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# DESERT EVENING NEWS.

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## NON-PARTISANS MAY SWEEP BOARD.

Looks This Afternoon as Though "American's" Pelt is on The Barn Door.

## SCHOOL ELECTION IS QUIET.

From All Indications the Storm Starters Will Die Easy This Evening.

## FIGHT IS CENTERED IN FIFTH.

Where Two Non-Mormon Candidates Are Running For Office.

Despite the great pre-election flurry in certain quarters, from all indications the American party dies easy today. Election morning broke quiet and peaceful, and peaceful and quiet was the casting of ballots. There was little excitement or tense interest anywhere, except in the fifth precinct, where the American party is concentrating in an effort to elect Joseph Oberlander over Dr. G. B. Pfouts. As both are non-Mormons it is doubtful how the cry of ecclesiastical domination will affect the vote. The denizens of commercial street, and the divers adjacent alleys had not been brought out by the heebers up to noon, to cast their ballots for the purity of the school, and the elimination of ecclesiastical influence in the board of education. If any American party majority is rolled up it will be in this precinct. At noon today 150 votes had been cast. Precinct Chairman G. A. Sheets, of the American party, was on hand early this morning at the Thirteenth ward schoolhouse, where the business district of the precinct casts its vote with a small army of "outside checkers" and a number of carriages to send out the delinquent ones.

In the second precinct Redman, the American party candidate, was not in the running with Glasgow, and Fred Price, Precinct Chairman, of the American party, stated at noon that the non-partisan vote was coming in steadily and was piling up a good safe lead.

In the third precinct reports up to noon indicate that Doyle has a big lead, although the bulk of the votes are not yet in, and a heavy battle is looked for between noon and closing time. At voting in the fourth was quiet. Chairman of the precinct, Fred Price, where half the precinct votes, 150 ballots had been cast by noon. Nearly all of these were for Thomas and Edwards. It now looks as if fraudulently would pull an overwhelming majority.

**FRAUD IN THE SECOND.** Indicative of the methods employed in the interest of the American candidate in the second precinct some distinctly noted discoveries were made in Districts 12, 13 and 14, 22, 23 and 24 this morning and promptly reported by E. E. Jenkins and Jesse Fox, Chairman of the precinct. The non-partisans in that precinct. According to the report some ingenious individual caused to be sent to the various polling places boxes of innocent appearing envelopes. Upon investigation it was found that each envelope contained a ballot for Redman printed on onion skin paper. The supposition on the part of Chairman Price was that it was the intention to use these envelopes so that the fraudulent contents would be overlooked in case the envelope already contained a vote for Redman, but on the other hand if a false ballot were in the envelope it would be "discovered" by the American judges and the vote indignantly thrown out, thus depriving Glasgow of a tally. Mr. Price ordered the envelopes destroyed, which was promptly done.

Reports from other precincts indicated that the non-partisans were in a safe lead.

## GILLESPIE MEN IN CASE.

Second Trial of Elizabeth Gillespie Begins Today.

Rising Sun, Dec. 7.—The second trial of Elizabeth Gillespie murder case began today. The trial was held in the district court. The persons named in the indictment are James Gillespie, his brother, and his wife, Mrs. Gillespie, who were charged with the murder of their son, John Gillespie, who was killed in the city of Salt Lake on December 1st, 1904.

## FRENCH PHYSICIAN DISCOVERS A CURE FOR PNEUMONIA.

New York, Dec. 7.—In a communication to the academy of medicine, a well known French physician has, according to the reports of the French correspondent, reported the discovery of the fact that certain metals, such as gold and silver, very finely subdivided and employed in infinitesimal doses, exercise a considerable effect on the vital phenomena.

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Story of the two cities told in pictures and paragraphs in the

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ration concludes, constitute the complete treatment of pneumonia, for complications and the predominance of certain symptoms necessitate accessory therapeutics, but great progress would appear to be made by this use.

## UNREST IN CHINA.

Is Anti-Dynastic and May Result in an Uprising.

New York, Dec. 7.—A state of evident anti-dynastic unrest, which is likely to culminate in an uprising, is reported to exist in the northern part of Honan and Shantung and the southern section of Chi-Li provinces, by a Herald correspondent at Tien Tsin, who has just finished a 1,000 mile journey through that part of China. The threatened uprising is not likely to be confined, but might spread to a majority of 15 provinces.

This morning a correspondent continues, is not Boxer fanaticism. It is widespread, well organized and well armed. Prominent and wealthy men are members of all the northern societies, controlled by a strong central authority with headquarters in south China. They are in close touch with the Koli head of the present rebellion in Kwang.

The Koli head was organized by soldiers after the Taping rebellion as a patriotic society. It now leads the anti-dynastic movement and includes among its members many soldiers from south of the Yangtze.

Among the alleged grievances are the indemnity tax, forced contributions to the imperial army and court and the sequestration of temple properties for public school.

Premature overt acts are more probable, the dispatch concludes, in Honan province. Strong government influence is evident in Chi-Li and Shantung.

## Domestic Cotton Goods Reduced.

New York, Dec. 7.—Sweeping reductions in domestic cotton goods, largely necessitated by the decline in the raw product, are reported to have been made here by the agents of several great New England mills. The cuts are likely to affect many grades, it is said, but the most noteworthy so far made, are in the bleached sheetings and certain grades of print goods.

In Aberdeen, the agents of the many large mills have reduced quotations from 4 to 1 cent a yard, with corresponding discounts based on the quantities purchased. The cuts reported are in standard 36 inch and 38 inch wide, unbleached cottons and gray goods have not thus far been affected.

Worth street, the center of the dry goods commission business, is filled with rumors of expected cuts by well known cotton commission houses to meet the reductions made by their competitors.

## Supplies in the Klondike.

Seattle, Dec. 7.—A special to the Post-Intelligencer from Valdez states that George M. Hill, Pete Erickson and Charles W. Bram have arrived with dog teams after having been 15 days on foot from Fairbanks. They are the first arrivals over the winter route.

All three of the men predict that not more than 100 men will come out this winter. They report their camp is in excellent condition and that supplies generally are plentiful but that prices are high. Peppers is selling for \$2 per pound and horse feed \$30 per ton.

## Takahira Recovers Slowly.

New York, Dec. 7.—Reports that show strides toward recovery from his recent operation by Japanese Minister K. Takahira, have caused uneasiness among the Japanese in politics. Mr. Takahira is still confined to the hotel in this city where he was stricken, but members of his suite say his recovery is progressing steadily and they hope to see him able to go about soon.

## STILL SERVING SMOOT SUBPOENAS

Witnesses Are Found at Sugar City, Ida., and at Provo City.

B. Y. U. PROFESSORS ON LIST.

Prest. G. H. Brimhall and Prof. J. E. Hickman Are Among Those Who Go to Washington.

The first contingent of witnesses summoned to Washington to testify in the Smoot investigation leaves tomorrow morning over the Union Pacific and will probably arrive at the Capitol on Sunday morning.

This morning Special United States Deputy Marshal Leonard went down to Provo and served subpoenas on President George H. Brimhall and Prof. J. E. Hickman of the Brigham Young University. As he was still at Provo this afternoon it is believed that he had more papers to serve there.

John Nicholson, recorder of the Temple, was served yesterday evening, by appointment, at 6 o'clock. His subpoena directs him to bring to Washington with him "all of the Temple records in his possession, or under his control, or of which he is in custody or over which he has any authority; pertaining to or in any manner relating to marriage ceremonies performed in the Endowment House and in the Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the city of Salt Lake City, Utah."

An appointment was made by Geo. Reynolds to meet Marshal Heywood tomorrow, when it is expected the subpoena on him will be served.

At Sugar City a deputy empowered by Marshal Heywood to serve subpoenas, succeeded in locating S. K. Newton, and Emma Johnson. Newton was wanted at the previous sitting of the committee, but was absent in Alaska at the time.

The work of serving subpoenas is continuing today, Marshal Heywood attending to the work himself.

## BRITISH NAVY.

Admiralty Will Soon Announce New Scheme of Distribution.

New York, Dec. 7.—The admiralty will issue in a few days according to a Times dispatch from London, a statement of its new scheme for the distribution of the vessels of the British navy.

The scheme contemplates the retirement of about 40 vessels which in the judgment of the admiralty, are of little value as warships. It also provides for the shifting about of useful vessels so that there shall be an adequate force in the various parts of the globe where it is thought that the British navy should be represented.

It is proposed, according to the correspondent, that a unique complement should be paid to the American government by practically ignoring the country in the distribution of ships. It is probable that only two vessels will be stationed on the whole North American coast, one in Atlantic and the other in the Pacific. There may be not more than two vessels in West Indian waters. An admiralty official is quoted as saying:

"While the relations between America and Great Britain remain as they are we do not need any warships over there. It would be a waste of money to keep any there."

## HOUSE PROCEEDINGS.

Went into Executive Session to Consider Message.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Upon the convening of the house today Mr. Bingham (Pa.), from the committee on appropriations reported the legislative, executive and judicial bill and gave notice that he would call the bill up for consideration tomorrow.

The house, on motion of Mr. Payne (N. Y.) went into committee of the whole for the purpose of referring certain portions of the president's message to the respective committees having jurisdiction of the several subjects.

As soon as this was done the house adjourned.

## BALLOT BOX OPENED.

Turned Over to Handwriting Experts to Report On.

Denver, Dec. 7.—The ballot box from precinct 6, ward 5, was opened today by order of the supreme court in the contempt proceedings against officials of that precinct, and its contents were turned over to two handwriting experts, who were directed to examine the ballots and report their findings to the court tomorrow. The court adjourned until tomorrow, rejecting the entire vote or predicting in which its injunctive order was violated.

## MENTAL ANGUISH.

Damages for That alone Cannot Be Recovered.

Lafayette, Ind., Dec. 7.—Judge Tuttle, in the superior court, has made a ruling that damages cannot be recovered for the mental anguish of a woman who was the victim of a rape. The case was brought by a woman who claimed that she had been raped by a man who was a member of the same family as the defendant.

## Tramp Steamer Held.

New York, Dec. 7.—The tramp steamer Caden which arrived today from Java, is held by the quarantine officials in the belief that cholera exists on the vessel. Six men of the crew died during the voyage. Five others are ill with what the steamer's officers pronounce to be beriberi. The deaths of two of the crew occurred at Suez after the doctor there had diagnosed their illness as cholera. The sickness has been among the Chinese members of the crew.

## Cartoonist Nelan Dead.

New York, Dec. 7.—The death of Charles Nelan, the cartoonist, at Cave Springs, Cal., aged 46 years, today, was announced.

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RELIEF FROM SMELTER SMOKE

President Daniel Guggenheim Says Expert Will Be Here to Pass On Question.

Another Plant For Valley.

As Soon as the Fumes Problem is Mastered Another Big Smelter Is to Go Up.

President Daniel Guggenheim of the American Smelting and Refining company, accompanied by a number of other officers of the company, is in Salt Lake. They have come west on a trip of inspection, and are spending today looking over the company's plant at Murray.

Mr. Guggenheim makes the significant announcement which is sure to be read with interest by the farmers in the valley, that as soon as the smelter operators can successfully handle the smoke problem and dispose of litigation at present pending due to smelter smoke, the company will erect another plant in Salt Lake valley.

President Guggenheim appears to be well acquainted with the local smelter problem, and with the plans now under way to work out a solution of it. He reaffirmed the announcements of Manly C. Channing of the Highland City Copper Company, president of the company, that the company will be in charge of investigations looking into the controlling of the smoke, and that nothing will be allowed to interfere with the progress of the work to satisfy farmers who have been injured.

The party of smelter operators will go from Salt Lake to Missouri, where the company has extensive lead interests, and then back to New York. It consists of the following:

Daniel Guggenheim, president of the American Smelting and Refining company; Murray Guggenheim and L. R. Guggenheim of New York; Willard S. Moore, the company's Mexican representative; Karl W. Hill, a Tooei and S. W. Eccles of New York.

## NAN PATTERSON'S TRIAL IS TO BE EXPEDITED.

New York, Dec. 7.—Unusual efforts are being put forth to expedite the second trial of Nan Patterson, the former show girl, charged with the murder of Caesar Young. Already Justice Davis has announced that the court will sit an additional half hour each day and rumor says it is quite possible that eight sessions may be held during the latter stages of the trial.

Although there remained five jurors to be chosen when the case was resumed in the supreme court today it was predicted that the preliminary work would be completed and that the case of the prosecution would be well under way before the close of the present week.

Among the many stories in connection with the case which have gained general circulation is one to the effect that the defense may rest on the evidence submitted by the prosecution. Miss Patterson has expressed a strong desire to be at her father's home in Washington for Christmas, it is said, and is willing to take chances to gain that end. If the trial progresses rapidly the defense may call some witnesses, but even that is not certain, it is said. In any event everything possible will be done to get a verdict before Christmas day.

Another story is said that arrangements had been completed assuring the appearance during the trial of J. Morgan Smith, an important witness who has been missing since a day or two after the tragedy. Both the attorneys for the prosecution and the defense deny any knowledge of any such arrangement, however. Smith is Nan Patterson's brother-in-law. It is said that Hyman B. Stern, a pawnbroker, long after the notes were negotiated.

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Referee Remington has issued an injunction restraining Reynolds from transferring or disposing of the securities.

## THE CREDITORS OF CASSIE CHADWICK

More Anxious to Bring About a Settlement Than to Precipitate a Crisis

MR. CARNEGIE TO SEE NOTES.

Whether They Will Be Presented to Him for Payment is Not Yet Certain.

New York, Dec. 7.—That the creditors of Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick as represented by the Ohio men who arrived in New York yesterday are more anxious to bring about a settlement of their claims against the woman than to precipitate a crisis by a sensational legal step is believed by Mrs. Chadwick's local attorney. They think this has been shown by the many conferences yesterday without apparent result. It is pointed out also that no other than a hope that it is not too late to secure a cash settlement of the claims against Mrs. Chadwick explains the delay in submitting to Andrew Carnegie the notes held by the Overhill, Ohio, bank for his decision whether the signature therein is genuine. Atty. Andrew Squire, counsel for Treasurer I. Reynolds of the Wade Park banking company of Cleveland, is quoted today as saying: "I am in this city representing several creditors. All that I am looking for is the cash."

## TO RAISE FUNDS.

It is intimated that the purpose of Mr. Reynolds' trip to New York at the request of Mrs. Chadwick was to endeavor to raise funds on the Chadwick securities said to be worth \$5,000,000, of which he is said to be trustee. Despite frequent conferences in this city yesterday and the sudden removal of Mrs. Chadwick to another hotel, which emphasized the fact that she is watched by two secret service officers who promptly followed and occupied rooms near her new quarters, decisive action in the case seems to be held in abeyance by some powerful influence. It was reported today that the delay was a measure due to a desire to prevent the imposition of hardship upon banks with which Mrs. Chadwick has dealings, but whose part in her financial affairs has not yet been ascertained. It is said that if it were known that other banks had made loans to Mrs. Chadwick a run on them might be started that would do them great injury. No one not intimately connected with the case knows what these banks are, nor what has become of a note for \$500,000, which President Beckwith, of the Overhill bank, said he endorsed for Mrs. Chadwick.

## MR. CARNEGIE.

There was some anticipation that the return from Washington of F. F. Oldman, an attorney of the controller's department, would be a signal for the presentation to Andrew Carnegie of the notes in question and that he might bring instructions from the controller's department, which would be a signal for the currency as to his procedure in the Chadwick case. There was some intimation today that the local authorities of Cleveland might step into the case and bring it to an issue by ascertaining officially whether the disputed notes bear the signature of Andrew Carnegie.

## MRS. CHADWICK'S APARTMENTS.

Mrs. Chadwick occupied today a three-room suite on the fifth floor of the New Amsterdam hotel. Immediately adjoining was a room occupied by secret service agents. Early today there were several telephone calls for Mrs. Chadwick from Andrew Squire, the Cleveland attorney, who arrived in the city with I. Reynolds, also of Cleveland. Later Mr. Squire called at the hotel. Asked as to a likelihood of a settlement today he replied:

"I can't say. My attitude is receptive but I am not expectant."

Somewhat of a sensation was caused in the hotel corridor by the appearance of an alleged private detective who was said to be employed by some of Mrs. Chadwick's creditors. What was the object of his appearance was not apparent. He denied that he was connected with the case notwithstanding that he was stationed at the Holland House throughout Mrs. Chadwick's stay there.

Mr. Squire remained with Mrs. Chadwick about 20 minutes. When he left the hotel he said Mrs. Chadwick was ill and unable to discuss business matters at present. He expected to return later in the day if Mrs. Chadwick recovered sufficiently to talk over business matters with him. He said he knew nothing of any securities but wished he did. In addition to representing Mr. Reynolds he said he also represented Mrs. Chadwick and had changed her residence. As far as he knew Mrs. Chadwick was to remain at the New Amsterdam throughout the day.

## ATTY. POWERS TALKS.

Edmund W. Powers of Mrs. Chadwick's counsel, in an interview today said:

"Mr. Beckwith is right and he is wrong. I never went with Mrs. Chadwick to Overhill, but I saw Beckwith there twice and I saw him several times in Cleveland. My first visit to the Overhill was in September, long after the notes were negotiated."

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## SAW AN ATTORNEY.

Boston, Dec. 7.—The Globe says Mrs. Chadwick before receiving the loan from Herbert D. Newton of Brookline, saw a Boston attorney, gave him a \$500-note purporting to have been signed by Andrew Carnegie and asked him to take it to the bank and have it cashed. The attorney was on deposit with the Wade Park Banking company of Cleveland, Ohio, and asked him to raise a loan for her.

With the story of valuable property held in trust the attorney applied to John M. Graham, president of the International Trust company, for a loan of \$200,000. Mr. Graham saw the note and certificate but, as he says, "there was altogether too much mystery about it. I said at once that I could not make a loan on that basis. Three minutes was all the time I gave to hearing the story and deciding not to make the loan."

## CAPT. MORRISON ARRIVES.

Was American Attaché With the Japanese Army.

San Francisco, Dec. 7.—Capt. J. F. Morrison, Twenty-first United States Infantry, one of the American attachés with the Japanese army, arrived home on the liner Siberia.

## BIBLES IN TURKEY.

Porte's Orders Regarding Their Sale Ineffective at Trebizond.

Constantinople, Dec. 7.—The orders which the Turkish government declared were sent to the Turkish officials in the provinces not to interfere with the sales of Bibles have proved ineffective at Trebizond where the authorities promptly informed the missionaries that they were recommended the seizure of the Bibles, and fined the porters.

The porters are preparing identical notes for the American legation and British consuls, pointing out the alleged objections to the system of colportage.

## MILITARY STRENGTH OF RUSSIA STILL UNIMPAIRED.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 7.—The military strength of Russia is still unimpaired by the present war, according to an official report at the war office. Of the 764 districts in Russia there has been but a partial mobilization in 43 districts and in 24 of the latter only a few categories were touched. In none are the reserves exhausted. The regular establishment includes a guard and grenadier corps, two cavalry corps and 23 regular corps, exclusive of two in the Caucasus, two in Turkestan and the Siberian corps. Ten of these corps are now at the front. Four more European corps and five rifle brigades are also under arms to fill up the army to 1,500,000 men each. The present plans contemplate the use of only eight of the 27 regular European corps.

## ADMIRAL DAVIS.

Receives Instructions and Will Sail Saturday.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Rear Admiral Charles H. Davis, who has been detailed by the president to represent the United States on the international commission to investigate the Dugger bank affair, has received authority to take command of the navy and will sail from New York next Saturday.

Admiral Davis will accompany Admiral Dugger and serve as his secretary during the sessions of the commission in Paris.

## MESSINGER'S DEATH.

Makes it Almost Impossible to Identify Bandit.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 7.—Since the death of Wells-Fargo Messenger E. O. Roberts, which occurred in the hospital late yesterday, the chances of bringing to justice the man who shot Roberts and looted the Wells-Fargo safe of \$300 on the Santa Fe train at Daguerre, Cal., Dec. 5, are materially lessened. The description of the highwayman, which Roberts was able to furnish, was very meager, and now that Roberts is dead, identification of the culprit, even if he should be taken into custody, would be almost impossible.

Officers are still continuing the search along the Santa Fe railroad, and over the desert in the vicinity of Daguerre, but up to date no arrests aside from the two previous ones made have been reported. The negro, William, who was the first suspect arrested, and who was released from the Los Angeles city jail after Roberts' death and later re-arrested on request of Santa Fe detectives, is still in the officers' keep but his exact whereabouts is not known. Asst. Atty. Pridham of Wells-Fargo stated he believed that the man had been taken to San Bernardino, to be lodged in jail there, but this has not been verified. San Bernardino is the county seat of the county in which the robbery occurred. The other suspect, named Fitzpatrick, who was arrested at Ludlow, Cal., has also been taken to San Bernardino.

## Cabnet Officers Confirmed.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The senate in executive session today confirmed all four cabinet nominations and those of Postmaster Wilson at New York and Indian Commissioner Leupp.

## TREMENDOUS CANNONADING.

Heard Around Poutloff Hill and Continued During the Entire Day.

EQUALLED AT PORT ARTHUR.

Heavy Bombardment Believed to be in Anticipation of Taking of Offensive by Japanese.

RUSSIAN WARSHIPS DISABLED.

They Are the Revizun and Poltava—Result of Plunging Fire—Russians Withdraw to Akassan Hill.

Mukden, Dec. 7.—Cannonading of great volume was heard around Poutloff hill, and the railway yesterday morning. It continued during the day and evidently owing to the tremendous noise reached its height from 3 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon. It was unlikely anything of the kind heard heretofore, except at Port Arthur.

This tremendous noise is believed to be due to the constantly increasing number of siege guns of large caliber, all of which seemed to be in use yesterday.

Rumors of an attack by the Japanese at various dates have been current for the past two weeks, and the impression prevails that yesterday's heavy bombardment was in anticipation of the assumption of the offensive by the Japanese.

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Tokio, Dec. 7, Noon.—The headquarters of the Japanese army in front of Port Arthur has reported confirming the disabling of the Russian battleships Koushou and Poltava and stating that the cruiser Bayan is aground.

The report goes on to say as follows: "Owing to the plunging fire from 203-Meter hill, the enemy has withdrawn to Akassan hill."

"On Dec. 6 our forces occupied an entire fort at 1 p. m. Subsequently our forces, after dislodging the enemy, occupied an eminence north of Guerh Kou and two eminences north of Sanliouhan at 3 p. m."

"On Dec. 6 at 4 p. m., in response to the bearer of the enemy's flag of truce, an armistice of five hours was granted for the removal of the dead."

## FUEL QUESTION SOLVED.

Mukden, Dec. 7.—The question of fuel which promised to create immense difficulties is now in a fair way to being happily solved by the use of coal from the Fushun mines, which are now being worked. There is sufficient coal at Fushun to supply the army and the half million dugouts along the front, are well adapted for the use of coal.