GOOD OLD PARTY SLAPPED AGAIN

Women's Democratic League Hears Speakers "Pan" Organization.

SPEECH MADE BY MISS DABNEY

That the prosperity of the Republican administration is built upon a framework of political corruption, was the statement made last night by Representative Fergusson of New Mexico at the rally of the Women's Democratic League in the Southern Building.

Mr. Fergusson cited the example of a Republican boss in New Mexico, who ran his county as a profitable commercial enterprise. He collected from each aspiring candidate a certain fixed sum, according to the office sought, the aggregate being $12,000. Two thousand of this was used to put the election judges in a docile state of mind, which insured the election of his favorites. Thus the boss operated the county election at a net profit of $10,000.

"Commercial politics is by means peculiar to New Mexico, however," said Mr. Fergusson. He declared that equally flagrant abuses occur throughout the country. He sees the remedy in the triumph of Democratic policies and especially in the recall and referendum.

Miss Dabney Talks.

Miss Katherine Dabney, president of the league, made an address in which she excoriated Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Taft.

"Mr. Roosevelt is the most sinister political menace in the United States today, for he will rush over and crush down whatever opposes his ambition."

In support of this statement, Miss Dabney cited the case of a woman in the civil service, who had incurred Mr. Roosevelt's displeasure while he was President. In order to insure her removal he violated the very policies which he had introduced as a civil service commissioner.

"As for Mr. Taft," said Miss Dabney, with womanly sympathy, "his case is too sad for discussion."

Having thus eliminated both the others, she pointed out that Woodrow Wilson, as a man who has always fulfilled his political promises, is the logical candidate.

The league will hold a Democratic lawn fete at the home of Mrs. Theodore Tiller, in Olive Street in Chevy Chase, next Thursday night. The place will be attractively decorated, and refreshments will be served.

The Women's Democratic League will probably establish permanent headquarters in the Southern Building within the next few days.

WILSON PREPARES SPEECHES.

Classifies Material for Future Addresses—Holds Reception.

Seagirt, N. J., Aug. 22.—Gov. Wilson had an uneventful day to-day. He devoted the morning to classifying material for his speeches and prepared in part the speech he is to deliver at the Grangers' picnic at Williams Grove, Pennsylvania, next Thursday.

"It is the first day that I have been able to do what I call work," he said.

In the afternoon the Governor received two visitors, Frank Putnam, special commissioner in Europe of the city of Houston, Tex., who is going abroad to study municipal ownership, and L. E. Miller, of Die Warehite, a newspaper devoted to Socialism. Mr. Miller came to discuss immigration.

The Governor started out late in the afternoon to play golf. He tried to slip out of the back door of the little White House and was besieged by a crowd of visitors from near-by summer resorts. The candidate held an impromptu reception, shaking hands with perhaps twenty persons before he was permitted to enter his automobile.

The Governor has an appointment tomorrow to meet Representative Ransdell, Senator-elect of Louisiana, who wants to talk about deep waterways. He is anxious that the Governor shall attend the anual Congress of Deep Waterways advocates at New London, next month.

ASSESSORS MAKE REPLY.

They Also Deny Charges Made by Representative George.

District Tax Assessor Richards' report to the Commissioners, filed as an answer to charges made in a report by Representative George, for a subcommittee of the House District Committee Tuesday, was supplemented yesterday by a statement made by the Board of Assistant Assessors, Alexander McKenzie, Samuel T. Kalbfus, and Matthew Trimble.

The statement, citing many specified cases in support of the conduct of the Assessor's office, and in denial of the George charges, is generally regarded as the last official word on the matter before the reconvening of Congress in December.

Agitation over the abrogation of the half and half plan of paying the District's government expenses and over a possible enactment of Representative George's bill, introduced January 18, regarded as assuring the installation of a single tax system in the District, was continued yesterday.

GIBSON RITES TO-DAY.

Funeral of Aged Woman to Be Held from Residence.

Mrs. Margaret P. Gibson, wife of George Gibson, of the printing firm of Gibson Brothers, will be buried from her late residence, 1312 Columbia Road Northwest, at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Mrs. Gibson was seventy-four years old, and recently celebrated her golden wedding anniversary. Mrs. Gibson has been in poor health for the last eight years.

After a short service at her home, a service will be held in St. Stephen's Church. The burial will be private. Interment will be in Oak Hill Cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, a son, Will Y. Gibson, and two daughters, Mrs. Hudson and Miss Flora M. Gibson, all of this city.

Pallbearers will be her nephews, Charles R. Gibson, Charles U. Gibson, Joseph Gibson, Robert Gibson, and John Gibson, all of this city, and Robert F. Gibson, of Baltimore.

Retaliate Against Germany.

Uncle Sam retaliated against Germany to-day. The Treasury Department announced that within thirty days a countervailing duty would be assessed against all exports of split peas, rye and wheat flour destined to Germany, to equal the amount of a bounty which the German customs service is assessing against the same articles exported to this country.

Not Entered.

From Judge.

Bings—There was one rather smart American vaulter not entered for the high jump at Stockholm—a potential winner, too.

Jings—And that was—

Bings—The cost of living.

SOCIETY GIRL QUITS AUTO.

MISS ALICE DREXEL.

Newport, Aug. 22.—Because of the accident in which she was injured two weeks ago, Miss Alice Drexel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Drexel, has given up the use of automobiles. Her friends declare she will never ride in one again. It is believed that this renunciation by the young heiress is due more to her worry over the injury of her companion, Miss Marie Le Glenne, of Paris, than to her own hurts, which were slight. When the Drexel machine crashed into an auto truck, Miss La Glenne suffered a severe injury of the back and concussion of the brain. Miss La Glenne and Miss Drexel have appeared at the Casino the last few days, the heiress supporting her companion, who is very weak.

CAME BACK TO DIE.

Edward Pratt Wanted to Praise the Nationals Before Passing Away.

"I'm coming here to die," said a well dressed young man to attendants at St. Elizabeth's asylum yesterday, "but before I pass away tell the boys of the Washington baseball club they have done splendidly." The man was identified by a card as Edward Pratt, thirty-eight years old, but his address could not be learned.

According to police of the Eleventh Precinct, who took charge of the man and transferred him to Washington Asylum Hospital, he was treated here in 1906 for insanity, but later was rejeased, and pronounced cured.

The police learned from the detained man that he had been employed in a cafe at Atlantic City since his release here, but that he had a premonition he might harm some one and fearing death he wanted to return.

THOUSAND ATTEND DEMOCRATIC RALLY

Senator Reed of Missouri Assails President Taft's Pet Tariff Board.

Declaring that if the acts of President Taft in trying to force the House of Representatives to enact tariff bills strictly in accordance with the opinions of five men, called a tariff board, had been done in England by a king, he would have lost his throne or his head, Senator Reed of Missouri, in an address last night before 1,000 Democrats at the Wilson-Marshall rally, held under the auspices of the District Democratic Central Committee, at the Arcade, said there is no tariff board, and that none has ever been created by law.

Senator Reed said that all revenue bills must originate in the House of Representatives, and there alone, and that when a President denies the House the right to pass such measures without a report from a so-called tariff board he is placing five men ahead of the great body of representatives of the people and robbing the people of their right, through the House, to originate all revenue bills.

National Committeeman John Costello called the meeting to order, and introduced Robert E. Mattingly, chairman of the District Democratic central committee, as permanent chairman of the meeting. After a brief address on the loyalty of District Democrats to the Democratic standard bearers, Chairman Mattingly introduced Senator Reed of Missouri.

Following Senator Reed's address, John B. Colpoys, secretary of the District Democratic central committee, read a telegram from Woodrow Wilson, which was as follows: "Sincerely sorry that I cannot attend the meeting under the auspices of the Democratic central committee of the District. May I not extend to the Democrats, who will gather, my warmest greeting and my sympathy in the enthusiasm they feel for the bright prospects of the party? It should now at last be able to serve the people effectively."

A resolution pledging the support of the Democrats assembled, to the party under the leadership of Govs. Woodrow Wilson and Thomas R. Marshall, was then introduced and unanimously adopted.

Representative Hardy of Texas took occasion to describe the antics of Teddy in a humorous vein, after which he told at length of the doings of the Democratic House in trying to pass legislation helpful to the people.

Senator Martine of New Jersey told of the history of his little State of New Jersey and how it came to get Woodrow Wilson to be Governor.

Kyle B. Price, of Alabama, closed the meeting with a short address, in which he declared that the citizens of the District would be granted suffrage in two years if the Democrats win in November.

Sugar Trust Sued.

On a claim of past customs fraugs the Treasury Department yesterday instituted an action against the American Sugar Refining Company, of New Orleans, for repovery of $20,000. Fraud through dishonest sampling methods was alleged. The Collector at New Orleans was ordered to reopen entries, and unless the company "pays up" the Department of Justice will file suit.

PLANS TO PROBE "PHONE" SERVICE

Subcommittee of Chamber of Commerce Started on Work Yesterday.

INVESTIGATION IS VOLUNTARY

A preliminary research of statistics upon which may be based a thorough investigation of the telephone service of the District of Columbia, compared with telephone services in other municipalities, was commenced yesterday by a subcommittee, headed by Henry H. Glassie, from the Chamber of Commerce law and legislation committee. Inquiry into the workings of "independent companies" in other cities will be an important part of the investigation.

The first step in the research will be an assembling of all available information on the subject of telephones that will illuminate the subject of the service here.

Thomas Grant, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, who acted as secretary for Mr. Glassie's committee, was intrusted with the task—and it was not a small one—of getting and compiling the statistics and data and opinions of telephones and telephone men. He will be on this work for the three weeks between now and the middle of September, when Mr. Glassie and his associates will meet again.

How far the Chamber of Commerce would extend its investigation Mr. Glassie said he could not state.

"We appreciate the difficulty we should have in making an investigation of the telephone company here," Mr. Glassie said. "Our investigation would be strictly a voluntary one. We have no power to get at facts. But we shall get all the facts we can under the conditions under which we must work.

"There are two ways in which to form an opinion upon a telephone service: first, by learning what is the value of the telephone plant and equipment, the operating expenses, percentage of depreciation, operating revenues, and a fair profit; and, second, by comparison of our service with the services of other cities.

"We have no power, as I said, to require any one to give us information. So to-day we have only mapped out our field of action. We are going to get all the information we can about telephone operation and expenses and charges and efficiency. We expect to ask the telephone company here to give us some information, and also we are going to get what light we can on the independent companies operated in other cities."

Complete Probe Wanted.

Mr. Glassie expressed a belief that the Chamber of Commerce would not wish to make an investigation of the service in the District unless it could make a complete and thorough investigation.

In this respect it was recalled that the Chamber of Commerce carried into the courts its campaign for lower telephone rates a few years ago, and was put to considerable expense, and in 1911 voted down a resolution to investigate the telephone system. At the same time the Chamber voted an indorsement of a bill then pending to create a public utilities commission for the District which would include in its jurisdiction the regulation of the telephone rates.

But the preliminary investigation instituted yesterday will accomplish, it is planned, a compilation of information which will make the members of the Chamber of Commerce quite competent to decide whether the investigation shall continue to extreme lengths.

Meeting with Mr. Glassie as associates on the subcommittee were A. Leftwich Sinclair, chairman of the law and legislative committee; William M. Lewin, Secretary Grant, Levi Cooke, Albert Schultels, Thomas H. Melton, and Frederick C. Handy.

ROOSEVELT LIKENS PENROSE TO CUTTLEFISH, WHICH FIGHTS IN DARK

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Aug. 22.—A hot attack on Senator Penrose for his accusation upon the floor of the Senate as to the Standard Oil $100,000 contribution to the Roosevelt campaign fund in 1904 was made by Col. Roosevelt to-night from the stage of the armory. The former President characterized Penrose a political cuttlefish.

Roosevelt's allusion to the Pennsylvania Senator came when, as he was talking honesty in political life, a voice called out:

"How about Penrose?"

"I'm coming to him right now," retorted the colonel, so sharply that the assemblage of 5,000 that jammed the armory caught its breath.

"Hit him," yelled the crowd.

"I'll hit him," echoed Roosevelt, gritting his teeth.

Roosevelt paused and, in grim tone, went on: "Recently specific charges were made against Mr. Penrose. I personally knew nothing whatsoever about them, being a middling busy man, right now, with troubles of my own. I hadn't looked at them until Penrose succeeded in riveting my attention to them."

"Yesterday Mr. Penrose got up in the Senate and brought in a hearsay attack on me. Now I want to call your attention to an analogue of Penrose in an inferior form of animal life—the cuttlefish.

"When the cuttlefish is attacked by an enemy which it lacks courage to oppose it squirts ink at the enemy and, under the color of the darkened water, tries to escape, trusting the enemy to attack the ink instead of the cuttlefish. I intend to sweep the ink away and get at the cuttlefish."

BRAMWELL BOOTH THANKS PRESIDENT FOR CONDOLENCES

President Taft yesterday received a message from Bramwell Booth, the new head of the Salvation Army, thanking the President for the letters expressing sympathy on the death of his father, Gen. Booth. The message says:

"Your noble and eloquent tribute to our dear father's life and character touches me most deeply, and will profoundly gratify our people and friends throughout the world. I humbly pray God to bless you, and to crown your great nation with His loving kindness."

Makes Ghastly Catch.

While fishing from a scow at the foot of Thirty-third and K Streets Northwest yesterday afternoon, George W. Sullivan, eleven years old, of 1322 Volta Place, hooked the body of a colored boy, appearing to be about fifteen years old. Later the body was removed to the morgue. Because the boy was clad only in a suit of porous knit underwear, the police think the colored youth was drowned while bathing up the river.

Posse Hunts Man's Assailants.

Wilmington, Del., Aug. 22.—John J. Perry, of Seaford, president of the Huston-Perry Lumber Manufacturing Company, was found this morning in his automobile fatally wounded by highwaymen. A posse is after his assailants, who are believed to be hidden in a colored settlement near Seaford.

IMMIGRANT UNABLE TO SPEAK ENGLISH GOES INSANE—HE KNOWS ALL ABOUT IT NOW

Fond du Lac, Wis., Aug. 22.—August Neumann, seventy two, a resident of Marble Head, Va., unable to speak or understand English, became insane.

To-day he speaks English readily, and apparently understands what is said to him in that tongue. Alienists are preparing to make a study of the case.

ALLEGED MURDER PLOT UNEARTHED BY AUTHORITIES

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that the murdered woman usually kept at least $50 in her room. No money could be found. This led to a theory that robbery was the motive. The authorities said nothing, but watched and waited.

Learns of Mother's Death.

On Monday Miss Henry telephoned from Washington to a friend in Hagerstown, asking the friend to convey a message to Mrs. Henry. Miss Henry was told that her mother was dead. She at once got into communication with the authorities, and then the real investigation was begun. It was learned that McCleary stayed about Hagerstown spending money freely until Sunday morning, and then departed, without announcing his destination.

McCleary appeared at 202 H Street about 10 o'clock Monday morning and rented a room. He first told the landlady, Mrs. Warren Bowles, that he was a brother of Miss Henry. Later McCleary asked if "his friend" received much company. Mrs. Bowles at once told her husband that she did not believe McCleary was a desirable boarder.

Afraid to Open Door.

Miss Henry says she fled from Hagerstown in fear of her life, as McCleary had threatened to kill her if she would not marry him. Miss Henry alleges that McCleary nearly made good his alleged threat. Shortly after he entered the H Street house, she says, he sent a messenger to her room, saying he wished to see her. McCleary stood just behind the messenger, Miss Henry says, and she was afraid to open the door.

She hastily wrote a note, saying "For God's sake send for the police." She dropped this from her window and saw it picked up by a young man, who has not been identified. Policeman Bobo shortly after arrived at the H Street address and found Miss Henry barricaded in the house. She left in the company of Bobo and was later joined by a friend, whose identity has not been learned.

It is believed Miss Henry went at once to Union Station and boarded a train for Hagerstown. Efforts to locate her there last night were futile. On Wednesday afternoon McCleary was arrested by Detectives Helan and Grant, acting under orders from Assistant District Attorney S. McComas Hawken, who is co-operating with the Hagerstown authorities.

Police Find Revolver.

The police say they found a revolver in McCleary's room, which, it is alleged, was bought from a pawnshop in D Street just prior to the time that McCleary tried to persuade Miss Henry to open the door to her room. It is alleged by the police that McCleary was armed with this when he tried to see the girl, and that he intended to kill her in the event she refused his final plea to her to become his wife.

The authorities are awaiting extradition papers before removing McCleary to Hagerstown. In the event that the detectives are unable to procure evidence that will show conclusively that McCleary murdered Mrs. Henry, it is said that Assistant District Attorney Hawken will institute proceedings to show that McCleary attempted to assault Miss Henry with a deadly and dangerous weapon. McCleary is being held here as a fugitive from the Maryland authorities.

He has been examined several times by Mr. Hawken, but the Assistant District Attorney will not reveal the result of the quiz. In fact, Mr. Hawken has nothing to say concerning the case and refuses to let anyone see the prisoner.

Accused a Painter.

McCleary is a painter and son of J. B. McCleary, of 62 East Franklin Street, Hagerstown. The prisoner recently was arrested on charge of breaking into a house near Hagerstown, but the charge was changed to disorderly conduct, and the accused was fined $10.

Miss Henry is employed as a stenographer in the Hagerstown Electric Company's plant. She is said to be pretty and attractive.

Funeral services for Mrs. Henry were held yesterday afternoon, the Rev. A. B. Statton officiating. Interment was in Clear Spring, Md. The impression at first prevailed that the authorities believed Mrs. Henry died of natural causes, and it was supposed that they would order the body exhumed. The authorities later admitted they suspected foul play shortly after the discovery of the body, and therefore, it is likely the grave will not be disturbed.

AERIAL FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Chicago Witnesses Novel Feat in Air—Aviator Puts Out Blaze.

Chicago, Aug. 22.—Chicago's aerial fire department has met and conquered its flying fire. The department did its work at the Cicero aviation field, when the motor of A. C. Beach's National biplane caught fire. The flames spread toward the wings and supports. Max Lillie jumped into a Wright biplane.

A chemical fire extinguisher was handed the mechanician. In less than a minute the Wright had caught up with the National, and the mechanician squirted the extinguisher over the flaming wings. The fire was put out before it had done serious damage.

Good News for Veteran Senators.

Two veteran members of the Senate received messages yesterday of big majorities for them in primary elections for their return to the Senate. Returns received by Senator Warren from a majority of the counties in Wyoming showed that he had carried most of these counties by 2 to 1 and some of them 3 to 1 against his Democratic opponents. Senator Bacon of Georgia was gratified by the notification that he had carried all but seven counties in the contest for re-election. There are 146 counties in Georgia.

Clear Sailing for Adjournment.

What was believed to be the last obstacle to adjournment of Congress on Saturday was removed yesterday when the Senate passed the re-framed "budget" bill, in exactly the same form as that measure went through the House Wednesday. It contains appropriations for the Commerce Court up to March 4, 1913. President Taft twice vetoed the measure because it eliminated the court. The bill as passed provides for the Commerce Court only up to March 4 next.

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