

JAMES T. METCALF REMOVED

Head of the Money-Order System of the Postoffice Department Dismissed from Office.

MR. PAYNE'S STATEMENT

SUPERINTENDENT METCALF CHARGED WITH INDISCRETION.

Favored Awarding a Contract to a Firm of Which His Son Is an Employee.

OFFENSE NOT CRIMINAL

OF SUCH A NATURE, HOWEVER, IT COULD NOT BE OVERLOOKED.

Reply of Mr. Bristow to the Charges Made by Ex-Cashier S. W. TULLOCH.

WASHINGTON, June 17.—As a result of alleged indiscretion in matters pertaining to the award of contracts for printing the money order forms of the government, James T. Metcalf, for many years superintendent of the money-order system of the Postoffice Department, to-day was removed from office by the postmaster general. A full investigation of the case will be made later. The dismissal is the result of acts of Mr. Metcalf in relation to the bid of Paul Herman, of Rutherford, N. J., the lowest bidder by \$45,000, and in favor of the next highest bidder, the Wynkoop, Hallenbeck, Crawford Company, of New York, of which Mr. Metcalf's son is an employee. The story is briefly told in the following letter of dismissal signed by Postmaster General Payne at 5 o'clock this afternoon:

"Mr. James T. Metcalf, Superintendent of Money-order System, Postoffice Department:—

"Sir: You are hereby removed from the position of superintendent of the money-order system.

"The charges upon which your removal is based relate to your action in the matter of the letting of the contract for money-order forms. These charges were made known to you by letter this morning, and you have been given an opportunity to be heard in your own defense.

"It appears from your answer that when the proposal of the Wynkoop, Hallenbeck, Crawford Company of New York, by which company, it seems, your son is an employee, was found to be the lowest bidder, his proposal was \$45,000 below that of the next highest bidder, namely, the Paul Herman, of Rutherford, N. J., for \$50,000. It further appears that within a day or two the Wynkoop, Hallenbeck, Crawford Company, in a protest against awarding the contract to Herman, alleging that he was not financially responsible, that a solution to the problem was sought by the Postmaster General, and that you, Mr. Metcalf, called at your office and you advised him to withdraw his bid and re-enter the contest by the Paul Herman, Hallenbeck, Crawford Company, understanding at the time that such withdrawal would result in the contracts being awarded to said company, and consequently in a loss to the government; that you offered to pay the difference between the bid of Herman and the bid of the Wynkoop, Hallenbeck, Crawford Company, and that you did not acquaint your superior, First Assistant Postmaster General Wynne, with the fact that you had endeavored to have Mr. Herman withdraw his bid. It further appears that a hearing has been held before Mr. Wynne on the question of the financial responsibility of Mr. Herman, although it has developed since the submission of your answer this morning that the government has decided to award the contract to the Wynkoop, Hallenbeck, Crawford Company."

MR. PAYNE'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

Postmaster General Payne, in announcing his action, said that there was no charge that Mr. Metcalf had done anything that was immanable to the law, but said his conduct was serious indiscretion that could not be overlooked. Mr. Metcalf, he said, always had been considered a faithful, efficient, painstaking and honest employee.

The postmaster general, on his arrival at the department to-day, sent for Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow and Assistant Attorney General Robb, and after detailing the information that had reached him regarding the money order printing bids, instructed them to send for Mr. Metcalf and immediately to investigate the case. Bristow and Robb, with Inspector Fosner, examined Metcalf closely for two hours yesterday morning, and immediately afterwards the latter immediately after the facts given in the letter of dismissal. Messrs. Bristow and Robb immediately afterwards had a long conference with the postmaster general, who also sent for Assistant Postmaster General Wynne, who had immediate supervision of the money order system and who has insisted on the lowest bidder being given a hearing and an opportunity to demonstrate his ability to fulfill the contract. The postmaster general later conferred with President Roosevelt regarding the case and the order of dismissal followed.

Mr. Payne's voice trembled with emotion as he announced the dismissal to the newspaper men late this afternoon. He said it had become his duty to make the removal and was a step which he could not avoid in the proper discharge of his duties. In reply to questions he said that no consideration was given to the fact that Metcalf's son is Edward F. Kimball, of Massachusetts, who has been in the service seven years.

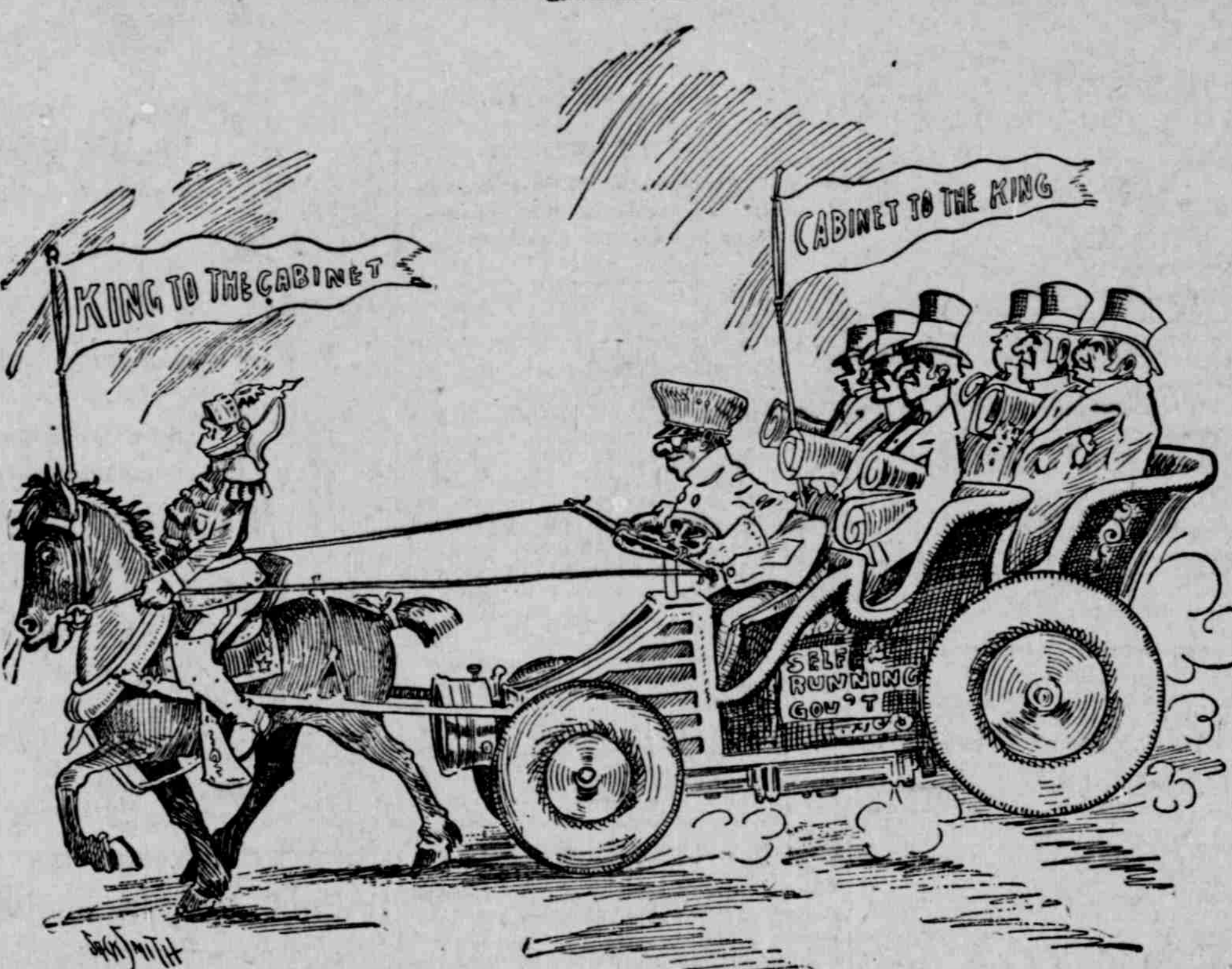
METCALF AN IOWAN.

Mr. Metcalf originally was appointed from Iowa and has been in the postal service since 1882. During his administration of the office the money order system has

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A REPUBLIC WITH A KING AT ITS HEAD.

There seems to be something incongruously superfluous in the make-up of the new Serbian government.



ANXIETY AT JACKSON

APPROXIMATION INCREASES AS END OF THE TRIAL APPROACHES.

Arguments Are Not Yet Finished and the Cases of Jett and White Will Not Go to the Jury Before Noon.

MARCUM'S IMPRESSIVE PLEA

BROTHER OF THE MURDERED LAWYER MAKES A STRONG SPEECH.

Mrs. Ewen's Life Said to Be in Danger—Judge Tarvin's Fervent Speech to the Kentucky Elks.

JACKSON, Ky., June 17.—The arguments in the cases of Curtis Jett and Thomas White, on trial for the murder of J. B. Marcum, were not concluded when court adjourned late to-night and the case will not get to the jury until to-morrow noon. It is impossible to describe the anxiety here as to how long the jury will continue its deliberations and as to its finding. The preponderance of opinion still seems to be that the death penalty will not be given and that the jury is likely to acquit.

There was more expression of opinion to-day than on previous days, as the people were attracted much more by the eloquence of the attorneys than by the statements of witnesses. The day for the pleadings or arguments is the one that attracts the people from the surrounding country to town here when court is in session. It was like a circus day. One of the curiosities of the day was the dark spot on the courthouse floor where the stain of Marcum's blood is still visible. The spot in front of the courthouse where Town Marshall Cockrell was shot dead and the places where other feudists were killed were pointed out to the throngs of visitors. In the audience in the courtroom as the entered and emerged from it, were pointed out the mothers and other relatives of the prisoners and also of the leading feudists. Many gratified their curiosity by gazing at Mrs. Marcum, Mrs. Cox and the widow of many other victims of the feud who were present to hear the final pleadings. It was stated by residents who were well acquainted with the people here that there were at least a score of widows present to-day of feud victims and that they represented only a small part of the bereavement of the country from such causes.

One of the features of the programme was the giving of the lie in court while Judge French was making the opening argument for the defense. Two lawyers were kept from getting to blows by officers of the court rushing between them. No one was allowed in the courtroom with weapons.

MARCUM WAS IMPRESSIVE.

After Judge Redwine threatened to send one of the attorneys to jail for contempt and reprimanded another for using unbecoming language, the proceedings continued during the day without any disturbance while Attorneys O'Neal and Golden, for the defense, and Hurst and Marcum, for the prosecution, made their arguments. The argument of Thomas Marcum, a brother of the victim, surrounded by the widow and the orphan of his brother and by the widows and orphans of other victims of the feud, was delivered under the most impressive circumstances. Tears were frequent and the most touching scenes were of common occurrence during the day.

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RESIDENTS BUY LEASE

THERE WILL BE NO AUTO STATION ON EAST VERMONT STREET.

John C. Wright, E. F. Claypool and Others Will Purchase Holding of Indiana Automobile Company.

HANDSOME PRICE TO BE PAID

DEAL WILL BE CONCLUDED TO-DAY BY PARTIES INTERESTED.

Automobile Company Will Seek Another Site for Proposed Station—Status of Ordinance.

There will be no automobile station erected on East Vermont street, opposite University Park. John C. Wright, E. F. Claypool and others, who declared that the value of their properties in the neighborhood would be injured by the erection of a repair and supply station for autos, have decided to buy the lot and the lease of the Indiana Automobile Company. The price to be paid is a handsome one.

John B. Cockrum, who is one of the big stockholders in the Indiana Automobile Company, was seen last night and refused to either deny or confirm the report that a deal had been consummated between the wealthy property owners and the company. It is known, however, that the deal will be concluded to-day, and that the Indiana Automobile Company will seek other quarters for the auto station.

The fight that developed between the property owners on the one side and the company on the other resulted last Monday night in the introduction of an ordinance in Council forbidding the erection of a station for the repair or care of automobiles on any street where the majority of the property owners were unwilling. A district bounded by New York street on the north, Alabama street on the east, Georgia street on the south and Senate avenue on the west was exempted from its provisions. The ordinance may be amended to include the district where the automobile company has made its headquarters.

The company has secured a building permit for the erection of the station on East Vermont street. The permit will be canceled and the company will make arrangements to build on another street. Mr. Cockrum refused last night to discuss the plan of the company as regards a new site.

BIG TRACTION COMPANY.

Louisville & Southern Indiana Has a Capital of \$5,000,000.

The Louisville & Southern Indiana Traction Company is the latest extensive corporation to file articles with the secretary of State. The capital stock is \$5,000,000, of which \$2,000,000 is to be common stock. The business of the company is to be located in the cities of Jeffersonville and New Albany, and it is the intention to construct a line between these two cities, and, if desired, the plan is found to be expedient, to build lines into and through the counties of Scott, Jefferson, Jackson, Harrison, Henry, Washington, Crawford and Orange. The central office of the company will be in New Albany. The directors are Samuel Insull, James W. Dugan, R. W. Waite, J. F. Stratton and J. O. English.

The Monroeville Home Telephone Company has increased its capital stock from \$10,000 to \$25,000 and has filed notice of the increase with the secretary of state.

ENGINEER BADLY SCALDED

Thomas Duffee Injured in Freight Wreck at Romona.

Local freight No. 75, on the Indianapolis & Vincennes road, had an accident about 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon near Romona, in Owen county, when the engine was turned over into a ditch and Thomas Duffee, 414 Wolcott street, the engineer, was badly scalded about the arms and limbs. He was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital and was resting well at a late hour last night. It is not thought he is seriously burned. Dr. Crockett, of the City Dispensary, attended the man.

The cause of the wreck was on account of new rails, which were not safe. The engine was overturned. Trains were delayed about two hours, but there were no serious results besides the injury of Duffee. Romona is about forty-eight miles from Indianapolis. It will take until this afternoon to get the engine back on the track.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

Dewey and His Cowboys Must Answer the Charge of Murder.

ST. FRANCIS, Kan., June 17.—Chauncey Dewey, Clyde Wilson and W. J. McBride, charged with the murder of the Berry family two weeks ago, were this evening bound over to the next session of the District Court without bail. They will be taken early to-morrow morning to Goodland, where they will await trial. They will be escorted across the country to Goodland by the Osborne militia company, which has been guarding them since their arrest. Sheriff McCullough thinks he can protect his prisoners if the militia helps him take them to the jail at Goodland, in spite of the threats made by the settlers.

R. A. AMMON CONVICTED

LAWYER WHO ADVISED "520 PER CENT." MILLER TO FLEE.

And Who Is Alleged to Have Feloniously Received Stolen Money, the Franklin Syndicate Funds.

NEW YORK, June 17.—Robert A. Ammon was convicted to-day of feloniously receiving stolen money, the proceeds of the \$20 per cent. Franklin syndicate. The amount specifically stated in the indictment was \$30,500. The jury was out just fifty-one minutes. Ammon took the verdict nonchalantly. Just before he was taken to his cell he said: "Well, I've got as much nerve with me as Miller had."

Ammon's counsel made the usual motions for a reversal of judgment and a new trial. Judge Newburger promptly denied them and announced that sentence would be pronounced on June 28. The penalty may be imprisonment in the penitentiary for not less than one year or more than five, or a fine of \$250 and imprisonment in the city jail for six months, at the discretion of the court.

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TALBOT NOW HEAD CONSUL

J. G. Johnson, of Kansas, Gets Out of the Way of Bryan's Former Law Partner.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

9:30 a. m.—Convention session Head Camp at Tomlinson Hall.
Afternoon—Biennial parade. Woodmen Foresters of the World, with this line of march: From Camp Reece the column will move west on south side of Washington street to a point west of the Capitol, then counter-march on the north side of Washington street to Meridian street, north on Meridian (around the west side of the monument) to Vermont, east to Pennsylvania, south to Ohio, west to Meridian, south (around the east side of the monument) to Washington, east on the north side of Washington street past the reviewing stand at the courthouse.
Evening—Military ball at Tomlinson Hall.

MICHAEL C. STALEY DEAD

FOR THIRTY YEARS A WELL-KNOWN SOUTH SIDE DRUGGIST.

He Was in One Store, at Virginia Avenue and McCarty Street, for Twenty Years.

Michael C. Staley, for thirty years a well-known druggist of the South Side, died at 10:30 o'clock last night at his home, No. 732 East Washington street. He was about one year of age. His death was the result of an attack of apoplexy which came upon him last Sunday evening while he was visiting friends on East street.

For twenty years Mr. Staley was in the drug business in one location, Virginia avenue and McCarty street. He retired from business about a year ago. He was a member of the Order of Odd Fellows and of the Knights of Pythias. His widow and a daughter survive him. The arrangements for the funeral will be announced later.

JAMES M. BRENNAN DEAD.

James M. Brennan, a well-known plumber, died last night at 8:30 o'clock at the family residence, 303 North Capitol avenue. The arrangements for the funeral will be announced later.

BLOOD RAN IN RIVULETS

YOUNG POLISH JEWS BEATEN MERCILESSLY BY COSSACKS.

Ten Killed and One Hundred Seriously Wounded Because They Paraded the Streets.

BERLIN, June 17.—The Tageblatt to-day, in mail advices from Lodz, Russian Poland, gives an account of disturbances there on Monday last. About 5,000 young workmen, Jews, paraded the streets in an orderly manner, but as a Socialist demonstration. The police, in view of the number of those engaged, called on the Cossacks for assistance and then the police and Cossacks charged the workmen, beating them with the flat of their swords and with the bayonets and mercilessly continuing the beatings after a number of the men had been arrested and were helpless, and further beating them when the prisoners were taken into the police station, where, according to the mail advices, "blood ran in rivulets."

It is reported that ten young men were beaten to death, and that of the 100 who were arrested, all were seriously wounded. Surgeons worked for five hours sewing up wounds after the fury of the police had been spent.

NOTORIOUS JEWELER ATTACKED.

ST. PETERSBURG, June 17.—Kroushin, a notorious Jew bailer and editor of the anti-Semitic organ in Kishineff, Besarabia, articles in which are believed to have been largely responsible for the massacre of the Jews in Kishineff, was attacked by a mob of Jews and was severely injured. He was taken to the hospital and is expected to recover.

ST. PETERSBURG to-day. He was stabbed in the neck by one of the Jews. The wound is not serious. He was taken to the hospital and is expected to recover. He was a former student of the polytechnic school at Kien.

CITY DADS UNDER ARREST

When Mr. Northcott, chairman of the session, announced yesterday morning that nominations were in order Delegate Pratt, of Nebraska, placed in nomination A. R. Talbot, of Lincoln, Neb., for head consul. Mr. Pratt said:

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ADMINISTRATION SLATE

IT SLIPS THROUGH WOODMEN CONVENTION AS IF OILED.

Head Clerk Hawes Unanimously Re-Elected and All the Other Selections Made.

BIG CITIES ARE ADMITTED

ACTION WILL ADD LARGELY TO WOODMEN MEMBERSHIP.

Delegates and Visiting Woodmen Witness Degree Work at Tomlinson Hall in Evening.

J. G. Johnson, the leader of the party in opposition to the administration faction in the Head Camp, Modern Woodmen of America, saved himself further humiliation and defeat yesterday in the convention by withdrawing from the race for head consul. With the retirement of Johnson all the Johnson anti-administration party lay down, and the administration ticket, led by A. R. Talbot, candidate for head consul, was unanimously elected. Following are the officers elected:

Head Consul—A. R. Talbot, Lincoln, Neb.
Head Adviser—Dan B. Horne, Davenport, Ia.
Head Clerk—Charles W. Hawes, Rock Island, Ill.
Head Banker—A. N. Bort, Beloit, Wis.
Head Chaplain—Rev. W. H. Gardner, Providence, R. I.
Head Escort—C. D. Elliott, Seattle, Wash.
Head Watchman—W. E. Beachley, Hagerstown, Ind.
Head Sentry—George W. Bowman, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Directors—W. R. Kelly, Danville, Ill.; Col. C. G. Saunders, Council Bluffs, Ia.; R. R. Smith, Missouri; E. E. Murphy, Leavenworth, Kan.; Charles J. Byrnes, Michigan; Board of Auditors—Louis W. Otto, Crawfordville, Ind.; F. W. Parrott, Clay Center, Kan.; John Deane, Clinton, Mo.; Charles J. Byrnes, Mich.; and E. B. Thomas, Columbus, O.

The standing committee will be appointed by the new head consul within a month.

SLATE GOES THROUGH.

The election was a cut-and-dried slate affair from start to finish. There was opposition to Head Consul Talbot before the election, and other candidates on the North-east, or administration, side. It is true, but their race was a hopeless one, and it was practically certain two days before the election that none but the administration candidates would be elected.

Although Lieutenant Governor Northcott, of Illinois, stepped out from his office as head consul and did not seek re-election, the election yesterday shows re-election, that he is just as much master of the central organization of the Modern Woodmen of America as he has ever been.

Mr. Northcott has been the real "boss" of the Head Camp for a long time, and the election of Head Consul Talbot and the other administration candidates shows that he will continue to manage the Head Camp just as much as though he was re-elected head consul.

In carrying out their plan of opposing everything the administration faction proposed the Johnson faction received further humiliation yesterday by supporting the movement to have the rate readjustment question considered before officers were elected. A vote by States on the proposition to have consideration of rate readjustment was taken, and the result showed for and 239 votes against it. All the votes cast in favor of the rate readjustment question being considered first were those of the Johnson faction. The rate readjustment question will come up to-morrow.

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