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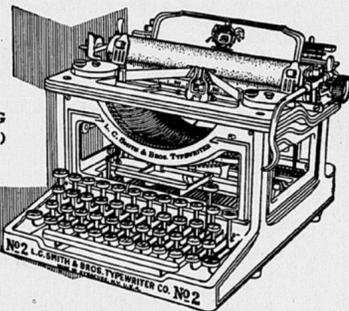
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SECRETARY DICKINSON RESIGNS HIS POSITION

Another Member of the Taft Cabinet Quits His Post—Successor Has Been Named.

Washington, May 13.—Secretary of War Jacob McGavock Dickinson of Tennessee, democratic member of Taft's cabinet has resigned. Henry L. Stimson of New York, recently defeated republican candidate for governor of that state, has been given the war portfolio. This announcement was made from the white house last night and occasioned great surprise.

In letters exchanged between the president and Dickinson no reason other than that of pressing private affairs is given for the secretary's retirement. President Taft will confer with Stimson the sweet memories of youth in new secretary of war will not be sworn in until the return of the president to the capitol on Monday. Dickinson will go to his Tennessee home immediately upon qualification of his successor. He expects to devote his attention to business and will not return to the practice of law, in which he was engaged when Taft appointed him secretary of war in March, 1909.

He is the second member of Taft's cabinet to retire to private life. Secretary of the Interior Ballinger having severed his connection with the president's official family only a few months ago.

Coincident with the announcement of Dickinson's retirement came that of the appointment of C. S. Millington of Herkimer, N. Y., to be assistant treasurer of the United States in New York.

Stimson was the Roosevelt candidate for governor while Millington was a former member of the house from the 27th New York district and is a close friend of Vice-President Sherman and other leaders of the old guard in the state having succeeded Sherman in the house when the latter became vice president.

In two appointments official Washington found food for speculation and many politicians thought they saw therein the first step of the administration to straighten out the tangled skein of New York politics. No effort was made by the president to conceal the satisfaction with which he viewed the appointment of Stimson. Not only has he the highest personal regard for the incoming member of his cabinet but he is well aware that the appointment will be acceptable to a large faction of the republican party in New York.

Stimson has had no special military training but in talking to friends last night the president expressed the belief that he was the sort of man who could come into the war department and easily and quickly get the swing of affairs.

BANKERS GETTING READY

Committees are Named for Entertainment of State Bankers' Convention— Fargo, June 27-28.

Fargo, N. D., May 13.—H. P. Beckwith heads the general committee in charge of the North Dakota bankers' convention which will be held in Fargo June 27 and 28. All the committees have been named and will assume their various tasks immediately toward making the convention a success.

H. P. Beckwith, chairman; W. C. Macfadden, secretary; F. A. Irish, B. V. Moore, R. O. Belland, H. L. Loomis, J. K. Killion, H. W. Geary and G. E. Nichols. A general reception committee has been appointed to consist of all officers of all banks, savings and trust companies in the city.

A number of sub-committees have been appointed to look after the different details in connection with the convention. The dance committee comprises H. W. Geary, G. E. Nichols and R. O. Belland.

H. P. Beckwith, J. K. Killion and W. C. Macfadden compose the business show committee. Fred Irish, H. L. Loomis and R. O. Belland comprise the auto ride committee.

The ladies' committee, to look after the comfort and entertainment of the wives of the bankers and other women visitors attending the convention, is composed of Mrs. R. V. Moore, Mrs. H. L. Loomis and Mrs. W. C. Macfadden.

On the social committee are Fred Irish, R. V. Moore and J. K. Killion, with Mr. Irish, Mr. Beckwith and Mr. Macfadden on the finance committee of the convention.

Arranging for the theatre party to be given during the convention as one of the social features will be W. C. Macfadden, H. L. Loomis and H. P. Beckwith.

Over 400 guests are expected in the city to attend the convention and the general committee feels that it has a great deal of work ahead of it to prepare for the visit of so many people. However, all the bankers in the city rest assured that in the hands of so competent a committee, everything will go off well.

A number of social features have been planned, and on the first night of the convention will be a ball to be given at the A. C. armory, which will be followed by a theatre party the next evening. The auto drive about the city and surrounding country will be between sessions on one of the afternoons of the convention.

SCOTTISH RITE SESSION ENDED

Successful Meeting at Grand Forks Came to Close Last Night.

Grand Forks, N. D., May 12.—The Scottish Rite bodies of this city closed

a very successful meeting last evening with an excellent banquet, which was well attended. The spring meeting has been a very enjoyable one, and the class numbered about twenty-five, and it is reported all were very greatly impressed.

The presiding officers, D. M. Holmes, Rev. John Burleson, Dr. Ekera and Clarence A. Hale, all acquitted themselves with much credit. The music was an especially good feature and added much to the effectiveness of the work.

Mr. Hale acted as toastmaster last evening, and among those who made excellent speeches were Attorney Cuthbert of Devils Lake, Messrs. Holmes, Twanley and Bacon of Grand Forks, Rev. Mr. Burleson, also of this city, and Mr. Baker of Wahpeton. Among the visitors present from Fargo were E. C. Guthrie and H. C. Plumley, the latter being present as the ranking officer of the Rite in the state.

It is possible that before the year is over that the Masonic bodies of this city will get started on a magnificent new temple as the present structure is not adequate for the growing demands of the members.

PRESIDENT L'SUEUR REFUSES TO TALK FOR PUBLICATION

Was Real Wrathful at Reporter—Claims to Have Known Nothing About Resolutions.

A representative of the Reporter attempted to secure a statement for publication in an interview with President Arthur LeSueur this morning but Mr. LeSueur would not talk for publication, and it was plain—not only from his demeanor, but from his language—that he is wrathful at the Reporter for the manner in which this newspaper handled the Socialistic resolutions in yesterday's issue.

When asked point blank whether he intended to resign as requested by his "comrades," Mr. LeSueur refused to answer; he would not say whether he would quit the job or whether he would tell the Socialists to back up and try some more resolutions. When told that it was generally believed that he had a hand in framing those resolutions, Mr. LeSueur insisted that he knew nothing about the resolutions and that he certainly did not assist in preparing the text thereof.

The situation is unique to say the least; LeSueur is the recognized leader of the Socialists in Minot and according to their creed he must do as the majority will with regard to holding public office; the Socialists have unanimously declared that he is too good a man to be at the head of such an iniquitous city and have not only demanded that he resign but have stated boldly that he will resign. The public is anxiously awaiting developments.—Minot Reporter.

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FORMER SENATOR WRITES NOVEL

Hansbrough, Formerly of North Dakota, Now of Minneapolis, Author of Satire.

Minneapolis Journal: "The Second Amendment," a political novel by Henry Clay Hansbrough, formerly Senator from North Dakota, appeared today on the shelves of local bookstores, and will be placed on sale immediately in every city of the country. As a novel based on scenes and plots in the United States senate, where its author was an active factor for eighteen years, the book will be read with interest. It has a special interest to Minneapolis, because it is a Minneapolis book in every way. Its author is now a resident of Minneapolis. It was written in this city, published by the Hudson Publishing company, and all of the work done in Minneapolis. It was printed by the Colwell Press, bound by the A. J. Dahl company, and the colored illustration was done by E. R. Kullberg, a local artist.

The plot of the story centers in a struggle on the floor of the United States senate, at some day in the not distant future. It is told in the first person, and the narrator is supposed to have been abroad several years, returning to find a great change. The selfish elements of the two old parties have combined into the "Conservative" party, and it is battling for supremacy with a new party called the "Altruistic." The name is coined from altruism, meaning regard for others, and the party is supposed to stand for a reign of better things.

Love Story Woven In. There is a big issue raised in a bill before the senate, where the vote is so close that a senator is abducted and hid away to prevent his vote. Around this incident, which has a love story woven into it, Mr. Hansbrough has thrown the atmosphere of Washington, and his characters are but slightly disguised reproductions of the men he knew in public life, such as Senator Baxter, who led the senate roll call, and showed the conservatives how to vote, rebuking them if unruly, with his "legislative smile."

While writing the book Mr. Hansbrough intimated that he would "take the lid off" in telling his story, and persons familiar with Washington affairs will find in it many reminders of incidents in the seamy side of legislative life. The author speaks as a free lance, no longer bound by "senatorial courtesy," and tries to give an idea of the sordid character of a legislative machine.

The most undisguised hit at a living statesman is directed at Theodore Roosevelt and his conference with leading men in the world of finance, when he agreed to let the United States Steel company absorb the Tennessee Coal and Iron company without prosecution. In the Hansbrough book, the president elected by the altruistic party deals with a similar situation in a different way. After the proposition had been laid before the president in behalf of the "Northern Spike company," which was to acquire the "Southern Soot company," the president informed his callers that he would send for the United States marshal to arrest them for treason. The visitors apologized and withdrew.

"The First Mortgage bank did not foreclose," the novel says. "The Soot works did not shut down. There was no panic. All this is intended to explain and emphasize the immensity of space that exists between action and agitation."

The author of "The Second Amendment" represented North Dakota in congress from the time the state was admitted in 1909. His book is the first novel produced from the United States senate. Its writing, Mr. Hansbrough says, was a pleasure, and that is easily imagined from reading it. The style is easy with good dialogue, and as a story it is only marred by abundant side observations, designed to point the application of the incidents. Before going to the senate Mr. Hansbrough was a successful newspaper man. Born in Illinois in 1848, he went to California at an early age, learned the printer's trade and went into editorial work, becoming managing editor of the San Francisco Chronicle. He went to North Dakota in 1882 and settled at Devils Lake, becoming proprietor of a weekly paper there. He was elected to congress in 1899 and to the senate in 1891, but kept control of his paper up to the time of his retirement. He is living quietly in Minneapolis, working on another book.

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