

PINCHOT TOLD THAT HEARSAY IS NOT WANTED

CROSS EXAMINING DEPOSED FOR ESTER BALLINGER'S COUNSEL PINS WITNESS DOWN TO TESTIFYING ONLY OF FACTS.

Washington, D. C., March 4.—As soon as Pinchot took the stand today Attorney Vertrees for Ballinger asked him to state one single fact of his own knowledge, "not hearsay," that reflects upon Ballinger's official conduct. Referring to a memorandum he said:

"The fact of my own knowledge is Ballinger's letter to the president of November 15, with which is enclosed Ronald's letter. These letters contain a misstatement which I have already shown, and I am prepared further to show."

Vertrees pressing him further, Pinchot said he never discussed the Cunningham cases with Ballinger and the only knowledge he has at first hand is limited to writings that are not disputed. Pinchot said he and Ballinger were never more than friendly because he disturbed Ballinger's policies.

Withdrawals Not Necessary.

Pinchot admitted he had not read Ballinger's letter of protest concerning the creation of the Chugach forest in Alaska and did not know what reasons he gave in the letter. It was brought out that the committee rule prevented his seeing the letter. He was then given an opportunity to read the letter and was asked if it indicated hostility to the policy of conservation and Pinchot said he thought it did. During a series of questions following the witness admitted that under his direction large withdrawals of land for power sites were made when not necessary, but he explained that this was done to protect possible power sites. He declared that this was the policy of Garfield, Wilson and Roosevelt also.

\$15,000,000 for Buildings.

The omnibus public buildings bill was decided upon today by the house committee on public buildings and grounds and a measure appropriating about \$15,000,000 will be reported to the house.

The house judiciary committee will hear Representative Steenerson of Minnesota, regarding his declaration in the house yesterday that "improper influences are being used to secure the passage of the ship subsidy bill. The committee will then determine whether the charges will be investigated."

Telephone Company Gets Stock.

Boston, March 4.—The purchase by the American Telephone company of \$2,000 shares of its stock recently sold by the Mackay company, were announced here today by President Vail, who says the stock was secured at a price representing a cash overture of \$11,000,000 to \$12,000,000.

Two Teams Get High Mark.

Detroit, March 4.—Two teams passed the 1,100 high mark in the two-man event of the bowling tournament today. J. Cook and W. Crewson and H. Tolson and G. Turner, all of Sebring, O., shot 1,203 and 1,166 respectively and occupy first and second places.

To Investigate Mob.

Dallas, Texas, March 4.—Judge Sea today instructed the grand jury to investigate the lynching yesterday of the negro Allen Brooks, with a view to indicting the mob leaders. It is believed, however, there will be no indictments. The city is quiet today.

Mrs. Astor Gets \$50,000 a Year.

New York, March 4.—The interlocking degree of divorce of Mrs. Ava Willing Astor from her husband Col. John J. Astor, entered last fall, was made final today. The report has it that Mrs. Astor will receive \$50,000 a year alimony.

Russians Turn Down China.

Peking, March 4.—The Russian government in a formal note submitted to the Chinese foreign department rejected in toto China's proposal for the construction of the Algan and Chinchow railroads.

To Arbitrate Trouble.

Chicago, March 4.—A wage dispute between the Switchmen's union of North America and eight railroads involved in the controversy was today taken up by the board of arbitration as provided by the Erdman act.

New Michigan Trainer.

Ann Arbor, Mich., March 4.—A. P. Krenstein, of Mercersburg, Pa., today was chosen trainer of the University of Michigan athletic teams.

FIRE AT CEDAR RAPIDS

Flames Destroy Several Plants Today, Entailing Loss of Twelve Thousand Dollars.

Cedar Rapids, March 4.—(Special.)—Fire today destroyed the building occupied by the Des Manufacturing company; the store rooms of the Spokane Furniture company and machine shop at the Pepp Board Box company.

Editors of Cannon's District Want Him to Stay in the Race

Danville, Ill., March 4.—Twenty Republican editors of the Eighteenth congressional district of Illinois, represented by Speaker Cannon, today endorsed the speaker's policies, called upon him again to be a candidate, approved the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill and paid a high tribute to President Taft and Governor Deneen.

MANY BODIES ARE RECOVERED

STATE MINE INSPECTOR WIVES THAT 61 CHERRY VICTIMS ARE FOUND

Peoria, Ill., March 4.—A telephone message from Richard Newsom, state mine inspector, says that sixty-one bodies of miners were taken from the mine at Cherry this morning. Newsom says this probably will be all the bodies that ever will be recovered, and that identification is impossible owing to decomposition.

Cherry, Ill., March 4.—Fifty or sixty bodies were found huddled together in the north entrance of the St. Paul mine yesterday by Mine Inspector Richard Newsom.

Mr. Newsom came to Cherry in the morning to relieve Inspector Moses, who had been forced to return home on account of illness.

On the first trip through the north entrance Mr. Newsom discovered the bodies. He is in charge of workmen who last night started clearing passage so the bodies can be removed today.

Mr. Newsom is confident there are many more bodies in this section of the mine.

Bodies in Mummified State.

The inspector explains that the bodies are in a mummified state, and there is hardly a chance that any one can be identified. He believes that as soon as the debris and wreckage can be removed from the north and east entrances all the bodies easily can be recovered.

SOCIALISTS LOSE OUT

Plan to Get Proposition on Ballot at Des Moines Election Held Illegal

By City Solicitor.

Des Moines, March 4.—(Special.)—The Socialists who tried to get the proposition upon ballot at the city election for the city to buy the street car company by condemnation proceedings were turned down today by City Solicitor Robert Brennan who held such an election illegal. The Socialists will appeal to the district court.

HOLDING CONFERENCE

President John P. White of the Miners and John P. Reese for Operators Meeting Today.

Des Moines, March 4.—(Special.)—John P. White, president of the state coal miners' union this afternoon opened a conference at the Savery with John P. Reese, representing the operators, to try and arrange a new scale for the miners for the next two years.

BLOOMFIELD BOYS ACCUSED

INDICTMENTS RETURNED AS RESULT OF FUR ROBBERY AT MILTON.

Bloomfield, March 4.—(Special.)—Indictments have been returned by the Van Buren county grand jury against George Rotherstein, Roy Saner, and it is believed, on Harvey, three Bloomfield young men, charging larceny of furs from the Cooley fur store at Milton. Rotherstein has been arrested and released on bond. Deputy Sheriff Edwards attempted to arrest Saner at the Klinick farm, south of town, but Saner broke from the officer while being brought to the city, and escaped. Turner left town some time ago.

The charge is that Saner and Turner stole the furs and secured them open in Milton, later inducing Rotherstein, who is a rural mail carrier, to drive down with them in a bob sled and move the goods to Bloomfield. Part of the furs are said to have been found under Harvey's house and part in Rotherstein's barn. It is said a private settlement had been reached with the Milton firm when the Van Buren county grand jury took up the case and returned indictments.

Candler is Bound Over.

Anamosa, Mar. 4.—(Special.)—Robert Candler, arrested in Oklahoma for eloping with Mrs. Peter Hagen, has been bound over to the grand jury.

MERCHANTS WILL SPREAD TRAIN GOSPEL

OTTUMWA RETAILERS WILL VISIT TOWNS ON THE MILWAUKEE AND URGE BETTER PASSENGER SERVICE.

The gospel of better train service into and out of Ottumwa on the Milwaukee south will be spread early next week by a committee of members of the Ottumwa Retail Merchants' association, which will visit the various towns from here to Seymour and endeavor to get the people of the neighboring towns to realize the great advantage a morning train into Ottumwa and an afternoon train south again, would be. Among the retailers who have already signified their intention of giving their valuable time to the spreading of this gospel are J. B. Sax, W. J. Donelan, H. N. Rockwell, J. K. Dysart and A. H. Nelson. Others will also participate in the work. The committee will leave Monday for the neighboring town. Three days will be spent in visiting the towns.

Favor the "White Way."

The retailers will also send a committee to the council meeting Monday night to address the city fathers on the matter of a white way. The retailers agree to furnish the electrical posts and lamps, and will ask the city to furnish the necessary current to keep them lighted. The merchants will advocate not less than two electrolers on each corner, and one post every forty feet along the sidewalk between each block.

At the noon-day luncheon yesterday the merchants heard a report from the banquet committee, which showed that all arrangements for the annual banquet next Tuesday evening were completed. Chairman Charles Hallberg will make a few brief remarks, and the only other speaker will be Edward F. Trefz of Chicago. Tickets for the banquet are now being sold.

ENSIGN IS PROMOTED.

State Inspector of High Schools is Made Member of State Board of Educational Control.

Des Moines, March 4.—(Special.)—Prof. Ensign, inspector of high school for the State university, has been named by the state board of educational control as an officer of the board, and inspector of secondary schools for three state educational institutions.

LIMESTONE FOR ROADS.

State Geologist Calvin Says Plenty of Rock and Gravel to Make Good Highways.

Des Moines, March 4.—(Special.)—Prof. Samuel Calvin, state geologist in an interview today declared that Iowa had plenty of limestone and gravel beds with which to build good roads except in the southern part of the state. He urges a twelve-foot brick-paved road with burnt clay on the side.

FARMER ENDS LIFE.

August Pezkensneider Commits Suicide by Hanging Self in Barn.

Davenport, March 4.—(Special.)—August Pezkensneider, a wealthy retired farmer, aged fifty-six, hanged himself in his barn at Plain View yesterday. He had suffered with mental trouble for several years.

23 KILLED IN MINE EXPLOSION

POWDER MAGAZINE BLOWS UP IN ALASKA WITH DISASTROUS RESULT.

Juneau, Alaska, March 4.—Twenty-three miners were killed by an explosion of a powder magazine in the 1,100 level of the Mexican mine, one of the group of Treadwell gold properties on Douglas Island. Eight men were seriously injured, of whom it is feared four will die.

The last shots had been fired twenty minutes before the explosion took place and the men had assembled at the landing of the skip and were arranging to enter it and go on top.

The magazine, which contained 275 pounds of powder, was thirty feet from where the men were standing, and every man was killed or injured.

Man at Magazine Killed.

The man in charge of the magazine who had locked the door and was standing with the shift waiting to go up, was among those killed.

Two horses in the mine were standing side by side. One was killed by the shock, and the other was found munched oats, undisturbed.

The mine was little damaged. The bodies were recovered. Seven miners at work on the same level, but some distance from the magazine, were not injured.

OTTUMWA WILL BE ON HAND FOR CONVENTION

COMMERCIAL ASSOCIATION "GETTERS" WILL BESIEGE THE REPUBLICAN STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR HONOR.

With the same enthusiasm and determination to bring to this city another immense state gathering as that which resulted in Ottumwa securing the Democratic convention, the convention committee and other boosters will besiege the Republican state central committee at its meeting next Wednesday in Des Moines and endeavor to show why this city is the best place in the world for Iowa Republicans to meet in 1910. Headed by Chairman N. F. Reed, the committee members and prominent Republicans of Ottumwa will state their case to the state central committee, and Ottumwa can expect the announcement to come over the wire next Wednesday night that Ottumwa has again demonstrated its ability to do things in the convention getting line. Cedar Rapids and Des Moines are already in the field to wrest the honor from this city, and even a greater fight is expected by the local men than that at the recent meeting of the Democratic committee. It is understood that the Des Moines Commercial club is making big plans for landing this convention. Advance dope in the Capital City is to the effect that Des Moines will get the meet in all probability and it not successful it will go to Cedar Rapids. Ottumwa's claim is not yet considered, but the "getters" from here have a different tale to tell.

The Cedar Rapids men are claiming, it is said, that it side stepped two years ago for Waterloo, and that now it is entitled to the meet should it go outside of Des Moines.

BIG LOSS FROM FLOODS

Railways of Northwest Lose \$2,500,000 During High Water Season.

Seattle, Wash., March 4.—Culminating in the Wellington disaster, the weather conditions of the last ten days have been responsible for the loss of \$2,500,000 to the various railways of the Pacific northwest. The floods are subsiding and railway traffic is being resumed slowly.

Can't Confirm Rescue of Ten.

Berrett, Wash., March 4.—A report circulated last night that ten persons were found alive in the car excavated from a mass of snow covered wreckage at Wellington is so far unconfirmed. A wire to Wellington was lost during last night's storm and it is impossible to get word direct from there.

118 Estimate of Dead.

Seattle, Wash., March 4.—One hundred and eighteen dead in the train overwhelmed by the Wellington avalanche is the estimate made today by the Seattle newspaper. Eighty-four are passengers, trainmen and postal clerks, and the remainder laborers.

NORMAL SCHOOLS LEAD

Indianapolis Meeting Told They are Doing Most to Conserve Students' Health.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 4.—That normal schools are making much better provision for developing and conserving physical soundness of students than are the high schools, was one of the most obvious conclusions in the report on the status of instruction in hygiene in American educational institutions, made by Dr. Gulick of New York at the session of the American School Hygiene association today. This conclusion was reached after receiving responses on a question sent to nearly 2,400 high schools and 90 normal schools, having in all a total membership of 400,000 students.

HUSBAND PROSECUTES

Bert Snoddy of Bloomfield Causes Arrest of His Wife and Ed Traxell.

Bloomfield, March 4.—(Special.)—Ed Traxell and Mrs. Blanche Snoddy were arrested here on the charge of adultery filed by Bert Snoddy, the woman's husband. The woman's case will probably come up before Justice Day tomorrow and the Traxell case will be heard Monday. A year ago Traxell's wife was sent to the penitentiary after a trial in Ottumwa. She had been caught in company with a Bloomfield man in an Ottumwa rooming house and her husband prosecuted the charge of adultery against her.

Lenox College Selected.

Cedar Rapids, March 4.—(Special.)—The next state oratorical contest will be held at Lenox college at Hopkinton. The business meeting decided to divide the state into two districts for preliminary contests.

Declines Call to Webster City.

Anamosa, March 4.—(Special.)—Rev. C. H. Beaver has declined a call to the pastorate of the Webster City Congregational church.

Philadelphia Labor Leaders are Preparing For General Strike

Philadelphia, March 4.—All hope of an amicable settlement of the street car strike having been abandoned, labor leaders are preparing for a general strike to take effect tonight at midnight. For the first time in five years citizens were excluded from the sessions of the council yesterday afternoon. An hour before the time for convening a vast crowd had gathered on the fourth floor of the city hall, but policemen kept all but the councilmen and reporters and a few privileged persons outside of the gate.

The strike was practically ignored by both bodies. A message from Mayor Rebyrn reviewed the situation briefly, and stated his policy of non-interference in these words:

"It is not the city's duty, nor yours nor mine, to interfere between the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co. and its employes. The courts of law are available for the redress of any legal grievance which either party may have against the other."

SON MANAGER OF CHARITIES

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER JR., TO BE HEAD OF ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION.

New York, March 4.—Among charities the new Rockefeller foundation is to become what the Standard Oil company has long been among corporations, and John D. Rockefeller, Jr., as its head, will, in another sphere of influence, perpetuate the domination so long maintained in work and industry by John D. Rockefeller, Sr., as president of the Standard. The younger Rockefeller has announced that he had recently retired from the directorate of the Standard to assume the management of his father's benefactions, of which he thus becomes almoner in chief.

The announcement in Wall street was taken to mean two things—that hereafter the Rockefeller millions will no longer be a market factor. Instead, it is assumed, they will pass wholly into conservative securities.

No Longer Greatest Heir.

John D. Rockefeller Jr. is now 33 years old. He was greeted on his graduation from Brown's university some years ago, as in prospect, the richest young man in the world. He now leaves the field to J. P. Morgan Jr., ten years his elder, Morgan Sr. and Rockefeller Sr. are both near an age. The former will be 73 next April and the latter was 70 some months ago. Both are in vigorous health.

Young Rockefeller's relations with corporate finance in the future, it is understood, will chiefly consist in conserving the huge fortune amassed by his father, reinvesting the income and distributing such part of it as he may deem wise.

Amount of Endowment Unknown.

It is not thought likely that the new foundation for philanthropy as proposed by the bill introduced in the United States senate will assume settled policies for years to come. Frederick T. Gates, one of the incorporation foundation, was understood, in an interview, to mean that there will be a gradual merger along the familiar Rockefeller lines of the Rockefeller charities. Nobody yet ventures to name the amount for which the foundation will be endowed, but predictions go as far as to include the whole Rockefeller fortune.

ROOSEVELT IS PRESIDENT.

Marshalltown Man is Elected Head Officer of Hardware Men — Endorse Parcels.

Des Moines, March 4.—(Special.)—The Retail Hardware men's state convention today elected the following officers:

President—L. C. Abbott of Marshalltown.
Secretary—A. R. Sales of Mason City.

The resolutions endorsed the parcels post, good roads and pure paint law.

Old River Captain Dead.

Dubuque, March 4.—(Special.)—Captain Grile, a pioneer steamboat man on the upper Mississippi river died at McGregor, Iowa, Thursday and will be buried Saturday under Masonic obsequies. He was 93 years old.

League Will Take Hand.

Des Moines, March 4.—(Special.)—The league of Iowa municipalities will probably take a hand in the legislative contest seeking to elect members of the legislature opposed to a public utilities commission.

Farmer Found Dead.

Davenport, March 4.—(Special.)—Claude Silvers, a retired farmer, was found dead in bed this morning at the boarding house of C. F. Kohn, where he had been making his home in Davenport.

Tries to End Life.

Des Moines, March 4.—(Special.)—Disappointed in love Miss Mary Strunt, of 208 Court avenue took poison last night, but doctors pumped her out and she will live.

Dawson Makes Appointment.

Washington, D. C., March 4.—Arnold W. Jackson of Wilton was today recommended by Congressman Dawson to fill a vacancy at the Annapolis naval academy.

PROSPECTS OF POSTAL BANK BILL CLOUDED

ADOPTION OF CUMMINS AMENDMENT WORRIES FRIENDS OF ADMINISTRATION BILL, WHICH IS NOW UP FOR PASSAGE.

ROOT PLEADS FOR PASSAGE OF BILL

NEW YORK SENATOR TAKES OCCASION TO CRITICISE CUMMINS' AMENDMENT, PRONOUNCING IT WORTHLESS.

Washington, D. C., March 4.—The friends of the administration postal savings bank bill did not feel greatly assured as to its prospects of passage when the senate resumed consideration of the measure today with the idea of disposing of it during the day. The adoption of the pending Cummins amendment to the Smoot amendment, it was felt, would place the bill itself in jeopardy and they were strong in the opinion that every other matter should give way to the justification of the Smoot provision unchanged. The Smoot amendment provides that "when in the judgment of the president, war or any other exigency involving the credit of the government, so requires, the board of trustees may withdraw all or any part of the said funds from the banks and invest the same in bonds or other securities of the United States." Cummins sought to change the provision so as to make sure of its application only in time of war.

Senator Root Favors Bill.

Senator Root took the floor today to urge the necessity of putting the bill on a constitutional basis. His idea was to afford the people an opportunity to invest their earnings, he said, and at the same time put themselves in the position of supporting their government. With the end in view of establishing such a system, he had introduced his amendment providing for the investment of funds in government securities and expressed the opinion that without some such provision the bill would be invalid. "As the bill stands, I do not believe it can be brought within description of any of the powers conferred by the constitution," he declared. He said he was opposed to the present amendments offered to the bill, but as he considered it impossible to get anything better he would be willing to accept the Smoot provision, but he thought that it should remain unchanged. Cummins' modification he pronounced worthless.

Raps Cummins' Amendment.

Root continued at length against the Cummins amendment, and citing the position of the banks in times of panic when they had lost the confidence of the people, he wanted to know where the government would be with \$500,000,000 obligations to depositors and without other securities to the extent pledged by the banks, which could not more pay the government than they could anyone else.

"Instead of bankers and brokers going to the wall, the treasury of the United States will suspend payment and the credit of the government will be destroyed," he declared.

Mr. Cummins' motion, made yesterday afternoon, striking out the words he had criticized, prevailed by a vote of 38 to 31, the insurgents, a few regulars and all the Democrats combining to defeat the organization Republicans. The Republicans who supported Mr. Cummins were Beveridge, Brown, Burkett, Clapp, Crawford, Dooliver, McCumber, Borah, Burrows, Dixon, Gable, Jones, La Follette, Sutherland and Warner.

The feature of the day was a speech by Senator Dooliver of Iowa, who criticized the president for the admission made by him in his Milwaukee speech that the banks had been "buncoed" into accepting the 2 per cent bonds, upon which circulation is based and which grew out of the debt some ten years ago.

Mr. Dooliver showed how remunerative this funding plan was to banks how they had immediately availed themselves of the favorable terms offered, how they profited to the extent of many millions, but now were endeavoring to make congress pay the victims of nefarious practices.

MOLINE HAS TRAGEDY

Charles Gunberg Shoots Wife and Then Kills Self by Sending Bullet Through His Head.

Moline, Ill., March 4.—(Special.)—Following a violent quarrel, Charles Gunberg today wounded his wife and later sent a bullet through his own head and died instantly. His wife was shot through the arm.

DANCE AT DINNER GIVEN SPEAKER

PRESIDENT AND "UNCLE JOE" SHOW CLASS IN OLD FASHIONED HOE-DOWN.

Washington, D. C., March 4.—While more than fifty guests looked on laughingly and applauded, Speaker Cannon tempted President Taft last night into a test of terpsichorean agility in the east room of the White house. Both stopped, panting, when the trial was ended, but the opinion was unanimous that honors on fancy steps were even. The dancing followed the dinner given by the president to "Uncle Joe," said to be the first formal affair ever accorded a speaker by a president.

The dinner ended and the company went into the east room. In an intermission, when the orchestra struck up a lively tune, "Uncle Joe," stepped briskly into the middle of the room and brought his heels together sharply. There was patting of gloved hands. In a moment the speaker's heels were twinkling in a brilliant Highland fling.

For answer the president stepped smilingly forward and those present say the two executed several steps of the old-fashioned "hoe-down" that delighted everyone. Both were puffing when they finished.

SALESMAN HAS TROUBLE

R. E. Phillips, Chicago Traveling Man is Fined at Mason City for Assaulting Lydia Myers.

Mason City, March 4.—(Special.)—R. E. Phillips, a Chicago photograph salesman sure had a "Jonah day" yesterday. When he was arrested for assault and battery last night and fined \$25, he accused Lydia Myers of stealing a \$250 diamond stud from him and set upon her while attempting to force her to return it. The fracas happened in one of the best local hotels. She filed information which resulted in the fine for Phillips. Lydia Myers also instituted civil action against him, demanding \$75 for causing her mental and physical anguish and humiliation.

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