

CRISP HAS THE CALL.

Georgia's Candidate for Speaker Just Now Showing Mills His Heels.

A CLOSE RACE FOR PLACE.

The Texan Dropped by Bookmakers, Who Are Offering to Bet

EVEN MONEY ON CRISP'S WINNING.

Kerr Conceded Almost a Walkover for Clerk of the House.

AN HONOR FOR A DEFEATED CANDIDATE

FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—"The air is very Crisp this evening," is a poor pun that is on the tongue of nearly all the loungers about the hotel corridors, and it must be confessed that the Crisp boom has the call to-day. The Crisp people claimed 90 votes positively, to-day, and some careful computers who are not Crisp supporters concede him nearly if not quite that number as the matter stands to-day.

Crisp stock is up everywhere. Sporting men have taken it up and are assisting to bull the market. THE DISPATCH correspondent ran against a well-known local bookmaker at the Metropolitan, this evening. The sporting gentleman said: "I have succeeded in placing several bets on Crisp. I took him even against the field. How do I rate the candidates? Well, if I were making a book on them it would be as follows: Four to 5 against Crisp, 6 to 5 against Mills, 3 to 1 against McMillin, 4 to 1 against Springer, and 25 to 1 against Hatch."

Mills and Crisp Making the Race. It is but fair to Mr. Bookmaker to say that he has felt the public pulse as it beats to-day with very sensitive nerves. One of the keenest observers of the great battle, and one as nearly unbiased as any Democrat can be, said to THE DISPATCH correspondent this evening: "Mills has a majority of the Democratic members. I am convinced of that. But they are scattered among the other candidates. It is possible he may not be able to pass them at the right time. If Springer and Hatch and Wilson were to withdraw now I believe Mills would win up to Crisp's vote on the first ballot, and then it would be a grand struggle for the big part of McMillin's vote when that gentleman drops out. It will be either Mills or Crisp. That is certain. No minority man will be taken as a compromise. Mills can win, however, only by the most consummate generalship."

More Honor for the Defeated Man. "I really think that the defeated man will be the more to be envied. He will be the leader of the party on the floor, will occupy a conspicuous position, will have less strain put upon his nerves, will escape the million petty annoyances that attend the duties of the Speaker, and will have a much greater opportunity to distinguish himself. Should Mills be defeated there will be no question in regard to his rank on the floor. Should Crisp be defeated Springer and McMillin would make a great effort to wrest from him the leadership, but he would undoubtedly be made Chairman of Ways and Means, by the Speaker, and that would carry with it the Chair's recognition of him as the leader of the party. It is a great gift. Mills and Crisp are making the running pretty close together, but Crisp is beginning to show the Texan his heels."

Kerr's Rooms Kept as Headquarters. Kerr's rooms at the Metropolitan are the headquarters for the Pennsylvanians. Up to a late hour this evening only five of the Democratic members had arrived. They are McAleer, of Philadelphia, successor of Randall and Vaux; Metcher, of Easton; Wolverson, of Sunbury; Beltzhoover, of Carlisle; and Gillespie, of Greenville. Some of those in town have expressed a preference in the Speakership fight to receive a vote in the Speakership fight and this is not entirely accurate.

The first thought of the Pennsylvanians, as far as heard from, is to make sure the calling and election of Chairman Kerr to the clerkship of the House, and certainly look as if they would win. Mr. Kerr's headquarters are the most pleasant of all those of the candidates, and he is constantly surrounded by a crowd that is either genial of itself, or so by the reflection of the Chairman's abounding congeniality.

Among the callers at Mr. Kerr's headquarters this evening were ex-United States District Attorney Allen, of Erie, and Mr. Baker, of the same city, ex-County Attorney. Both gentlemen have, in their travels, made careful inquiry in regard to Democratic feeling on the Presidency, and they say that in the majority of all the Democrats they meet are for Cleveland.

THE LAUNCH OF THE NEW YORK To Be Witnessed From a Distinguished Party From Washington. WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—[Special.]—Secretary Tracy will take a large and distinguished party to Cramp's shipyard at Philadelphia, to-morrow, to witness the launch of the New York. The Washington party will go over on an elegant special train of eight to ten Pullman cars, which will leave the Pennsylvania Railroad station in Philadelphia four hours later. The guests will be transferred at once to the ordinary cars, and carried directly into the shipyard. The Pullmans cannot go around the sharp curves that are encountered in the switches, and this necessitates the change.

After the launching a lunch will be served in the office of the company, and the Washington guests will start back in their train soon afterward, leaving Philadelphia at about 4 o'clock and reaching this city at 9:30. Among those who will go from Washington are Mrs. Harrison and a party of 10 or 12 ladies, Vice President and Mrs. Morton, Secretaries Noble and Tracy, and Assistant Secretary Soley. Senator Higgins, General and Mrs. Schofield, Admirals Franklin, Crosby and Rodgers, General Bergan, Hon. John A. Kasson, Captain McVair, Sewell and A. Brown, Controller Gilkeson, Pay Director Washington, Medical Inspector Van Ruyven, Colonel W. B. Remey, Commodore Dewey, Melville, Farquhar and Brown and a number of newspaper men.

ALL IN HARRISON'S HANDS. How the President Can Settle the Investigation of Green B. Raum. WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—[Special.]—Representative Cooper, of Indiana, who was chiefly responsible for the investigation of Commissioner Raum last winter, is in

HUNTERS IN TROUBLE.

Four Prominent Pittsburgers Fined in West Virginia for BREAKING THE STATE GAME LAW.

Myriads of Invading Sportsmen Annoy the Patient Farmers.

NEWS NOTES FROM NEARBY TOWNS

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.) MORGANTOWN, Dec. 1.—The Monongahela Valley Sportsmen's Association last night caused the arrest of four prominent Pittsburgers, in whose possession were found five deer and several wild turkeys, which they are unlawfully trying to ship into Pennsylvania.

The gentlemen who, for pity's sake, asked that their names be not mentioned, were taken before a magistrate and each fined \$20 and costs, the minimum penalty. The maximum penalty for having deer or turkey in possession for the purpose of shipping out of the State is \$50 and costs and 60 days in jail, except the game be alive or has been killed on chartered preserves.

The eruption of hunters from Pennsylvania into this devoted State is something phenomenal and growing worse each year. Farmers and citizens all over the State have become indignant at their total disregard for the laws of West Virginia, and are assisting the Game Association in prosecuting all outside hunters who break the strict laws of this State. The season for big game closes December 15.

OLD MEMBERS SECURE. They Protest Against Modern Innovations and Will Form a Separate Church. BEAVER FALLS, Dec. 1.—[Special.]—For some time past a feeling of dissatisfaction has been growing among some few old members of the Presbyterian Church in this place owing to many things introduced by the younger spirits of the congregation.

Justice Gray inquired where was the difference between the constitutionality of a protective tariff and of a bounty. Mr. Wilson found the difference in the fact that a protective tariff giving Congress the right to regulate commerce with foreign nations, while the only authority which could be claimed for the bounty system was the general welfare clause.

There was quite a cross fire of questions and answers between the justices and counsel as respects the general welfare clause. Justice Field wished to know if we could be attached to the practice of a century. Mr. Wilson thought the question had never been passed on. Justice Bradley's Pointed Queries. Justice Bradley asked if attempts had been made to destroy legislation based on the general welfare clause. He inquired if the justices had any objection to Justice Harlan cited the recent fortification appropriation act passed for the purpose of encouraging gun steel manufacture in the United States, and asked if Congress could prohibit the manufacture of guns which were not to be sugar produced.

Mr. Wilson, however, did not admit that these cases were analogous to that of the direct payment for a simple production of an article. Solicitor General Taft then followed in behalf of the United States. He directed his attention to the omission of the tobacco rebate action, and his line of argument was that it would do for the Court to go behind the enrolled act. When they examined the Journal they would find no record of the act itself, and the Court would refer to supplement the record by part of the evidence, which was conflicting.

HUSTLING TO SAVE EXPENSE. Ex-Congressmen in a Hurry to Use Their Franking Privilege. WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—[Special.]—Many ex-members of Congress whose terms expired on the 4th of March last, and who neglected to send out their quotas of government publications and documents to their dear constituents, are doing some lively hustling, just now, to save this desirable booty from falling into the hands of their successors.

They have until next Monday in which to get their frank slips deposited in the folding room, where each member's book account is kept and where huge stacks of all books for public distribution are stored until ordered out. The rules of the House of Representatives permit an ex-member of Congress to control the books entered to his credit until the reassembling of the next session of Congress, and under the regulations of the Postoffice Department their franking privilege holds good until the first Monday of December following the expiration of their terms of office. But it is not until the 15th of December that books are ordered out of the folding room, a considerable time before they do not get into the mails until long after, since each man's order is taken up and disposed of according to the order of the Postoffice Department.

A special ruling, therefore, has been made by the Postoffice Department, allowing all such related franked documents to go through the mails free, provided the franks are deposited in the folding room on or before the date when the franking privilege technically expires. Accordingly, those retiring Congressmen who have got behind-hand in the distribution of their documents are hustling to get their orders to unload their trunks in the folding room before next Monday, so that their franks may still retain their potency to carry the books safely to their destination without expense.

PROCTOR HAS HIS HANDS FULL To Clear Up His Desk Before He Leaves for the Senate. WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—[Special.]—It is said that Secretary Proctor, who is soon to leave the Cabinet for the Senate, will return to the city from Vermont to-morrow or next day. He will probably take his seat in the Senate immediately upon his resuming, and therefore his resignation as Secretary of War will take effect at the end of the present week.

He will thus have to clear up matters in the War Department between now and Saturday, but his capacity for work is so great that he will undoubtedly be able to turn over his office to his successor in good condition. There are a few questions pending on which he is expected to take personal action, including the case of Major Throckmorton, the order for whose court martial was recently suspended in order that Secretary Proctor might examine the papers.

Chain Makers Win Their Strike. ST. MARYS, Dec. 1.—[Special.]—A compromise was to-day effected between the Bimel Stishand Chain Works, and their employes, 125 in number, who struck against a reduction of wages, and work will be resumed again to-morrow. The old price is maintained.

An Alliance Mercantile Failure. GREENVILLE, PA., Dec. 1.—[Special.]—The Alliance Shoe Company's shoe store was closed to-day by the Sheriff on writs

FIRING HOUSES AS A BUSINESS.

Two Incendiaries Who Live on Insurance Money Arrested in St. Paul. ST. PAUL, Dec. 1.—One of the most diabolical conspiracies ever concocted was made public here to-night in the arrest of two members of a gang of incendiaries, who for over a year have made a regular business of setting fire to houses and stores in various parts of the city to secure a part of the insurance money.

Early in the fall the insurance agents became convinced that many of the numerous fires here were of incendiary origin. At 8:15 to-night Morris Michael, in company with Defective Floyd, fired a building upon which a policy of insurance had been obtained by Floyd, the understanding that Michael was to receive a part of the insurance. A gasoline stove stood in a corner of the kitchen. The gasoline had been turned on and a pile of straw set by the stove. A lighted candle was placed on a box in this room, and when it had burned a short time it was blown out by Michael, who was arrested just as he had closed and locked the outside door and was leaving the house.

Accused of Standing In. Crafton Council Gets Roasted Over a Street Railway Deal. Public wrath in Crafton was so thick yesterday morning that it could be cut off in chunks like soft soap. The cause was the action of Pittsburg Councils in refusing to what is known as the Friend Railway Company the right of way over Steuben street. They say the refusal is in the interest of the West End street and Pennsylvania steam railway companies, the former to save a part of their thirty-sixth ward council, and the latter to bring traffic to the Panhandle Railway.

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