



TAFT NOMINATES T. C. POWELL

Honey and Bourne Turned Down Showing They Have no Influence in Politics

PROTESTS OF NO AVAIL

Stated That Powell Made Best Marshal Alaska Has Ever Had and the Nomination is Made Upon His Past Record in Office.

WASHINGTON, D. C. April 8.—President Taft today sent to the Senate the nomination of T. Calder Powell, of Portland, as United States Marshal at Nome, Alaska. Vigorous protests were filed by Francis J. Heney and Senator Bourne against the appointment. Recommendations from Alaska were to the effect that Powell had made the best marshal Alaska ever had.

T. Calder Powell was formerly a deputy Multnomah County official and prominent in politics. He was appointed United States Marshal at Nome upon the recommendation of C. W. Fulton, by Theodore Roosevelt, four years ago. When Francis J. Heney was investigating the Oregon land frauds, he also investigated Portland politics, and as a result he filed protests against the reappointment of Powell with President Taft. Serious charges were preferred, but President Taft paid no attention to them. There were also protests filed against Powell by Portland citizens, who reverted to his record as a county official.

The material on which the charges against Powell were founded was discovered after he had received his commission from Roosevelt. Even then an attempt was made to rescind the appointment, or, at least, have Powell answer the accusations, but Powell was then crossing the ice and beyond communication with the outside world. Powell was one of the last people to get into Alaska at that time, and months elapsed before he could be heard from again. Communication was reopened, the Powell incident was forgotten in the stress of other business.

YESTERDAY'S BALL SCORES.

At Oakland—Portland 7, Oakland 1.
At Sacramento—Sacramento 4, San Francisco 0.
At Vernon—Vernon 6, Los Angeles 2.

IMPALED ON FENCE

CHICAGO, April 8.—Adolph Zeerfaas, nine years old, met death suddenly last night when he attempted to climb over an iron fence and fell on one of the sharp pickets, which penetrated his heart. He and a companion were playing tag when the accident occurred.

PROMINENT MAN FATALLY SHOT

SALT LAKE, April 8.—James L. Malone, for eight years champion pool player of the world is in jail, and Nels Paulsen, a prominent business man is in the hospital suffering from a serious and probable fatal bullet wound inflicted by Malone. The shooting took place in the saleroom of Paulsen & Co., dealers in billiard specials and bar fixtures. Nels Paulsen

ATLANTIC CITY HORSE SHOW

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. April 8.—Atlantic City displayed a lively interest in the opening of the eleventh annual horse show this afternoon. The new million-dollar pier, where the exhibition is held this year instead of at Inlet Park as heretofore, will for three days be the scene of a most brilliant gathering of visitors representing the social sets of New York, Philadelphia and other cities. That the affair itself will be successful is shown by the figures. All of the seventy-one classes contained in the prize list are well filled. Among the prominent exhibitors are E. H. Harriman of New York, H. D. Holloway of Philadelphia, Paul A. Sorg of New York, R. P. McGran of Lancaster and Julian Morris of Keswick, Va. The hotels are more crowded than they have been at any time this season and a large number of cottage owners have house parties. Every train brings its quota of visitors and the hotel proprietors are happy in the expectation of a record-breaking Easter crowd.

LIGHTWEIGHT WRESTLING WON BY O'CONNELL

TREMBLAY LOST ONE ROUND ON A FOUL AND BROKE HIS FINGER.

PORTLAND, April 8.—Ed O'Connell, of Portland, tonight defeated Eugene Tremblay, of Montreal, in the lightweight wrestling championship of the world, securing two falls. Tremblay secured the first fall in 30:50 and lost second fall on a foul, refusing to release strangle hold when ordered to do so by the referee. O'Connell had previously secured a strangle hold on Tremblay but broke it when told to do so. Tremblay claimed O'Connell used strangle hold the second time, but he worked himself out of it. O'Connell secured last fall in 12:47. Tremblay broke his finger in the last bout and was not able to do himself full justice. Tremblay weighed 134 pounds and O'Connell about 148.

COUGHS UP A TACK

Little Boy Had Swallowed It Three Years Before.

CHADRON, O., April 8.—Elton Parker, six years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Parker, has coughed up a carpet tack that had lain imbedded near his lungs for three years. That the sharp tack in its downward course had not torn the delicate lining, caused inflammation and ended the boy's life, is a source of wonderment. Although none the worse for his experience, Elton says he is glad the tack is out.

It was just three years ago when Elton sat on the floor playing. A carpet had just been put down. He spied a bright tack near him and baby like it went to his mouth.

PUBLIC PLAY GROUNDS

CHICAGO, April 8.—Increased attendance at the play grounds and bathing beaches under the control of the special park commission during 1908 is shown in the annual report of the commission. Records kept by the superintendents show that the children using the play grounds and apparatus during the 12 months ending December 31, 1908, were 2,089,366, an increase of 500,000 over 1907. Still greater use is expected this year because more grounds will be opened and the commission expressed the belief that the playground habit is growing.

THORBORN ROSS BRIEF FILED

Ex-Governor Lord Completes Brief Which Will be Filed in Near Future

NEW LAW POINTS ARE RAISED

Indications Are That Several Months Will Elapse Before Case is Finally Determined—Technicalities Will be Based to Free the Defendant.

PORTLAND, April 8.—After several months of delay since the conviction of J. Thorburn Ross, ex-Governor W. P. Lord has completed the brief in the case and it will be filed with the Supreme Court within a day or two. It will probably be a year before the case is determined, as no date has been fixed by the Supreme Court for the argument.

Judge Lord takes the position that the section of the code under which the conviction obtained last April in Judge Burnett's court in Marion county refers not to private persons receiving state funds, but only to persons acting in a public capacity. Judge Lord backs up his argument with citations of various convictions under the statute found in this state and in other states which have a similar provision, showing that it has always before been made to apply to persons acting in an official or semi-official position, and never to a person acting in a private capacity.

EXPLAINED TO REUBEN

They were looking up at the latest skyscrapers. "But what are those things sticking out from the sides?" asked the up-state friend. "Those? Oh, those are mile posts," answered the New Yorker.—Judge.

PRESS AGENT FOR STATE

CHICAGO, April 8.—Michigan is to have a press agent. It will be the first time in the history of the Union that a state has placed itself in the hands of a promoter of news. The person to whom this honor has fallen is a Chicagoan, Miss Nellie Revell. She will assume her new duties June 15 and will make her headquarters in Detroit. Part of her duties will be to look after the press work for state fairs.

CAB HIRE HIGHER

Price Per Hour of New York Taxicabs Goes Up.

NEW YORK, April 8.—New Yorkers who already are paying more for their carriage hire than any large city in the world, will have something like \$250,000 a year added to their taxicab bill, beginning today. The New York Taxicab Company, which owns and operates about half of the 1,000 taxicabs in the city today puts into effect an increase from thirty cents to 50 cents as an initial charge, with \$1.50 instead of \$1 per hour as the waiting charge. Twenty cents is to be charged for each piece of baggage carried. It is announced that the demand for horseless public carriages is exceeding the supply in New York, although the direct cause of the increase in rates is said to be the poor returns from the "short haul" business to which the company looked for profits. It is expected that the smaller taxicab companies will probably follow the lead of the larger concern.

MORE PENSION GRANT.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Soldiers, sailors and marines who served during the Civil War and were confined in confederate prisons and who escaped and rejoined the Union forces are to be paid pensions at the rate of three dollars a day if the bill introduced by Senator Heyburn of Idaho is enacted into law. Widows of pensioners under the proposed act would receive a monthly pension of \$12.

EDUCATORS TO BE HEARD

ATLANTA, Ga., April 8.—Atlanta is preparing for the entertainment next week of what promises to be the most important as well as the largest gathering of educators that has ever assembled in this city. The occasion will be the annual meeting of the Conference for Education in the South, which founded twelve years ago largely through the efforts of Robert C. Ogden of New York, who still remains the president of the organization.

The conference will have its formal opening Wednesday evening, when the principal speakers will be Governor Hoke Smith of Georgia and President Ogden, whose address will consist of a review of the work of the conference during the past eleven years.

Other noted educators to be heard during the three days' session are Dr. Elmer Elsworth Brown, United States Commissioner of Education; President Charles E. Van Hise of the University of Wisconsin, President E. A. Alderman of the University of Virginia, Dr. A. Caswell Ellis of the University of Texas, Prof. John Lee Coulter of the University of Minnesota, Dr. Lillian W. Johnson of Memphis, Clarence Ousley of Fort Worth, and Dean Lida Shaw King of Women's College, Brown University.

INLAND FARMERS ARE DEEPLY INTERESTED

SPOKANE AND TACOMA PAPERS DISCUSS ASTORIA RATE QUESTION.

The Spokesman-Review of Spokane in its issue of last Monday has a lengthy article in it which shows that the rich farmers are back of the rate suit brought to secure common point freight on grain to Astoria. The tillers of the soil in the Palouse country are watching the progress of the Astoria case with great interest. The plans for this case were finished at Spokane, the article states, during the convention of the Farmers Union last February.

Continuing this article says: "An announcement that complaint has been filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission by the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union asking tide water rates on grain and produce to Astoria has aroused intense interest among Palouse farmers and will be watched closely. The complaint asks the same freight rates to Astoria from producing points as are now charged to Portland and other salt water shipping points.

"J. M. Reid, chairman of the executive committee which has brought the suit, is a pioneer farmer and owns 1400 acres of grain land in Whitman and Garfield counties. P. W. Cox, another member of the executive committee, owns many thousands of acres of land, vast flocks of sheep, hundreds of hogs and a large band of pure bred horses in Whitman county. These men, while acting for the union, which the complaint says has nearly 15,000 members in Washington, Oregon and Idaho, who produce and ship about 25,000,000 bushels of grain annually, are personally interested in the case.

"The plan to bring this suit was consummated at Spokane at the state convention of the union in February. Asoria was represented, but it was learned that the railroads charge 9 cents per 100 pounds more for hauling grain and other farm products to Astoria than to any Coast point in Washington or Oregon. As Astoria is in Oregon the matter could not be taken up before the state railroad commission, and it was decided to bring action before the Interstate Railroad Commission.

"The complaint shows the rates and mileage from Eastern Washington points to the terminals on the Coast and shows that Astoria is much closer to Spokane and other points than some places to which the rate is much less than it is to Astoria. The complaint not only asks that Astoria be given the same rate as other points mentioned, but that the commission investigate the charges to the other points to ascertain if they are fair to the shipper and producer.

The Daily Ledger of Tacoma in its issue of Monday, April 5th, says concerning this suit: "The rate from the Inland Empire to Portland on grain at present is 19 1/4 cents. To Astoria, only 100 miles further, it is 10 cents more. The farmers affiliated

GOVERNMENT TO TAKE A HAND

Will Insist That Differences in Central America be Amicably Settled at Honduras

Mutilation of Dispatches Between American Minister and Department at Washington Call For a Special Meeting of the Cabinet.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 8.—The Nicaraguan mutilation of official dispatches to this government and the continued grave conditions in Central America, were under earnest consideration by President Taft and the cabinet today. The Washington government investigation convinced the officials that the cipher dispatches from the American charge de affairs Gregory and the state department were purposely mutilated.

It would not be surprising, in view of unsatisfactory conditions, if the American government should take active steps to end the existing state of affairs in Central America, and notify Nicaragua that henceforth peace must prevail at all hazards. Moral suasion with Nicaragua has failed to accomplish the object sought, impressing upon the United States and Mexican governments that there be a cessation of contentions which have kept the Central American republics constantly guessing. Intervention in Central American affairs has been talked of unofficially.

There is something serious in the question is evidenced by the fact that American war vessels are retained in Central American waters, and only yesterday the cruiser North Dakota sailed from Magdalena Bay for Honduras. While there is no possibility of a war between this country and the Central American states, the United States government is determined that frictions shall cease and in the event of a failure to come to an amicable agreement, the government will take a hand.

with the union and who practically control the wheat business of Eastern Washington and Oregon, allege that the rates are unjust and it is asserted they will fight for equalization even if the case has to be carried to the supreme court of the United States. "Equalization by the courts, it is claimed, will mean the loss to Portland of its present wheat shipping business and acquirement of the same by Astoria, which farmers claim is the logical shipping port."

"THIS DATE IN HISTORY"

1513—Ponce deLeon first landed in Florida.

1692—The Hudson's Bay Company established.

1732—David Rittenhouse, a home-taught astronomer who succeeded Benjamin Franklin as president of the American Philosophical Society, born in Roxborough, Pa., died in Philadelphia, June 26, 1796.

1771—William Rabun, eleventh governor of Georgia, born. Died Oct. 24, 1819.

1868—Roman Catholic diocese of New York erected by Pope Pius VII.

1826—Duel between Henry Clay and John Randolph.

1835—Charlotte Cushman made her professional debut at the Tremont Theater, Boston.

1855—The system of a registered letters introduced in the United States postal service.

1864—Federals defeated at Sabine Cross Roads, La.

1865—Spanish Fort, one of the defenses of Mobile, evacuated by the Confederates.

1868—Twenty-five persons perished in the burning of the steamer Seabird on Lake Michigan.

1875—Martial law declared in the Pennsylvania mining region as a result of strikers' riots.

1906—Bishop Benjamin W. Morris, of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Oregon and Washington, died at Portland.

POSTAL RAILWAY CLERKS

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Railway postal clerks should have their actual traveling expenses paid while on-duty, thinks Representative Lefean of Pennsylvania and he has accordingly introduced a bill carrying the idea into effect. He would have the clerks paid not to exceed \$1 a day each while away from the terminals where their runs begin and end.

COAL IN ILLINOIS

CHICAGO, April 8.—Alburto Bement informed the Western Society of Engineers that Illinois probably contains more unmined coal than any other state in the Union. "Calculation shows that about one half of one per cent. has been exhausted," he declares. He says that the Illinois coal field has produced 650,739,771 tons, having a value of \$1,626,849,427 and that approximately 279,818,101 tons have been wasted, largely because of extravagant and crude methods.

HORRIBLE PERIL MAKES ITSELF APPARENT

FIRE IN A NEW YORK SUBWAY TRAIN CAUSES RIOTOUS PANIC—ALL SAFE.

NEW YORK, April 8.—Fire, particularly dreaded by subway passengers, broke out in a southbound express train last night and caused three hundred panic stricken passengers to fight desperately for escape from the burning train. Fortunately the accident occurred at a point in the Bronx where for a short distance the subway tracks run on an elevated structure so that the people were confined as closely as they would have been in the tunnel. As it was however, three of the cars were filled almost to the point of suffocation by a dense smoke which followed an explosion in the motorbox.

Despite the assurances of the guard and a few calm passengers, women screamed and rushed for the rear cars. With a high wind fanning the flames, the two front cars were soon ablaze. The motorman applied the air brakes and brought the train to a sudden stop between stations.

When the guards finally threw open the doors, men women and children streamed out on the structure almost regardless of the dangerous third rail and made their way for three city blocks to the Jackson Street station where they gained the street.

The three forward cars of the train were damaged before the flames were extinguished and traffic was delayed for some time.

IOWA TEACHERS

IOWA CITY, Ia., April 8.—Members of the Southeastern Iowa Teachers Association gathered here today for their annual convention. The visiting teachers began arriving last evening, and today each incoming train has brought delegations from all parts of the territory embraced in the association. The homes of the city have been thrown open and ample entertainment has been provided for all.

Tomorrow the association will begin the real work of the convention. A number of persons of prominence in the educational world are on the programme for addresses, among them State Superintendent J. F. Riggs, Bishop Edwin Hughes, Prof. L. H. Baily of Cornell University, and Miss Bertha Payne of the University of Chicago.

STANDARD OIL CASE IS ARGUED

ST. LOUIS, April 8.—Temporary indisposition of the Standard's \$1000 a day lawyer, Moritz Rosenthal, of Chicago, interfered with the progress of the defense this afternoon in the presentation of its reply to the government suit to dissolve the Standard Oil Co. Chief Consul Milburn completed his opening argument and Rosenthal was to have followed, leaving John J. Johnson, of Philadelphia,

TARIFF BILL IS CONSIDERED

Republicans Caught Napping Awaken to the Importance of Considering Tariff Changes

SPECIAL RULE IS UPHELD

Payne, Author of the Bill, Has Trouble in Securing Republicans to Attend Sessions But Was Successful in Frustrating Tactics of Insurgents

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 8.—At the session of the house today, resolutions were adopted calling on the department of state, agriculture and commerce concerning duties on sugar.

Because of the numerous amendments to the Payne tariff bill, the house today object to sit later than usual in order to insure action on various paragraphs coming within the scope of the special rule adopted last Monday before the final vote is taken tomorrow afternoon. At one time the Republicans were caught napping and an amendment by Clark of Missouri was adopting fixing the rate of duty on iron ore, steel wire of 16 gauge at 3-4 cents per pound. This amendment was however thrown out later. Fearing that he might not meet with success again, Payne took his Republican colleagues to task for absenting themselves from the chamber and appealed to them to remain in their seats. This was done with the result that in all committee amendments Payne was sustained. While occasionally there were outbreaks of bad temper, on the whole the session assumed its normal condition and business was allowed to proceed with the usual dignity.

The western states started a canvass today of the senate to determine its sentiment in relation to putting bids on the free list if a majority of the members are found to be in favor of free hides as desired by the house. The senate committee on finance will accept the verdict. By this method it is argued that a long debate will be avoided.

HATES THE FLASH LIGHTS

CHICAGO, April 8.—"It makes me sick if you take a flashlight, and I won't come if you do."

This is the terse telegram to Marquis Eaton, president of the Hamilton Club, from Senator William E. Borah of Idaho after the latter had been invited to deliver an address at the Hamilton Club Appomattox Day banquet.

"I wrote to Senator Borah asking him what he meant by his peculiar message, said Marquis Eaton, "and he addressed me a long characteristic reply. He declared flashlight photographers were the bane of public speakers in Washington. I have assured him that he will be permitted to talk in peace."

BLAST KILLS THREE

NIMROD, Mont., April 8.—Three workmen were killed in a blast yesterday on the Northern Pacific construction work here. One of the men was blown a distance of 250 feet into the Heligate river. His body was recovered. The other two men were buried beneath a large mass of debris and rock and their bodies have not yet been reached by a force of men engaged in digging them out.