FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1903. SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

CONVENTION CITY NOT YET SELECTED

Republican National Committee Holds Initial Meeting Preparatory to Campaign of 1904.

Sepator Hanna Says All of Interest To the Party Centers in the Word "Success."

STAND PAT UPON THE PRINCIPLES

Chicago and St. Louis Both Have Headquarters in Same Hotel As the Committee.

Washington, Dec. 11 .- The Republican national committee today at the Arlington hotel began its initial meeting preparatory to the presidential campaign of 1904. The committee. which was called to order by Chairman Hanna, represented every state and territory, either by the regular member or proxy except Hawaii.

The principal business to be transacted is the selection of the time and place for holding the next Republican national convention. Neither of these questions was discussed at the meet-

ng today. When 8 Senator Hanna called the meeting to order he was greeted with a round of applause. He expressed round of applause. He expressed briefly his thanks to the committee for the work in the campaign of 1900, say-

I desire to improve this opportunity to thank the members of this commitation in the campaign for which ser-vice they were chosen by the conven-

"From a personal standpoint it is a pleasure for me to make this acknowledgement of unanimous support on the edgement of unanimous support on the part of this committee in this campaign. Those of you who may be unfortunate enough to be chosen again will have had that experience.

"All of interest to the Republican party that centers in this meeting can be told in one word, that is 'success."

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And all that is necessary to bring about that result is to stand pat upon the principles and policies of that

This statement was greeted with hearty applause. Chairman Hanna explained that the meetings of the committee would be public except at the meeting tomorrow when balloting for a place to hold the next convention duld take place. A tribute was paid to the late George

of Milwaukee, sergeant-at rms of the committee. Perry S. Heath, the secretary, read the meeting, stating its

purpose. A number of communications re then presented, including one from the National Republican league, asking for an opportunity to be heard on the question of some plan of co-operation between the league and the national committee. In the last campaign the league was supplied with funds and literature, and this plan is favored the chairman of the fourth congression-

the chairman of the Fourth congressional district in Mississippi, asking that the call for the national con-vention be so worded that the delegates from that state can be elected according to the law, which provides that delegates must be elected at state conventions instead of by districts. Another communication was received from S. R. Palmer, of Porto Rico, representing the American Federal party and related its association with th Republican party. It was stated that as long as Porto Rico was governed by the Foraker act, it could not be connected with the politics of the United States as Porto Ricans were not recognized as citizens of the United A communication was received from E. H. Deas and others South Carolina, protesting against the appointment of John G. Capers as a member of the national committee of that state.

It asserted that Capers was not a resident of South Carolina. These com-munications and others of minor importance were referred to the executive session of the committee.

Both Chicago and St. Louis, rival

cities for the convention, are maintaining headquarters in the hotel. The time and place will be taken up tomorrow when the various city delegations will be given an opportunity

ien. Brayton announced that while he had intended to present a resolu-tion regulating the basis of member-ahip to the national convention, he had since arriving in Washington been in-formed that it would be inopportune to bring up the question at this time. Hanna, in outlining the program of the committee's sessions said the committee would go in a body to the White House at 2 o'clock "to pay our respects to the president of the United States." This, he said, would close the proceedings for the day

### MURDERER ESCAPES.

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Spokane, Wash., Dec. II.—A special to the Chronicle states that Ernest Cashel, sentenced to death for murder, made a daring and successful attempt to escape from the mounted police barracks at Caleary, N. W. T., last night.

When his cell was searched shortly after 6 o'clock Cashel pulled two revolvers on three guards and ordered them into the cell just variated. He locked the door and demanded the keys for his shackles, which he unlocked. He then made his escape from the building.

John Cashel, a brother of the murderer, who visited the barracks in the afterneon, has been arrested on suspicion of having furnished Ernest with the revolvers.

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Cashel was to have been hanged Tuesday next. He is 21 years old. He has not yet been recaptured.

#### MRS. YOUNG BETTER.

The condition of Mrs. Young, wife of Captain Bryant Young of the fire department, who has been so dangerously ill for several weeks, is reported to be on the road to rapid recovery. Her physician, Dr. Witcher, says she is practically out of danger now, and unless some unforeseen condition arises, she will be able to have her sick bed in a short time.

# FROM COAL CAMPS

Deseret News Receives a Number Of Letters From Employes And Guards.

#### ALL THE STATES REPRESENTED. BIG INUNDATION OF DENIALS.

Somebody in Carbon County Apparently Has Been Misrepresenting Things Generally All Along the Line.

During the past week the Deseret News has received a great many letters from men employed in various capacities in the coal camps of the Utah Fuel company. It would be impossible to reporduce them all. With but few exceptions the communications received go over the same ground. None of the letters make any specific charges against the coal company-almost all set forth that the corporation is just and fair in its treatment of its employ-

The only communications that have reached the "News" the other side of the fence" come in form of denials of statements made by nwspaper correpondents and other reputable persons. In this connection it is interesting to note that the subjoined dispatch came over the wire from Scofield at 9.38 this morning despite the bad weather pre-vailing, which condition has been as-signed heretofore as the cause of the "News dispatches from its special cor-respondent at Scofield being invariable delivered late in the afternoon, after the paper has gone to press, or the next morning, 24 hours late

#### THE BAKKALA INCIDENT.

"Our attention has just been called to certain statements alleged to have been made by one Edler, to the effect that guards have takn coal from Albert Bakkala, which he has paid for, and also that Albert Aho was chased from his boardinghouse by guards. We denounce both statements as most dam-nable falsehoods without a particle of truth in either of them. We are strikbut by no means approve of such

methods to ald our cause.
"ALBERT BAKKALA,
"ALBERT AHO."

WHAT STRIKERS SAY.

The second communication is signed by D. Wilson and another. These two gentlemen state that they are strikers at Sunnyside and desire to take issue with Hon. William Howard of Hunting-ton relative to some statements made by him in a communication to the "News" last week. The gist of the letter is summed up in the following para-

"It is \$1 to join our union and 50 cents per month for dues, which no working man should refuse to pay. The miners in this town have all joined the union with a few exceptions, as there are only about 30 experienced miners working in Sunnyside. This shows that the miners regard the union as their best friend and protector. We informed Mr. Howard personally that it was \$1 to join our union; and how he could say it was \$15 is beyond our compresay it was \$10 is beyond our comprehension. The miners of Sunnyside are good citizens, and they also pay their, taxes in full, which Mr. Howard claims they do not pay. Mr. Howard says the miners are lawless. As an illustration I will state: If you are a striker and enter the company's store to purchase enter the company's store to purchase goods you are ejected by the company's hirelings and their rifles. That is how the law is dealt out to citizens here

in Sunnyside. For the other side the writers prefer to be protected by a nom de plume, with two exceptions. They are W. C. A. Smoot, armed guard at Clear Creek and former death watch over Mortensen at the state prison, and J. M.

#### Paylick of Sunnyside. EXPERIENCED MINERS.

The last named apparently has had an uncomfortable time at Sunnyside since his interview appeared in "News" of Tuesday evening last. says, however, that the statement he made to the "News" was correct but wishes added that he was treated in Washington state where he was a miner equally as well as he is here by the Utah Fuel company, and that experience in the mines at Walsen-burg, Colo., was that wages there were 15 per cent lower than in Utah. He characterizes the statement of Demolli to the effect that farmers are now being employed by the Utah Coal com-pany as being false. He affirms that the men now being shipped in are exthe men now being snipped in are ex-perienced miners who have worked in the mines before. The company, he says, are hiring none but practical min-ers. He asks an explanation for the reason why the Latter-day Saints em-ployed at the mines are perfectly satisfied with conditions there, while it is the foreigners who are discontented. He affirms that the foreigners cannot make good wages for the reason that a number of them are inexperienced and cites cases where he had to show them how to go about their work during the time he was employed as roof inspector at Castle Gate. "I do not say nspector at Castle Gate. anything against those who know how to mine coal," he concludes, "but the public cannot expect inexperienced men to earn good wages."

#### SMOOT DENIES.

Deputy Sheriff Smoot's arraignment Deputy Sheriff Smoot's arraignment comes in the form of a general deniel of reports that have emanated from Clear Creek. He also throws a side light on the incident of the armed guards calling at each house in the camp every morning. His letter in wart is as follows:

"I have noticed in every issue of the daily papers of Salt Lake City since beginning of the coal trouble in Carbon county, mean, insinuating and untruthful statements concerning the acts of deputy sheriffs in the various amps of the strikers. I am not thon camps of the strikers. I am not thoroughly posted as to the work of the deputies at Castle Gate, Sunnyside or Scofield, but so far as my work as a deputy and those associated with me at Clear Creek is concerned, I wish to state, that the statements made to to state, that the statements made to the governor by State Organizer John Thal, W. R. Lewis. Demoili and his at-torney, J. B. Edler, as appeared in the Salt Lake Herald of the 5th inst, are untrue, and are stated for the sole purpose of creating sympathy for the strikers and to prejudice the communi-ty against the coal company. We do not look for the strikers and their sympa-thizers to tell the truth about us; but thizers to tell the truth about us; but we did expect better treatment at the hands of the morning dailies of Salt Lake, especially the Herald in its editorial of the 8th Inst, when it brands (with one or two exceptions) the depu-

#### WAR WITH GERMANY

Major General MacArthur Anticipates One Between That Country and the United States in the Near Future—Such a Strain Will be Put Upon the Monroe Doctrine That a Conflict Will be Inevitable.

Honolulu, Dec. 10.-Maj. Gen. MacArthur, during the military conference, sail that in all probability war will take place between the United States and Germany in the near future, which makes the Hawajian national guard of national importance. The Pan-German doctrine is growing among German-Americans, few of whom volunteered in the war with Spain. He believes that German interests are growing to such an extent in South America that the strain upon the Monroe doctrine will eventually result in a conflict. Hawaii being a strategic point no nation, he says, will make any attempt upon the shore line of the Pacific states until the capture of the Hawaiian islands had been effected. This statement of Maj. Gen. MacArthur's has just been made public through the report of Col. Jones to Gov. Carter.

Col. Jones said he took no notes of his conversation with Gen. MacArthur, and that his report was made from his memory. The conversation occurred during a social call which he and Col. Soper of the national guard made on Gen. MacArthur.

Maj.-Gen. MacArthur, who is still in Honolulu, having been here the past two weeks studying the military situation of the territory, stated to a representative of the Associated Press today that the report of Col. Jones does not correctly represent his views in any particular and utterly misrepresents them in some.

Col. Jones said his report to Gov. Carter was based solely on social conversations he had had with Maj.-Gen. MacArthur, and that he only reported his expressions in substance with a view of impressing Gov. Carter with the need of strengthening the isolated island from a military standpoint.

Col. Jones' report quotes Gen. MacArthur as saying that the Pan-Germanic doctrine which is being spread throughout the world is being fostered by the imperial government in every possible way. It is strong and getting stronger wherever German people settle, even among Germans who have been citizens of the United States

"characteriess, adventurers having no knowledge whatever of any legal rights of the citizens; a lot of thughs, etc., etc. Now I will venture to say, that taking the one or two exceptions mentioned by the Herald, as such bad citizens unworthy the badge they wear and the county they represent are men who love, and will tell sent, are men who love, and will tell

sent, are men who love, and will ten the truth.

"The statement made by one W. B. Kennedy of Scofield, that a union man is told to go to hell when he asks a deputy for protection, is a wilful mis-statement of the truth, and he knows it. His symapthy for a lot of mal-contents gets away with his better judgment and he makes an ass of him-self.

self.

"Now as to the statement, or rather report of John Thal, as to the condition of the miners. He says that financially they are bad. This may be true of the strikers, but not so with the miners who are willing to work and satisfied with good wages. Those who are now suffering have only themselves, and their paid walking delegates to blame for their condition. That union men are intimidated, frightened, and ill-treated by the deputies is another untruth, and manufactured out of whole cloth.

#### EVERY HOUSE VISITED.

"It is true, however, that at 5 a. m. every morning a few deputies with a detail of the militia visit every-house in the camp, knock at the door and ask the men if they wish to go to work. This is done to protect the miners who want to work and to serve notice to the strikers that they must not interfere. Were this not done non-union men would be afraid to go to the pit in the early morning for fear of being assassinated by some of their neighbors. But it is not true that they go into their houses and roughly handle the their houses and roughly handle the miners. We awake them all, and if they wish to go to work we guard them to the mine, and see them safely inside.
Then the entrance to the mine is
guarded all day to prevent evilly disposed persons from entering the mine. Had John Thal drank less "Dago Red Eye" while investigating conditions

Eye" while investigating conditions in Carbon county, his report might have been more truthful.

"Last Sunday a car containing 60 five gallon barrels of claret and other wines came into Clear Creek and was distributed among the striking miners (surely their condition cannot be very distressing as stated by walking delegate Thal. Fancy 3,000 gallons of wine divided up among about 150 strikers in a camp like Clear Creek, then get out and patrol the narrow paths leading to and patrol the narrow paths leading to their shacks on the mountain sides and hear their songs and threats, overbur dened with the sentiment of what they will do when they win the strike, and hear Demolli proclaimed king over the coal company!

"Companies A and D of the state militia, with Maj. Haywood in command, are stationed at this point, and their influence has done much to keep down influence has done much to keep that riot and prevent bloodshed, yet they have been subjected to insulting remarks and have witnessed the strikers parade before their doors with a gun in one hand and a big knife in the other, in defiance of law and orthe Cameany A was drawn up in der. Company A was drawn up in line before the Italian quarters only yesterday ready to move, while myself and Mr. W. Clawson notified the strik-ers that such exhibitions as that would not be tolerated again. This is only one incident out of many that occur daily that might be cited, going to show what we have to meet every from the strikers, the great majority of whom are not even citizens of the United States nor speak our language."

#### AS TO VENTILATION.

State Mine Inspector Gomer Thomas extends an invitation to the strikers camps to visit his office and there inspect maps in his possession of the underground workings of the mines in that section, and ascertain for themselves whether or not the ventilation is not all that could be desired, or asked for. Mr. Thomas is emphatic in his declaration that there are no better ventilated mines anywhere and says that the charges of the strikers and those of their lik are wholly with out foundation and are made only to stir up strife.

#### SCANDINAVIAN REUNION.

About 400 Scandinavian Saints assembled last night in the Fourteenth ward hall to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the Christiania branch of the Church, with Patriarch C. C. A. Christensen as the honored guest. The house was beautifully decorated with flags, bunting and potted plants and an excellent program was rendered, the same consisting of an historical sketch by Bishop Berg of Prover musical number by Prof. Wil-Provo; musical number by Prof. Willard Weihe, assisted by Prof. McClellard Weihe, assisted by Prof. McClei-lan; selections by the choir and quar-tet, and addresses by President Anthon H. Lund, Elder Anderson of Ogden, Judge C. M. Nielsen, Elder J. M. Sjo-dahl and others. Patriarch Christen-sen was presented by President Lund with a beautiful oil painting of himself, and responded in fitting terms to the presentation. After the program Norwegian games were indulged in and on dispersing those present were a unit in the sentiment that it was one of the best of such gatherings they had ever

# THREE STRIKERS WERE ARRESTED.

David Wilson, One of the Leaders At Sunnyside, Gathered In Today.

#### TALKED BACK TO LIEUTENANT.

Militia Then Took Him Along to the Cooler-Two Others Join Him In Jail.

(Special to the "News.") Sunnyside, Dec. 11.-This morning it was evident that the strikers were from this time on to be given to understand that they must respect the law and comply with the orders that have been issued. Bright and early two men were arrested in the persons of William Charro and Ralph Scalzo. The charge in each case was trespass and intimidation. Shortly ofterwards David Wilson, one of the strike leaders, was gathered in by the militia. Wilson was haranguing a crowd when he was called on to move on. Instead of the crowd dispersing Wilson undertook to talk back to Lieut. Kneass. The officer signed to some of the men and the next minute Wilson was under arrest. He was turned over to Capt. Eslinger of Salt Lake, who is in charge of the deputies here. Wilson was thrown into the cooler. The time for his trial will be set this afternoon probably.

There are 213 miners at work today, while five new men have arrived from Emery county. The coal dumped yesterday amounted to 816 tons.

#### RECOVERING RAPIDLY.

Good News Received Concerning Elder J. W. Fitzgerald.

It will be remembered that Elder J. W. Fitzgerald, one of the presidency of the Jordan stake and a leading citizen of Draper, was seriously injured by a fractious colt, in the early part of August last, Mrs. Fitzgerald now writes Attorney R. W. Young from Portland, Or., that her husband has recovered, his health being such that after a few weeks of recuperation, and incidental sight seeing on the coast, he will return home in condition to take up his affairs; this will be most pleasing news to the many friends of Elder Fitzgerald.

#### SNOW TONIGHT.

The second snowstorm of the season set n this morning notwithstanding the fact that pleasant weather was expected, and t has been either snowing or threatening to snow all day. The same conditions are now predicted for tonight and tomorrow. Moderately low temperatures have prevailed; but it will be colder

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

Articles of incorporation of the Knights of Columbus association of this city were filed in the county clerk's office today. Its capital stock is \$3,000, divided into shares of the par value of \$10 each. W. P. O'Meara is president; George Jay Hibson, vice president; E. F. Stolzenberger, secretary; J. B. Cosgriff, treasurer.

#### GEN. M'ARTHUR'S TALK.

Secy. Root Does Not Deem Action

By Him Necessary. Washington, Dec. 11.-The statements attributed to Gen. MacArthur, as contained in last night's dispatches from Honolulu in which he is alleged to have predicted war in the immediate future between the United States and Germany, have come to the notice of Secy. Root. In an interview with the Associated Press representative today the secretary said the only information he had on the subject was what he had seen in the papers. He did not regard it as a case calling for action by him, inasmuch as the dispatch quoted Gen. MacArthur as saying that the statements in Col. Jones' report to Gov. Carter did not correctly represent | antly adopted them,

### his views in any particular and utterly misrepresented them in some Secy. Root made the assertion that remarks of this kind in private conremarks of this kind in private conversation would not necessarily shield an officer from the requirements of an explanation, but he says that Gen. MacArthur's denial carries with it the weight of an explanation. He therefore would take no action in the matter.

Senator Clark Improving. New York, Dec. 11.—United States Senator William A. Clark was somewhat improved today and his condition is reported as most favorable.

#### Brutality in German Army.

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Berlin, Dec. 11.—In the reichstag today War Minister Von Einem entered earnestly into the charges of brutality and immorality brought against German army officers, without attempting to exculpate them. He admitted there had been abuses and declared the army administration was determined to correct them so far as possible. Nobody regretted the evils more than Emperor William, who never lost an opportunity to impress the seriousness of the offenses that had been brought to light.

Regarding the brutalities, the minister declared that such indicents were not wholly inexplicable. There was the bad private soldier as well as the Lad sergeant, and the bad private was largely responsible for the whole difficulty, "succeeding by the most devillish lingenuity to so embitter the non-commissioned officers that the latter finally vented their anger upon the weaklings."

Report on Guantanamo. Wahington, Dec. II.—The joint army and navy board, which recently visited the United States naval stations at Guantanamo and Bahia Honda, Cuba, has reported that it will be at least a year before either of these stations will be ready for a coast artillery force. In view of this report, the war department has determined to withdraw the artillery companies now at Havana and Santiago and keep them in the United States until such time as they are needed at the maxal stations. The companies at Santiago are the Seventeenth and Nineteenth and at Havana the Twentleth and Twenty-second.

#### Seven People Burned.

Pittsburg, Dec. 11.—Seven persons were seriously burned and a number of others sustained slight injuries today in a fire and explosion at Armstrong's cork factory, One man is missing. There were six bundred employes in the building when the fire was discovered and many of them parrowly escaped with their lives. Over narrowly escaped with their lives. 100 girls were carried by the polic firemen down ladders from the s story.

#### Jesse D. Carr Dead.

Salinas, Cal., Dec. 11.—Jesse D. Carr, the well known California pioneer, politician and millionaire land owner, died today at his home here, aged 69 years. He suddenly collapsed last Sunday evening and had been unconscious since Monday. He passed away while apparently asleen.

### ON THE ISTHMUS.

Junta is Preparing to Call a Convention. Panama, Dec. II.-The principal work

of a political nature now occupying the attention of the junta consists in preparations to call a convention and to proced with the election of members of the nouse of representatives, etc. Efforts are being made to hold the convention Feb. b, three months after the declaration of the independence of Panama. Frederico Boyd, who recently went to the United States as a member of the special Panama commission, has resumed his place on the junta, Senor Espinosa, who was temporarily appointed a member of the junta ratising

unta, retiring. Several of the Panaman scouting par-

Several of the Panaman scouting parties have already left here and others will leave Panama shortly to watch the movements of the Colombians. No reports have yet been received from the parties in the field and there is no news tending to confirm the report from La Guayra of the landing of the Colombian troops at the mouth of Attrato river.

A Panaman guuboat and a United States gunboat have proceeded together to David, near the western end of the isthmus of Panama, for the purpose of giving the people of that district evidence of the fact that the United States forces are co-operating with those of Panama in maintaining peace on the isthmus. The gunboats are expected to return here on Sunday.

#### German Armored Crusers. Berlin, Dec. 11.-The eight armored

cruisers that yet remain to be built under the naval program will approach battleships in tonnage, with corresponding increases in armor, gun power and steaming radius. The first of these has already been designed by the navy department and will be laid down immediately. The largest German cruiser in course of construction is the toon, which was launched at Kiel in She is under Technical writers, especially Lieut.-Gen. Count von Resnlow, have been urging the government to build cruisers as large as those of Great Britain, the United States and France with considerable coal capacity, the armored cruisers of the German navy having a limit-ed field of action and inferior armaments. The vessels of the new cruiser type will somewhat impair the homeogenity of the squadron and for this reason the navy department reluct-

# ARTHUR BROWN ARGUES MOTION.

Case Puts Up a Talk To Quash.

#### WITNESSES NOT QUESTIONED. THIS A FORECONE CONCLUSION.

Affirms That Magistrate Should Have First Interviewed Complaining Witness Prior to Issuing Warrant.

Further arguments on the motion to quash the information in the case of the state vs Arthur Brown, charged with adultery, were heard before Judge Morse this morning in the criminal division of the district court. Ex-Senator Brown closed his argument by citing and reading from a large number of authorities to show that the defects complained of in this case are fatal to the complaint. The principal grounds upon which he asks that the informa tion be quashed are that the complain-ing witness, nor any other witnesses, were not questioned by the magistrate before the complaint was issued as to their knowledge of the crime complained of, or as to whether or not any of-fense whatever had been committed, and that complaint was not sworn to before the magistrate as required by law, but was sworn to before a deputy clerk of the city court.

County Attorney Westervelt was ar-guing the motion in behalf of the state when a recess was taken until 2 o'clock. Mr. Westervelt contended that under section 4615 of the statutes the approval of the county attorney to the issu-ance of the complaint and warrant is sufficient without the examination of the complaining witness by the magis-The other objections of defend rate. ant, he claims, are merely formal and should not have been brought up at this time, but should have been made be-fore. District Attorney Eichner will fol-

(Special to the "News.")

Winter Quarters, Utah, Dec. 11 .- Attorney A. B. Edler was released today by agreement of the attorneys, after raiving the preliminary hearing promising to stop agitating and misrepresenting the facts concerning the officers of this county. He furnished a bond of \$1,000 for his appearance in the district court. The attorneys for the strikers then tried to persuade Justice Burrows to reduce the amount fixed for appeal bonds in cases of Lewis and Maronilli, who were recently sent to the county jail for vagrancy, but he refused to reduce the amount from \$300. The strikers' attorneys all went away on the noon train.

Tomorrow company D will remove from Clear Creek to Scofield and companies G, Provo, and H of Salt Lake will go to Castle Gate together with Gen, Cannon and staff, where head-quarters will be established.

#### MONTANA LEGISLATURE. Completed Its Work and Adjourns Sine Die.

Helena, Mont., Dec. 11.—The Montana legislature, convened in extraordinary ssion for the primary purpose of enacting a fair trial law, adjourned sine die today. It was Gov. Toole's prom-ise to call the extra session which resulted in the resumption of mining operations by the Amalgamated Copper company

The fair trial bills, which allow changes of venue in civil cases and provide for the review by the supreme law and other legislation were passed. An initiative and referendum bill was referred to by the governor in his mes.

#### Rathbone to Secy. Root.

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Washington, Dec. 11.—E. G. Rathbone has addressed a communication to Secy. Root inquiring if the recent request of the secretary to the senate committee on relations with Cuba to have printed the itemized account of receipts and expenditures of the military government of Cuba includes the accounts of Gen. Wood in Sablago from about July to December. 1898, inclusive, known as the "Wood '98 accounts' Maj. Rathbone states that the attention of the senate committee on military affairs was recently called to these accounts in a written communication by one of the auditing officers of Cuba, who attempted to audit them, and which he characterized as being in very bad shape. Maj. Rathbone adds that on Nov. 18 he requested the committee to subpoena the ex-auditing officer above referred to.

# SENATE COMMITTEE WILL INVESTIGATE.

FIFTY-THIRD YEAR.

Defendent in Notorious Adultery | Hearing in Case of Senator Smoot Will be Gone Into Thoroughly.

Chairman Burrows Believed to be Prejudiced and Imbued With Virus Of Anti-Mormonism.

#### POLYGAMY CHARGE WILL FAIL,

Dubois of Idaho is Very Bitter and Will in Large Measure Lead The Fight.

(Special to the "News.") Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.-Tomorrow morning the senate committee on privileges and elections will meet for the purpose of deciding whether or not it is necessary to consider the charges against Senator Smoot. This, however, is a perfunctory question; the decision is virtually rendered and there will be an inquiry. Senator Burrows of Michigan, chairman of the committee, who will act in the capacity of judge, seems to be thoroughly imbued with virus of anti-"Mormonism," and while it is possible that Senator Smoot may be able to convince the Michigan senator that he is neither a polygamist nor a traitor to the United States, the fact remains, that Burrows is a prejudiced judge. The general understanding today is that the committee will undertake to unveil the secrets of the "Mormon" Church. It is a foregone conclusion that the charge of polygamy against Mr. Smoot will fall.

Not a scintilla of evidence has thus far been produced which would indicate that been produced which would indicate that he has ever contracted more than one marriage. Consequently Senator Dubois and a host of attorneys, paid and voluntarily, have undertaken to prove that an Apostle of the "Mormon" Church is of necessity anti-American at heart, and will devote their energies to this task. So for a complete to this task. So far as can be ascer-tained the senators are not committed to any appreciable degree for or against

Certainly there will be no opposition to him on purely partisan grounds, and if he can demonstrate that he has taken no oath inimical to the United States as clearly as he has already proven his innocence of ny polygamous marriage, he will come out of the contest before the elections committe with as clear a title to a seat in the senate as is pos-sessed by any other senator.

The best informed papers here and in New York seem to agree that there is a growing coldness between President Roosevelt and Senator Hanna, and that the senator has definitely decided not to handle Roosevelt's campaign next year. It is no secret that the president's at-titude towards Perry S. Heath has had much to do with increasing the strain between them. Postmaster General Payne is leading the opposition to Mr. Heath. The New York Herald says: "Senator Hanna's friends in the naional committee have been incensed at the president for assuming that the administration had absolute control of the committee in advance of the next na-

tional convention. After the Bristow report had been pretty generally considered in official circles—but before it had been published by order of the president—Postmaster General Payne, who is vice chair-man of the national committee, again apporached members of the comwith the proposition that Mr. Heath should retire before the meeting of the committee. He wanted members to telegraph Mr. Heath not to come to the

meeting in Washington and suggesting that he resign at once.

These members of the committee resented the suggestion. They had confidence in Mr. Heath, who had solemnly informed them that the reflection on his honesty had been doctored by Fourth Assistant Pastmaster General Bristow, and that he could and would clear himself to the satisfaction of everybody. So it was decided that the members of the committee who were approached by Mr. Payne should renain as secretary until the meeting of

the next national convention.

Idaho pensions—David A. Post, \$6;

Adeline Behen, \$8; James Murphy, \$12;

William T. Root, \$10.

D. W. Standrod of Pocatello, member of the Republican National committee for Idaho, is unable to attend the meeting of the committee tomorrow and has sent a proxy to represent him.

The absence of Secy. Shaw delayed final action on the case of Woolley, assayer at Boise. The sceretary expected to take up the papers, all of which ave been filed upon his return to the city tomorrow.

Senator Smoot returned to Washing-ton yesterday. Mrs. Smoot will reach here tomorrow. Senator and Mrs. here tomorrow. Senator and Mrs. Smoot will go to Utah to spend the holiday recess

### Article By The First Presidency.

The Descret News is pleased to announce that the First Presidency of the Church has consented to contribute an article for the Christmas News. The subject of the article will be,

"The Church And Kingdom of God."