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Alleged Cause of Destruction of Fish.

Maj. Sylvester, chief of police, has received a communication from H. M. Smith, acting fish commissioner, of the Department of Commerce and Labor, giving the results of Mr. Evermann's investigation of the death of a large number of fish in the Eastern branch recently. The communication is signed by Mr. Evermann, and says:

"In compliance with your verbal request on the afternon of the 16th instant I visited the Eastern branch at Twining City for the purpose of making observations such as were possible regarding the death of fish in those waters, as reported to the bureau of fisheries by Major Sylvester. With Mr. Gurney and another police officer I went in a boat up the Eastern branch to the head of the cove or bight just below the Pennsylvania avenue crossing, and crossing over the right bank came down the channel, etc."

Continuing, Mr. Evermann says:

"The water was quite foul everywhere. In perhaps a dozen different places we stirred up the bottom with a long pole, and in every case more or less oil and tar came to the surface. In the vicinity of the gas works the water was covered with oil, and the bottom was a thick coat of tar."

The report affirms that there seems to be little question but that the refuse from the gas works caused the death of the fish in such large numbers.

SENATOR HOAR'S CONDITION.

No Material Change Noted by This Morning's Bulletin.

WORCESTER, Mass., August 27.—This morning's bulletin from the home of Senator Hoar is as follows:

"The senator did not have a very comfortable night. He is feeling well this morning, though weaker than he was yesterday. There is no material change in his condition."

Checker Experts Matched.

DETROIT, Mich., August 27.—Newell Banks, the sixteen-year-old son of Dr. W. B. Banks, was last night matched for a series of twenty games of checkers with T. J. Harringan of Pittsburg for $200 a side. A forfeit has been posted, and the matches will begin at the Detroit Checker Club September 5, half the contests to be played there and half at Mount Clemens, Mich. The local club is closely interested in the affair and many wagers are being made, the lad not lacking backing against his experienced adversary.

Steel Mills Start Up.

PITTSBURG, Pa., August 27.—Notices were posted in the Homestead plant of the Carnegie Steel Company today announcing that on Sunday night the 33-inch, 119-inch and converting mills would go on double turn. This will leave only the 84-inch mill idle in the entire plant. The resumption will give 650 additional men employment.

The campaign in Indiana, one of the important states in the presidential contest, is peculiar in that the state leader of the republican party is its vice presidential candidate and his opponent is the chairman of the democratic national committee, and hence the party's national as well as state manager.

Two men more diametrically opposite in personality could scarcely be found in politics than Charles W. Fairbanks and Thomas S. Taggart.

Mr. Fairbanks is the embodiment of dignity and grace at all times except when he is sitting down, when his long legs, drawn up toward his chin, make you think of a big jack-knife half closed; and when he passes along the street all Indianapolis politely says, "How do you do, senator?"

Mr. Taggart hardly knows that there is such a thing as dignity, or grace either, for that matter. His hat is usually on the back of his head; almost any citizen of Indianapolis can tell of slaps on the back and pokes in the ribs given him by the democratic manager, and his "Howdy, Bill?" is met with "Hello, Tom!"

The senator has never been heard to make a joke in the course of a political speech. Mr. Taggart not only jokes in politics, but is noted as the greatest wag of the city, and his friends are continually being made the butts of his more or less practical jokes.

Mr. Fairbanks, in a conversation not long ago, declared that politics was far too serious a matter to transform into a joke. "The people want facts, not stories," he said. "They may laugh at the story, and you may think you've made a hit, but it is my firm belief that when they come to vote they will vote for the ticket whose speakers have given the facts as they are."

Likes His Joke.

A good joke to Mr. Taggart is as the breath of life itself; if he plays it, the premier joy of the seventh heaven, and he is no respecter of persons when he is out for amusement. Witness the way he treated Judge James McCabe, the Hearst-boom manager in the Hoosier state, when he journeyed to Indianapolis to see how his opponent, Tom Taggart, was getting on.

Mr. Taggart walked up to the judge in a hotel corridor, greeted him effusively, and while talking with him expertly "lifted" the judge's fine diamond stick pin. Then he turned the conversation.

"Judge," said he, "I know you're a great admirer of diamonds. I've a pin here I'd like to show you."

"But," said the judge, swelling with pride, "I've a fine pin myself. I fancy you can't beat it," and he reached for it, to be confounded with dismay the next moment over its absence. Mr. Taggart let the judge worry all evening before he went up to him and solemnly stuck the pin back where it belonged.

Mr. Fairbanks is as careful in speech, in action, in dress, in thought, in plan as he is about avoiding what to him is fatal political ribaldry. Mr. Taggart seemingly hates deliberation. Ask him a question, and he answers without apparent weighing of words. Not so the senator. He hunts for the reply that will be just right. This extreme carefulness is one of his distinguishing marks, and it has made him the master of his party in Indiana, from the precinct up, just as surely as Mr. Taggart's more picturesque methods have given him absolute control of his organization.

Know Their State.

Only in their methods of organization are the two men anywhere alike. To both of them their adopted state is an open book for constant political study, and each knows the temperament of the people in its corners as well as the centers. During the first Bryan campaign, when the democratic national committee met to hear reports of the pre-election canvass made by the various state committeemen, Mr. Taggart lugged before his brethren a good-sized valise with bulging sides.

"What is that?" they asked in astonishment.

"That, gentlemen," was the reply, "contains the poll of every election district in my state."

The precinct is Mr. Fairbanks' great hobby also.

"Look after the precincts, and the state will take care of itself," he tells his lieutenants. He knows Indiana's precincts every bit as well as "Tom" Taggart does. He can tell as certainly how this or that one will go, and if there is a precinct in the state in which he has not spoken in one campaign or another nobody knows of it. The senator is the most indefatigable campaigner his party ever had in Indiana. He holds the record for speeches before Hoosier audiences, and Mr. Taggart cannot make one of his unexpected sallies into the sycamore groves of the state without learning that the senator is known there by reason of some address he made some time or other to the backwoodsmen.

Rely on Their Aids.

Neither man is domineering. Mr. Fairbanks will not recommend a man for any political preferment who has not the backing of his district leader. Mr. Taggart is equally solicitous of his lieutenants' feelings, consulting them freely, and, as is the case with his opponent, frequently taking their advice and molding a campaign in part according to their ideas. Both leaders also largely rely on their respective aids to discover for them what and whom the people want, and until their reports come, refrain from coming out for any issue or candidate. This is largely the secret of each man's reputed political sagacity; and it was in this fashion that Mr. Fairbanks, in 1896, found out that Indiana would undoubtedly favor the party declaring for the gold standard. He had already determined that such a plank should be in the state platform if he could get it there; he redoubled his efforts, and, despite misgivings and some opposition on the part of several prominent politicians, the plank was inserted as Mr. Fairbanks had written it, Indiana being one of the first states to declare for gold. The party's candidate for governor, Mr. Mount, had not favored the gold plank, and when the convention was over, he said to Mr. Fairbanks: "Well, we've got a good platform—all except that gold plank."

"Ah," said Mr. Fairbanks, confidently, "that plank will prove our sheet anchor, and it will make you governor of Indiana," a prophecy which was fulfilled in November.

Sticklers for Detail.

There is no detail incident to a campaign that either leader will not take upon himself. Both men are sticklers in this particular, and for that reason they are men of "unfinished political business." If the party's cause will be furthered by Mr. Fairbanks' entering into a half hour's discussion about the best way to secure John Smith's vote, he is not the man to plead lack of time; and Mr. Taggart will give twice that time, if necessary, to planning out a big banner to be flung across Washington street. This regard for detail takes them all over the state, into its every nook and cranny, and has made them personally acquainted with the men who get out the vote and thousands of voters besides.

It is noteworthy that both men, each of whom would die by his party, became politically prominent at about the same time. Before 1888, when Mr. Fairbanks was the manager of Judge Walter Q. Gresham's campaign for the presidency, he had been known only as a speaker who could be called upon at any time to be sent anywhere within the state's borders. Mr. Taggart had been elected county auditor for the first time four years before, but not until he was up for renomination did he or his party realize how strong he was. Then it was that "Tom" Taggart, at last aware of his hold on his party, began assuming the reins, and four years later he, as state chairman, carried the state for Cleveland, a victory that made it possible for him to be elected mayor of Indianapolis for three consecutive terms. But while he has almost continuously held some office, either in the gift of the people or his party, since his advent on the political horizon, Mr. Fairbanks' sole honor in this direction has been a senatorship. He has always put other proffered political gifts behind him, preferring rather to be his party's Warwick, as far as Indiana is concerned.

Both From Ohio.

The only similar incident in the career of the two men, outside their methods of political management, is found in the fact that both had to make their own way in life and both went to Indianapolis from Ohio to do it some thirty years ago. Young Fairbanks opened up a law office; young Taggart went to work behind a lunch counter in the old union depot. Pretty soon the lanky lawyer's careful and painstaking methods attracted clients to him, and about the same time "Tom" Taggart's genial smile and popularity with the trainmen and the traveling public earned him the managership of the several lunch counters in the station.

But the lawyer had reaped the results of the struggle long before the other. While Mr. Taggart was still looking out for the dollars, Mr. Fairbanks, by securing various railroad interests as clients, had got together a competency that made him practically independent. Mr. Fairbanks has been credited with receiving one fee of $150,000, and it is known for a certainty that he did get at least one that was only $50,000 less. He is as good a business man as he is a politician, and so is Mr. Taggart, the evidence to this effect being found in the way each man has made the dollars multiply. But while the senator has accomplished this in a quiet sort of way, Mr. Taggart has done so with a good deal of the spectacular and picturesqueness that mark his hand in anything.

Both in Earnest.

Mr. Fairbanks says he is in politics because he considers it the duty of every patriotic American to take an active interest in the welfare of his country. Mr. Taggart says he is in politics because he "can't help it," by which he means he loves the game too intensely to be satisfied with being a mere spectator—he was born in Ireland. Each feels himself in honor bound to carry the state.

The maneuvering and fighting between them will be interesting to watch from now on as the campaign grows hot. There will be moves and counter moves to furnish zest, for each man is a great student of what the other fellow is going to do; and on election day it would not surprise the friends of either to learn that he was doing some such thing as working for all he was worth in his own precinct. Both men believe in fighting up to the last ditch and taking a hand at the guns if necessary. They have made a point of doing so ever since their ascendency in Indiana politics, than which no more interesting brand can be found, unless it be Ohio's.

LANDIS SEES THE PRESIDENT.

Officers of the German Roosevelt League Call Today.

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., August 27.—President Roosevelt's first visitor today was Representative Charles B. Landis of Indiana. He has been spending a few days in the east preparatory to the fall campaign in Indiana and came to Oyster Bay to talk over with the President the general political situation, especially as it relates to his own state.

Other callers on the President today were Joseph Winter, general secretary; Charles E. Hauselt, treasurer, and Charles Hauser, a director of the German Roosevelt League of the United States. The league is said to number more than six thousand Germans in New York and about twice as many more in other parts of the United States.

Representative Lucius N. Littauer of the 25th district of New York, who was an overnight guest of President Roosevelt, left today for his home. He made no statement concerning his conferences with the President.

Prior to the arrival of his callers President Roosevelt spent some time in his library with Secretary Loeb transacting public business and disposing of his mail.

THE STATESBORO INQUIRY.

Negroes Dragged to Stake Within Thirty Feet of Militia.

SAVANNAH, Ga., August 27.—A local newspaper man today testified before the court of inquiry appointed by Gov. Terrell to inquire into the action of the military at Statesboro at the time of the recent lynchings. He said he saw the negro prisoners in Statesboro dragged along the road to the stake within thirty feet of the military camp, where fifty men were drawn up in line.

It was testified that there was no movement at that time by the officers and men to rescue the prisoners. The mob of about 200 men were dressed in shirt sleeves and very few of them were armed, so far as the witness could see. This was at the time Capt. Hitch had been pinioned and surrounded in the court house some distance away.

QUIET AT ROSEMOUNT.

Parker Busy at Work on Letter of Acceptance.

ESOPUS, N. Y., August 27.—Judge Parker spent the entire morning in his library, at work upon his letter of acceptance of the presidential nomination, and was inaccessible to visitors. There were none of political importance during the morning, though several casual visitors, some from other states, talked with Secretary McCausland and walked about the Rosemount grounds.

The weather was perfect, and a number of sight-seers from Kingston and Poughkeepsie drove to Esopus.

Richmond Paper Buys a Home.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

RICHMOND, Va., August 27.—The building occupied by the News-Leader, the property of the Seaboard company, was sold today to the News-Leader Publishing Company.

The republican district committee has called a convention for September 12 to name a candidate for Congress from this district.

Baltimore Bank Clerk Arrested.

BALTIMORE, Md., August 27.—William F. Fuller, bookkeeper of the Second National Bank, was arrested today and committed to jail by United States Commissioner Rogers on a charge of stealing $2,500 from the bank. The warrant was sworn out by National Bank Examiner Muir, who charged Fuller with making false entries in the books. After his arrest Fuller admitted his guilt.

Burned by a Bursted Vat.

DETROIT, August 27.—A special to the Detroit Journal from Negaunee, Mich., says: By the bursting of a rendering vat at the Dalton packing plant, located west of this city, two of the employes were burned so severely that one is dead and the recovery of the other is despaired of. The victims are Ed Chynoweth, manager of the packing plant, who died after being taken to Negaunee Hospital, and Nick Web, a workman.

TO INVESTIGATE DEATH.

Stepson of Late Mrs. McVicker to Institute Inquiry.

CHICAGO, August 27.—Following the receipt of news of the death of Mrs. J. H. McVicker, wife of the famous theatrical manager, mother of Mrs. Edwin Booth, and owner of property which is valued at $350,000 to $500,000, Horace McVicker, her stepson, has started an investigation, which may lead to serious charges being brought at Pasadena, Cal., where Mrs. McVicker died. Horace McVicker, who is business manager for Ethel Barrymore, is sole survivor of the family. He said:

"I am firmly of the opinion that my mother was under a hypnotic influence. I will not venture to state now who created the spell or who was responsible for her death. But a thorough investigation will be made. I have telegraphed to H. C. Wyatt, in Los Angeles, to look into the matter."

L. W. Condee, the attorney of the estate, admitted that there was room for suspicion and that an investigation would follow.

Entry List for Charter Oak Park.

HARTFORD, Conn., August 27.—The entry list of 205 horses for the grand circuit week at Charter Oak Park, beginning September 5, was made public today. The chief event is the Charter Oak stake of $10,000 for 2.09 trotters, the money being divided so that in effect each heat is a race. The winner of each heat will receive $2,000; each horse that finishes second will get $800, and the third horse in the first heat will have $600, and the third horse in each of the other two heats $500. The horses named for the event, which is scheduled for September 8, are Dr. Strong, George G., Grace Keller, John Taylor, Jim Ferry, Angiola, Consuelo S., Masetto, Metallis, Marion Wilkes, Sweet Marie, The Roman and Tiverton.

Chicago's New $1,000,000 Building.

CHICAGO, August 27.—Plans and specifications for the Majestic Theater and office building at 71 to 75 Monroe street have been submitted to the city department for approval. The plans provide for a twenty-story office building with a frontage of 82 feet, a depth of 60 and a height of 260 feet, with an apex reaching a height of 274 feet. The theater building will be on the rear portion of the property, 132 by 82 feet in dimensions. It will be the first playhouse constructed under the provisions of the new theater ordinance. The seating capacity will be 2,025.

Foundations for the building are now in course of construction. They will consist of seventeen caissons, 8 to 10 feet in diameter, sunk to the rock, a distance of 105 feet from the surface. The building is to be completed in one year and will cost $1,000,000. The theater has been leased for twenty years to a firm which will conduct vaudeville entertainments in the house.

A London Rumor Regarding Cassini.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

NEW YORK, August 27.—A cable dispatch from London says:

The London correspondent of the Manchester Guardian says that a report is gaining ground in the English capital that the Russian ambassador to the United States, Count Cassini, has asked to be recalled from Washington, the reason being given as the difficulty of the relations existing between the count and the officials of the American government.

Arrested for Murder.

A dispatch from Cincinnati, Ohio, last night says: John Lieberth, brother of George Lieberth, internal revenue collector at Covington, Ky., district, was arrested today charged with the murder of John C. Lansdowne, who was stabbed today near his home in Covington, dying shortly afterward. The motive appears in the fact that Wallace Lansdowne had preferred charges against Collector Lieberth. The slayer mistook John Lansdowne for Wallace. When Lieberth was arrested today, though well known to the officers, he refused to give his name, and appeared to be in a stupor.

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