

HUGHES-CRANE COMBINE

Massachusetts Senator Is Extending His Anti-Taft Work.

SPEAKER CANNON ALSO IN LINE

Senators Take Decisive Action to Check President Roosevelt's Use of Patronage to Further the Taft Candidacy. Influence of Other Candidates.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 15.—What sounded like a real piece of political news about Governor Hughes and the presidency was circulated here today. It was said that Governor Hughes and Senator Crane, of Massachusetts, were to meet at an early day, and that this would complete the circle of candidates other than Taft, for whom Senator Crane is acting as a mutual friend, in checking the "hip hip, hurrah" canvass of the secretary of war.

Senator Crane said he had no engagement to meet Governor Hughes, but it was said in Albany that negotiations were under way to bring about a meeting if possible. The governor has no objection to meeting anybody, it is said, but will not discuss the question of his candidacy for President with Senator Crane or any one else.

It was difficult to tell today whether the Taft supporters, who have spread the report with great industry, were pleased or displeased at the prospect of something happening to show that Senator Crane was in as close touch with Governor Hughes as he is with all the other "favorite son" candidates. Taft men are rather enjoying the fact that they are in a position to get support from the Roosevelt sentiment, which is denied most of the other candidates, but on the other hand, they feel some isolation. They were much disposed today to minimize the effect of the decision of the Republican National Committee to prevent them from electing delegates to the National Convention by direct primaries in the twenty-one Ohio districts. Friends of the secretary were of the opinion that it would only affect two districts at the outside.

Those close to Senator Crane were not of that opinion and were inclined to think the action of the committee was a very serious setback for Secretary Taft, in that it would greatly intensify the factional bitterness in Ohio.

That Senator Crane will be the Warwick of the candidate who defeats Secretary Taft for nomination, if the field is able to head off the growing presidential boom of the Ohioan, at all, is indicated by the high opinion entertained of him by practically the entire number of candidates now making the race against Mr. Taft.

Speaker Cannon has recognized the well known ability of the Massachusetts Senator as a politician to the extent of indicating that he proposes to consult with Senator Crane on all legislation pending between the House and Senate this winter. The speaker is said to have taken this position out of respect to the peculiar ability of Senator Crane in such matters to see the merits or demerits of legislation in advance from not only the legislative but the political viewpoint.

In this regard Speaker Cannon is in full accord with Vice President Fairbanks. Recognition of Senator Crane's aptness as a politician by other candidates does not seem to disturb the Knox men to any great extent, although it is well known they lay claim to him as the political adviser of their candidate. For six months, they say, Senator Crane will soon possess the entire confidence of every candidate now in the field except Mr. Taft and ask, in the event the "field" shall control the convention and still be unable to agree among themselves on a candidate to receive the nomination, why Senator Crane himself would not be in the logical position to receive their support.

Louis F. Payn, of New York, called at the White House today to pay his respects to the President. He also said a few words about politics. What he said was this: "Mr. President, this nomination for President must not be made early and in advance of the convention. It must be made and will be made by the thoughtful men in the party, who will gather in Chicago, and in conference, taking into consideration all the strength of the various candidates, decide calmly what is best to be done for the Republican party in this crisis."

What the President said in reply is not reported. Resentment was shown today by the friends of Secretary Taft at statements that he was using federal patronage to obtain the nomination. They insisted that of all the presidential candidates now in the field, none had a smaller amount of aid of this character than Mr. Taft.

MRS. RUSSELL SAGE HEADS LISS OF TAXPAYERS

she Will This Year Pay the Largest Amount into the Treasury of New York City.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—With her assessment on personal property and real estate standing at \$7,258,000, Mrs. Russell Sage, according to the tax books opened today, proves the biggest individual taxpayer in this city.

The Vanderbilt family's personal assessment is \$3,810,000. With the estate assessment of Cornelius and William H. Vanderbilt, the family total will be \$19,810,000, making them the heaviest contributors to municipal finances.

Andrew Carnegie is recorded for \$5,000,000, as are the estates of H. O. Havemeyer, William C. Whitney and James Henry Smith, whose widow is a former Baltimorean. John D. Rockefeller escapes with a personal assessment of \$2,500,000.

The city's total real estate valuation is given at \$4,590,970,951. The personal tax assessment has not been totaled.

Based on figures disclosed by the tentative assessments, Lawson Purdy, president of the Tax Commission, announced that the borrowing capacity of the city would be increased about \$45,000,000. The total tentative assessment, which, according to Commissioner Purdy, is always reduced by about \$500,000, mainly by the cancellation of the assessment of city property acquired, is \$472,000,000. This is exclusive of special franchises and the real estate of corporations, the figures on which will not be ready before April.

The figures show an increase of 8 per cent. over last year's, which were \$501,000,000, including special franchises and real estate corporations. The tax rate should be between 9 and 11 points higher than last year when the rate was 1.4849 per \$1,000. It was said the year's rate would be between 1.57 and 1.60 probably a little more than 1.57.

There has been an increase in the budget of \$13,000,000.

COCKTAILS ON TAFT MENU.

Also Another Brand Called "Twelve Apostles Sherry."

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 15.—Fairbanks and Foraker men are in high glee today over the possession and discussion of a menu card from the aft boom dinner given Tuesday night by the Ohio delegation. It started out with Martini Cocktails, but what tickles the anti-Taft men most is what they term a "very plous brand," known otherwise as "Twelve Apostles Sherry."

The Foraker people especially are feeling good tonight over the rejection today of a bunch of postmasters nominated for Ohio towns. The ground of the rejection is presumed to be that they are purely political, and it is taken to mean bitter war between Taft and Foraker in Ohio, with the latter aided by friends of the field against Taft in the Senate.

Rebuilding a Great Canal. When the average citizen learns that one single machine, employing but fifty men, dug in November, 1906, nearly one-third the amount of the whole Panama excavation for that month, on the sight of the new Erie Barge Canal, he falls to thinking. So writes Lindon W. Bates, in the Technical World Magazine for February. He has interest enough then to read, perhaps, in the annual message of Governor Hughes that, of the one hundred and one million dollars voted by referendum in 1903 for the improvement of the four hundred and forty-two miles, comprising the Erie, Oswego and Champlain canals, fifteen millions have been allotted in eighteen contracts and all of them today are in the full swing of advanced execution. He learns that the work has been let at a price so much below the state engineer's figure, that despite the increased cost of labor and material, two millions have been saved on the preliminary estimate; that the canal locks, owing to this economy are to be enlarged to admit barges of two thousand two hundred tons, instead of the one thousand ton carriers originally contemplated. And when he has digested the significance of these facts he begins to appreciate the quiet, unheralded but self-evidencing progress on the great waterway of the Empire state. For measured by the standard of results, the progress already achieved on the New Barge Canal, renders it one of the most notable of public undertakings.

A full description, well illustrated, of the vast work of improvement which has been and is being done on the Erie Barge Canal, follows. It tells the story of an exceedingly striking example of progress toward perfection of our inland waterways which is inevitably coming.

Climbing Mountains by Rail. Benjamin Franklin's famous experiment in drawing electricity from the clouds by means of a kite string has been reversed in some respects today. So writes Henry Hale in the Technical World Magazine for February. Instead of depending upon the clouds to supply us with electricity, we carry it up among the clouds and make it of service in running our trolley cars. We even pass beyond the clouds and calmly defy the lightning to do its worst.

One by one, great mountain peaks have been climbed, first by hardy mountaineers, with alpen stock and line; then by early cog-wheel railroads and puffing engines, and, finally, by the modern electric road, with cars comfortably heated so that as the ascent is made, the temperature inside can be regulated to suit the needs of the passengers. What formerly required days to accomplish at the imminent risk of life and limb, can be performed today by the merest trolley within an hour or two without so much as jeopardizing his life in the remotest way.

Writing. Village Blacksmith (to innkeeper)—And what is your son doing in Paris? Innkeeper—He writes. Village Blacksmith—For pleasure or for money? Innkeeper—Well, whenever he Bon Vivant.

There once was a maiden young and gay. She'd laugh and sing the whole long day. For I am so happy and well, said she, Now that I take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. J. C. GORSUCH & CO.

MAYOR BUXTON'S TALK

Addresses the Virginia Municipalities on City Government.

ADVOCATES RULE OF FIVE MEN

Believes That All Ward Divisions Should be Done Away With and There Should be Four Councilmen to a City.

RICHMOND, VA., Jan. 15.—The second annual convention of the League of Virginia Municipalities met at Murphy's Hotel this morning and went into session shortly after 12 o'clock in room No. 22, in the old building, about 30 members being present.

The meeting was somewhat delayed, owing to a misunderstanding, whereby one-half of the league met in the hotel proper and the other half in the hotel annex.

Upon the two parties getting together the convention was called to order by its president, Mr. Joel H. Cutchin, mayor of Roanoke, and opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. W. R. L. Smith, pastor of the Second Baptist church.

Mayor McCarthy was next introduced by the president.

Mayor McCarthy, arising, excused himself on the plea that he had just convalesced from an attack of the grip, which was a disease, said he, that singularly still clung to its victim, although he may for several weeks have "entirely recovered" from its effects.

The mayor extended a graceful and characteristic welcome to those present, requesting especially that they visit the city hall and familiarize themselves with the conduct of local municipal affairs.

Mr. Samuel R. Buxton, mayor of Newport News, was introduced. He spoke on "Some Proposed Changes in Municipal Government." The speaker, quoting editorials from Richmond, Lynchburg and Petersburg, hazarded the opinion that many cities were not satisfied with the present control by council, and that many were crying for boards of control. In the speaker's opinion boards of control would not meet the issue satisfactorily. He believed that a board of control would be found to be but a "creature of the council" and would but multiply and involve municipal management.

The speaker believed that the nation should be governed by Federal legislation; the state by state authorities; and the city by municipal law in such manner as to offset all possibility of conflict with laws of the nation or of the state.

He believed that all ward divisions should be done away with; that the legislative, administrative and executive functions of the city should be lodged in a mayor and four councilmen; that these men would be elected by the city at large and charged with the direct responsibility of all local affairs; that the legislative and executive functions would be distributed among these five men. Each member of the council would be placed at the head of one department.

The initiative and referendum as to sale of franchises, the issue of bonds, or other equipment or operation of a public utility, would be obligatory.

The recall should be permitted as to any elective officer upon petition of 25 per cent. of the qualified voters of the city. All appointments should be subject to civil service provisions. Proved merit the test of fitness. Complete publicity should be insured by causing to be published a monthly or quarterly statement of all receipts and expenditures. No ordinance should become operative within ten days from its passage. Mr. Buxton was greeted with prolonged applause.

Perfectly Plain. "But, really," persisted the reporter, "I'm sure the public would like to know how you managed to live to such a great age." "By perseverance," replied the nonagenarian; "I feel kept on Hvin." Philadelphia Press.

Unnecessary. "My dear boy, that's the seventh cigarette since dinner. I believe you'll die smoking." "Yes, I'm afraid I shall have to take a supply of cigarettes and matches with me." "Why matches?"—Pick-Me-Up.

A Higher Health Level. In 1803, after the fall of Vicksburg, a man came to Lincoln seeking an office. He had known Lincoln very well in the early fifties, but had drifted south. He wanted an office and a good one, and he was very important.

At last Mr. Lincoln said to him: "John, when I was a young man about the time I first went to Springfield I live. I was invited to a dance, and I was very proud of the invitation. I

The Scrap Book

Stockton's Chickens. When Frank Stockton started out with his Rudder Grange experiences he undertook to keep chickens. One old motherly Plymouth Rock brought out a brood late in the fall, and Stockton gave her a good deal of attention. He named each of the chicks after some literary friend, among the rest Mary Mapes Dodge. Mrs. Dodge was visiting the farm some time later, and, happening to think of her namesake, she said, "By the way, Frank, how does little Mary Mapes Dodge get along?" "The funny thing about little Mary Mapes Dodge," said he, "is she turns out to be Thomas Bailey Aldrich."

THOUGH ALL WERE FABLES. Though all great deeds were proved but fables fine; Though earth's old story could be told anew; Though the sweet fashions loved of them that are Were empty as the ruined Delphian shrine; Though God did never man in words begin; With sense of his great fatherhood endue; Though life immortal were a dream untrue; And he that promised it were not divine; Though soul, though spirit, were not and all hope; Reaching beyond the bourn melted away; Though virtue had no goal and good no scope; But both were doomed to end with this our clay; Though all these were not to the ungraced heir; Would this remain—to live as though they were. —Jean Ingelow.

An Honest Opinion. Mrs. Ruggles of South Pittsburg visited the Carnegie institute and had been much interested in the stately on exhibition there. On giving an account of the trip to a neighbor she said, "I have seen that fellow they call Adonis, and I've seen Ruggles, and of the two give me Ruggles."—Lippincott's.

Natural Enough. A stuttering man was once arraigned before a magistrate. "What is your name?" asked the magistrate. "S-s-s-s-s-s-s-s," began the prisoner. "What's that?" "S-s-s-s-s-s-s-s," hissed the stutterer. "His name's Sisson," interrupted the policeman who had made the arrest. "He stutters."

"So it seems. What's he charged with?" "I don't know, your honor," said the policeman. "It seems to be soda water."

Simple and Logical. A teacher observed what he thought a lack of patriotic enthusiasm in one of the boys under his instruction. "Now, Tommy," said he, "tell us what you would think if you saw the stars and stripes waving over the field of battle."

"I should think that the wind was blowing."—Ladies' Home Journal.

Her Redeeming Feature. An only son had just told the family that he was engaged and to whom. "Ma—What, that girl? Why, she squints."

Sister—She has absolutely no style. Auntie—Red headed, isn't she? Grandma—I'm afraid she's fidgety. Uncle—She hasn't any money. First Cousin—She doesn't look strong. Second Cousin—She's stuck up. Third Cousin—She's an extravagant thing.

The Son (thoughtfully)—Well, she's got one redeeming feature, anyhow. Chorus—What's that? The Son—She hasn't a relative on earth.

Pa—Grab her, my boy; grab her!

About Eleven Head. An evangelist journeying through darkest South Carolina stopped at a cabin swarming with children and asked of the young negro who responded to his knock how many children she had.

"Well, I've buried some, of co'se, but livin' I reckon I got 'bout 'leven head."

Any Other Name Would Do as Well. A dignified gentleman was trying to read in a crowded railroad train. Among the passengers was a lady with a sprightly little blue eyed girl with golden hair and an inquisitive tongue. She asked the dignified gentleman numerous questions, played with his watch chain and endeavored to determine by means of the buttons on his waistcoat whether he was rich man, poor man, beggar man or thief.

The mother fairly beamed upon him. He was becoming nervous and, turning to the lady, said: "Madam, what do you call this sweet little child?" "Ethel," replied the mother, with a smile. "Please call her, then."—Everybody's.

You Can't Paint the Lily. A girl was asked to explain why men never kiss each other, while women do. She replied, "Men have something better to kiss; women haven't."

The Good Ones Were Gone. In 1803, after the fall of Vicksburg, a man came to Lincoln seeking an office. He had known Lincoln very well in the early fifties, but had drifted south. He wanted an office and a good one, and he was very important.

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remember that I bought a new hat and a very good one, for it cost me more than any other hat I had ever bought, and I was very proud to wear it to the dance. Well, I enjoyed myself so much at this hop that I stayed very late, about the last one to leave, as I remember, and as I was ready to go I said to the colored man who had charge of the coats and hats, 'Now, John, I wish you would bring me my hat.' He brought me a hat that had been worn for a long time and was very rusty and shabby, and I said to him: 'This isn't my hat. I wore a good one.' And then he replied, 'Mr. Lincoln, the good ones were all gone two hours ago.' So, John, the good offices are all gone."

Slightly Mixed. Two correspondents wrote to a country editor to know respectively the best way of assisting twins through the teething period and how to rid an orchard of grasshoppers. The editor answered both questions faithfully, but unfortunately got the initials mixed, so that the fond father of the teething twins was thunderstruck by the following advice: "If you are unfortunate enough to be plagued by these unwelcome little pests, the quickest means of settling them is to cover them with straw and set the straw on fire."

The man who was bothered with grasshoppers was equally amazed to read: "The best treatment is to give them each a warm bath twice a day and rub their gums with honey."

The Bishop's Job. A bishop was staying with a friend in a country house. On Sunday morning as he passed through the library he found a small boy curled up in a big chair deeply interested in a book. "Are you going to church, Tom?" he asked. "No, sir," he replied. "Why, I am." "You've got to go. It's your job."—Ladies' Home Journal.

Neck and Neck. The lawyer for the plaintiff had finished his argument, and counsel for the defense stepped forward to speak, when the new judge interrupted him. His eyes were filled with wonder and admiration for the plea of the plaintiff. "Defendant need not speak," he said. "Plaintiff wins."

"But, your honor," said the attorney, "at least let me present my case." "Well, go on, then." The lawyer went ahead. When he had finished the judge gaped in even greater astonishment. "Don't it beat all!" he exclaimed. "Now defendant wins."

No Common Nigger. As a well known evangelist was paying pastoral visits some years ago in the state of Tennessee a lady said to him: "I'm very glad you've come. I was reading in the Bible the other day about Moses marrying a nigger, and I wish you would explain the matter."

"It doesn't read that way in my Bible," he replied. "It reads that Moses married an Ethiopian woman."

"Well, doesn't that mean a nigger?" "I will tell you how it was. There was a terrible war waged by the Ethiopians against the Egyptians, and two great armies sent from Egypt against them had been destroyed. The Ethiopians were governed by a magnificent queen, something like Semiramis, who led out her own armies and knew how to gain a victory. But when Moses was sent with a third Egyptian army against her he asked help of God and managed so wisely that the queen agreed to surrender all her forces to him and become tributary to Egypt provided he would marry her."

"Well," said the old lady, "I'm glad to hear it wasn't any common nigger."

New Testament Wisdom. Little Mabel's grandfather had been reading the New Testament to her, and the parables seemed to arrest her attention. Her mother, going into the kitchen about dinner time, overheard Mabel talking in a peremptory manner to the servants. When asked what she had been saying, she replied: "Oh, nothing. I was only telling those wicked and slothful servants to hurry up dinner."—Lippincott's.

Longworth and Longfellow. Shortly before his marriage to Alice Roosevelt-Congressman Longworth was presented at a large reception to Samuel Longfellow, a brother of the poet. Longworth was just then in a somewhat rattled condition because of the notoriety showered upon him by a gratuitous press.

He did not know what to say, and so he said only: "Our names are almost similar, aren't they?" Mr. Longfellow smiled kindly. "Yes," he quickly quoted; "worth makes the man and the lack of it the fellow."

Gallantry in Church. One Sunday during high mass at 12 in the chapel of the little village of Glenariff three ladies of the Protestant faith were obliged to take shelter from one of those heavy summer showers which so frequently occur in the south of Ireland. The officiating priest, knowing who they were and wishing to appear respectful to them, stooped down to his attendant or clerk, who was on his knees, and whispered to him, "Three chairs for the Protestant ladies." The clerk mistook the words stood up and shouted out to the congregation, "Three cheers for the Protestant ladies!" which the congregation immediately took up and gave three hearty cheers, while the clergyman stood dumfounded.

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TRUSTEES' SALE Of Plant of Putney Shoe Manufacturing Compa- ny, Inc., Bankrupt. By virtue of authority contained in a decree of the United States Dis- trict Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, in the matter of the Put- ney Shoe Manufacturing Company, Inc., bankrupt, entered December 17th, 1907, the undersigned trustees will, on JANUARY 17th, 1908, AT 12 O'CLOCK, M. receive at the office of S. R. Buxton, in the Silsby Building, Newport News, Va., SEALED BIDS for the purchase of the following property: All those certain lots of land, shown, designated and described on a certai- map or plat of the city of Newport News, Virginia, to be found of record in the Clerk's office of the Corpora- tion Court for the City of Newport News, in plat book No. 1, at page three, by the lots numbered 9 to 12, both inclusive, and 61 to 64, both inclusive, in block No. 33, together with all and singular the buildings and improvements, rights, easements and appurtenances situate thereon and belonging thereto, including the factory building and outbuildings of the said Putney Shoe Manufacturing Company, and all machinery, tools, implements and equipment belonging to the said Company and constituting a part of its plant, whether annexed to the freehold or not.

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