

HEARINGS ON ALDRICH BILL

Week to be Given by the House Committee

UNFAVORABLE SENTIMENT

Now Seems to Be Unanimous—Wiley Case Delayed for More Evidence—On Friday Employers' Liability Bill Will Be Reported.

Washington, April 2.—By a majority vote the House committee on banking and currency yesterday agreed to give hearings on the Aldrich currency bill, beginning April 8, and continuing daily for one week.

WILEY CASE DELAYED BY COM.

More Information Desired Before Further Discussion of the Case. The House committee on judiciary yesterday voted to lay on the table the report submitted by the sub-committee which investigated the charges of misconduct brought against Leubus R. Wiley, judge of the United States court for China and Shanghai, until the testimony taken before the sub-committee has been printed and laid before the general committee.

EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY.

Sterling Bill to Be Reported on Friday.

Washington, April 2.—The Sterling bill, providing for the enactment of an employers' liability law, will be reported to the House on Friday by the committee on the judiciary.

BROWNSVILLE CASE.

Hot Debate Expected Over Bills to Restore Soldiers.

Washington, April 2.—The adverse report on the bills recommended by the president for the restoration of the negro soldiers who participated in the Brownsville affray was submitted to the Senate yesterday by Senator Foraker.

CHICAGO WATER LOOP.

A Plan to Encircle Business Center with \$12,000,000 Canal.

Chicago, April 2.—A \$12,000,000 water loop, to encircle the business heart of Chicago, is proposed by Frederick A. DeLano of the harbor commission.

NEW CRUISER OUT.

The Montana Makes Screw Standardization Trial.

Rockland, Me., April 2.—The armored cruiser Montana, built by the Newport News Shipbuilding & Dry Dock company, left the harbor early yesterday and made the first of twelve runs on the Rockland mile course which were to comprise her official screw standardization trial.

"Joe" Howard, Is Dead at 74.

New York, April 2.—After an illness of almost a year, Joseph Howard, Jr., one of the most prominent newspaper men in the country, is dead here. He was seventy-four years old.

FIRE Insurance Rates REDUCED

Seventeen old reliable Stock Companies and five Mutuals Take your choice. Call and investigate. Any competition met, in companies that have had an experience of from 25 to 100 years.

J. W. DILLON, 3 and 4, Bolster Block, Barre, Vt.

Blood Humors

Affect the whole system and cause most diseases and ailments. Eliminate them by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla

BRINGS SUIT FOR \$1,000,000 OF FAIR ESTATE.

F. P. Smith Takes Step to Recover From Mrs. Hermann Oelrichs and Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr.

New York, April 2.—Frank P. Smith of Topeka, Kan., who claims to be a half-brother of the late Mrs. Charles L. Fair, has brought suit to recover from Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Jr. and Mrs. Hermann Oelrichs a share of Mrs. Fair's estate.

Smith claims a seventh of the estate, or about \$1,000,000, and has retained as counsel Chandler & Beekman of No. 17 William street. Smith declares that evidence exists which will establish his suit, and which also may result in other suits being brought by heirs who accepted a settlement in waiver of their claims.

Following the death of Mrs. Fair and her husband in an automobile accident in France in August, 1903, the former's relatives sued to recover their share in the estate. There were six of these heirs, the late Mrs. A. Nelson, mother of Mrs. Fair; William Smith of Caldwell, N. J.; Mrs. Joshua Leonard of Caldwell; Mrs. Bonnell of New Market, N. J.; Charles J. Smith of Boulder, Cal.; and the children of Mrs. Charles Leffler of Caldwell. Mrs. Fair provided in her will a bequest of \$10,000 to Frank P. Smith, "whose residence is unknown."

Smith ran away from home when he was 18 years old. He now says that he was traveling in Mexico and Texas, when Mrs. Fair was killed. He had not kept in touch with home affairs, he says, and when he read of the tragedy in the newspapers it did not occur to him that Mrs. Fair was his sister. He had returned to his home in Topeka when his wife read to him one night that Mrs. Nelson of New Market, N. J., the mother of Mrs. Charles L. Fair, had died.

Smith visited the Fair relatives in New Jersey recently, and it is said they are satisfied that he is the brother whom they had thought dead. Proper search was made for Smith, but when he could not be found, the California courts declared that his legacy of \$10,000 had lapsed because of his failure to appear and claim it.

Smith says he is the second son of Mrs. Hannah E. Smith, who later married a man named Nelson. His relatives discontinued their suit on receipt of about \$25,000 each. An offer of a settlement on these terms were made to Smith, but he refused it. The heirs brought an action two years ago to have the settlement set aside, but it was never pressed.

Smith claims as heir of Mrs. Fair on the contention that she outlived her husband a very brief period following the accident.

GIRL WITH DRESS AFIRE, JUMPED FROM WINDOW.

Lena Isabella Died in Hospital From Injuries—Lamp Exploded as Family Sat at Table Reading Papers.

New York, April 2.—When a lamp, around which her father and sister and uncle were sitting, exploded and set fire to her dress early yesterday, Lena Isabella, 18, jumped from the fifth story of the home at No. 345 East Forty-sixth street, to the sidewalk. She was taken to the Flower hospital, where she died. Her uncle, Frank Isabella, was also burned, and he ran through the streets with his clothing afire until he fell unconscious. He, too, was taken to the hospital.

WILL NOW PLAY "PRO" SURE.

Dartmouth's Disqualified 10 Find Places With Baseball Clubs.

Hanover, N. H., April 2.—All of the 10 Dartmouth men disqualified by the athletic council for "summer ball" playing have signed contracts for the coming season. Hazelton, 1909, of West Medford will try out with the Boston Americans; J. L. Richardson, 1908, of Roxbury and Arthur Shoppey, 1909, of Everett will be given a two-weeks' try-out with the Trenton (N. J.) team, and if they do not make good will be given places with other clubs.

LILLEY TO BE NAMED FOR GOVERNOR OF CONNECTICUT.

Republicans to Nominate Submarine Boat Congressman.

Washington, April 2.—According to reports from men prominent in Connecticut politics Congressman Lilley, who stirred up the investigation of the submarine boat scandal, is certain of nomination for next year's gubernatorial election.

MONSTER SCHOONER.

Bath, Me., April 2.—The six-masted schooner Edward J. Lawrence, the second largest wooden schooner in the world, will be launched today. She was built for the J. S. Winslow company of Portland and is practically all ready for sea.

INDIANA REPUBLICANS OR TARIFF REVISION.

State Convention Also in Favor of Local Prohibition.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 2.—Indiana Republicans went into state convention yesterday to adopt a platform, formally present to the country Charles Warren Fairbanks, as their choice for the presidency, and to elect delegates to the national convention to vote and persistently work for his nomination, and to name a state ticket.

INDIANA REPUBLICANS OR TARIFF REVISION.

State Convention Also in Favor of Local Prohibition.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 2.—Indiana Republicans went into state convention yesterday to adopt a platform, formally present to the country Charles Warren Fairbanks, as their choice for the presidency, and to elect delegates to the national convention to vote and persistently work for his nomination, and to name a state ticket.

COOKE IS TURNED DOWN

Methodists Refuse to Take Him Seriously

AT THEIR CONFERENCE

His Charges Against Chancellor Day Are Dismissed, Also Those Against Professor Browne and Dr. Buckley.

New York, April 2.—The charges preferred against Chancellor Day of Syracuse university by Rev. George A. Cooke of Brandon, Vt., were ruled out of court by Bishop David H. Moore at the opening of the 100th New York Methodist-Episcopal conference yesterday.

Bishop Moore in dismissing the charges said that he regarded the complaint against Chancellor Day as a direct attack upon free speech and free press. The decision was greeted by cheers and long continued applause.

The charges against Chancellor Day contained five counts to the effect that he had defamed President Roosevelt in some of his public utterances. Bishop Moore said that the same charges might just as well be brought against some member of the senate as against Dr. Day.

When he asked, "shall the character of James R. Day be passed?" the hand of everyone of the delegates shot up and another round of applause filled the auditorium.

RACE TRACK BILLS.

Hang in the Balance—Advantage Seems to Be With P'ghes.

Albany, N. Y., April 2.—With Governor Hughes' anti-race track gambling bills as the issue, one of the most exciting battles of recent years is being fought in the Senate. The outcome is so much in doubt that neither side is at all confident, and the change of a single vote may decide the fate of the measures. The fight opened in the Senate yesterday morning with an attack upon Governor Hughes by Senator Grady.

"Why should the Senate sneeze whenever Governor Hughes takes snuff?" stormed Grady, who attacked the governor for alleged efforts to intimidate the legislature. Grady also attacked the newspapers viciously. As Grady began his speech the galleries were filled with a crowd that has not been equaled since the eighty-cent gas fight of years ago. The floors and lobbies were also filled with an eager and excited crowd.

Bets upon the outcome of the struggle were frequently made. One Tammany senator offered \$5,000 that the bills would be defeated.

Notwithstanding this, however, there was no mistaking the prevailing notion that the governor's cause was stronger yesterday than last week, and while the result was in doubt, and would be to the end, the advantage lay with him. The effort of the governor's friends which will produce a lost vote will be to put the bills back into their original form to take effect immediately. This will be opposed by the friends of the race tracks and here the battle will be won and lost.

The question of the passage of the bills did not come up yesterday. The whole battle is being waged on a parliamentary issue yesterday to adopt a platform, formally present to the country Charles Warren Fairbanks, as their choice for the presidency, and to elect delegates to the national convention to vote and persistently work for his nomination, and to name a state ticket.

SAYS BRYAN CAN BEAT TAFT.

Tillman Says, However, That Bryan Has No Issue Against Roosevelt.

Columbia, S. C., April 2.—Senator B. R. Tillman was better Tuesday and the day before than he has been since his illness. He does not, however, feel that he will be able to return to Congress this season, and expects to go to an Atlanta sanatorium when he is strong enough to travel. He and Mrs. Tillman will remain here for several weeks, after which they will go to Europe.

WILL NOW PLAY "PRO" SURE.

Dartmouth's Disqualified 10 Find Places With Baseball Clubs.

Hanover, N. H., April 2.—All of the 10 Dartmouth men disqualified by the athletic council for "summer ball" playing have signed contracts for the coming season. Hazelton, 1909, of West Medford will try out with the Boston Americans; J. L. Richardson, 1908, of Roxbury and Arthur Shoppey, 1909, of Everett will be given a two-weeks' try-out with the Trenton (N. J.) team, and if they do not make good will be given places with other clubs.

BOURNE IS STANCH.

Reechoes Third-Term Talk After Seeing Roosevelt.

Washington, April 2.—Senator Jonathan Bourne of Oregon made no other than his frequent visits to the White House yesterday morning. For the thousandth time he declared that Mr. Roosevelt will be nominated and elected for a second elective term.

YANKEE TROOPS TO LAND AT HAYTI.

American Warships Preparing to Disembark Men, Paris Hear.

Paris, April 2.—A special despatch received here yesterday from Port-au-Prince, Hayti, says that the situation there is extremely grave and that complete anarchy prevails.

STANFORD STUDENT STRIKE SPREADS.

Stanford University, Cal., April 2.—The strike of the students of Stanford university against the faculty editor of the university newspaper continues to spread. In addition to forty-one students recently suspended, 200 more undergraduates will be missed from the classrooms when classes open Monday.

WASHINGTON SAYS CRANE WON.

Massachusetts Results a Victory for the Unpledged Movement.

Washington, April 2.—Intense interest in the outcome of the Republican caucuses in Massachusetts has been taken here, and private advisers, figuring the situation to a strictly have been re-elected. Senators Lodge and Crane both decline to comment on the result, but a statement is being prepared by Representative A. P. Gardner, who has led in the actual fight for instructed delegation. The Taft men claim that, including the big four, the delegates will stand: Taft 1, Crane 8, doubtful 1. A Congressman allied with Senator Crane says that if a vote were taken to-day among the men who will be elected by the various conventions, the Massachusetts delegation would split even between Secretary Taft and the field.

In the anxiety to figure up results in Massachusetts for and against the Taft candidacy the fact is lost sight of, that the real and only contest, as the friends of Senator Crane view it, was over the question whether the delegates should be instructed. The junior senator had expressed the belief that they should not, and Representative Gardner and the Taft management in Massachusetts made a fight for instructions. Senator Crane could not acquiesce in the program without electing himself as a political fact, so he advised his friends throughout the state to oppose instructions. From this point of view Senator Crane swept the state, leaving the question of how the delegates should vote at Chicago to be settled as a secondary matter.

It is the opinion here that the result in Massachusetts will have great influence throughout the country in determining whether or not the national convention shall be an open convention, with the delegates free to nominate whom they please.

Senator Crane never has contended that this nominee should not be Secretary Taft, but he has held that the party could not wisely and should not decide in advance what candidate would be most likely to elect in Congress from New Hampshire. Any other construction of the contest in Massachusetts, as far as Senator Crane is concerned, would do injustice to him.

It is pointed out here that the delegates from the first, second, third, eighth and thirteenth districts, with one in the fourth and one in the eleventh districts, a total of twelve, with the delegates from the large counties cannot be counted in the Taft column; and there are other districts where each side is absolutely confident that the delegates are for or against Taft. The Taft men have obtained personal assurances from several delegates claimed by the Crane management that later they will come out for Taft.

It was stated here yesterday that the Taft management in New Hampshire has agreed that the New Hampshire delegates shall not be instructed.

Binger Hermann, commissioner of the general land office at that time, and later a representative in Congress from Oregon, sent special agents, Holzinger and Magee, out west to investigate. The report was submitted to Hermann, who, it is alleged, held it up. Finally it was brought to the attention of former Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock by Magee. The former detailed secret service officers and attorneys of the department of justice on the case, and their findings led to the indictments.

The government's side of the case is represented by District Attorney Baker and special assistants in the department of justice, Arthur B. Pugh, and Francis J. Heney. The four defendants are represented by A. H. Worthington, R. Golden Donaldson, and A. A. Birney of the Washington bar, and Joseph C. Campbell of San Francisco, and W. J. Van Devere of New York.

The attorneys for the defendants first offered a plea in abatement and District Attorney Baker filed a demurrer to the plea, which was sustained. Hyde, Diamond, and Schneider were then arraigned and counsel for Benson entered the plea in bar. The jurors were dismissed until 1:30, while argument was heard on the plea in bar. It is expected that a new panel will have to be called from which to select the jury.

OVERHEARD GILLETTE IN CONFESSION.

Sheriff Klock Knew Slayer Admitted Killing Grace Brown to His Counsel.

Waterloo, N. Y., April 2.—Sheriff Austin B. Klock of Herkimer county, while at breakfast at the Osborne hotel at Auburn, told how he had overheard Gillette in his cell at Herkimer confessing to his attorney, Albert M. Mills, that he had killed his sweetheart, "Billy Brown." A jail attendant and I were secreted in a cell next to Gillette's, said the sheriff to Dr. W. W. Sandford, chief electrical engineer of the New York Central railroad, and we overheard him tell Mills, one of his attorneys, that he had killed the girl.

"I struck her with my fist," said Gillette, "knocking her down in the boat. Then I grabbed her by the legs, breaking the elastic garter which was shown in evidence at the trial and then threw her into the water. She rose again to the surface and grabbed hold of the side of the boat. Then I picked up the tennis racket and struck her over the eye."

Klock failed to tell Dr. Sandford, evidently how he had planned to go in the witness stand and repeat this confession, being ignorant of its inadmissibility. When he told the district attorney what he had overheard Gillette confess, the trial judge was informed and Klock and the turkey were severely reprimanded for what they had done. So the trial went on, seven men taking part in it with the knowledge that the defendant was guilty—the judge, district attorney, Klock, the turkey, Gillette, his counsel, and a reporter.

WHERE IT STARTED.

The Bellows Falls Times seems anxious to know where the talk of a special session, which would relieve Gov. Proctor of the painful need of appointing some one to a position which he wants himself, first originated.

The Herald has in mind needless bills should be introduced in the legislature, that the double taxation evil should be remedied by making large property owners pay their just share, that Vermont's resources and attractions should be widely advertised, that no needless appropriations should be made by the legislature, and last but not least, that the Honorable George H. Proctor of Newport should be elected governor of the state of Vermont. The reformer agrees with Mr. Prouty on very few items except the last; it differs with Mr. Prouty on this because of its honest belief that he has not the ability to give the state of Vermont such an administration as it needs.—Brattleboro Reformer.

WHERE IT STARTED.

The Bellows Falls Times seems anxious to know where the talk of a special session, which would relieve Gov. Proctor of the painful need of appointing some one to a position which he wants himself, first originated.

The Herald has in mind needless bills should be introduced in the legislature, that the double taxation evil should be remedied by making large property owners pay their just share, that Vermont's resources and attractions should be widely advertised, that no needless appropriations should be made by the legislature, and last but not least, that the Honorable George H. Proctor of Newport should be elected governor of the state of Vermont. The reformer agrees with Mr. Prouty on very few items except the last; it differs with Mr. Prouty on this because of its honest belief that he has not the ability to give the state of Vermont such an administration as it needs.—Brattleboro Reformer.

NO PROMISES TO RUEF.

The Judge Contradicts the Immunity Statements.

San Francisco, April 2.—Superior Judge Frank L. Dunne, in an affidavit filed with Superior Judge Lawler, for the first time gave his version of the "midnight meeting" with Assistant District Attorney Francis J. Heney, W. J. Burns, special agent for the prosecution and the Rev. Dr. Jacob Nieto and Bernard Kaplan, when Judge Dunne according to the affidavits of Drs. Nieto and Kaplan promised that if Abraham Ruef would plead guilty to the charge of extortion, he would later permit Ruef to withdraw that plea upon request of the district attorney. In his affidavits Judge Dunne specifically contradicted the averments of Drs. Nieto and Kaplan.

ACCUSES STEVENS' ASSASSIN.

Formal Action by the Coroner's Jury in San Francisco.

San Francisco, April 2.—The coroner's jury Tuesday night returned a verdict formally charging I. W. Chang, the Korean, with the murder of Durham White Stevens, the diplomat who was shot ten days ago at the ferry depot here. When the coroner asked Chang if he wished to make a statement, his attorney replied, "Certainly not."

BRITISH PREMIER SHOWS IMPROVEMENT.

London, April 2.—Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the British premier, showed some improvement yesterday. The bulletin issued is as follows: "The prime minister passed a good night and slept well. General condition is more comfortable."

NOT HOW CHEAP—BUT HOW GOOD.

A brick front painted with L. & M. paint 25 years ago and not painted since, may be seen at 472 Bergen street, Brooklyn, New York. Paint with L. & M. Brilliant Red and trim with Shaker Green or White. The body won't need painting 100 years.

MAXWELL & CUTLER, PAINTERS.

Barrows & Peck, Montpelier, L. & M. Paint Agents.

BIG LAND FRAUD CASES ON TRIAL

Benson, San Francisco Millionaire, and Three Others

BEFORE WASHINGTON BAR

200 Witnesses Summoned—\$60,000 Appropriation by Congress to Defray Expenses Necessary to Permit the Action.

Washington, April 2.—The trial of the land fraud case against Frederick A. Hyde, John A. Benson, Harry P. Diamond, and Joost H. Schneider, involving an alleged conspiracy to defraud the United States out of valuable lands in several western states, was begun here yesterday before Justice Stafford in criminal court No. 1. More than two hundred witnesses from fourteen states in the west, where the alleged fraudulent acquisition of lands was effected, are here for trial.

This case has been on the dockets of the courts here and in California for the past four years, the trial having been postponed from time to time. One of the delays was caused because of lack of funds to pay witness fees and other expenses. An appropriation of \$60,000 was made by Congress at its present session to cover the cost of the proceeding, which it is believed will occupy at least three months.

The indictments against the four men charged a conspiracy hatched in this city in 1901 to defraud the United States of many thousands of acres of public lands in the West. It is alleged that these men, operating through the names of fictitious persons, acquired school lands in Oregon and California, by false entries and forged signatures, the entries later being transferred with the help of information from subsidized clerks in the general land office.

Benson, who is a San Francisco millionaire, resisted extradition from California, as did his co-defendants, who are alleged to have done the actual work in the field and later carried the case to the United States supreme court, where a decision favorable to them was handed down.

Binger Hermann, commissioner of the general land office at that time, and later a representative in Congress from Oregon, sent special agents, Holzinger and Magee, out west to investigate. The report was submitted to Hermann, who, it is alleged, held it up. Finally it was brought to the attention of former Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock by Magee. The former detailed secret service officers and attorneys of the department of justice on the case, and their findings led to the indictments.

The government's side of the case is represented by District Attorney Baker and special assistants in the department of justice, Arthur B. Pugh, and Francis J. Heney. The four defendants are represented by A. H. Worthington, R. Golden Donaldson, and A. A. Birney of the Washington bar, and Joseph C. Campbell of San Francisco, and W. J. Van Devere of New York.

The attorneys for the defendants first offered a plea in abatement and District Attorney Baker filed a demurrer to the plea, which was sustained. Hyde, Diamond, and Schneider were then arraigned and counsel for Benson entered the plea in bar. The jurors were dismissed until 1:30, while argument was heard on the plea in bar. It is expected that a new panel will have to be called from which to select the jury.

OVERHEARD GILLETTE IN CONFESSION.

Sheriff Klock Knew Slayer Admitted Killing Grace Brown to His Counsel.

Waterloo, N. Y., April 2.—Sheriff Austin B. Klock of Herkimer county, while at breakfast at the Osborne hotel at Auburn, told how he had overheard Gillette in his cell at Herkimer confessing to his attorney, Albert M. Mills, that he had killed his sweetheart, "Billy Brown." A jail attendant and I were secreted in a cell next to Gillette's, said the sheriff to Dr. W. W. Sandford, chief electrical engineer of the New York Central railroad, and we overheard him tell Mills, one of his attorneys, that he had killed the girl.

"I struck her with my fist," said Gillette, "knocking her down in the boat. Then I grabbed her by the legs, breaking the elastic garter which was shown in evidence at the trial and then threw her into the water. She rose again to the surface and grabbed hold of the side of the boat. Then I picked up the tennis racket and struck her over the eye."

Klock failed to tell Dr. Sandford, evidently how he had planned to go in the witness stand and repeat this confession, being ignorant of its inadmissibility. When he told the district attorney what he had overheard Gillette confess, the trial judge was informed and Klock and the turkey were severely reprimanded for what they had done. So the trial went on, seven men taking part in it with the knowledge that the defendant was guilty—the judge, district attorney, Klock, the turkey, Gillette, his counsel, and a reporter.

YANKEE TROOPS TO LAND AT HAYTI.

American Warships Preparing to Disembark Men, Paris Hear.

Paris, April 2.—A special despatch received here yesterday from Port-au-Prince, Hayti, says that the situation there is extremely grave and that complete anarchy prevails.

A dispute is said to have arisen between Gen. Jules Gicini, chief of the military district of Port-au-Prince, and Camille Gabriel, nephew of President Norde, as to their respective power in coping with the situation.

STANFORD STUDENT STRIKE SPREADS.

Stanford University, Cal., April 2.—The strike of the students of Stanford university against the faculty editor of the university newspaper continues to spread. In addition to forty-one students recently suspended, 200 more undergraduates will be missed from the classrooms when classes open Monday.

CURRENT COMMENT

Defends Gov. Foster.

We rise to remark that the editorial statement of the Brattleboro Reformer as to the effect that Congressman D. J. Foster is not of senatorial caliber is an unfair argument and an unjust allusion to a public official who has well established his reputation as a national law maker. Perhaps the contemporary receding in the other district is not aware of the efficient services of Congressman Foster, but his condition in this district are too familiar with his excellent work for us to waste a line of space in lauding his praises. The interests of the people of this district have been represented in a perfectly satisfactory manner from the very day Congressman Foster took his seat, and his record in Congress reflects credit to himself and honor to the state.—Vergennes Enterprise.

TAKE CARE OF THE TREES.

For several seasons The Messenger has suggested to the people of St. Albans the imminent necessity for taking some steps for the preservation of the noble grove of trees on the park. But nothing has ever been done about it, and each succeeding year shows more and more the work of decay and destruction that is incessant there. It is time the services of some man versed in scientific forestry were secured and this matter and the care and culture of the trees lining the city streets generally turned over to him. It is not likely that his employment need be lasting, but he should be retained until he has not only done all that should be for trees now standing, but has planned out and left some well considered directions for the care of these trees and the planting of others each year hereafter.

If this matter is neglected much longer, one of these fine springs we shall come to realize that the crowning glory of the most beautiful little park in New England has gone, and it will take another forty years before our grandchildren can have it back again.—St. Albans Messenger.

PROUTY'S PLATFORM.

Lieutenant Governor George H. Prouty issued Tuesday the platform on which he hopes to walk into Governor Proctor's shoes. Mr. Prouty says he does not believe in trying to dictate the party policy but he is willing to give his views on some matters of importance to the state. He would favor continuing the policies which have been well begun, also limiting state ownership of public service corporations. He thinks no backward step should be taken on the question of education, that the laws relating to highways and penal institutions should be improved, that the judiciary system should be so improved as to bring about more economy without a loss in efficiency, that fewer laws be drawn and needless bills should be introduced in the legislature, that the double taxation evil should be remedied by making large property owners pay their just share, that Vermont's resources and attractions should be widely advertised, that no needless appropriations should be made by the legislature, and last but not least, that the Honorable George H. Proctor of Newport should be elected governor of the state of Vermont. The reformer agrees with Mr. Prouty on very few items except the last; it differs with Mr. Prouty on this because of its honest belief that he has not the ability to give the state of Vermont such an administration as it needs.—Brattleboro Reformer.

WHERE IT STARTED.

The Bellows Falls Times seems anxious to know where the talk of a special session, which would relieve Gov. Proctor of the painful need of appointing some one to a position which he wants himself, first originated.

The Herald has in mind needless bills should be introduced in the legislature, that the double taxation evil should be remedied by making large property owners pay their just share, that Vermont's resources and attractions should be widely advertised, that no needless appropriations should be made by the legislature, and last but not least, that the Honorable George H. Proctor of Newport should be elected governor of the state of Vermont. The reformer agrees with Mr. Prouty on very few items except the last; it differs with Mr. Prouty on this because of its honest belief that he has not the ability to give the state of Vermont such an administration as it needs.—Brattleboro Reformer.

NO PROMISES TO RUEF.

The Judge Contradicts the Immunity Statements.

San Francisco, April 2.—Superior Judge Frank L. Dunne, in an affidavit filed with Superior Judge Lawler, for the first time gave his version of the "midnight meeting" with Assistant District Attorney Francis J. Heney, W. J. Burns, special agent for the prosecution and the Rev. Dr. Jacob Nieto and Bernard Kaplan, when Judge Dunne according to the affidavits of Drs. Nieto and Kaplan promised that if Abraham Ruef would plead guilty to the charge of extortion, he would later permit Ruef to withdraw that plea upon request of the district attorney. In his affidavits Judge Dunne specifically contradicted the averments of Drs. Nieto and Kaplan.

ACCUSES STEVENS' ASSASSIN.

Formal Action by the Coroner's Jury in San Francisco.

San Francisco, April 2.—The coroner's jury Tuesday night returned a verdict formally charging I. W. Chang, the Korean, with the murder of Durham White Stevens, the diplomat who was shot ten days ago at the ferry depot here. When the coroner asked Chang if he wished to make a statement, his attorney replied, "Certainly not."

BRITISH PREMIER SHOWS IMPROVEMENT.