

TAFT ON PRESIDENCY. DEFINES HIS POSITION.

Not Seeking Nomination, but Would Not Decline It.

Washington, Dec. 29.—The publication of a dispatch asserting that Secretary Taft is a candidate for the Presidential nomination...

For the purpose of relieving the burden imposed by recent publications upon some of my friends among the Washington newspaper correspondents...

WASHINGTON OPINION DIVIDED.

Opinion is divided as to the results of this statement, which all who know Mr. Taft accept as a perfectly frank and sincere expression of his position.

The objections to his availability to which Mr. Taft refers are assumed to be the fact that he is held in some quarters to be the author of injunctions against labor organizations...

On the other hand there are men in Washington, and among them some of the ablest politicians and students of political affairs...

CHARGES \$1,000,000 FRAUD.

New Yorker Alleges M., J. & K. C. Officials Misappropriated Funds.

A politician of great experience, who shares this view of Secretary Taft's availability, said: "Were Presidential nominations the result of popular primaries, in which the voters of the party could express their unhampered choice..."

Summing up, therefore, the men who hold these views—and they are among the ablest politicians in Washington, possibly in the country—express confidence that Mr. Taft's unwillingness to "go after" the nomination...

POLITICAL ACTIVITY INCREASING.

The Ohio publication and Secretary Taft's statement have, however, served to emphasize the fact that the time is rapidly approaching when Presidential nominations are in order.

STOCK TEACHER AND INVESTOR.

A new feature of the "Railroad Quotation Record" (7th page), compiled by C. Mont. Benton, consists in the form of handy and original tables...

FIRE AT FACTORY OF NATIONAL BISCUIT COMPANY LAST NIGHT.



PLAYING ON THE RUINS. COMMISSIONER LANTRY'S NEW "COFFEE WAGON."

VAN ALSTYNE BOY FOUND.

Mother Takes Him from Hair Dresser's Shop in Sixth Avenue.

Three-year-old D'Arcy Van Alstyne, who was kidnapped from his mother's apartments at the Gilsey House early Friday morning, was found last evening in a hairdressing establishment at No. 395 Sixth avenue...

HITS BACK AT MURPHY.

MAYOR'S TELLING BLOW.

O'Brien Removes Fifty Corporation Inspectors—Woe Among Leaders.

John H. O'Brien, Commissioner of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity, yesterday sent notices to about fifty corporation inspectors in his office that they will not be needed after January 1.

ANOTHER CITY SCANDAL.

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HELPLESS, SAYS BINGHAM

Needs More Men to Stop Wave of Burglaries in Upper New York.

Sneak thieves made their way into three houses yesterday on the same block in the upper part of the city and were discovered before they could make their trip profitable.

MR. BAILEY WINS TEST.

Texas Opposition's Stronghold for Him, Three to One.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 29.—The first contest at a county primary between the Bailey and anti-Bailey forces since the publication of the Senator's connection with the Waters-Pierce Oil Company took place in Comanche County to-day...

PLUNGE DOWN MOUNTAIN.

Horse and Rider Unhurt After Long Slide with Snow.

Helena, Mont., Dec. 29.—John Evans, of Dillon, was swept down most of the height of Ruby Mountain peak a few days ago with his horse. He has just got back to Dillon. Neither horse nor man was injured.

WINES & CHAMPAGNE FOR NEW YEAR'S.

Dewey's Wines always give satisfaction. H. T. Dewey & Sons Co., 135 Fulton St., New York—Adv.

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THIEF IN CONSULATE.

Venezuelan Representative's Office Here Robbed—Clerk Missing.

The Venezuelan consulate in this city, which is on the third floor of No. 88 Wall street, has been robbed. It was learned yesterday. A clerk of the consulate disappeared at the same time. A valuable gold watch and \$150 in checks and cash were taken.

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FLORIDA, AUGUSTA, SUMMERVILLE AND CHARLESTON.

Via Southern Ry. Lv. New York daily 2.35 p. m. and 12.35 p. m. Connecting Jan. 7, Southern's Plains Limited resumes service. Lv. New York daily except Sunday, 12.35 p. m. Through sleeping dining car service to St. Augustine, Augusta, Summerville and Charleston. Reservations can now be made. New York offices, 271 and 1209 Broadway.—Adv.

LOW RATES TO THE ADIRONDACKS.

By the NEW YORK CENTRAL January 1 to 14, 1907; return until January 21st. Complete information from ticket agents.—Adv.

FLORIDA INFORMATION BUREAU.

Broadway, corner 30th St. Two great trains South. Atlantic Coast Line Railroad.—Adv.

HUGHES AT THE CAPITAL.

PRINTER GETS MESSAGE.

It Will Be Shorter than Usual—Speech Not Yet Ready.

(By Telegram to The Tribune.) Albany, Dec. 29.—Governor-elect Hughes and his family are settled to-night in the Executive Mansion here. They reached Albany on the Second Empire State Express this afternoon and went directly to the mansion, which Governor Higgins had placed at their disposal.

Mr. Hughes has declared his intention to make Albany absolutely his home during his term of office. Many of his predecessors have used the Executive Mansion as an official residence, retaining their actual residence in the places where they lived before election.

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