

HANDWRITING EXPERTS FALL DOWN

Ballots They Declared Fraudulent Are Identified by Those Who Cast Them.

BALLOT BOXES WERE TOO SMALL

With Consent of Election Officials and Supreme Court Watches Votes Put in the Outside Case.

Denver, Feb. 2.—One of the mysteries of the alleged ballot box stuffing at the election last November was cleared away by a witness in the Peabody-Adams gubernatorial contest before the joint legislative committee this afternoon. The experts in a number of precincts have declared a number of ballots probably illegal because they were not creased in such a manner as was necessary for them to be passed through the slot in such boxes.

Alfred A. D. Mauff was called by the democratic attorney simply to identify his ballot. He was successful in this, and on cross-examination he was asked to show how he folded his ballot to put it through the slot.

This brought out the statement that many of the ballots in that precinct had never been in the ballot box because there was not room for them. Instead, with the consent of the election officials, and the supreme court watchers, they were cast in the outside case of the ballot box, and were not folded in the same manner as those which were put in the ballot box proper.

Most of the witnesses examined this afternoon were foreign born persons residing in Elvira, a suburb of this city, whose ballots had been declared by the Peabody experts to be fraudulent. They identified their ballots when they were shown them, but were unable to pick them out of a number of ballots with any certainty after the ballots were mixed up by the attorneys.

Each witness was asked to write the word "Democratic" as he had written it on the ballot, and in each case the handwriting was identical to that on the ballots.

The unsealing of ballots reported on a number of ballots which the experts had testified were written by the same hand. In one of the bunches of ballots alleged to be in the same handwriting were found those voted by John C. Trembley, formerly postmaster of Denver, and Milton Aufanger, a Republican state senator, and two members of his family.

One of the principal witnesses of the night session was Senator Milton Aufanger, a Republican member of the committee. He was shown a ballot included among the fraudulent ones reported by Expert Peabody, the number of which corresponded with the number appearing opposite his name on the poll book of the precinct in which he lived and voted. While he was unwilling to say positively that this was his ballot, he declared the handwriting resembled his very closely and he did not say that the ballot was not his one which he voted.

Senator Aufanger testified that he intended to vote a straight Republican ticket and was under the impression that he did so. However, the ballot which was recorded as having been marked upon it, he said he had two marks upon it, one a cross for the name of a Democratic candidate for the representative and the other a mark for a constitutional amendment provision. The senator admitted that he marked his ballot according to the latter, but was surprised to find that another mark appeared on the ballot according to him.

On cross-examination Senator Aufanger said that he believed a great deal of repeating was carried on at a number of polling places in the city where he resided during the election. On re-direct examination he was questioned as to his opinion concerning his competency to sit as a fair and impartial juror in the controversy. He admitted that from what he saw on election day he believed that a great deal of fraud was committed in the interest of Alva Adams and therefore doubted his competency to sit as a juror in the controversy.

Asked by Atty. Rush, representing the contest, as to his having attended meetings, caucuses and at which the members of the legislature were present, he said he had already determined his decision on the merits of the contest, and he also denied that he had received instructions from corporations concerning his vote on the contest.

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PHILIPPINE SUGAR.

Secy. Taft Makes a Plea in Favor of It.

Washington, Feb. 2.—Secy. Taft has addressed to Chairman Payne of the house committee on ways and means

AFTER SICKNESS

VINOLO IS A WONDERFUL TONIC AND STRENGTHENER.

Druehl & Franken Refund Money in All Cases Where It Fails to Give Satisfaction.

"During the past few months there has been a great deal of sickness of one kind and another in this vicinity," said Mr. Druehl of Druehl & Franken, "and I want to say to the people of Salt Lake City that the one thing to aid recovery after sickness is to give the patient a blood building and strength restoring tonic, one that will give strength to every organ in the body. I don't believe there is another remedy in the country equal to our delicious cod liver oil preparation, Vinolo, for making pure, rich, red blood and building up strength. I say this from an intimate knowledge of almost every medicine on the market, and after considering what Vinolo is and has done, Vinolo contains every one of the body-building, medicinal elements of cod liver oil, without one drop of oil to upset the stomach and retard its work, and this with organic iron, which is a useful constituent for the blood, dissolved in a delicious table wine, makes Vinolo. It acts directly on the stomach, creates a healthy appetite, and enables the digestive organs to obtain the necessary elements from the food eaten, making rich, red blood, and healthy flesh and muscle, thus giving strength, and you know what you are taking."

"We have a good many letters like the following from our customers. Mr. A. Manner of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., writes: 'A severe fever left me in a very weak condition, and no matter what I took I could not seem to get any strength. I tried through a friend I learned of Vinolo. Two bottles worked wonders for me, so quickly did it restore my health and strength, and I am fast gaining in weight. Vinolo is a wonderful strength restorer.'"

"In the strongest manner we unhesitatingly endorse and guarantee Vinolo to increase the appetite, cure stomach troubles, give strength and renewed vitality to the aged, build up the run-down, tired and debilitated, and restore health to the convalescent or we will return every dollar paid for us for it." Druehl & Franken, Druggists, also Smith Drug Co.

An exhaustive statement of the reasons which impel him to urge earnestly on Congress the passage during the present session of the pending Philippine tariff bill. The secretary's reasons are, in substance, as follows:

"Whatever ultimately will be done with the Philippines, they are necessarily, for the next generation, a part of the United States, and there is no more reason for a tariff against them than against Hawaii or Porto Rico or our territories. Under Spanish rule Philippine sugar was given a preferential rate of 3 cents per pound when imported into Spain, while the Spanish government took all of its tobacco to supply the government monopoly from Cuba and the Philippines. Now Spain buys its sugar by cheapest market, and the Philippines have lost the Spanish trade."

"The United States is under obligation to make good this deficiency, which has been made larger by the increase of the import tax on sugar and tobacco by Japan and Australia, thus reducing the sales of the Philippine commodities. The opposition to the reduction of the tariff on sugar and tobacco has been nursed by paid professional agents. 'The entire present production of the Philippines would not adequately affect the American market if applied to the United States. The Philippine sugar land is limited; is not as good as the Cuban land, and the truth is that the same land will produce hemp, copra, rice much more profitably than sugar; and so it is the height of absurdity to suppose that even with free trade in sugar with the United States, there would be any considerable increase in the Philippine sugar production.'"

SENATOR MITCHELL Welcomes Investigation of Bribery Charges.

Washington, Feb. 2.—Senator John H. Mitchell of Oregon, who was indicted by the United States grand jury at Portland yesterday for bribery in connection with the land grant investigation, has made a statement in which he says he welcomes the most searching investigation of the charges against him and asserts that only "unwarranted inferences" can connect him with the land frauds.

UNITED RESERVATION. Charges as to Irregularity of Claims Will be Investigated.

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GEN. BELI'S REPORT. Says Military Necessity Recognizes No Law.

Denver, Feb. 2.—"Military necessity recognizes no law," either civil or military, says Adj. Gen. Sherman A. Beli of this state in his biennial report made today. Reporting on the use of the troops in the mining camps during the two years of Gov. Peabody's administration the adjutant general uses the following language:

"As military commander, the authority and dignity of the state of Colorado were at all times upheld and asserted in seeking to ameliorate a condition of dynamite, murder and assassination, under the guise of labor, that was intolerable."

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San Francisco, Feb. 2.—The steamship City of Sydney, from Central American ports, brings news of a violent eruption of the Momotombo volcano. Momotombo is 6,100 feet high and its base forms a promontory in Lake Nicaragua. Leon, Nicaragua, a city of 50,000 people, is only eight miles from the volcano. Villagers people near the erupting mountain fled and fear were entertained for the safety of Leon.

Three years ago Momotombo's summit began to steam, and for a while the living in the vicinity of the mountain watched the vapor with alarm. There was no eruption, however, until the morning of Jan. 16 the volcano appeared to be sleeping serenely. Early that morning thick vapors were seen arising from the cone-slipped top of the mountain.

At the day were on the vapor increased in density, and by noon the volcano was vomiting thick clouds of black and yellow smoke. Suddenly flames burst forth, and a blazing torch, lighting the land as far as the coast and casting the glare of fire far out to sea. Momotombo was in active eruption about 15 years ago. It is surrounded by many valuable coffee plantations.

SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM. Won't be Established at Columbia Till Pulitzer Dies.

New York, Feb. 2.—The actual establishment of the school of journalism at Columbia university, which Joseph Pulitzer endowed, will be deferred until the donor's