeness. A good American is a good American, whether he came from the north, the south, the east or the west."

### Insane Mother Suicides.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.] Greenville, Miss., Sept. 9.—Mrs. Mollie Westrope of Clayton, Miss., who, while insane, murdered and burned her five children near Hazelhurst, Miss., June 16, committed suicide here yesterday afternoon by jumping into the river.

### Members of Yacht Club.

New York, Sept. 9.—The emperor of Germany and Prince Henry have been formally proposed for membership in the New York Yacht club and their election probably will occur at the next meeting October 23.

## WHO STOLE THAT KEY OF WELCOME?

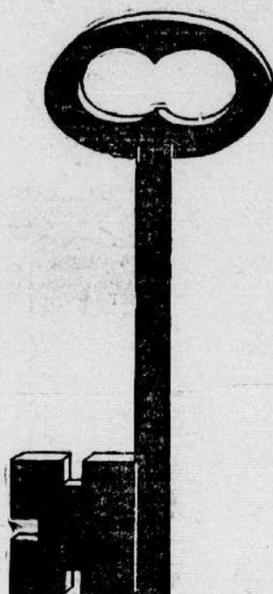
WHAT GUILTY WRETCH MADE OFF WITH GOLDEN EMBLEM OF THE HAMILTONIANS?

### ROMNEY IS TEARING HIS SILKEN LOCKS OVER IT

The Key Has Been Seen in No Less Than Six Different Sections of Montana, but Although Photographs of Alleged Thieves Have Been Taken, Thus Far No One Has Been Jailed.

[SPECIAL TO INTER MOUNTAIN.] Hamilton, Sept. 9.—Who has that key? Miles Romney sat up all last night with a stenographer by his side, wiring far and wide over the state, in a fruitless endeavor to trace the perpetrator of the most cruel hoax ever worked on a trusting rural community! The great golden key of welcome, for which Hamiltonians melted down their plate and up their watchcases, the imposing emblem which hung from the center of the arch of welcome on Main street when the newspaper delegation, headed by the Silver Cornet band, marched under it upon their arrival in the city, has been stolen; "Sdeath!" hissed Romney through his clenched teeth, when he heard of the theft. "Sdeath! But we will send to

THIS IS THE KEY.



If the Man Who Took It Can Be Found, He Will Be Sent to the Pen.

Butte for McGillic but we will find the wretch!

In consequence, the wires have been worked in every direction, and the police of every city, town and hamlet in Montana are looking for the thief. Claws galore pour in, but so far the guilty wretch has not been apprehended.

### They Are Seeing Things.

The key has been seen in six different sections of the state at almost the same time, and the police are at a loss to know whom to arrest. One minute Romney receives a message that a well-known editor from the eastern part of the state was seen with the key, which he was vainly endeavoring to hide under his greatcoat. The unhappy mayor of Hamilton is wiring to have this villain slung into jail, when even as he bites his stubby quill and scratches his noble brow in an effort to begin, another wire brings the startling information from a northern city 500 miles away from the first place, that the key has been seen up there.

Romney is at his wit's end. There is only one key of the sort. In fact, as one

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### CAN YOU RECOGNIZE THIS MAN?



(Picture by Inter Mountain.)

He Is Wanted for Stealing That Hamilton Key—Barney McGillic, the Butte Detective, Says He Is Judge John M. Evans of Missoula.

## LARGEY ESTATE SUIT UP AGAIN

DEFENDANT CLAIMS THAT COMPLAINT DOES NOT STATE SUFFICIENT FACTS.

In the case of Lee Mantle against Lulu F. Largey, as administratrix of the estate of P. A. Largey, deceased, the defendant today filed a demurrer in the district court.

Defendant maintains that complaint does not state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action; that the complaint is ambiguous, indefinite and uncertain, in that it cannot be determined from it whether or not the alleged agreement between the plaintiff and defendant, that the deed from Collins and wife for said premises should be taken in Largey's name was verbal or in writing.

Defendant also maintains that the cause of action of the complainant is barred by certain provisions of the statutes and that it appears on the face of the complaint that the cause of action is barred by laches.

A similar demurrer has been filed in the case of Lee Mantle against Lulu F. Largey, M. S. Largey, Lulu Largey-McGinn, Creighton Largey and Mary Montana Largey.

McLinton & Cotter are attorneys for the plaintiff and Bernard Noon, Forbis & Evans and McBride & McBride for the defendants.

### Haytian Ports Are Closed.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.] Hamburg, Sept. 9.—According to information received from the Haytian consulate here, the provisional government of Hayti has closed the ports of Gonaives, St. Marie and Port de Paix to foreign ships on account of the disturbances on the island. The provisional president has issued instructions that bills of lading manifests for these ports be not issued for the present.

### Forest Fires in Wyoming.

Laramie, Wyo., Sept. 9.—Reports from timber fire districts say that sheep men will be heavy losers. Many of the bands have scattered and thousands of sheep are now right in the burning timber country. Timber Supervisor J. S. Atherly has started for the burning district with 50 men and every kind of appliance for use in forest fire fighting.

## MUCH INTEREST IN POLITICAL FIGHT

WASHINGTON REPUBLICAN CONVENTION WILL BE SCENE OF LIVELY SCRAP.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.] Tacoma, Wash., Sept. 9.—Much interest centers in the fight for the nomination of three congressmen by the republican state convention here tomorrow. Cushman of Pierce county, for renomination, claims 259 out of a necessary 286 votes, and says that he can easily make trades for enough to win.

Jones of Yakima, for renomination, claims 306 votes. Humphrey of King county claims 320 votes; Faulkner of Thurston, 32; Bridges of Chehalis, 18; Pickerrill of Whitman, 120, and Brownell of Snohomish, 83.

The game is purely one of cut-throat, each candidate striving for some combination which will elect himself and one other. Each two then will try for a combination to take in a third candidate, making the fight one of the meanest this state has ever known.

Committees representing all of the organizations connected with the operation of railroads in the state have arrived and propose to take a hand in Governor McBride's fight for an appointive railway commission.

### Have Monster Petitions.

The committees are from the locomotive firemen, locomotive engineers, Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, Switchmen's union, office clerks, telegraph operators and the Order of Railway Conductors.

They have a monster petition, stating that they are deeply interested in politics and policy of the state and that they feel sure that a railway commission cannot be appointed at this time without injury to their personal interests.

In addition to three congressmen, the convention will nominate one supreme judge and settle the fight between the governor and the railroads with regard to the railway commission. The railroad lobby is here in full strength. This lobby threatens that the Northern Pacific headquarters will be removed from Tacoma if the governor's fight for a commission is endorsed by tomorrow's convention.

## PRESS ASSOCIATION BUSINESS IS ENDED

LAST NIGHT'S BANQUET WAS A DECIDED SUCCESS AND THE ORATIONS SPLENDID.

### W. W. CHEELY OF BUTTE IS ELECTED PRESIDENT

Miles Romney, Mayor of Hamilton, and Retiring President of the Association Is Presented a Magnificent Gold-Headed Cane—Next Meeting Place Is Helena During Session of Legislature.

[SPECIAL TO INTER MOUNTAIN.] Hamilton, Sept. 9.—At a meeting held this forenoon the business of the Montana Press association for the year came to an end.

The election of officers, reading of resolutions of respect and appointing committees were among the matters of routine which came before the gathering.

The best of good feeling prevailed and applause greeted the mention of the names of the men elected and the members appointed on committees.

Last night's banquet was a decided success. One hundred and sixty people sat down to a splendid spread at the Hamilton hotel, where, C. M. Crutchfield was toastmaster and a list of toasts were responded to in pointed periods by the post-prandial orators of the occasion.

The presentation of a magnificent gold-headed cane to Miles Romney, retiring president, was one of the pleasant incidents of the evening. The ceiling was shaken with applause when the popular young man responded to the speech of presentation.

### Officers Elected.

Following are the officers elected for the ensuing year: President, W. W. Cheely of Butte; first vice president, H. O. Collins of Missoula; second vice president, J. H. Hamill of Butte; third vice president, Joe Widemeyer of Glendive; secretary-treasurer, Walter Aiken of Livingston; re-elected historian, W. W. Alderson of Bozeman.

The next meeting place will be held in the city of Helena during the month of January, while the legislature is in session, and a meeting will be held during the summer at some place selected at the January gathering.

The new president, upon taking the chair, appointed the usual committees, and it was resolved that the organization be conducted along lines that would insure a larger attendance at the meetings and open up departments which will be of more interest to members who seldom attend.

The train for Butte from Hamilton shortly after 1 o'clock.

John K. Murrell's statement that the house combine of 1899-1900, of which he was a member, accepted bribes of \$2,500 each for their votes on the lighting bill of 1900, made the lighting scandal the chief topic of investigation by the grand jury today.

Shortly after noon, Edmund Bersch was taken into custody. He was lodged in jail in default of \$15,000 bail, as were also John H. Schuetzler, J. J. Hannigan, John Helms, Otto Schumacher and Charles Gutke, who spent last night and this morning at their homes in the custody of the deputy sheriffs.

Former Delegate W. M. Tamblin is under arrest in Cleveland. Chief of Police Kiely was called to the long distance telephone by Tamblin today. The latter informed the police that he had been arrested and desired to return to St. Louis at once. He requested that an officer be sent after him with as little delay as possible.

Noted Dutchman Dead. The Hague, Sept. 9.—Dr. T. J. A. Van Aesch Van Wyck, minister of the colonies, who underwent a surgical operation a few days ago, died today.

## SPANISH MONARCH IS QUITE POPULAR

HE MIXES UP WITH PEOPLE OF HIS REALM BUT NEVER LOSES HIS KINGLY DIGNITY.

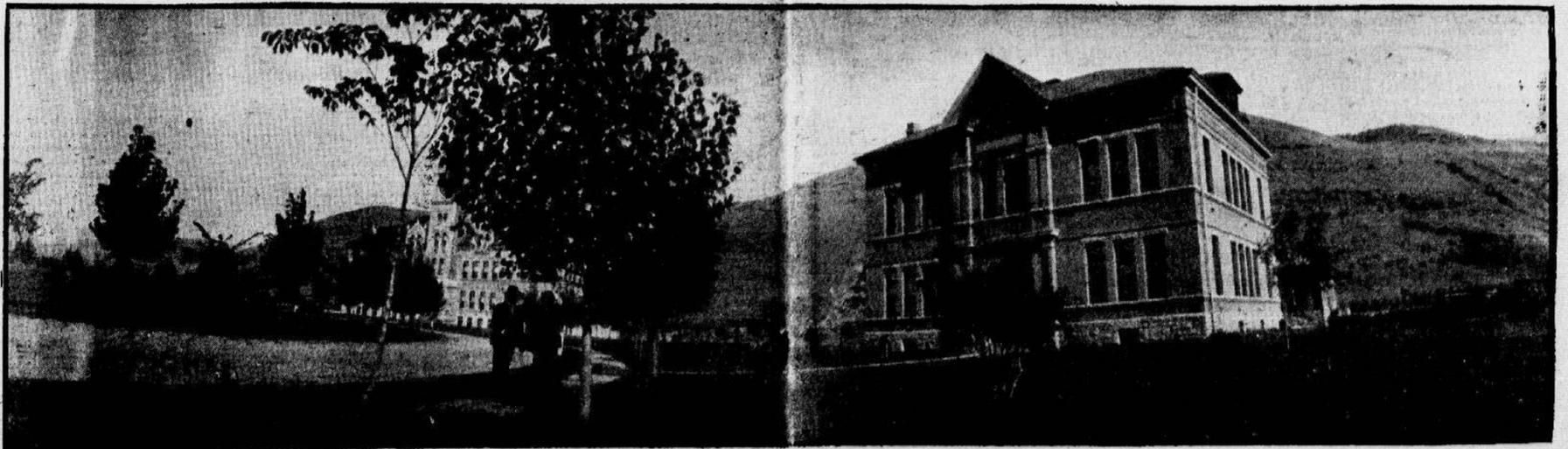
[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.] Paris, Sept. 9.—One of the constant questions one hears today: "What is the king of Spain doing, how is he developing, and what impression is he making on his country?"

A gentleman who has lived many years in Madrid and whose business is to watch the development of matters in Spain, says:

"The young king is earning large popularity. If left alone he would be more popular still. Left to his own way, he loves to go everywhere to talk to the people and to hear what they have to say. There is no country more democratic than Spain, and its king, to be popular, must mix with the people.

"The young king is full of dignity. He loves to mix with the people; to try to understand and make friends with them and he never for one moment loses sight and sense of his position and what is due to him.

IT IS A MIGHTY BIG PICTURE FOR THE DETECTIVES TO FIND HIM IN.



(Picture by Inter Mountain.)

But if You Will Look Carefully, You Will See That One of the Suspects in the Key Case Is Standing on the Walk to the State University With the Fatal Implement in His Hand—The Police Say This Man Is Prominent in State Educational Circles, No Other, in Fact, than President Craig of the Institution—Two Alleged Accomplices, Judge Evans of Missoula and Editor Richardson of Havre Plain Dealer Look On.