

SEEK COLONEL'S CONSENT TO ENDORSE MR. WHITMAN

For the Governorship of New York Do the Progressive Party Leaders. WILL NOT RUN HIMSELF

But the Leaders Fail to Accept Him at His Word and There You Are.

CLARKSBURG, June 26.—Notwithstanding Colonel Roosevelt's assertion yesterday that the Progressive party would not endorse District Attorney Charles S. Whitman, of New York, for governor, another effort was made today to persuade him to look with favor upon the district attorney as a possible Progressive candidate.

The colonel made it clear that he had not been able to convince the New York Progressive leaders that he would not run for governor despite his repeated assertion to that fact.

"I have already stated my position," he said. "There is nothing more for me to say at this time."

It was apparent, however, that he expected to have to fight it all out more than once again.

COUNTING BALLOTS

On Proposition of Federal Mediators Are Officers of the United Mine Workers.

CHARLESTON, June 26.—Officers of the United Mine Workers here today began counting the ballots cast by the mine workers of the Kanawha region on the proposition of the federal government mediators for settlement of the strike.

GRAND JURY

Will Look after the Case of a Fellow Who Shot Up Town of Monongah.

FAIRMONT, June 26.—Nick Cramer, who was arrested Tuesday afternoon by a constable while in the act of shooting up the town of Monongah has been held for the action of the grand jury by Justice Fleming. Reddy Thomas, his companion, was given a fine of \$50 and six months in the county jail on the charge of carrying a revolver. When the men were arrested Cramer was the one who had the revolver in his hand and had been doing the shooting, but Cramer testified that Thomas had given him the gun a few minutes before. Thomas had the cartridges in his pocket which corroborated Cramer's story about the ownership of the gun. Cramer was sent back to jail in default of bond for his appearance at the next session of the grand jury.

FOREIGN WEDDINGS.

WHEELING, June 26.—More foreign weddings are taking place in this section now than ever before in the history of the state. The cause, the authorities claim, is the fact that the state goes dry next Tuesday and liquor is an important element in connection with the weddings.

ARGUING CASE.

The state's case against Dora Gay Davis on trial in the criminal court charged with setting fire to a house in industrial belonging to J. F. Mason is being argued.

Tinplate imports into the United States fell from 135,000,000 pounds in 1902 to 4,500,000 pounds in 1912, while the quantity exported increased from 3,500,000 pounds in 1902, to 182,000,000 pounds in 1902.

MAY BE MEXICO'S TEMPORARY HEAD



Pedro Lascurain, Mexican minister of foreign affairs when Madero was forced to resign, is being mentioned at the Niagara Falls conference as a possible provisional president of the republic to succeed Huerta. It is feared, however, that he would not fill the vacancy on the board caused by the death of Ralph W. Young.

MEXICAN PARLEYS NOT YET STARTED

As No Definite Word Has Been Received from the Constitutionalists Yet.

NIAGARA FALLS, June 26.—Denial word was expected here today from the Constitutionalists agency in Washington as to the time and place of the informal conference between Huerta delegates and representatives of the Constitutionalists at which it is hoped a new provisional president of Mexico will be chosen and arrangements made for a cessation of hostilities.

Emilio Rabasa, head of the Huerta delegation, said today that he was waiting to hear from the Constitutionalists through the mediators as to preliminary arrangements but that after that all negotiations would be direct. It is considered practically certain that the new parleys will not take place here.

TRANSFER OF TROOPS

Is Asked for by Governor Stewart of Montana Fearing Further Trouble at Butte.

WASHINGTON, June 26.—Governor Stewart, of Montana, today asked that federal troops be transferred from Fort Vancouver to Fort Missoula in order to be in readiness in case of further trouble at Butte. Senator Myers called at the White House to support the governor's request. He stated that conditions in Butte were very unsettled and that further outbreaks were liable to occur at any time. There are no federal troops in Montana, he said, and in case of serious rioting it would take too long to bring them from Vancouver for them to be of any service. President Wilson took the request under advisement and later took it up at the cabinet meeting.

SEX HYGIENE

Teaching is Approved in Report to International Sunday School Convention.

CHICAGO, June 26.—The teaching of sex hygiene was approved today in the report to the convention of the International Sunday School Association by E. K. Mohr, superintendent of the purity department. "Sex knowledge will be taught," said Mr. Mohr. "If not in the home and the Sunday school it will be taught in the streets. Silence is criminal. We cannot remain inactive. We must teach the facts and teach them right so that knowledge may lead to purity and righteousness."

DRUGGISTS

Select Clarksburg as the Place for Their Next Annual State Convention.

The eighth annual convention of the West Virginia State Pharmaceutical Association ended at Mt. Lake Park last night with a brilliant banquet at the Lock Lynn hotel, after one of the most successful meetings of its existence. Clarksburg was selected as the next meeting place, which will be held the first week of next June. Officers were elected as follows for the year: President—Jno R. Ellison, Wellsburg. First vice president—C. D. Sturm, Clarksburg. Second vice president—Grant Graham, Beekington. Treasurer—Chas. St. Clair, Wheeling. Secretary—Bertr Downs, Welch. Council—long term—Harry Cunningham, Grafton.

INTENSE HEAT

Causes Temporary Insanity and Two Wheeling Women Attempt Suicide.

WHEELING, W. Va., June 26.—Temporary insanity due to the intense heat was the cause of two attempts at suicide today. Mrs. Thomas Daniels, aged 23, fired a bullet into her breast, inflicting a wound which will probably result fatally. Mrs. A. L. Padden attempted to drown herself in the Ohio river, but despite her struggles was rescued.

VIOLENT EARTHQUAKE

Kills or Injures Many Persons and Causes Widespread Damage to Sumatra.

BATAVIA, Java, June 26.—Many were killed or injured today in a violent earthquake, which caused widespread damage in southern Sumatra. The offices of the Dutch resident and many other buildings, collapsed at Benkoen, the capital, and telegraph and cable communication was interrupted.

BIG FLAG

Is Bought for the Use of the City of Fairmont on Big Occasions.

FAIRMONT, June 26.—A beautiful flag has been purchased by the city commissioners and will probably float from a flagstaff on the city hall on July fourth for the first time. Although Fairmont has been a city for many years Fairmont has never owned a flag before. The flag is 8 feet by 15 feet and will be one of the largest in the city. A flagstaff is being constructed for it at the present time.

REEDER SUCCEEDS YOUNG.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the First National Bank of Salem L. C. Reeder was elected to fill the vacancy on the board caused by the death of Ralph W. Young.

TO PREACH HERE.

The Rev. Sydney T. Ruck, of Virginia, who is visiting his people in this city, will assist the rector and deliver the sermon in Christ Episcopal church Sunday morning.

Mark D. Wilson returned last evening from Winter Haven, Fla., where he visited John Acheson and family, former residents of Clarksburg. Albert R. Shinn was here Friday from Reynoldsville.

TEN THOUSAND HOMELESS NOW COUNTRY CLUB OF FAIRMONT RAIDED

By the Great Conflagration Which Lays Waste to the City of Salem. ONLY ONE LIFE LOST

Measures for Relief and Plans for Rebuilding Are Already under Way.

SALEM, Mass., June 26.—The conflagration which laid waste more than 1,000 buildings in the historic city of Salem was burning itself out today in the leveled ruins. City officials after making a careful compilation of values today figured the total loss at \$10,000,000.

The burned district followed the lines of a rough semi-circle three miles in length and varying in width from a half mile to a mile and a half.

Although many persons were injured only one life was lost. The charred body of a woman, thought to be a Mrs. Cunningham, was found in the ruins of a tenement building. At least 10,000 people were made homeless. Many hundreds were sheltered in schools, churches and public buildings in this city and Beverly.

THREE HELD

In the Jefferson County Jail in Connection with Murder of Young Woman.

CHARLES TOWN, W. Va., June 26.—Three persons are held without bail in the Jefferson county jail here in connection with the death of Miss Alma Mumma, of Hagerstown, Md., in Harpers Ferry, this county. Those under arrest are Stewart Hoffman and Mrs. Harry Rockenbaugh, of Harpers Ferry, and Dr. W. E. Perry, of Halltown, county authorities declare the girl died in Mrs. Rockenbaugh's home.

PRISON GARB

Is Now Being Worn by Twelve Convicted Dynamite Conspirators at Leavenworth.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., June 26.—The twelve ironworkers, convicted in the dynamite conspiracy cases, who arrived here last night to begin serving their sentences, were put through the routine process of dressing in at the United States penitentiary today. When the men came from the ward where they spent the night, having arrived too late to be assigned to cells, each one was given a bath, a shave, a new suit of prison clothes and new prison shoes and their prison life, which began New Year's day a year ago, but was interrupted by their release on bond, started anew. With the arrival of Eugene Clancy, of San Francisco and Frank Higgins, of Boston, the men took up their old places on the work of constructing cell houses.

RED CROSS DIRECTOR IS ON WAY TO SALEM.

WASHINGTON, June 26.—Ernest Bicknell, national director of the Red Cross, left today for Salem to direct relief work. The Red Cross has sent \$5,000 and it is prepared to raise a larger fund if necessary. National Boardman, chairman of the national relief board of the Red Cross, will also go to Salem. Mr. Bicknell also requested the Associated Charities of Boston to offer its services to the stricken city in organizing and directing relief measures.

ROJAS DIES

At a Hotel at Atlantic City as the Result of Heart Trouble.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., June 26.—P. E. Rojas, minister from Venezuela in the United States, died at a hotel here today. Death was due to a heart condition of long standing. He arrived here two weeks ago with his secretary and valet, who were at the bedside at the end. The body will be sent to Washington. The deceased man was 83 years old.

SICK RATE

Among United States Troops Now at Vera Cruz is Not Very Great.

WASHINGTON, June 26.—The sick rate among the troops at Vera Cruz for the week ended June 24 was 2.03 for the army and 2.30 for the marines, a decrease over the previous week. "An analysis of the latest reports," said a statement from the war department today, "shows forty-three sick in hospitals, 17 sick in quarters; total sick. Of those sick, 52 are incapacitated by disease and 8 by injury. There is a decrease in those suffering from malaria and a marked decrease in the intestinal disease. Those remaining sick at the end of the week numbered 84 as compared with 88 remaining sick last week."

SWEPT INTO RIVER.

ELKINS, June 26.—A wall of water from a cloudburst in the mountains above Woodrow, near here, swept Harry Tolbard, and Charles Isner, both of Elkns, into Cheat river. Tolbard was drowned and Isner had a narrow escape.

TOWN MEETING

Board of Trade's Annual Assemblage Will Probably be Converted Into.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the board of trade this evening arrangements will be made for the annual meeting of the board, which will probably be two weeks from this evening in the court house. It is probable that the annual meeting will convert itself into a big town meeting as there are several things of vital importance to be discussed and acted upon, among which are the miserable traction transportation conditions in this community. These conditions are such as to materially retard the city's growth along the line of industrial expansion and activity. They have actually become intolerable and something must be done at once to bring relief.

Ellis P. Frost is here from Huntington.

COOKED UP SCHEME TO CHOOSE HODGES

Machine Bosses Pull the Wool over the Eyes of Rank and File Proper.

(By Charles Brooks Smith.) WASHINGTON, D. C., June 26.—It must be apparent now to a very considerable proportion of the politically interested public in West Virginia, by which we mean to include also almost unanimous number of erudite editors whose usually penetrating discernment got lost in a wilderness of skepticism and incredulity in this matter—it must now be apparent to all these and many more who flouted it when the cooked-up scheme to nominate Thomas E. Hodges was served up steaming and piping hot to the followers of their favorite chronicles, and they turned aside from the refreshment offered them with their lips pursing and unspoken word "dope," and their eyes showing cold and expressionless with unbelief—it must, as we have said, be now apparent to them that there was something "to" that Hodges yarn, after all.

For, is not Hodges the nominee for congressman-at-large, and did it not come around as we stated in this column as early as June 8, and reiterated frequently thereafter, precisely as Senator Boss Chilton was planning to bring it around?

Another thing must by now be dawning on the incredulous aforementioned (including those doubting quill-driving friends back home) and that is that there is something wrong—seriously wrong—between the far-famed Twins of the Gold Dust, to-wit: Clarence Wayland Watson and William Ellenwood Chilton, the Baron of Blymnouth and the Grand Duke of Gold Hill (North Carolina) respectively.

In the case of French vs. Neale, tried at Huntington a few days since, and that of Beall vs. Hodges at Parkersburg does not tend to prove it, then we will cheerfully admit that these almost invariably impeccable impressions set down in this highly valuable medium of information from time to time, were in serious and careless error when they told of a breach between the bosses.

The Democratic doings pulled off in West Virginia this week were but a public exhibition of the most unscrupulous and unscrupulous manipulation between Watson and Chilton, which has been known and talked of among the politicians here for many weeks. From the most reliable sources the coldness between the Twins began when Watson returned from a lengthy European trip to find that Chilton had had W. G. Barnhart appointed district attorney for the Southern district. It was Watson's understanding when he called away that George I. Neale would receive the appointment, thereby burying the hatchet between them which had been brandished since the Denver national convention of the party. That implement is still doing business as the congressional convention held at Huntington Tuesday demonstrated most conclusively.

Thence on a coldness grew and the breach widened. Soon the long distance telephone became the only connecting link between a once closely confiding and intimate partnership. First signs that were visible to the discerning on the outside of the trouble "within" was when Watson took over the state committee for his very own with the astute assistance and expert advice of George Ingraham Neale. When that stunt was pulled off eyes few wide open and ears wet with a cock "There was something doing," their owners said. And they were right. There was.

Mr. Neale was first a field in pursuit of the nomination for Congress in the Fifth district. It looked rosy for him for many days. Nobody seemed to care about it. That nomination had had to be forced on a Democratic recruit for many years. It was not considered worth having. Then, suddenly, there became rumors that Senator French was making a stir like a sure-enough candidate. At first it wasn't believed. Neale didn't believe it, for he and French had been very close friends—very close, indeed. But so were Senator Chilton and French, and they still are. At the present time it is a safe wager to lay that Neale and French are not. Not now. But soon the rumor was confirmed. French was in the race. Then the line up began, and the lines were drawn very plainly so that all could see. The Chilton-MacCorkle-Holly-Stephenson clan lined up with French. Those who preferred to stake their future political fortunes with the Fairmont Gold Dust Twin lined up with Neale, whose political skill and large personal following more than equaled the weight of the Watson influence in that particular locality. For that is a Chilton zone.

Then they went to it, and a contest followed which for bitterness outstripped anything that the Huntington region has seen in the Democratic camp since those never to be forgotten years when, ever and anon, the Marcus clan marched out of Wayne and the surrounding mountain counties on to the plains of Cabell and gave battle to the Tom Harveys. Having made the federal appointment with the consent of Boss Watson and at the behest of General Holley and Sam Stephenson, who, after all is said and done, dictated the appointments down-state, Chilton commanded these office tolders to get out for French and help put the Indian sign on George, the erstwhile "Penless Wonder" of the old Fourth district in 1892. And they got out. District Attorney Barnhart was among them. He not only got out, but he got in, too. It appears that he committed the indiscretion of letting some letters he wrote

of letting some letters he wrote counties get away from him and into the hands of Neale. Leastways, Neale said that he did, and he said that the letters were insulting. Going on the theory no doubt that one insulting letter calls for another, Neale wrote one about Barnhart on asbestos paper. For fortitude it stands out in literature of the red hot class as conspicuously as an honest Sunday school superintendent. One thing that letter did was to send Attorney Barnhart hot-footing here to tell the higher-ups that what Neale said was true was not. No formal charges were on file, so the higher-ups did not worry. Whether there ought to be or not is not germane to this story, but the Huntington Advertiser, who tries to keep its part of the Democratic household pure and God fearing, says there should be charges preferred and an investigation.

The convention which nominated Neale caused Republicans to, reminiscence on by-gone days of strong-armed methods. For it was that kind of convention, and that kind was the kind that the Republican party had the delegation bent down on its knees at the monomers' bench. How like old Republican days it was, with its trumped-up fake delegations, hoodled delegates and strong-arm tactics. A delegation that was as spurious as a counterfeit dollar was seated and given half the votes to which Raleigh county was entitled. It was a Neale ramp convention outfit with as strong a claim to legitimacy as the off-spring of a plutocrat squaw. But it was sufficient to give Neale the nomination with an unsteady thirteen votes to spare. Had the delegation been trowed out bodily as the committee on credentials, after thoroughly examining its claims, recommended it should French would have been the nominee instead of Neale.

Wyndham Stokes, of McDowell, a large, convincing and plausible person, came instructed for French. Wyndham had been counted all along a friend of Chilton, ergo, supporter of French. But Wyndham knew better, whether others did or not. In the fight over the majority report of the credentials committee this French (?) delegate and supporter, pleaded for harmony. He handed that we-are-all-Democrats stuff, and coming as it did from the French camp, it was gulped down by enough of the good old unsuspecting by-beck boys with the whiskers on the French side to put over Col. Stokes's very generous compromise to seat both delegations and split Raleigh's vote. The deed was done. On the turn of a hair Chilton was beaten and Watson had won. Neale had copped the prize, but at what a cost, my countrymen, according to Democrats from the Fifth we have talked with.

A starchy-gemmed paragraph striding out alone for Wyndham Stokes of McDowell. He was the Wellington of this Waterloo and he deserves this conspicuous mention. Stokes is lawyer, scholar, clubman, and a McDowell county politician. Which is to say that he was not born yesterday. No indeed. There are papers in Senator Chilton's office to show that he saw the light long enough years back to be an applicant for the district attorneyship to which Neale at the time aspired and prayerful Mr. Barnhart was appointed. Further than that the bench to which he is appointed to, Senator Chilton helped him then, B'r Stokes indicate as much by what he did to B'r Chilton at Huntington. Cannot it be that Col. Stokes showed base ingratitude? Those who know him best bristled at the insinuation with impatience as utterly unworthy.

But if Chilton felt stinger hurtling him on Tuesday what occurred at Parkersburg the day following furnished a quick cure for his wounds. Already this story is over-running allotted space, and we can only refer to the dark-horse stunt pulled off with Hodges briefly, reserving a fuller and more readable account of the "inside" till later. The Hodges business was strictly a Chilton coup. The originator of it, I am told, was Major Joe Chilton. The happy thought came to him when he put over as general Hal Depue, and that equally as general Wylie Beall, who was favored with Watson's backing, wasn't making any lit either with the voters of the party. The sentiment of the latter was plain to be seen in the editorial columns of the party newspapers. The editors were clamoring for somebody of larger calibre than they believed Depue or Beall could boast. How the Hodges scheme was framed up, and pretty much all about it, that an outsider could learn, was told at the time in the newspaper printing this correspondence. The only thing which occurred to mar the plans of Chilton was a weak eleventh-hour denial by Hodges. According to the best information he had agreed to the plan right along, but got scared in the final days preceding the convention. But the conditions were ripe for a new man, a strong man, ripper than it has been in many years in West Virginia, politics to ring in a dark horse and drive him under the wire a winner. The Chiltons were smart enough to see and to sense that old hand at the game as they are. Then, too, with their case hopeless with Depue, it was Hodges or nothing for them, which meant Watson winning with the Wellburg banker. So they took their one chance and won. They took this, the honors for the week are about equally divided between Chil-

WAITS 29 YEARS FOR HIS DEGREE



Foster North, '85; fifty-three years old and a Chicago masseur for years, has just received a diploma giving him the degree of bachelor of arts at the University of Illinois, a degree which had been denied him for twenty-nine years because as an agnostic he refused to attend chapel services during the closing part of his college career. North had planned a career as an entomologist, but was unable to complete his studies on account of his stand. He was suspended forty days before graduation day in 1885.

Fred Blue's Deputies Invade Place and Seize Whiskey and Other Liquors. MEMBERS ARE WRATHFUL

Some Think the Best Way Out is to Confess and Settle Quickly. FAIRMONT, June 26.—Fairmont's fashionable Country Club, including in its membership the leaders in all lines of local activity, business, finance, and the professions, was raided yesterday by officers under the direction of a deputy from the office of State Tax Commissioner Fred O. Blue. The officers invaded the exclusive precincts of the club, opened the lockers, and seized all beverages, beer, wine or whiskey, found therein. The confiscated goods were conveyed to a place of storage, and in case the club is found guilty of violating the "social club law" will be destroyed.