

BATTLE OF GIANTS IN JUNE NEXT

Republican Convention Will be
Most Exciting in Last Quar-
ter of a Century.

BUCKEYE STATE THE PIVOT.

Montana's Ancient Tread Eclipsed by
One Found at Silver
Reef, Utah.

Special Correspondence.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 9.—The Taft sentiment, which assumed large proportions before Secy. Taft left on his trip around the world, and which by reason of his absence became somewhat dulled is again mounting skyward. There is no denying the fact that the secretary of war is in- creasing his following by leaps and bounds if one is to judge from the inter- views printed in the papers through- out the country and particularly from those who are on a visit to the na- tional Capitol, either upon business or pleasure. And yet this growing senti- ment for the very able and distinguish- ed secretary of war invites attack and the crystallization of the forces in op- position to his nomination. It has been intimated that within the next few weeks there will be a quiet meeting of those in charge of the presidentia- boom of Cannon, Knox, Fairbanks, Hughes and La Follette to decide upon a plan of action with reference to securing delegates in states where there is no pronounced Taft sentiment, and whereby earnest work will be re- commenced in the endorsement of oth- ers than the secretary of war.

TAFT FORGING TO FORE.

Taft is making headway throughout the country, his supporters in the main coming from those who admire the man and who stand for the policies of Amer- ican imperialism. And yet, with a trend of the public thought in favor of Secy. Taft as the most logical candidate to perpetuate the principles of the very distinguished occupant of the White House, there is a growing sentiment in favor of the whole of the Empire State and it may not be possible to keep from sending an unqualified delegation as is now the case of Secy. Taft's follow- ers in that state.

OHIO THE PIVOT.

This brings notice to Ohio upon which has focused the eyes of almost every politician in the country. Ever since its birth as a state Ohio has been a subject of irritation in a political sense. Those who go back to the days of Sher- man and Blaine recall the bitter warfare of the struggle made by these two splendid Americans for delegates from the Buck- eye State, out of which contest grew that famous expression, "I will stick to Blaine as long as the buttons stick on my coat." Then the fight that the father- of-the-present secretary of war had—Alonso Taft—and Rutherford B. Hayes, and Brewster, the only solid delegation ever going from Ohio in a half century, having gone for William McKinley. The fight that is now going on between Foraker and Taft is an inheritance. It comes down through the years and Foraker and Taft represent completely dif- ferent factions of the old guard which changed Ohio from a Democratic to a Republican state.

FORAKER FORMIDABLE.

One of the best known men in the public life of today and a staunch sup- porter of Secy. Taft, said, speaking of the bitter contest now being waged be- tween the Taft and Foraker forces in that state, that it would not surprise him if the senior senator from Ohio would make unexpected inroads on Taft's strongholds because of two con- ditions. He is the idol of the old school element in the state and the rec- ognized champion of the negro growing out of the Brownsville investigation. He admitted that the Taft enthusiasm was rampant over the state and that on the face of things he could see nothing but a Taft victory and yet he could see an undercurrent of Foraker feeling which might have an important bearing upon the selection of delegates.

One thing is certain, the Republican party is going to have the most inter- esting and most exciting convention in Chicago in June of this year it has had for a quarter of a century and the field is getting ready to combine against the

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able secretary of war, with what result the idea of June can only determine.

MONTANA'S TREAD ECLIPSED.

A few weeks ago press dispatches from Butte, Montana, reported that a live frog had been discovered in the hollow of a limestone rock in a mine near there. For many years past reports have come to Washington of the discovery of toads in all sorts of out of the way places. The Montana story intimated that the toad in ques- tion had been found something like three hundred feet under the surface, and the indications were that Montana was disposed to brag over the fact that its particular toad had been discovered a little deeper in the earth's surface than any such animal, reptile, fish or whatever it might be called was ever found before. But Congressman Joseph H. Howell, of Utah, has just re- ceived a letter from one of his con- stituents, upon whose veracity he is willing to stake his reputation, in which they show that the Montana toad was a comparatively recent ad- dition to the surface of the earth. Mr. Howell's correspondent writes in part as follows:

"On receipt of the thousand year- old toad from Butte, Montana, found in limestone, I must say something of our land, found in the solid sand- stone at Silver Reef, Utah. You will recall that is the largest and possi- bly the only silver mining camp in sandstone in the United States. It was about the year 1883 that Robert Campbell, a miner, had known from childhood, and who is a man of his word, told me that he and his partner, working in one of the mines of the reef down on the six hundred foot level, were doing some shooting and blasting in a drift. As you know, after shoot- ing they return to the surface and pick out the broken rock still left in the face of the drift. In doing this they found a crack running deeper than some of the rest, and picking out the rock they found a small cavity con- taining a live toad. It was of a pink- ish flesh color and somewhat transpa- rent. After carefully taking it out on their shovels to the surface, the toad seemed to collapse from contact with the air. They gave it to Mr. Rice, su- perintendent of the mine, who placed it in alcohol, and for a number of years afterwards it was seen by a great many people. I wanted Campbell to go before a notary and make affidavit to the facts and send them to the Smith- sonian institution, which he promised to do. But the affidavit was never made. It is, however, possible that I can find out the one who was there."

THE GRANT MONUMENT.

At the foot of the Capitol plaza fronting on Pennsylvania avenue is located what has long been known as the Botanical gardens. It covers three or four blocks of ground but is sur- rounded on all sides by the evidences of busy business life. A high iron fence surrounds the garden which gives it the appearance of some landed estate and within the enclosure lives William Smith, the friend of Andrew Carnegie and collector of writings of Burns. In fact Mr. Smith has the finest collection of Burnsiana in the country. It is in this same Botanic garden that the magnificent monument to Gen. Grant is to be erected and about which all kinds of "fast" has been raised because some three or four his- toric trees must be removed before the foundation for the monument can be commenced. Resolutions have been introduced in Congress looking to the repeal of the law fixing the site of the Grant monu- ment in the Botanic garden and a lot of eloquence has been expended in the destruction of the trees. Judge Walter I. Smith of Iowa, who represents the Council Bluffs district in Congress, has taken the flimsy of oratory very much to heart, but on the con- trary has insisted that the site select- ed by the Grant monument commis- sion, of which Gen. C. M. Dodge is a member, as well as Secy. Root, should stand and that if necessary the Bot- anic garden should be abandoned or put some place where it might be what its name implies, a real garden for the propagation of rare and un- usual plants.

THE GARDEN MAY GO.

As far back as 1889 a bill was passed directing that the iron fence which surrounds the Botanic garden should be pulled down, but Supt. Smith has been bigger than the law and he has been able through his friendship with senators and representatives to keep the fence intact. Now, however, that Mr. Smith has been protesting against the placing of the Grant monument in the southeast section of the garden because it will necessitate the removal of several trees planted by former statemen, the controversy over the Botanic garden has been revived and it may be that although quite an old man, Supt. W. A. Smith may have to vacate his comfortable cottage with- in the garden, for some other location and the high iron fence pulled down to make way for growth and progress. It can be said that the Grant monu- ment will be put where originally planned, even if the Chittenden tree and the Beck tree have to go.

CANNON ONCE FREE TRADER.

"Uncle Joe" Cannon was once a free trader. Of course it is pretty hard to believe but he confessed it one fine day in a reminiscent talk on some of the high lights in his busy life. "But that was in the days when I was a doctor," he said. "I had never enjoyed the advantages of a college education but when I was acquiring an education later in life by absorb- ing and devouring everything I could lay my hands on in the way of books, I conceived it would be a noble thing to throw our markets open to the world. When I began to get practical sense later along I changed my mind about free trade. I am now a pretty good protectionist. I am a believer in the theory that it is a duty we owe ourselves to dominate and control our markets and industries to dominate the markets of the western hemisphere and as much of the rest of the world as we can take possession of. The first step to commercial supremacy is for us to get as much as we can and to hang on to it as we get. Some day when our population has increased from 85,000,000 to 100,000,000 and all our resources are fully developed, free trade may be the thing to use, but not now. In our own preservation we own our enterprises and nurse our own resources until they are developed and full grown. This is a practical world in which we live and we must take care of our own before we try to look after the rest of the world."



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BEN F. MILLS LECTURES

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In order to dispose of the few re- maining reserved seats for the Ben- jamin Fay Mills lecture Sunday even- ing at the Salt Lake Theater sys- tematically, they will be issued only from the theater box office after today. The distribution of these tickets at the various stores where they have been procurable assures Mr. Mills of a large audience. There will be about 200 of the best reserved seats procurable at the box office tomorrow without charge. Several hundred good un- reserved seats will be open to the public after 8 o'clock on Sunday evening.

The complete program for Mr. Mills' lecture course next week at Barratt Hall is now announced. His series on the "Modern World" and the "Ser- mon on the Mount" will begin on Mon- day with the subject, "Can the Twentieth Century Man Practice the Sermon on the Mount?" At the open- ing of this course the Rev. Dr. Goshen will preside. The subjects for the succeeding evenings are as follows:

Tuesday—"The Golden Rule and the Rule of Gold."

Wednesday—"Finding God in Foolish Men."

Thursday—"Resist Not Evil."

Friday—"The Final Judgment."

The afternoon course in the inter- pretation of the "Bhagavad Gita" or the "Vedanta Philosophy" is given in the following series:

Mon. 12—"Immortality."

Tuesday—"Action, Inaction and Non-Action."

Wednesday—"What Makes the World Go Round."

Thursday—"The Free Soul."

Friday—"Realization."

Mr. Mills is a great exponent of the writings of Ralph Waldo Emerson. The "Bhagavad Gita" is said to have been Emerson's constant companion. Mr. Mills will be urged to give at least one of his Emerson lectures while in Salt Lake.

DEATH OF JOHN F. PIERCY.

John F. Piercy died in the hospital Wednesday evening, the 12th inst., aged 39 years, one month and 10 days. He was the son of Jacob and Mary Piercy, recall that is the largest and possi- bly the only silver mining camp in sandstone in the United States. It was about the year 1883 that Robert Campbell, a miner, had known from childhood, and who is a man of his word, told me that he and his partner, working in one of the mines of the reef down on the six hundred foot level, were doing some shooting and blasting in a drift. As you know, after shoot- ing they return to the surface and pick out the broken rock still left in the face of the drift. In doing this they found a crack running deeper than some of the rest, and picking out the rock they found a small cavity con- taining a live toad. It was of a pink- ish flesh color and somewhat transpa- rent. After carefully taking it out on their shovels to the surface, the toad seemed to collapse from contact with the air. They gave it to Mr. Rice, su- perintendent of the mine, who placed it in alcohol, and for a number of years afterwards it was seen by a great many people. I wanted Campbell to go before a notary and make affidavit to the facts and send them to the Smith- sonian institution, which he promised to do. But the affidavit was never made. It is, however, possible that I can find out the one who was there."

Funeral services will be held in the Twenty-first ward meetinghouse, Sun- day, at 12:30 p. m. The remains may be viewed at the family residence, at 229 J street, from 11 to 12 noon.

All the good qualities of Ely's Cream Balm, solid, are found in Liquid Cream Balm, which is intended for use in atomizers. That it is a won- derful remedy for Nasal Catarrh is proved by an ever-increasing mass of testimony. It does not dry out nor rasp the tender air-passages. It allays the inflammation and goes straight to the root of the disease. Obsolete old cases have yielded in a few weeks. All druggists, 75 cents, including spraying tube, or mailed by Ely Brothers, 56 Warren Street, New York.

ELKS ON THE HOOF.

Persons and messages arriving from Los Angeles bring the news that the Utah Elks and their friends over that city and are having the time of their lives. Los Angeles has thrown ev- erything open and "Hello Bill" is the word. The herd has put up at the King Edward hotel, but they're most every- where. Every scenic point, every point of interest, everything the famous town boasts is being seen by the visitors. A trip over the Balcon route, a visit to the ostrich farm, and an excursion to Pasadena are a few of the things yet ahead.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Both wards held a public meeting Sun- day night, a large hop will be given by the officers of the Elks and their ladies, will take place at the post hall, which will be beautifully decorated for the event. Many guests will attend from the city. The invited guests numbering over a hundred.

Another large event of tonight will be the Junior Promenade at the U. of U. The fraternities and sororities will each have booths and the decorations are planned on an elaborate scale. The Valentine idea will prevail, and many unique features will be introduced. Over 25,000 hearts will be used and the class and university colors will pre- vail.

Last night's musicale at the Univer- sity club, under the direction of the social committee, was well attended and enjoyed by the clubmen and their lady friends. The following program was successfully carried out:

Quartet, "Sweet and Low", Barnaby

Miss Evans, Miss Cohn, Mr. Brines

and Mr. Smith.

Der Asra Amos, Rubenstein

Ich had ein Klimes Lied, Bengent

Miss Edna Cohn.

Reverie, violin, Hahn

Miss Esther Allen.

Mes Vers, Hahn

Lockruf, Ruckauf

Mr. Brines.

Du list die Ruh, Schubert

Miss Edna Evans.

"Hear Me Ye Winds and Waves",

Handel

Mr. Smith.

"Awake, Awake", Needham

When Cupid Comes, Scott

Miss Edna Evans.

"Myself When Young", Lehman

Die Beiden Grenadier, Schumann

Mr. Smith.

"Serenade", violin, D'Ambrosia

Miss Esther Allen.

"Oh, That We Too Were Maying",

Nevin

Venborgelied, Wolf

Miss Edna Cohn.

"Ah, Moon of My Delight", Lehman

Mr. Brines.

Duet, "Calm As the Night", Gorty

Mr. Brines, Mr. Smith.

Miss Judith Evans, accompanist.

Mr. Smith is a singer from New York, whose numbers added much to the enjoyment of the evening. The other musicians are all well and favorably known here, and their performance was up to their usual high standard of merit. Light refreshments were served. Chairman Harold Engel of the social committee was omnipresent in looking after the comfort of guests and the details of the evening.

The Elks—that is, the remnant of them left in town, gave a Valentine so- cial last night, in the club house. Dancing was the feature of the even- ing.

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The remodeling of the building in no way interferes with the store's business. Indeed trade was never better at this season of the year. It is a little early for spring goods. We are therefore pushing heavier merchan- dise; reducing stocks preparatory to the removal of certain departments, all of which means lowered prices. Never were goods sold on such close mar- gin as at this particular time.

Suit Department Specials For Saturday.



New model flare gored Panama skirts, trimmed with silk folds. A spring leader in style and quality. Black, blues and browns. Special \$10.75.

Handsome Coats.

Three-fourth length, loose coats in covert cloth, novelty mixtures, or black kersey cloth; values to \$12.50. Special at \$3.95. Any three-fourth length black kersey or full cravenette coat in stock at \$6.75.

Reductions of one-half and less on all other cloth coats for either street or evening wear.

BALANCE OF FUR COAT STOCK.

Values up to \$37.50 to close at \$15.00. Values up to \$50.00 to close at \$19.75. Values up to \$60.00 to close at \$27.50.

Fur Scarfs.

Neck furs values to \$9.75 at \$1.95. Values to \$45.00 your choice of any neck piece \$11.95. All mink furs reduced one third.

The Shoe Sale

Saturday is shoe day for the children. Some extra inducements for them in shoes

BOYS' SHOES—\$1.95

that are worth \$2.50 and \$3.00 on bargain tables.

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good solid wearers sizes 2 1-2 to 6.

BOYS' SHOES—\$2.95

nothing better made, regular \$3.50 all leath- ers.

MISSSES' SHOES—\$1.45

Sizes 11 1-2 to 12 in Kid, Dongola and Box Calf button or lace.

MISSSES' SHOES—\$1.95

shoes with style, fit and wearing qualities

CHILDRENS' SHOES—\$1.00

sizes 5 to 8.

INFANTS' SHOES—\$1.00

over twenty styles all sizes.

WOMEN'S SHOES—\$1.95

Sample pair on table. Every pair of women's shoes in stock at big reductions.

Methodist church will give a Valentine social this evening, in the parlors of the church. Comic valentines and a musical program will be features of the occasion. Among those who will take part in the entertainment are the Misses Helen Hartley, Amy Osborne, Edith Gaby and Maud Ritter, Mme. Ma- belle Boccassini and Hugh Douglas.

evening will be a dinner party at the home of J. W. Gieger, 728 Third avenue, in honor of Mrs. George L. Gieger.

Mrs. O. W. Powers was hostess at a pretty Valentine party this afternoon at her home.

The Monks of Ino, a boys' club, gave their annual banquet last night, at the residence of W. R. Ferris, with Frank

Saturday Features

The Annual linen Sale closes Saturday. All week long customers have crowded the department & have commented on the admir- able quality and the very low prices. An interesting glove sale is scheduled for the day. The Millinery section is closing out un- trimmed hats at a song—nearly giving them away. Mothers will be interested in learning that the strong- est bargain prices on boys' and girls apparel the store ever offered are now in vogue. Special prices for Saturday are made on many lines of Men's furnishings. The big shoe sale will close Saturday evening. Shoes were never sold as cheaply as right now. Excellent price-advantages are offered in waists. The big sale on china and little articles for the household will end Saturday. Saturday candies will be a feature. The hosiery sale is drawing to a close. Emphatic reduc- tions in women's underwear. Many opportunities in suit, jackets, skirts, dresses etc. Throughout the store tempting bargains are the order of the day.

Concert Saturday Evening

The last day of our Linen Sale.

Every yard of Linen reduced. 1000 short length of Table Linen from 59c to \$2.85 each. All lengths from 1 1-2 to 3 yds.

500 Dozen Napkins. All sizes, from \$1.00 to \$4.50 Dozen.

Special Sale Saturday

1 lot of trimmed hats at 50c each.

1 lot of untrimmed hats at 25c each.

1 lot of untrimmed hats at 15c each.

There was a window display of these hats Thursday & Friday

Domestic Rem- nants all short length every yd. at Half Price.

Children's Department Specials.

Tams, Thibet Bear- skin and Astrachan in navy, white and red. Regular \$1.25 and \$1.75, 68c.

GIRLS' BUSTER BROWN DRESSES

Girl's Buster Brown Dresses, only a small line left, Panama, Brilliantines and un- finished serges, in blues, browns, red and grays, ages 6 to 12 years. Regular values \$5 and \$9. \$2.95.



CHILDRENS TOQUES

To close out at a loss, Balance of left- overs former sale 65 and 75c values. Perfect condition, 25c.

BOYS' AND INFANTS' SWEATERS

Coat and V neck effects—all popular colors, \$1.25 to \$3.00, 98c.

INFANTS' LEGGIN DRAWERS

Finest all wool best knitting, Regular \$1.50 to close out at 68c.

Boys' long overcoats, ages 8 to 16 years, regular \$6 to \$12, one half price.

BOYS' REEFERS

Smart effects. Many of them desirable spring weights ages 2 1-2 to 10 years, values \$5 upward. One-third Reduction.

BOYS NORFOLK SUITS

Boys' Norfolk suits, ages 15 to 17. Straight cut trousers. Regular \$6 to \$9 \$1.95.

Saturday Waist Special

Tailored Waists at one half price.

High class Tailored waist, made of fancy mercerized waistings, liens, Repp, and Madris Cloth—Gibson and plaited styles.

\$1.95 for 98c
\$2.75 for \$1.38
\$3.45 for \$1.73
\$3.95 for \$1.98
\$4.95 for \$2.48
\$5.45 for \$2.73

Ladies' Underwear.

Odds and ends in Sterling union suits, vests and tights, in silk and lisle, wool and cotton and cotton. Half price.

Ladies' black wool tights ranging in prices from \$1.25 to \$2.95. A few odd sizes. Half-prices.

Ladies' Hose

We still have some splendid values in cashmere hose; also some plain cotton in black and black with white feet—values 50c to 95c. Special 35c—three pairs for \$1.



Specials For Saturday in Men's Wear.

The last day to secure Winter underwear at the low prices offered.

\$5.00 Suits at \$3.00
\$4.50 Suits at \$2.95
Shirts—Regular \$1.75 and \$2.00 for 85c.

Latest Creations in neckwear, Saturday Special 39c.

Candy Specials For Saturday.

300 Boxes of Duchess Dainties—have sold regularly for 25c a box and are worth every bit of it.