

HEATWOLE AND THE PRESIDENT

The Letter Beginning to Get Wise to the Situation in Minnesota.
The Northfield Statesman Is Not the Only Flower on the Prairie.
Excellent Work Done by Representative Stevens on the Subsidy Matter.

From The Journal Bureau, Room 45, Post Building, Washington, Feb. 27.—The president is beginning to find out that the republican party in Minnesota is not as harmonious as it might be, so far as state matters are concerned. He has been led to believe that the party, while indorsing him very cordially is inclined to divide over the proposed attempt on the part of Representative Joe P. Henderson to secure control of the political machinery in Minnesota and has been warned that he ought not to tie us too closely to Heatwole. It will not be necessary for the president to go up to anybody in Minnesota, so far as delegates for next year's national convention are concerned, and so it is very probable that the rumor that Heatwole has been promised the presidency is not well founded. Such an arrangement might cause trouble for the president, while it could do him no possible good. In a time like this it is not looking for trouble.

During the present week both Heatwole and Governor Van Sant saw the president at different times, but what was said to him cannot be learned. It is understood, however, that the governor did not talk politics at all, or even state affairs. It might be worth a good deal to Mr. Heatwole to have it accepted at home that he is close to the president, and is being consulted regarding the subsidy matter. The president is consulting him, however, is far from true. The contrary appears to be the case. It will be noticed that Mr. Heatwole has not denied any of his past statements. The closer it can be made to appear that he is to the White House the better for his state plans.

If it were thought important, a statement might be made to reach the president regarding the moving power behind the Heatwole scheme. James J. Hill has been in Washington and in New York several times in the last few days, and every last he has said things about the president and his anti-trust policy which were far from complimentary, and some of the family newspapers, such as The Journal, which would not be surprised to see Mr. Hill's name in connection with the subsidy question. The president understands perfectly well that Mr. Hill is his bitter enemy, and will do all that is possible to prevent him from securing the subsidy. This knowledge would effectively prevent any hard and fast alliance between him and Mr. Heatwole so far as Minnesota is concerned. At the same time, it is possible to be blamed for desiring to attach himself to the tail of the Roosevelt kite. Many another man, in Minnesota, and elsewhere, would be glad to do the same thing if opportunity offered.

Mr. Stevens' Good Work
Representative Stevens of St. Paul will not be a member of the house committee on merchant marine and fisheries after this session of congress, but will drop his place there and take a place on the committee on interstate and foreign commerce, vacated by the retirement of Representative Fletcher of Minneapolis. Mr. Stevens feels that he can do more for his constituents in the committee, and won his spurs, for the refusal of that committee to report the senate subsidy bill was due wholly to his careful study of the subsidy question, and to his skill in organizing his colleagues against it. He prepared all of the arguments made against the bill in committee, and was in general the only opposition to the bill. If the last session of congress was as during the present session, Mr. Stevens' service to those portions of the west which are opposed to subsidy legislation would be an important character, and in the state where he is so well and favorably known it is only fair that this should be said.

It is probable that there will be no further attempts at subsidy legislation for several years, certainly not until after the expiration of the present bill. If similar to the present bill, it should then come up in the house. Mr. Stevens would again be ready to oppose it. His change of committee assignments will not impair his usefulness in that connection.

Mr. Stevens is not hostile to the principle of a subsidy for the American merchant marine, but he does oppose the bill which came over to the house, because it proposed to give the bulk of the proposed aid to rich and old established lines, leaving the newer and struggling concerns practically nothing. He would give the assistance, and thinks that in that way the merchant marine can be best helped. Some day the country will awaken to the situation and subsidy legislation will be enacted, but Mr. Stevens thinks it will be along the line pointed out by him in his fight against the senate bill. He would have offered a substitute for the bill at the present session, but he was not sure that it would be opposed by the rich steamship lines which were trying to pass the senate bill.

Bede and Davis on the Wagon.
Two of the congressmen-elect from Minnesota, Bede and Davis, are said to be strictly on the water wagon. This may interfere sadly with some of the banquet plans for next winter. A few evenings ago Mr. Bede made a speech in the river after dinner speeches in Washington, without drinking as much as a glass of ginger ale. The wonder down here is how he can do it.

Bede is being played to fill the position of humorist of the house of representatives, vacant since the retirement of Private John Allen of Mississippi, and his friends will be mistaken if he does not fill it full to running over. The only man in the present house who can lay any claims to humor is Mr. Cushman of Washington state, but he doesn't average one speech a session, and for that reason doesn't really count. His last notable appearance was in the last session of the present congress when he delivered a roast on the house leadership, aimed especially at the speaker, because he wasn't getting something he wanted in the river and harbor appropriation bill for his state.

Eddy's Blaze of Glory.
Congressman Eddy is retiring from public life in a blaze of glory. He will long

MACEDONIA NOT SATISFIED

The Powers' Scheme of Reform Is Declared to Be Entirely Inadequate.
An Uprising in the Spring Is Said to Be All the More Certain.

Constantinople, Feb. 27.—The sultan has ordered the application of the Austro-Russian plan of reforms in Macedonia to all the six Roumelian vilayets. The state council is preparing an organic statute for the application of the reforms.

London, Feb. 27.—Rumors of hostilities in Macedonia are not confirmed. The efforts of the powers to restrain both Ser-

WHO SAID "BUY CANADA"?

The Proposal Is Not Well Received in the Vicinity of Toronto.
New York Sun Special Service.
Toronto, Ont., Feb. 27.—A proposition that the United States should purchase Canada is not well received in this city, the seat of the provincial government, where, however, has nothing whatever to do with the matter. Toronto is the center for united empire exiles, and loyalists as they are called, who came over at the time of the war of independence, were given large crown grants of lands, and as a result are fairly wealthy. The position the dominion government is likely to take is foreshadowed in an editorial in the Toronto Globe, the organ of the government, which says:

"We must not become engulfed in the maelstrom of American political complications."
Canadian feeling in this part of the country, at least, is distinctly hostile to the United States. The Dingley and McKinley bills are largely responsible for this, and the long delay in dealing with the Alaskan boundary question together with the appointment by the United States of their delegates to the Alaska commission, has not done much to improve the situation. It is not unlikely the Canadian government may make representations to what is termed here the home government—that is, the British cabinet, and that the Canadians do not approve of the American appointments and feel that Canada has never had fair dealings from the United States.

PROTECTED VICE AT ST. L.

Awful Stories Brought Out by the Grand Jury—The Head Scoundrels Arrested.
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St. Louis, Feb. 27.—As the result of a grand jury investigation a raid on a syndicate of vice was made on a bench warrant charging Louis and Max Sylvester with conducting "slave houses," where young girls are systematically sold to vice.

Nathan Kruezer, partner of the Sylvester Brothers in the saloon business, was also arrested on a bench warrant. It is expected that wholesale arrests of police officers and real estate owners will follow, as the result of disclosures made before the grand jury by the half hundred witnesses examined.

The traffic is said to have been systematized to degrees that will startle the world. Men and women have lured girls from country towns and have even gone into the streets after night and captured them, where they were taken to from the incident reported is that of a 14-year-old girl who was set upon while passing one of the Twelfth street houses and dragged into a room where she was kept for several days, where her clothing was taken from her and garments which prevented her appearing on the streets, supplied and she could not find other clothing and had to remain there.

AL WADE'S CONFESSION

He Acknowledges Killing Kate Sullivan—Strain of the Trial Drives Him Nearly Insane.
Toledo, Feb. 27.—Al Wade to-day confessed to the murder two years ago of Kate Sullivan. The confession came at the close of one of the most sensational trials ever held in this city. Wade's attorney offered then to enter a plea of guilty to second degree murder for his client, but this was refused by the state's attorney. The defense rested its case and it is to go to the jury this evening.

Two desperate attempts were made by the brother of the murdered woman to assault the prisoner in the court room but both failed.

PORT DE PAX IS DESTROYED

The Haytian City Said to Have Been Destroyed by Fire Last Night.
Cape Haitien, Haiti, Feb. 27.—A dispatch received here from Port de Paix today announces the complete destruction of Port de Paix, Haiti, by fire last night. Only the vessels belonging to the Haitian company were saved.

TWO RAPID FIRE RULES

How the House Republicans Propose to Beat the Democratic Filibuster.
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POWERS HINTS AT BRIBERY

The Eighth Ward Alderman Says the Fire Hose Deal Looks Peculiar.
He Says Improper Influences Are Being Used to Secure the Contract.
The Council May Take the Matter Out of the Committee's Hands.
"There's a deal on in this hose matter," thus declared Alderman Fred Powers of the eighth ward this morning. "Money is being used lavishly in the interests of one company which is undertaking to foist its inferior hose upon the city. This isn't hearsay, I know what I'm talking about, for I have the proofs. Aldermen, whose names I am not now at liberty to divulge, who especially requested that

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Salt Lake City, Utah, Feb. 27.—Two cases of alleged polygamy against Apostle and Senator-elect Reed Smoot are being worked up here. It is known here to which of these Rev. J. L. Leitch has reference in his affidavit presented to the senate committee on privileges and elections but it may be either of the women whose name is connected with the case is Mary Jones, daughter of S. S. Jones former mayor of Provo, and the other is Miss Amelia Greenwood of American Fork, Utah.

For months detectives have been at work trying to collect evidence to show that Smoot was married to these two women. The results of these investigations have been kept secret by the persons working on the case, because it has been understood that the testimony so far obtained has not been sufficient to secure a conviction in court on a polygamy charge. One reason for this is the fact that all marriage records in the Mormon church are kept in the files of the public and positive written evidence is therefore extremely difficult to obtain.



AN EXCHANGE OF SIGNALS
Uncle Sam—If she won't marry me for love or money she might marry me for my good looks.