

ORCHARD MEN HAVE BUSY DAY FRISCO GETS PANAMA SHOW

OPENING SESSIONS OF FRUIT-GROWERS ARE LIVELY AND FULL OF GINGER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES VOTES IN FAVOR OF CITY ON WEST COAST.

PRACTICAL TALKS MADE BALLOTING IS CLOSE

Largest and Busiest Attendance Ever Recorded at a Meeting of the Society and a Program of Unusual Merit to the Farmer and the Man With the Orchard.

Fight Between New Orleans and San Francisco for the Exposition to Celebrate the Opening of the Big Ditch is Bitter One—it is Thought Senate Will Ratify the Resolution.

The largest first-day attendance that ever started off a meeting of the Montana State Horticultural society marked the opening of the 1911 sessions yesterday.

Washington, Jan. 31.—The house of representatives today by a vote of 188 to 159 decided in favor of San Francisco and against New Orleans as the city in which an exposition to celebrate the opening of the Panama canal in 1915 shall be held.

This vote was taken on roll call to determine whether the San Francisco resolution or the New Orleans bill should have consideration in the house.

The San Francisco resolution does not ask for government aid in any form. It simply authorizes the president of the United States to invite foreign nations to participate in the fair.

The New Orleans bill called for an appropriation of \$1,000,000 for a government exhibit and the creation of a government commission.

The proceedings in the house marking the culmination of the exposition fight were unique. The galleries held the greatest throngs of the present session and there was no attempt to restrain the applause that came from the spectators as the fight progressed.

The claims of the two cities recently were put up to the rules committee of the house. That committee would not undertake to say which exposition measure should have the right of way, but gave a Solomon-like decision that there should be a call of the house and each member was to rise in his place and vote "San Francisco" or "New Orleans" instead of "Aye" or "Nay," as usual on roll calls.

During the ballot excitement ran high. The race between the two cities was exactly a tie when 57 votes had been cast on each side. It remained even up to the 100 mark, and then San Francisco began to forge to the front.

When the decision in favor of the California city was announced there was a demonstration on the floor and in the galleries. Mr. Carey of Wisconsin evoked laughter by responding "Milwaukee" when his name was called.

Mr. Moore of Pennsylvania voted for Washington.

Thank—Much Obligated. Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 31.—The news that congress had voted for San Francisco for the Panama-Pacific exposition brought the members of both houses of the legislature to their feet with cheers and applause.

The message of San Francisco's victory was read in the senate by Lieutenant Governor Wallace.

Mr. Wolfe announced that he would offer a resolution later asking that a legal holiday be set aside to commemorate the event.

Apple Show.

The midwinter display of fruit, which is shown in connection with the society's meetings is this year remarkably good, though not quite as large as usual.

There is not more of it to be found in the fact that the growers are selling their crops so close this season that there are not many apples left in the cellars to display; all have gone to the market, so great has been the demand for Montana fruit.

A Surprise.

It was a pleasant surprise to see President Whitehead at the desk when the morning session was called to order. There had been the fear expressed that his duties in the legislature would prevent his attendance and the man who paired with him to serve a resolution of thanks from the society.

Rev. J. G. Clark, the preacher-orchardist of Carbon county, who hopes that he will be able to register next year from Orchard county, and who fights crown-rust and codling moth with all the energy which he devotes to fighting the devil when he is in the pulpit, was on hand at the first tap of the gavel and was there all the time.

TWO SNOWSLIDES KILL FOUR MINERS

Salt Lake, Jan. 31.—Snowslides in the Cottonwood mining district began taking their annual toll of human life this morning. Four men have been killed and three injured. The dead all miners are:

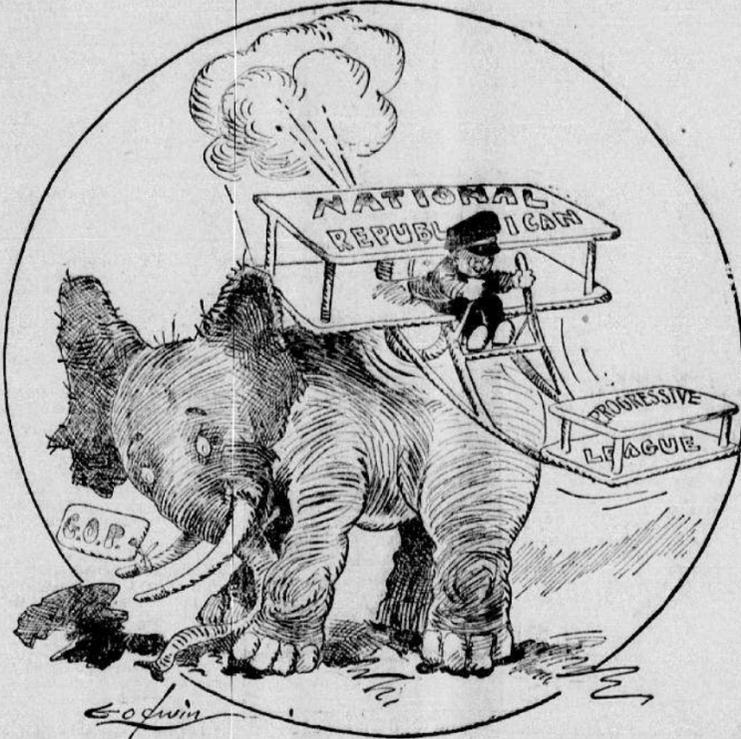
- FRED HANLEY DAN WINGERTEN VICTOR PEARSON Z. CLAY.

Before sunrise the first fatal avalanche rolled down the mountainside engulfing the buildings of the Clash Mines Coalition. The bunkhouse, in which Hanley, Wingerten and Pearson were sleeping, was crushed and whirled away, together with the blacksmith shop and office. A part of the mine crew, including the superintendent, had taken warning from

smaller slides and carried their beds into the mouth of the mine tunnel. The tunnel was sealed by the mass of snow, but the occupants were uninjured. Relief parties from other mines opened the tunnel and recovered the bodies of the men killed in the bunkhouse.

Clays was killed in a second slide, near the town of Alta. With John Bowker he occupied a cabin at the Peruvian mine. Bowker had scarcely left the house and entered the tunnel where the two were working when a slide carried away the portion of the cabin in which Clays had lingered. Bowker found the body and went for assistance, but was deterred from recovering it again by the re-appearing appearance of the overhanging snowbanks.

A FLYING START



HARRIMAN ROADS PLAN DOUBLE TRACK IN WEST

Union Pacific and Southern Pacific Will Have Two Lines From the Missouri River to Frisco and Short Line Will Also Extend.

New York, Jan. 31.—The executive committee of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific lines today voted to complete the double tracking of the lines from the Missouri river to San Francisco. They also voted to double track the Oregon Short Line from the junction with the Union Pacific main line at Granger, Wyo., to Huntington, Oregon, also the line along Columbia river in Oregon to Portland.

The cost of the double tracking of the lines as determined upon today will aggregate upwards of \$75,000,000 which will distribute over a period of five years.

In a statement accompanying the announcement of the double-tracking project President Robert S. Lovett commented on the reasons which had impelled the roads to reach their decision and declared the belief of himself and his associates that present conditions, considered unfavorable to the railroads, were but temporary.

"The entire country served by the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific systems," Judge Lovett continued in his statement, "is developing rapidly; indeed it is only in its infancy, and we are convinced that its growth in population and its agricultural and commercial development must continue and it is our purpose to provide, if we can, transportation facilities necessary to accommodate the growing business."

"Today the outlook in many ways is unsatisfactory. With an increase in wages all along the line, with the right to increase our rates suspended by law and further regulation and hostile legislation threatened, and with investors still timid and asking high rates for money required by railroad companies, it may seem a time for curtailment rather than increased expenditures by railroad managers. But we believe these unfavorable conditions are temporary. The growth and development of the country, at least that portion of it served by our lines,

is bound to continue. Nothing can stop it now. We are sure it needs our railroads and all these facilities we are going to provide.

"We believe that in the long run the people are going to treat railroad investments just as they treat all other investments for the development of that section. They cannot afford anything else.

"If we wait until difficulties are out of the way we shall probably find our lines falling behind instead of doing their share in the development of the growing country in which they are situated. We have kept ahead thus far and we intend to continue that policy as long as we can, regardless of temporary disturbances of any kind.

"Plans for the construction of a number of extensions and new lines tributary to the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific in the west and northwest, which for some time have been under consideration, were also approved today, the expenditures therefor to extend over a period of six years."

BANKER ROBIN SANE FORTY-FOUR KILLED COLORED RESIDENTS SAYS JURY IN ERUPTION ESCAPE DEATH

IN ACCORDANCE WITH VERDICT, FINANCIER MUST FACE EIGHT INDICTMENTS.

MANY PEOPLE ALSO MEET DEATH IN BIG TIDAL WAVE WHICH FOLLOWS.

OIL STOVE SETS COTTAGE ON FIRE IN BUTTE, BUT THE OCCUPANTS ARE SAVED.

New York, Jan. 31.—Joseph G. Robin, alleged wrecker of banks, must stand trial on eight indictments charging larceny in the first degree. Although five attorneys testified that in their opinion he was crazy, a jury before Judge Swan thought otherwise and returned a verdict of "sane" today.

Robin on the stand today gave a rambling account of his affairs and beliefs, ranging from alleged attempts on his life to a declaration that he had bribed M. W. Hutchinson, examiner of the state banking department, to pass upon securities covering loans held in 1907 by the Riverside branch of the Northern Bank of New York, one of Robin's institutions.

Doctors Allan McLane Hamilton, Smith D. Joffe, Charles L. Dana, Austin Flint and Pearce Bailey all testified that in their belief Robin was insane and unfit to confer with counsel.

In the face of this testimony, W. T. Jerome was almost swept off his feet by the jury's verdict. He declined to enter a plea.

"The verdict vindicates the jury system over the expert," said the court, smiling.

"If this man is not to be tried, we may as well turn out everyone in the county prison. I direct that the defendant enter a plea."

At this stage it was discovered that Judge Swan could not hear pleas in the department where he is sitting, and the case was adjourned until Thursday.

PRELATE BETTER. Philadelphia, Jan. 31.—Archbishop Ryan had a painful night and today shows a slight improvement. His heart is weak, however, and he is still in a serious condition.

Washington, Jan. 31.—All barrios, or villages, in the vicinity of Taal have been obliterated, 14 people have been found dead and many are buried in the ashes from the active volcano, according to cablegrams received by the war department today from Governor General Forbes of the Philippine Islands.

Several estimates placed the number of dead at 200, the dispatch says, but this figure, Governor Forbes adds, needs verification.

It is reported by Governor Forbes that one-third of the people in barrio Tibig, in the municipality of Lemery; three children in Panajala, and 12 people in Talsay were drowned by the tidal waves. Lemery and Talsay are almost deserted.

Governor Forbes' dispatch was based upon reports from the Philippine constabulary. He confirmed press reports of a violent eruption yesterday, followed by a tidal wave affecting the shores of the lake. Doctors have been rushed to the scene and the wounded are being cared for. The country around the lake is covered with mud and ashes.

The Philippine government has sent launches, army burial corps and provisions to the scene, while the joint committee of the Philippine legislature today voted \$2,500 to aid the sufferers.

WON'T LEASE ISLANDS. Guayaquil, Jan. 31.—President Alfaro and President-elect Estrada, bowing to the will of the people as expressed in mass meetings and riotous demonstrations in the streets, today announced the abandonment of the government's proposal to lease the Galapagos Islands to the United States for a naval base or other purposes.

Butte, Jan. 31.—(Special).—The members of the family of Jerry Withers, a well-known and respected colored resident, were in danger of their lives from a fire that entirely consumed their four-room cottage on Jackson street on the west side late tonight. Withers was away at the time, and his wife and two boys were at home and asleep. In the front room an oil stove was kept for the purpose of maintaining a gentle heat. It exploded and set fire to the place so quickly that the three occupants of the other rooms had barely time to escape in their nightclothes. Nothing was saved, as by the time the fire department arrived, the place was a mass of flames. Although the rest of the residents of the block are white, the unfortunate people were cared for.

PETITIONS IN BANKRUPTCY. Butte, Jan. 31.—(Special).—Two petitions for bankruptcy by Missoula tradespeople were filed in the United States court today. Joseph E. Dean, a painter and paperhanger, states that his debts are \$5,042.72 and his assets \$4,259. Robert O. Doucett, who does business as the Garden City Catering company, gives his liabilities as \$4,569.62 and his assets as \$2,222.14.

REAPPOINTMENT REJECTED. Washington, Jan. 31.—The senate today rejected the reappointment of Fred C. Harper to be collector of customs at Seattle, Wash.

Matt Piles, a brother of Senator Piles, was a candidate for collector. Senator Piles told the senate Harper was objectionable to him.

LEGISLATORS HOBBY NIGHT ARE AFTER BILLS IN PRESS CLUB

SENATORIAL CONTEST OCCUPIES SECOND PLACE IN STATE LEGISLATURE.

JOURNALISTS IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL HAVE PROMINENT MEN AS GUESTS.

STATE TO BUY HOSPITAL WOODROW WILSON TALKS

Joint Committee Reports in Favor of Purchase of Insane Asylum Property—Recommends Issue of Bonds for the Purpose—Higgins' Resolution on Economy Is Voted Down.

Says the Root of All Evils in Politics Is Private Concealment—Frederic J. Haskin Talks on the Standing of the Newspapers of the Country—Secretary MacVeagh Lauds Taft.

Helena, Jan. 31.—(Special).—The senatorial contest has taken second place in the minds of many legislators. Bills come first. Everybody hopes for something to turn up in the course of time, but very few are letting the present situation worry them. Conrad received 19 votes today, that being high-water mark for him, and his little circle of real friends is pleased with the result. There is rejoicing in the hearts of the faithful old partisan and his kith and kin, all of whom are getting ready to go to Washington for the extra session.

There is gloom in the Walsh camp, for some of his followers, who once had hopes, have given up, and there is but little to cheer them up. Although Walsh is the man, four out of five persons say is entitled to the place, he has a millstone about his neck.

The Carterites are still waiting. Several things have transpired to make Walsh's success an impossibility. Walking to the capitol with a Walsh voter today I was surprised to hear him say: "The hogghishness of the Helena people is hurting him." This man was in earnest. The Helena brand of politician, whether democrat or republican, is discussed and cursed here daily. The Silver Bow members take great pleasure in swatting the Lewis and Clark delegation. The man referred to above said he was voting for Walsh for the reason that he did not want to be switching about, and I gathered from the tone of his conversation that he resented in his heart, the claim that Walsh was the most deserving of democrats.

No man's political throat is safe here. Blades are out for everyone that bobs up.

The vote. The vote stands as follows: Carter, 33; Walsh, 27; Conrad, 17; scattering, 11; absent and paired, 11. Conrad—Senators Cockerel and Gallwey, Representatives Alley, Blackburn, Crouch, Dobell, Duffy of Granite, Duffy of Silver Bow, Ebert, Gillis, Hayes, Herbold, Johnson of Lewis and Clark, Lissner, Macdonald, Moore of Silver Bow, O'Flynn, Wheeler of Cascade, McDowell. Total, 19.

Walsh—Senators Dearborn, Duncan, George, Groff, Leary, McCarthy, Stout, Representatives Ashbridge, Baker, Berry, Binnard, Brady, Byrne, Donohue, Johnson of Ravalli, Kirschwing, Law, McNally, McQuitty, Martin, Nolan, O'Hern, Owenhouse, Tuttle, Whaley, Wheeler of Silver Bow, Word, Total, 27.

Carter—Senators Christopher, Donlan, Dunningan, Edwards, Kessler, Larson, Leighton, McDonnell, Selway, Survant, Tooley, Representatives Bernard, Blake, Burt, Elrod, English, Grubb, Hewett, Hickey, Holter, Jacobson, Moore of Valley, Paul, Ralston, Roberts, Rotgers, Sarter, Schwartz, Slayton, Stevens, Story, Williams. Total, 33.

Scattering—For Lieutenant Governor Allen—Senators Burlingame and Sykes and Representatives Bell and Vaughan. For T. M. Swindlehurst—Senator Conroy.

For Congressman Pray—Senator Everett and Representative Reser. For H. J. Haskin, Miles City—Senator McCone.

For R. R. Parcel, Helena—Senator Murphy. For Judge F. C. Webster, Missoula—Representative Higgins.

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Washington, Jan. 31.—The National Press club of Washington tonight celebrated "hobby night" and Dr. William Howard Welch of Johns Hopkins university, Ambassador Bryce of Great Britain, Gov. Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey, Major General Wood and Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh were allowed to speak 10 minutes each on their hobbies.

Thomas Nelson Page, master of ceremonies, was introduced by Frederick J. Haskin, vice president of the club, as "the starter."

In introducing Governor Wilson Mr. Page declared that he well knew the governor's hobby was constitutional government, but at present a most important hobby of the people was "the conservation and exploitation of presidential timber."

"The root of all evil in politics," said Governor Wilson, "is private concealment. The common interest can be established only through the instrumentality of the facts. Really, what we are after in the field of politics is to drive everything into the field of facts."

Frederick J. Haskin, vice president of the club, in introducing Thomas Nelson Page as master of ceremonies, outlined the character and purpose of the National Press club and described "hobby night" as an annual event in the club's entertaining program.

"Some idea of the magnitude of the newspaper business in the United States," said Mr. Haskin, "may be had from the statement that the total daily circulation of all the dailies in this country is now 22,900,000 copies, one for every four persons in population. Making allowance for duplication and for infants and illiterate, it is estimated three out of every four persons in our population read some newspaper every day.

Power of the Press. Newspapers are now printed in 35 languages in the United States. In the amount of capital invested, the publishing business for some time has stood seventh among all American industries, and it is probable that the new census will show a gain to fifth, or even fourth, place. From these facts, it will be seen that the power of the press is no misnomer."

"The necessity for a better organization of the military resources of the country, not only in preparation for a possible war, but in caring for the Panama canal, the Philippines and other island possessions, was reiterated tonight by Major General Wood, chief of staff of the United States army, in explaining his hobby.

"We are all aware of the fact," said General Wood, "that to maintain a position of importance and influence among nations requires an adequate military force, and while the voice of the United States is for international peace, it always will be listened to with more attention if backed by a good army and navy, supported by a good system of reserves.

"We must remember that if we should lose sea control well organized forces can be landed on our coasts in a very short time and there will be almost no time for us to enlist, train and organize an army. We must have a reasonable force to meet the first shock of war."

General Wood said that officers of the army realize "that it is contrary to

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SENATE CONFIRMS JUDGE W. H. HUNT

Washington, Jan. 31.—Five of President Taft's appointments for United States circuit judgeships were confirmed by the senate today. They included William H. Hunt of Montana, against whom a fight was made by Montana land owners; Robert W. Archbald of Pennsylvania; Julian W. Mack of Illinois, and John Emmett Carland of South Dakota, who were named as additional judges to serve on the new commerce court.

The other confirmation was that of Representative Walter I. Smith, who was named to succeed Judge Willis Vandevanter, who was promoted to the supreme court of the United States. Frank H. Rankin was also confirmed as United States judge for the eastern district of Washington.

Notwithstanding the fight against Judge Hunt in the committee on

Judiciary, confirmation was not opposed in executive session of the senate today. In the case of Judge Smith of Iowa, a separate vote was demanded by Senator Bristow, but the Kansas senator was the only member recorded against confirmation.

Nothing now stands in the way of the organization of the commerce court. Martin A. Knapp, former chairman of the interstate commerce commission who was named its presiding judge, was confirmed before the holiday recess.

President Taft decided to appoint Judge George E. Martin of the court of common pleas of Lancaster, O., to the United States court of customs appeals to succeed Judge William H. Hunt, who was made a member of the court of commerce. The nomination of Judge Martin will be sent to the senate tomorrow.