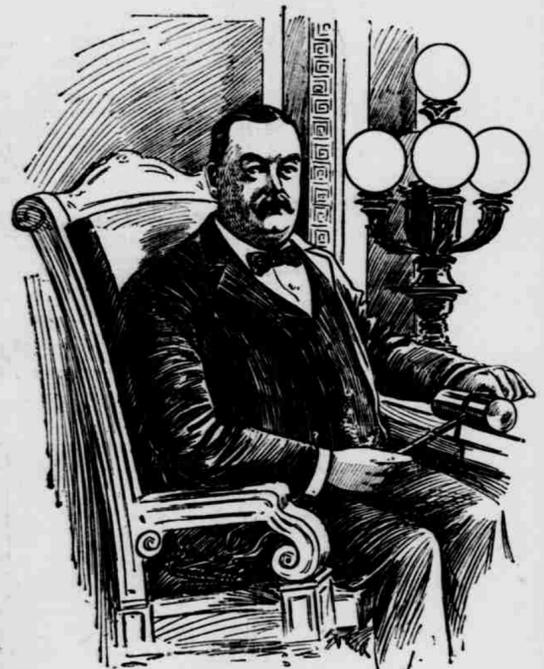


CONFLICTING ELEMENTS ARE UNITED IN SPEAKER CRONIN.

Man Who Wields the Gavel in House of Delegates and Enforces the Gag Rule of the Combine Talks for Free Speech—He Has Prospered Materially as a Saloonkeeper, Undertaker and Roofers.



JAMES H. CRONIN, Speaker of the House of Delegates and representative of Edward Butler in the Combine.

Representative of "Colonel" Edward Butler in what is known as the House of Delegates combine, Speaker of the House of Delegates by virtue of the Butler potentiality, czar, with borrowed power, mighty swayer of the gavel and enforcer of combine legislation tactics, great human automaton whose shadow conceals whatever force may lurk behind the rostrum chair—these are some of the many characteristics popularly attributed to James H. Cronin, who is also a saloonkeeper and an undertaker.

THOUSANDS OF BIRDS KILLED IN A STORM.

English Sparrows and Blackbirds Beaten Down and Drowned During a Cloudburst.

Immense Quantities of Peaches Torn From Trees—Entire Orchards Are Destroyed at Some Points.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Carbondale, Ill., Aug. 25.—A destructive cloudburst passed over this city this morning just before daylight, doing great damage to fruit and other property.

STONE ANNOUNCES SENATORIAL AMBITION

Makes a Statement in Which He Says He Is Not a Presidential Candidate.

DISCUSSES NATIONAL ISSUES.

He Declares That Bimetallism Is Still an Issue and That the Ratio Is Not the Question.

"I am a candidate for Senator, and have no idea of entering the presidential race." In these words Ex-Governor William Joel Stone corroborated the statements of his political position made by his friend, Colonel Moses C. Wetmore, published Sunday and yesterday in The Republic.

SECOND CALL TO BE MADE ON FAIR SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Special Meeting of the Board of Directors is Called for Next Friday Morning for This Purpose—One Million Dollars to Be Realized From This Assessment Will Be Needed in a Few Weeks.

QUICK RESPONSE IS ANTICIPATED BY EXPOSITION OFFICIALS.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

A call for a directors' meeting was issued by President Francis at the conclusion of a meeting of the Executive Committee, held at World's Fair headquarters yesterday afternoon.

CONDEMNATION PLANS IN PREPARATION FOR THE FAIR.

Subcommittee Instructed to Proceed Under Opinion Rendered by General Counsel, Who Advises Suit in Case of Exorbitant Demands—Ground Plans Not Yet Made Public—Foreign Promotion Is Receiving Considerable Attention.

COMMITTEES TRYING TO OBTAIN ENOUGH FUNDS FOR EXHIBITS.

Preparations for condemnation proceedings were advanced at the meeting of the Executive Committee yesterday morning.

ONE OF THE FALL HATS DESCRIBED BY AN EXPERT.



MME. LOUISE FIFTH AVENUE TURBAN, REGARDED BY MME. ALPHONSE AS THE SEASON'S MOST STYLISH HAT.

By MME. ARMAND ALPHONSE. Various shades of green show most prominently in the early autumn models. A letter expresses it thus: "The autumn season has started with a wave of black ostrich and a vivid glow of green."

BRITTON H. TABOR DEAD.

Lawyer Had Large Acquaintance-ship Throughout Southwest.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. New York, Aug. 25.—The body of Britton H. Tabor, a lawyer known in the Southwest and who had practiced law in this city for eight years, was found in the North River, off West One Hundred and Forty-first street this morning.

LEADING TOPICS TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC

- THE SUN RISES THIS MORNING AT 5:24 AND SETS THIS EVENING AT 6:23. WEATHER INDICATIONS. For St. Louis and Vicinity—Generally fair weather, with stationary temperature.

CHALLENGER AND DEFENDER ON SAIL-STRETCHING SPINS.

Shamrock II, With Sir Thomas Lipton on Board, Tries Five Jib Topsails.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. New York, Aug. 25.—The Shamrock II, after a light weather sail-stretching spin of six hours, returned to her mooring in Sandy Hook Bay at 4:35 p. m.

LORD KITCHENER HEARS FROM THE BOER GENERALS.

One of Them Captures a British Force—Steyn, De Wet and Botha Send Word That Boers Will Keep Up Struggle to the Bitter End.

London, Aug. 25.—A dispatch from Lord Kitchener, dated from Pretoria to-day, says: "Three officers and sixty-five men who were sent north of Ladysburg (Orange River Colony) on the night of Elliot's columns were surrounded on unfavorable ground and captured by a superior force August 22."

AMBASSADOR LEFT TURKEY.

M. Constans Departed From Constantinople Yesterday. Constantinople, Aug. 25.—The amount of the indemnity which the Sultan agreed to pay the quays company for interference with its rights is 700,000 francs.

COOPERAGE COMBINE FORMED.

Report That St. Louis Is to Be Interested.

A special dispatch to The Republic from Ashtabula, O., says: The Grant Cooperage Company of this city has entered in a combine with the Veneer Barrel and Packing Company of Cleveland and the Tomlinson Barrel Machine Company of Chicago, forming a stock concern with a capitalization of \$500,000.

AFTER RUSSIAN COPPER.

Senator Clark's Representative Inspecting the Kirghis Mines. St. Petersburg, Aug. 25.—An American engineer, Mr. West, representing Senator W. A. Clark of Montana, has left Kiev, accompanied by the managers of the Voskresny Copper Company, on a tour of inspection of the Kirghis mines.

HANNA GAINING?

The Ohio Senator is Said to Control Nomination. Philadelphia, Aug. 25.—The Washington correspondent of the North American has discovered a fight known as the Veneer Packing and Machine Company. The representatives of the different concerns met in Cleveland and there perfected the consolidation. It was agreed that additional machinery should at once be put in the Ashtabula works, and a larger force of men engaged.

AN AGED VETERAN MISSING.

H. Thurman Disappeared While on a Picnic at Concordia Park. Henry Thurman, 75 years old, a veteran of the Civil War, was reported missing yesterday from his home, No. 1055 Sells avenue, in Baden. The old man left home Sunday afternoon in company with his grandson, 7 years old, to attend a picnic at Concordia Park.

MACHIAS AT COLON.

United States Gunboat Arrives at Colombian Port. Colon, Colombia, Aug. 25.—A report is circulated here to the effect that the rebels now threatening the town of Boca del Toro had from Bluefields, Nicaragua. The United States gunboat Machias anchored to-day in Colon harbor.