

THE WEATHER. Generally fair and colder; northerly winds. Cold weather will probably continue Tuesday and Wednesday.

JOB THAT ARE IN DEMAND

District Offices Which Will Be Eagerly Sought.

A GREAT SCRAMBLE LIKELY

There Are Candidates Galore for Every Place in the Gift of the Next President—Some of the "Fat Takes" and the Men Supposed to Want Them.

The coming inauguration of President McKinley and the daily reports of cabinet-making is of great interest to local Republican politicians, and inspires them with hopes for their own individual fortunes. But while the politicians are interested in a general way in cabinet-making, they are more interested in knowing who will connect with the local Federal offices. As far as can be ascertained, the list of candidates, avowed or otherwise, for the district offices is about as follows:

Hon. A. A. Wilson and Hon. M. J. Weller will probably be in the field for a Commissioner of the Internal Revenue. Mr. Weller's friends in East Washington will urge his candidacy on the score of his eminent fitness for the place, and also because it is true the eastern section of the city should be recognized in the district building. It is a fact that in East Washington has never, since the formation of the present district government, been honored with an appointment of any magnitude. Mr. Weller's candidacy will also be based on his business qualifications.

These mentioned as probable successors to Commissioner George Truesdell are Dr. A. P. Fardon, who, it is stated, will have the support of Vice President Hobart and Senator Ross.

There is a great scramble for every place under the district government. It is not believed, however, that Mr. McKinley will give his sanction to any scheme looking to filling the district offices with spoilsmen. The present district government has formed a non-partisan ground, and if there have been any abuses they can be remedied without throwing out the old and efficient officials.

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The arrangements for the funeral had not yet been completed last night.

POISONED BY THE COOK.

A Chinaman Attempted to Kill a Number of People.

SENATOR GEORGE VERY ILL

Grave Fears Entertained That He May Not Recover.

HE IS AT GARFIELD HOSPITAL

The Distinguished Mississippian Is Suffering From a Complication of Diseases, Heart Trouble Being the Most Threatening—His Family Has Been Summoned.

Senator James Z. George, of Mississippi, who has been ill and in failing health for some time past, was reported as being in a serious condition at a late hour last night, at Garfield hospital, where he has been for three weeks past. His condition is regarded as critical. The Senator has been a sufferer from a complication of diseases, bronchial catarrh causing him the greatest annoyance, but his condition has not been regarded as alarming until yesterday.

During the past week his heart has become involved, and it is from this source that the greatest danger is now apprehended. Owing to the fact that he has been growing weaker, it was decided to hold a consultation of physicians, and Dr. Berman, his attending physician, and the hospital staff yesterday called in Dr. Fry, of this city, and Prof. Olsen, of Baltimore, and the gravest fears of his recovery were expressed.

The Senator returned to Washington after the Christmas holidays. On the 5th of this month he entered Garfield Hospital, and has since been unable to leave that institution. He has neither been able to attend to his Congressional duties, nor to appear in his seat in the Senate for the past two weeks. His illness is not at present in Washington, having remained at the home in Carrollton, Miss. After the consultation of physicians it was deemed best to advise his wife of his condition and she has been summoned to his bedside. She is expected to arrive here in a few days.

Senator George is seventy-two years of age, and this fact, the physicians fear, will militate against his recovery. On the 4th of March he will have completed his second term in the Senate. Owing to his ill health, having been unable for the past two years, he decided not to stand for reelection at the session of the Mississippi legislature last fall, and he will be succeeded by Hon. Hernando De Soto Money, who is at present representing the Fourth Mississippi district.

THE AERONAUT WAS LOST.

He Fell With His Balloon Into the Water.

Key West, Fla., Jan. 24.—The Forepaugh show has been exhibiting in this city for the past week, a balloon ascension being the main feature. After several failures to ascend this aeronaut succeeded yesterday afternoon.

The breeze was stiff from the northeast and a young Cuban named Perez ascended. After going up about 1,000 feet he became rattled and the ropes got tangled. The balloon cut out about a mile from shore and fell into the water. A boat from a revenue cutter went to render assistance and the balloon was recovered, but Perez is given up for lost.

BITTEN BY A ST. BERNARD

Willie Gittings Attacked at His Home Near Rockville.

Mr. Samuel Phillips' Dog Mangled a Schoolboy—The Wounds Not Considered Dangerous.

(Special to The Times.) Rockville, Md., Jan. 24.—A large St. Bernard dog, belonging to Mr. Samuel Phillips, ex-President of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company, attacked Willie Gittings, near this place, yesterday, and bit him on the leg. The dog was taken to the police station, and the boy was taken to the hospital. The dog was killed by the police.

AN AMERICAN'S GOOD FORTUNE.

S. E. Brown Won a Suit for Over \$5,000,000.

Denver, Col., Jan. 24.—S. E. Brown, a noted American mining engineer of Pretoria, South Africa, who is on his way from San Francisco to London, yesterday learned for the first time through a press dispatch from Pretoria, South Africa, that the high court had decided in his favor a suit which he brought against the government for a declaration of rights in his favor respecting certain claims at Witfontein, or in default demanding the payment of £1,000,000, or over \$5,000,000. The dispatch further stated that the suit against the government, which was proclaimed Witfontein to be open for gold mining on a certain date, whereupon Mr. Brown pegged out large blocks of claims. But in the meantime the government withdrew the proclamation and afterwards proclaimed Witfontein under the lottery law.

A CLERK GONE WRONG.

Money Raised on Forged Contractors' Assignments in Pittsburgh.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 24.—Forged assignments of contractors' estimates of city work, on which \$19,000 was raised, have been discovered. The paper was held by the Columbia National Bank and the Mercantile Trust Company, but neither institution will lose anything, for the reason that the amount involved has been made good by the contractor, W. J. Dunn. Mr. Dunn places the blame on a confidential broker, who, he says, is now in the West, but would not give his name.

WILL BE TRIED IN BALTIMORE.

The Cases of General Roloff and Dr. Luis Will Be Transferred.

Baltimore, Jan. 24.—Gen. Carlos Roloff, secretary of war of the Cuban provisional government, and Dr. Joseph J. Luis, who were given a preliminary hearing in New York yesterday on the charge of violating the neutrality act in connection with the shipment of men, arms and ammunition to Cuba by the steamship Woodall, will be brought to this city for trial.

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