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WALSH TALKS AGAIN

THE BISHOP SAYS WILLIE RANDOLPH HEARST IS THE IDEAL CANDIDATE.

Wash. Being of a Modest Turn of Mind Tells Today to the Examiner of the Good Things Walsh Says About Him.

From Thursday's Daily. "Charlie" Walsh has submitted to another interview and this time the presidential possibilities for 1904 furnished the material. Walsh happened to strike Kansas City yesterday and as Missouri never entirely forgets politics he hadn't been in town fifteen minutes before a Hearst representative had him cornered. He said that Willie Randolph Hearst is the ideal candidate or words to that effect and being of a modest turn of mind, Hearst in the Examiner today tells what a good fellow Walsh says he is. The interview follows:

The interview. Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 3.—Charles A. Walsh of Ottumwa a member of the Democratic National Committee, who spent part of Wednesday in Kansas City, has the following to say in regard to the political situation:

"As yet national politics have not begun to get warm," said Mr. Walsh, "but along about the first of the year I look for some important movements. I understand Mr. Bryan will be back from Europe about that time."

"How about presidential timber?" was asked. "I really have given this matter very little serious thought. About all that I know is what I read in the newspapers, but I believe that my constituents and the democratic party generally want a conservative man. An easterner known throughout the country, a strong man not identified with the Cleveland element and not extreme 16 to 1 man. He must be an anti-trust man and one able to carry New York."

Says Hearst is "It." "I think that William R. Hearst fills that description and would be acceptable to the party generally. He is very strong in the east and in Illinois and of course in California, where he was born and where he is the central figure in the newspaper world. Mind you, I am not exactly committing myself to the Hearst boom, but I think he comes pretty near filling the bill so far as the candidates now under consideration are concerned."

"What will be the issue?" "There will be two issues. The tariff will be an important element in the coming campaign and there will be a strong anti-trust fight. On both of these issues Mr. Hearst stands squarely with a majority of the democratic party. Judge Parker did not show the strength that was expected of him. I know very little about him as a matter of fact."

A \$20,000 BUILDING SURE. Corydon Has Money in Sight for Fine Y. M. C. A. Structure. Corydon, Dec. 4.—Corydon is on the high road to having a handsome \$20,000 Y. M. C. A. building and auditorium. The funds for the structure are well in hand; the local Y. M. C. A. contributing about \$6,000, the town, \$2,500 and the Auditorium company the remainder.

RECEIPTS ARE LARGE

NET EARNINGS OF OTTUMWA POSTOFFICE ARE \$28,517.71 FOR FISCAL YEAR.

ALBIA'S GOOD SHOWING

Percentage of Net to Gross Receipts for Year is 55—Albia is Only Town in This Vicinity Leading Ottumwa in This Particular.

[BY H. J. MAHIN.] Washington, D. C., December 5.—The net receipts of the Ottumwa postoffice for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903 were \$28,517.71 or 55 per cent of the gross receipts. It is a better record than was made by any of the postoffices in the vicinity of Ottumwa, with the exception of the Albia postoffice, the net receipts of which are 64 per cent of the gross receipts. The following table shows the gross receipts, the expenditures, the net receipts and the percentage of the expenditures to the gross receipts:

Table with columns: Gross Receipts, Expenditures, Net Receipts, Percentage. Rows for Ottumwa, Albia, Eldon, Eldon, Fairfield, Centerville, Keokuk, Mt. Pleasant, Oskaloosa, Washington.

The full report of the Ottumwa office is as follows: Gross receipts, \$51,654.43; Postmaster's salary, \$3,100.00; Clerk hire, \$381.88; Rent, fuel, etc., \$1,040.00; Other expenses, \$382.53; Free delivery, \$10,225.21; Total expenses, \$23,136.72; Net revenue, \$28,517.71.

The postoffice scandals as uncovered by the Bristow report have aroused much comment among congressmen. Machen and Beavers had ingratiated themselves among the members of the house and senate in a hundred ways. They were the two men to whom the congressmen had to go for favors and Machen especially during the last few years had put many men in his debt because he had the rural delivery department under his care.

"It does seem strange that men would do such things," said Major Lacey the other day. "Both Beavers and Machen were the nicest sort of chaps. When you called on them they were pleasant, polite and affable and everybody liked them. It seems rather queer that a man could carry on grafting through so many years without being detected and yet, when you think about it you see that Machen was enabled to do this because he was satisfied with small profits. He never got more than ten per cent from his deals. If he had tried for a larger sum he might have been detected years ago. Of course this scheme was worse for the government because when Machen secured ten per cent graft the government was defrauded out of a much larger sum. The grafters got in all between \$200,000 and \$300,000, but the amount which the government has lost can hardly be calculated."

Coincident with the arrival of Sir Mortimer Durand, the new British ambassador, this week, came the report that the salary of England's representative in this country had been increased from \$30,000 to \$50,000. This has had the effect of making him not only the most highly remunerated ambassador in Washington, but likewise converts the British mission in the United States into the blue ribbon of the English diplomatic service. The English ambassador in Paris receives \$45,000 a year, and a magnificent official residence, which was formerly the palace of Princess Pauline Borgnese, the beautiful sister of the first Napoleon. The British ambassador in Berlin has \$40,000 and a residence, the ambassador in Rome has \$35,000 and a residence, and the ambassador in St. Petersburg has \$38,000 a year and a palace, while the ambassador in Constantinople has \$40,000 a year, and not only a palace in the city, but also a beautiful suburban residence at Therapia. The salary of \$50,000 a year, together with a fully furnished residence in Washington to the British ambassador, demonstrates the importance which Great Britain attaches to her relations with the United States.

The foreign ambassador in this country whose salary and allowances most nearly approach those of Sir Mortimer, is M. Juserand, the representative of France. His salary, it is true, is small, not more than \$16,000 or \$17,000 a year. But the allowances which he receives bring the total amount up to about \$40,000. The German and Russian ambassadors receive slightly less in salary and allowances.

The largest salary the United States pays to any ambassador is \$17,500, which is paid to the ambassadors at London and Paris. Most American representatives in foreign capitals have to draw largely from their own pocket-books to make any showing whatever beside their associates from other nations.

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ALBIA NEWS. News From the Capital of Monroe County. Albia, Dec. 5.—Henry Narver, who was struck by the Walsh south bound train Tuesday night, is very low at present, but hopes are entertained for his recovery.

J. H. Johnson of Delphi, Ind., is visiting his son, J. C. Johnson, of this place. He will probably spend the holidays here.

Burned Bybolt, who was severely burned some time ago, is very low. The Westminster choir, the third number on the lecture course, will appear at King's opera house tonight.

T. M. Hart Haller has been arrived at Long Branch, Cal., and had a very pleasant trip.

Mrs. C. L. Wright of Quincy, Ill., was visiting with friends in town yesterday.

T. B. Trotter of Ottumwa, was transacting business in Albia yesterday.

F. Van Buekirk of Shenandoah, was transacting business in town yesterday.

BIG FIRE AT HOCKING

NEW COMPANY STORE BUILT WHILE THE OLD ONE IS BEING CONSUMED.

\$10,000 STOCK IS BURNED

While Big Building With Immense Stock Was Being Burned to the Ground a New Stock Was Purchased and Store Erected During Night.

Hocking, Dec. 5.—(Special)—While the embers of the big general store were still blazing, marking the spot where fire had totally consumed a building and stock worth \$10,000 during the night, a new stock in a new building less than a block from the old location was opened to patrons at 9 o'clock this morning having been procured while the old was burning to the ground.

Hocking is a typical mining town located three miles south of Albia on the Iowa Central railway. It is a town of about 1,500 souls and the business of all the male inhabitants has to do with the mines. The big company store, where all the miners traded, was the largest building in the little settlement. It was of frame, 44 feet by 120 feet, two stories high with a basement in addition. In this structure was stored a stock aggregating in value over \$35,000. At the rear of the store were the offices of the Hocking Coal Co., the owners of the mines. Both buildings burned to the ground the fire being started from unknown causes and when the blaze was discovered it had gained such headway that nothing but the books could be saved.

Mystery as to Cause. The cause of the fire is a mystery. The store was heated with steam from a plant outside of the building and was lighted with gasoline lamps. The employees of the company who closed the building at 6 o'clock last evening said that these lamps were in good condition at that time and everyone is at a loss to understand how the fire started.

Secured Good Start. When the residents of the town discovered the flames in the store at 7:00 p. m., they had gained such headway that it was impossible to save any of the stock, while extinguishing the flames before the entire building should be destroyed was out of the question. The books of the store and those in the mine company's offices were saved but aside from these nothing remains but a pile of smoldering embers and distorted steam pipes, to mark the scene of the once busy store.

Loss Is \$40,000. The total loss will reach about \$40,000, according to the figures given by men connected with the company. The insurance amounts in all to \$23,300.

Company Works Quickly. Oskaloosa, Dec. 5.—(Special)—It is not beyond the range of probabilities that a coal company's general store should burn but it is almost outside the bounds of belief that before the fire is extinguished in the ashes of the old store a new one should be opened for business. This is what was accomplished, however, through the untiring efforts of George W. Seever, of this city, president of the Hocking Coal Co., and his numerous willing assistants.

Seever's Quick to Act. Mr. Seever was notified last evening at his home here that the company store at Hocking was burning and was sure to be consumed. He immediately began to consider the result of a complete failure of the source of supplies for the little mining town and decided quickly to provide his employees with a store in spite of the loss of thousands of dollars caused the company by the fire. He summoned to Oskaloosa the heads of the various departments in the company store, and they came from Hocking, arriving at Oskaloosa shortly before midnight last night.

Keeps Them Busy. A side track from the steam shovel has been built leading beneath the bridge to the south side, and then up the incline to the top of the grade. A big road engine is kept constantly busy spotting cars for the shovel, and switch engine 1298, in charge of Will Clifford, which picks up the loaded cars, scoots down the track, dives beneath the bridge and then puffs and shoves them up the steep incline to the top of the grade, is the busiest machine on the works.

Unloading the Cars. Once on top of the grade the rest is easy. A road engine picks up the cars and as soon as it has eight or nine loads, or enough to make it worth while the trouble, it takes its train out and unloads the sand. In front of the road engine is a car containing a stationary engine, a huge drum and a two inch wire cable. As the train backs off from its starting point the end of the cable is hitched to a stationary fastening beside the track. The backing of the train draws out the cable to the end of the train. The cable is then loosened and attached to a big movable scraper on the last car. A hasty run back upon the grade is made and at a given signal the stationary engine is started and the cable draws the scraper from car to car shoving the sand through the swinging sides of the dump cars upon the side of the track. Unloading the train requires about four or five minutes.

Spreading the Sand. The spreader next comes into play. The spreader is a specially built car and is immediately behind the engine. On either side of this car there is a heavy steel faced three inch oak swinging leaf that is so arranged that it can be raised and lowered by compressed air and the loose end of it can be swung out until it extends about sixteen feet from the sides of the car. When this wing is extended it is lowered till it strikes the sand which has been unloaded and the entire train starts back toward the bridge. The big wing spreads the sand evenly over the top of the dump or throws it entirely to the edge as the operator desires. Four or five minutes are sufficient for spreading the entire train load. At the present time about

ELEVATING TRACKS

BURLINGTON ENGAGED IN EXTENSIVE OPERATIONS. TO PREVENT DAMAGE BY HIGH WATER

Five Miles of Track to Be Elevated, Four Mile Bridge to Be Raised and Levee to Be Built to Prevent Interference From Spring Floods.

The elevation of nearly five miles of double track, the raising of one end of the four mile bridge, the widening of the channel of the Des Moines river, and the building of a levee extending from the Burlington main line right of way on the east side of the bridge to the foot of high ground nearly one-half a mile distant are the plans which have been adopted by the Burlington railway company to prevent a recurrence of the disastrous experiences caused just west of Ottumwa by the high water of last spring.

Since the falling of the water about the middle of last June after it had reached a stage higher than ever before known in the history of railroad-ing in Wapello county hardly a day has been lost by the company in its effort to get its tracks safely above this last high water line. At the present time over a hundred men, about thirty teams, a big steam shovel, a large work train, two switch engines and an outfit for the building of concrete piers are engaged daily in the big task of carrying to completion the plans mapped out by the engineers.

One Track Elevated. The first work done after the flood was the elevating of the south main line track from the point where the Burlington crosses the Milwaukee, a distance of nearly four miles. This track for almost the entire distance was covered with water last spring. It has been elevated about three feet higher than it stood at that time. The north main line track has not yet been raised and will not be until the work at the bridge and for a mile further west is completed. It is possible that the whole work cannot be finished before the flood of next spring and it is the desire of the company to have at least one track between Ottumwa and the bridge that is safe from interference by any high water that may come.

Work on the Grade. The most extensive part of the entire work is the broadening and filling in of the grade on the west side of the bridge. This grade when completed will be on an average about twenty-three feet wider than before the work began and at one point will be nearly seven feet higher. A strong curve that has been somewhat of a disadvantage to the grade, will be removed and the track will be practically level from the east end of the bridge to a point something over a mile farther west.

It is on this grade that the work is being pushed most rapidly at present. The material for the grade is being taken from the sand bar formed on the west bank of the river. A big stream shovel is located in what is practically the river bed just north of the bridge. The big scoop on this shovel outfit picks up and dumps at each operation two cubic yards of sand into a car. An ordinary car has a capacity for about thirty yards and it takes less than five minutes to load. When it is considered that a cubic yard of sand weighs about one ton and that this machine handles about fifteen hundred yards per day, it will readily be seen what a glut for work it is, and one can only guess what an army of men would be required to handle a like amount of sand in the old fashioned way.

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ADVERTISED LETTERS. List of Letters Remaining Unclaimed at Ottumwa Iowa, for the Week Ending November 28, 1903. WOMEN'S LIST. Aslinger, Hannah, Benedict, Linnie, Dickerson, Mrs. May, O'Toole, Mary, Pollard, Mrs. Lillie, Smith, Edie, Turk, Della, Weimer, Mrs. Maude. MEN'S LIST. Armstrong, E. H., Alexander, R. B., Brizendine, John, Beltz, C., Baker, J. H., Barker, Nicola, Casper, Harry, Johnson, L., Castle, J. S., Carroll, Daniel, Cogley, B., Eggleston, John, Elder, Jos., Fogle, John, Howk, Harrison, Hawkins, Walter, Hickman, C. V., Johnson, L., Knox, J. W., Munn, Dell, Litton, Gregg, Morgan, John, Miller, F. A., Neidermeyer, Louis, Pierson, Carl, Stewart, Mr., Schmitz, Albert, Stone, W. E., Stevens, W. F., Sax, C. E., Trummer, John, Vaughn, O. W., White, L.

Parties calling for these letters should mention the fact that they have been advertised. A. W. Lee, Postmaster.

STEEL CONCERNS ARE MERGED. North of England Companies Join Forces—American Cut Price. London, Dec. 5.—The amalgamation is announced of the Wearside Steel, Coal and Coke company and the South Durham Iron and Steel company, two of the most important concerns in the north of England steel trade. In Lanarkshire steel centers today representatives of the United States firms offered steel billets and slabs at \$5 per ton under the minimum home quotation.

Iron merchants are arranging for an extensive importation of Canadian iron to the Clyde.

ANOTHER STRIKE THREATENED. Chicago Street Cars May Be Tied Up a Second Time. Chicago, Dec. 5.—Another strike is likely to be precipitated on the Chicago City railway line owing to a rule promulgated by the company forbidding employees to wear the union button while on duty. The union officers have instructed the men to report for duty on Monday wearing the insignia as usual and they declare that if any are discharged there will be a general strike.

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