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PROGRAMME OF CONGRESS

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THE HAWAIIAN QUESTION

Will Take Much of the Time in the Senate.

Mr. Corbett's Struggle for a Seat. Lively Debate is Expected on Consideration of the Aldrich-Plowman Case--Political Hobbies Will Be Aired to a Considerable Extent in the House.

Washington, Feb. 6.--The attention of the senate this week will in all probability be divided between the Hawaiian annexation treaty appropriation bills, and the right of Hon. W. H. Corbett to a seat in the senate of Oregon. The treaty will probably occupy the greater share of attention Monday, but after that time the committee on appropriations will claim the time of the senate for the Indian appropriation bill, which it is expected will be reported early in the week. This bill will provoke considerable debate, and by the time it is disposed of the committee on appropriations hope to have the fortifications bill before the senate.

Senator Hoar will at the same time press the Corbett matter upon the attention of the senate as a matter of the highest privilege and several speeches will be made upon it. It does not appear probable, however, that a vote will be reached during the week on the Corbett resolution.

It is probable that the programme of the house, which has been confined almost exclusively this session to the consideration of appropriation bills will be varied this week with the consideration of a contested election case. It is the purpose of the house leaders to keep the appropriation bills to the front in order to obtain an early adjustment or as the alternative throw the responsibility of delay on the senate. But after the fortifications bill is disposed of, only one other appropriation bill is on the calendar for the present, the military academy, and it does not consume more than a few hours. It is the intention of the leaders, therefore, to fill the hiatus this week with the consideration of the Aldrich-Plowman contested election case. The committee have divided on this case on party lines, and the indications are therefore that the house will do the same thing and Mr. Plowman will be unseated. The members on both sides of the house have been using the latitude allowed in debate on appropriation bills to make campaign speeches to be used more or less extensively in the impending congressional campaign this fall, and these are likely to continue indefinitely.

All the members are keenly alive to opportunities to make political capital for themselves or their party, and this fact may at any time upset pre-arranged programmes by plunging the political discussion, and acrimonious and Populists seem to be directed their assaults principally against the Republican claim that prosperity has returned to the country, so that all evidence of this year, or so on, is likely to find its way, sooner or later, into the Congressional Record for distribution this fall.

WRECK OF THE SERENE.

Portuguese Steamer Overturn Brings in Nine Survivors. New York, Feb. 6.--The Portuguese steamer Serene, which arrived today from Oporto, brought nine of the crew of the American bark Serene, which was wrecked December 31 at Leixoes, near Oporto, during a heavy north-west gale. The bark dragged her anchors and went ashore on the rocks. The crew landed with the help of the only clothes they wore, and the Dalling remained by the vessel to look after the owner's interests.

The Serene sailed from Philadelphia November 18 for Oporto with a full cargo of case, and was wrecked by a gale in New York. She registered 622 tons.

AUSTRALIAN GOLD.

The Steamship Mariposa Will Bring \$500,000 to California. San Francisco, Feb. 6.--The steamship Mariposa, from Sydney, Australia, due here Feb. 10, is reported to have on board nearly \$500,000 Australian gold consigned to the Anglo-California bank of this city.

This will bring the total shipments of gold from that source this season to \$1,300,000, by far the largest amount ever received in California from Australia during any one year in settling the balance of trade in favor of this country.

Corea Against Foreigners. London, Feb. 7.--The correspondent of the Times at Kobe, Japan, says: "The Korean government, having adopted a resolution that no railway concessions shall be granted to foreigners, the Japanese minister at Seoul, M. Kato Masuo, will demand that the contract for the construction of the Seoul-Pusan railway by Japan, under an agreement made in August, 1894, shall be signed without delay."

Death of Amos Alling. Derby, Conn., Feb. 6.--Amos H. Alling, of the firm of A. H. and C. B. Alling, woolen manufacturers operating the Paugasset mills, that employ 300 hands, died today of cerebral hemorrhage, aged 72 years.

DR. HALL'S TROUBLES.

The Trustees of His Church Resign in a Body. New York, Feb. 6.--The trustees of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church have resigned. Announcement to that effect was made from the pulpit by the Rev. Dr. John Hall this morning, and the members of the congregation were notified to meet at the church Monday afternoon, Feb. 14, and choose new trustees.

Dr. Hall read the notice in a sad tone of voice, but he made no comment, though it attracted attention among the pews and elders who began whispering, but desisted when he began his sermon.

After the morning services Dr. Hall held a short session with many of his warm supporters in the congregation, and afterwards there were many conferences in the vestry room and the parlor and private room. The congregation is bound to stand by Dr. Hall, no matter what may be done by the session next Thursday evening, and to-day they were giving him the warmest assurances of their support and assistance. The members of the congregation were loth to discuss the significance of the trustees' action, but it was admitted by Robert Bonner, J. H. Work and many others that it was the direct outcome of the differences of the factions in the church.

The trustees are the financial governors of the church and also the financial backers. They not only represent in themselves the financial support, but also the McCooks, the Maitlands and Sloanes, who are supposed to be opposed to the continuance of Dr. Hall in the pastorate. The resignation following closely the stand taken by the congregation last Wednesday night, is expected to be followed next Thursday by the withdrawal from the session of many influential and wealthy members.

STRONG FEELING AGAINST AMERICA

Senator Declares That Spain Cannot Think of Fixing a Date for Peace in Cuba. London, Feb. 7.--The Madrid correspondent of the Standard says: "Senator Sagasta's response to the official note presented yesterday (Saturday) by General Woodford, the United States minister, complaints of the filibustering expeditions and declares that Spain cannot entertain the suggestion for fixing a date for her completion of the pacification of Cuba."

"Pessimist impressions are now current regarding the relations between Spain and the United States and have depressed the Madrid and Barcelona bourses. Public feeling among all classes is strong against America."

TURKS FIGHT AGAIN.

Candidacy of Prince George Has Been Shelved for a Time. London, Feb. 7.--The Constantinople correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "The candidacy of Prince George of Greece for the presidency of Crete, and the related question generally have been shelved for the present."

"The sultan's progress through Stamboul today (Sunday) was a magnificent spectacle. There was no disorder."

London, Feb. 7.--The Athens correspondent of the Times says: "The Turks, after several fighting, have occupied and burned four villages in the Anagrapa district, in the north of Acarnania, about midway between Arta and Domoko. Eight thousand Turkish troops were engaged in the conflicts."

"It is reported that in the neighborhood of the Alaokastro the Turks were repulsed. A panic prevails among the inhabitants of the neutral zone. The Greek outposts have been strengthened and the situation is ominous. It is probable that the Cretan question will be dropped in the evacuation of Thessaly has been secured."

BIG HOTEL BURNED.

The Winter Resort at Aiken in Ashes, Loss \$140,000. Aiken, S. C., Feb. 6.--The Highland Park hotel at this place, was destroyed by fire this morning. The flames started somewhere in the laundry room, and gradually picked their way over the building. The loss is \$140,000, with \$80,000 insurance. One hundred and sixty-eight guests were sleeping in the hotel, but they had no trouble in getting away with their baggage.

The Highland Park hotel was one of the best known of the southern winter resorts, and was improved to the extent of \$50,000 this season.

EIGHT YEARS FOR WHEELER.

Prominent Rochester Business Man Convicted of Fraud. Rochester, Feb. 6.--Wesley Wheeler, a real estate dealer, said to be worth \$200,000, was convicted yesterday in the county court of grand larceny in the first degree in defrauding Captain Giles F. Kitts out of \$800 by false representations in real estate manipulations.

He was sentenced by Judge Sutherland to eight years in Auburn prison.

Nansen Pleaded with America.

London, Feb. 6.--Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, the Arctic explorer, who has arrived here from the United States, is quoted as saying that he was greatly pleased by his visit to America, where he met with every courtesy and was almost killed with kindness of a social nature.

Pilot Boat Sinks.

New York, Feb. 6.--At 10 o'clock this morning the Sandy Hook marine omnibus reported that an unknown two-masted schooner was seen on Romar shoal, about one mile south of Romer Beach, and that her hull was nearly under water. Later it was learned that it was New York pilot boat No. 18, T. J. Stafford.

Sheriff Indicted. Carson, Nev., Feb. 6.--Sheriff Brockolis, of Douglas county, where the lynching of Adam Ueber recently occurred, has been indicted for wilful neglect of duty in not taking steps to prevent the illegal execution. His trial has been set for the 15th.

GRATITUDE FOR RELIEF FUND

Letter from Consul Barker at Sagua La Clara, Cuba. Washington, Feb. 6.--Hon. Charles W. Russell, assistant United States attorney in the department of justice, has just received the following letter, acknowledging the receipt of a New York draft mailed to United States Consul Barker at Sagua la Grande, Cuba, whose district of Las Villas embraces Sagua la Grande, the capital of the province of that name, San Domingo Remedios and another city in the same province in the eastern part of the island.

MANY DEATHS FROM STARVATION

The Number is Estimated at 200,000--Consul General Lee Will Not Be Able to Reach This Point in His Work of Distribution--A Place Where Money is Needed. Washington, Feb. 6.--Hon. Charles W. Russell, assistant United States attorney in the department of justice, has just received the following letter, acknowledging the receipt of a New York draft mailed to United States Consul Barker at Sagua la Grande, Cuba, whose district of Las Villas embraces Sagua la Grande, the capital of the province of that name, San Domingo Remedios and another city in the same province in the eastern part of the island.

In explanation of his estimate of the number of deaths from starvation, up to the time of his recent visit, namely, 200,000, Mr. Russell says that he got that number from the common talk in Cuba. The letter follows:

It is with unfeigned pleasure as well as inexpressible gratitude that I acknowledge the receipt of your valued favor of the 18th instant, transmitting \$6 United States currency as a donation to the dispensario, a charitable institution to care for the destitute and sick children of this city, contributed as you say, by certain employes of your department.

I must tell you and other good souls contributing that the remittance was most timely, and that the dispensario is empty, and, as one remarked when this relief was made known, "We have God and only God to look to in order that our treasury be replenished. To God and these charitable Americans are due our thanks."

Mrs. G., of Boston, has notified me that she has sent me a address a case of condensed milk for the same purpose. I assume it was you who called her attention to these poor starving children.

After speaking of the good done by Mr. Russell's visit to Cuba, the letter proceeds:

Up to date my district has received nothing of the relief sent by our people, except through your thoughtful remembrance.

OUT OF GENERAL LEE'S REACH. Of course, Consul General Lee has not, nor will he ever, in my humble judgment, have sufficient contributions sent to Havana to share with us, so remote and inaccessible in transport, supplies. In view of this, contributions of money will aid in saving thousands who must die without sustenance and medicine immediately furnished. For this reason, your department will prove more beneficial than ten times the sum thirty days hence.

I have certificates signed by the Alcaldes of the principal cities and towns in my Sagua la Grande zone alone, showing that my estimate of 20,000 perishing souls was under rather than over the mark. To my mind there is but one issue in this Cuban question, viz., destitution and starvation.

The status quo is as when you left, save the destitution grows and the death rate increases hourly.

I have solicited and obtained a relief committee, composed of women and men, who will distribute all contributions received and render needed relief to all the destitute.

Said to the generous people of America, who have never turned a deaf ear to the cry of the distressed, to send us food, medicine and clothing for the sick.

Mr. Russell says any contributions of money may safely be sent to the United States consul, Walter B. Barker, at Sagua la Grande, Cuba.

As money can be transmitted with greater certainty and promptness, to that particular region, he advises sending New York drafts rather than food supplies, which can be purchased there.

AGAINST BRADSTREETS.

Minter Brothers Again Awarded a Large Verdict. Warrensburg, Mo., Feb. 6.--The case of Minter Brothers vs. Bradstreet's Commercial Agency was given to a jury here yesterday and a verdict rendered last night giving the plaintiffs judgment for \$27,000. In 1890 Minter Brothers were large retail dealers at Sedalia, Warrensburg, an attorney, Bradstreet's reporter at that place, reported to the agency that Minter Brothers were insolvent. A business failure followed, and Minter Brothers alleged that it was due to an unjust rating.

In 1881 Bradstreet's reported to the Minter firm against Bradstreet's for \$100,000 damage, and to recover property that was sacrificed in the failure. The case came to Johnson county on a change of venue in 1884 and a judgment for \$50,000 was rendered. The award was set aside by the supreme court, and the case remanded for trial with the result of the second trial as stated.

Change in Sugar Manufacture.

San Francisco, Feb. 6.--Hitherto the sugar crop from Hawaii has been shipped on sailing vessels round the Horn to New York, but recently an arrangement has been made with the Southern Pacific company, whereby this plan has been changed. The sugar will now be brought in the vessels to this port and shipped to New York city by rail. There were eighty car loads today at long wharf, Oakland, awaiting shipment.

Longshoremen Absorbed.

New York, Feb. 6.--Thomas Cleary and William Gaffney, longshoremen, were found suffering from the effects of gas in a West street hotel this morning. Cleary died soon after being discovered and Gaffney was removed to a hospital in a precarious condition. Gaffney will probably die. The men were using the influence of liquor when they registered at the hotel.

Guarding Against Sharks.

Rome, Feb. 6.--A government measure has been published authorizing the Bank of Naples to take charge of the savings of Italian emigrants in North and South America, with a view of securing them against the rapacity of the so-called "bankers" there.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, Feb. 6.--Arrived: La Gasconne, Havre; Sailed: Le Bretagne, Havre; Kaiser Wilhelm II, Naples, etc.; Queenstown-Balled; Euraria (from Liverpool); New York-Havre-Arrived: La Champagne, New York.

Earthquake Shock in Virginia.

Lynchburg, Va., Feb. 6.--A distinct earthquake shock was felt here today about 2 o'clock. The disturbance was experienced throughout southwest Virginia. Bedford City reports that a sound like an explosion, different from the usual rumbling, preceded the shock.

HIBERNIANS UNITE.

After a Separation of 14 Years, Rival Factions Are Reconciled. Pittsburg, Feb. 6.--After a separation of fourteen years the rival factions in the Ancient Order of Hibernians were re-united in this county today, thus making the amalgamation complete throughout the state. In compliance with the order of Archbishop McFall, of Trenton, N. J., who has been selected as arbitrator, 250 delegates representing the 7,000 members of the order in Allegheny county, met today and held a love feast, during which the American board and the Board of Erin, the warring factions, were united under the name of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

The command of the arbitrator required that the union should take place before Feb. 11 and this county was the last in the state to comply.

Officers elected today were: President, Major John J. Coyne, of Pittsburg; recording secretary, John M. O'Connor, of Carnegie; financial secretary, Patrick Gillessie, of Pittsburg.

Delegates from the various state conventions, composed of the county presidents of each division, will meet in national convention at Trenton, June 27, when the next county convention will take place. There are about 500,000 members of the order in the country.

COMMERCE OF EMPIRE STATE

Annual Report of the State Engineer. The Percentage of Exports During Year 1897. Albany, N. Y., Feb. 6.--The annual report of State Engineer Adams devotes much space to the subject of the commerce of the state. Elaborate tables have been compiled from the records of the general government and other sources dating back 200 years, giving the values of trade between the several American colonies and Great Britain up to the beginning of the Revolutionary war, and after that time and up to date the values of exports from the leading Atlantic and Gulf ports.

Other tables show the percentage of exports and imports during each year from 1856 to 1897, at New York, New Orleans, Baltimore, Philadelphia and Galveston, and show how the commerce of the state has increased to an extent to New York city and New York state is now being diverted to these points.

Mr. Adams says that the port of New York, which a third of a century ago was the only port of the United States, exports of the nation, today commands but 37 per cent. of them. Statistics presented show that New York foreign commerce has never been so low as last year since 1850. It is in her exports that New York's commercial losses have occurred. In imports she holds her own at two-thirds of the nation's total. From 1880 to 1897 the nation's foreign commerce increased \$200,000,000 in value. During that time New York's increased \$20,000,000, Boston's \$23,000,000; Galveston's \$20,000,000, and New Orleans's \$17,000,000.

These and similar statistics in Mr. Adams' report show that the problem of retaining New York's commercial supremacy is a grave and pressing one, the chief factors in which he believes to be adequate and efficient waterways, constantly forcing the lowest possible transportation charges, and ample docks equipped with everything that will expedite and minimize the cost of handling commerce.

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ALL IS PEACEFUL AT CITY OF HAVANA

From a Spanish Report the Autonomist Cabinet is a Serene Body, Peace Predicted. Havana, Feb. 6.--Senor Jose Maria Galvez, president of the Autonomist cabinet, says there is no disagreement among its members, nor anything in the nature of a crisis. On the contrary, all the ministers understood their programme and mission, which he sums up as "to establish the new regime, to prepare for the elections, and to constitute a chamber of deputies."

Under the terms of the agreement, Senor Galvez, is it the mission of members of the cabinet to address the insurgents officially or to negotiate for peace unless they should have a guarantee as to the outcome of their efforts. Nevertheless, the members of the cabinet in their unofficial capacity, will do all in their power to smooth the pathway and will contribute to all private efforts to bring about a favorable issue.

Senor Galvez says the cabinet is expecting favorable news from the province of Santa Clara and assurances that General Maximo Gomez retired into the Camaguey district owing to lack of support and "the conflicting opinions that distract the insurgents in Eastern Cuba."

Peace will come, he declares, by the "combined action of arms and politics," but it is absolutely necessary to demonstrate the efficiency of Spanish arms at the same time, that the beneficial influence of the new regime are being made known.

The French cruiser Dubourdieu arrived here today.

EULOGY ON GEORGE.

James A. Hearne Steps from the Stage to the Pulpit. Chicago, Feb. 6.--James A. Hearne stepped from the stage to the pulpit today to deliver a eulogy on Henry George, who was his personal friend, in the Church of the Redeemer. Every seat was filled, while the actor made an attack on private ownership of land and enunciated doctrines that seemed strangely out of keeping with his fashionable audience.

After speaking of his personal association with Mr. George, and the heroism of his life and death, the speaker devoted himself to the principles of the single tax advocate.

Shannon's Painting Prize.

Philadelphia, Feb. 6.--The Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts Walter Lippincott prize of \$200 was awarded to James Shannon for his oil painting entitled "Babes in the Wood." Mr. Shannon is an American who has lived for some years in London, where his portrait of women are much in request. His picture, entitled "Miss Kitty" is also in the academy's exhibition and won first prize at Pittsburg this year.

APPROVES REPORT OF THE COMMISSION

Letter from Horace White on the Subject. Its General Principles Correct. Seth Low Also Expresses an Opinion. The Battle as to Standard of Value Must Be Fought to a Finish--Must Be Bold or Silver Unquestionably. Washington, Feb. 6.--Mr. Horace White, the editor of the New York Evening Post, in a letter to the secretary of the monetary commission, has this to say of the commission's report recommending a plan for the revision of the currency laws:

I heartily approve the report of the monetary commission. While I might prefer slight changes here and there, the general principles advanced by the report are, in my judgment, correct and their enactment necessary to the prosperity of all classes. I do not think it most timely in a political sense also, because the country cannot stand still. Either the right thing or the wrong thing will be done. Stagnation would be suited for the party in power, even if stagnation were possible, but it is impossible. From the close of the war until the present time, the currency question has been the uppermost one in politics. We have been mulling one way or the other all the time, never standing still. To stop now would be to rest in a foot's race, and the party will not allow it. I consider the commission's plan for bank reform exceedingly hopeful and I trust that the forthcoming Indianapolis convention will give it a cordial endorsement.

Mr. Seth Low, of Brooklyn, also expresses himself as in hearty sympathy with the commission's purpose. Speaking of the report, he says:

DOUBTING THE DOLLAR. Its detailed recommendations seem to me to be well calculated to accomplish the desired result. As long as it is possible for any one to take with any reasonable doubt as to the answer, what is a dollar? the business of the country will be carried on under more or less disadvantage. It seems to me that the battle as to the standard of value must be fought to a finish so that the standard shall be an unassailable one. I am unquestionably silver, precisely as Lincoln said the country must be either wholly free or wholly slave. In favor of the gold standard, the effects of which no man can measure, and, secondly, that the gold standard is the standard of value in all the countries enjoying the highest civilization.

Under these circumstances, I sympathize with the frank utterances of the monetary commission and of the secretary of the treasury in urging their measures explicitly for the purpose of establishing gold unequivocally as the standard of value in this country. The measures directed to this end and the modifications of the banking law proposed by the Indianapolis commission in the main commend themselves to my judgment. I am not, however, an expert in monetary questions, and I believe that the proposals can be amended in detail without serious disadvantage. On the other hand, the trend of the report is like, and I hope it will result in securing a sound alignment of all the friends of sound banking and of sound money behind the same measure."

MEETING OF L. A. W.

Annual National Session to Be Held at St. Louis. St. Louis, Feb. 6.--Next Wednesday the annual national assembly of the League of American Wheelmen will begin a three days' session. There is much to be accomplished at the convention, but the most important matter will be the election of officers. There is considerable rivalry for the position of president between Isaac B. Potter, the present incumbent, and George D. Gier, the ex-chairman of the racing board. Ex-President Sterling Elliott, of Massachusetts, is back of the Gier ticket. It is stated that the Potter ticket has allowed Pennsylvania, the second strongest division in the league, to name the next president and the support of the Keystone state has been promised them. There are any number of resolutions to be acted upon. Almost every delegate has a pet idea of his own.

It is not expected that the fight for the granting of local option will amount to much. Missouri as well as the majority of western and southern states, is known to be in favor of this action being taken but the easterners are opposed to it, and as they practically control the league.

TRAIN WRECKED NEAR ST. LOUIS.

A Cow Causes the Death of Engineer and Fireman. St. Louis, Feb. 6.--A cow caused the wreck of the northbound Texas special on the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern railway section of the Missouri Pacific system at Hematite, thirty miles south of St. Louis, today, resulting in the death of Engineer Franey and Fireman Childs. Another death is likely to result indirectly from the wreck. When the information reached Mrs. Franey, wife of the engineer, that her husband had been killed she became prostrated with grief. As she is in a delicate condition it is feared she will die.

None of the passengers are dangerously hurt. The names of the injured are E. J. Moore, George B. Dent, S. F. Ryan and L. W. Hickman, mail clerks; the Rev. M. C. B. Mason, Cincinnati, and Miss Emily Thomas, De Soto, Mo.

France Must Keep Off.

London, Feb. 7.--The Times referring this morning to the claim of France to an outlet on the navigable part of the Niger for her Sudan and Dahomey establishments, says: "France has no right whatever to secure an outlet, and a pretension to obtain it at England's expense is a proposal which could only be accepted on the hypothesis that Great Britain had lost the power to defend her legitimate possessions."

Conflict in Thessaly.

Athens, Feb. 6.--Sanguinary conflicts continue between the Turkish troops and the peasants in Thessaly. It is reported that the Turks have occupied several villages and that a hundred persons have been killed.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today: Fair; Warmer; Variable Winds. 1 General--Serious Trouble Between Canadian and United States Authorities in Alaska. Programme of Week Before Congress. Horace White Affirms Report of Monetary Commission. 2 Disgraceful Row Between Lawyers in the Sheriff Martin Trial. One Day's Work of Lackawanna's Courts. 3 Local--Liederkrantz Takes Action on the Prostitution of His Hall. Man Killed in the Y. M. C. A. Ruins. 4 Editorial. Comment of the Press. 5 Local--Y. M. C. A. Holds a Big Gospel Meeting in the Lyceum. First Meeting of the Civics Club. 6 Local--West Side, South Side and Suburban. 7 Lackawanna County News. 8 Wyoming County News Budget. The Markets.

THE CONVENTION OF LABOR REFORMERS

A Call Has Been Issued for the First Regular Annual Meeting to Be Held May 2. St. Louis, Feb. 6.--A call for the "first regular annual united labor and labor reform convention," to be held in St. Louis on Monday, May 2, 1898, has been issued by the following committee by virtue of authority conferred upon it by the United Labor convention held in Chicago last September: M. P. Carrick, United Labor League of Western Pennsylvania; Sheridan Webb, Social Democracy, Nashville, Tenn.; William Brandt, E. M. Bannister, Trades and Labor unions of St. Louis; Mrs. Mary Jones, Knights of Labor; John F. Walters, Single Tax Club, Chicago; William Malloy, secretary Central Labor Federation, Nashville; G. F. Stephens, Single Tax Society, Philadelphia; Dan McDonald, Trades and Labor assembly, Butte, Mont.

The convention was called for-- First--To consider and adopt measures to secure closer union between all advocates of labor reform. Second--To adopt an efficient system of resisting the encroachment of the judiciary upon the liberties of our people, and to abolish government by injunction. Third--To unite all our efforts in support of every movement for the betterment of industrial conditions not inconsistent with each other. Fourth--To consider the political situation in relation to the interests of the producers and to take any necessary action. Fifth--To establish closer and more sympathetic relations between the supporters of isolated attempts at self help by cooperative methods of production. Sixth--To impress upon the American people the pre-eminence of the system of direct legislation as the only means of restoring the liberty of the people and as the only issue whereby all reform elements can be concentrated into hearty political union without compromise with each other. Seventh--The basis of representation shall be one delegate from each bona fide local organization in actual existence, and the first and foremost mental objects the promotion of industrial and social reform.

FEEDING THE JURORS.

Extra Pains Taken to Make the Martin Panel Comfortable. Wilkes-Barre, Feb. 6.--The jury in the Sheriff Martin case were early roused this morning. Their quarters in the court house are not the best, being cramped and poorly ventilated. In charge of the upstairs were taken to the private dining room of the Exchange hotel, where they partook of a hearty breakfast. Landlord Zeigler had prepared an extra bill of fare and everything possible was done to make it pleasant for the jurors. After breakfast the jury boarded an electric car and took a ride to Pittston. No one was admitted to the car but the jury and their attendants. Upon their return they ate an elaborate dinner. After the noonday meal the jurors expressed a desire to take another ride. They seemed to prefer riding to going to church. Accordingly, another private car was prepared for them and they were taken over the Plymouth and Nanticoke route. Returning they went to their quarters in the court house until supper time. The ride seemed to sharpen their appetites and they ate a good supper. Once they returned to their quarters in the court house, where the evening was spent in conversation and other social diversions.

RESCUER USED AN EEL SPEAR.

Dragged a Drowning Companion Out on the Ice, Saving His Life. Southampton, Long Island, Feb. 6.--Captain Jeter Rogers, while returning on this ice from an eel-spear fishing excursion at Cold Spring Harbor, fell through and only escaped drowning through the prompt action of Captain Hubert White, who accompanied him. Captain Rogers is an old sea captain, and lives in Main street, this village; is a road commissioner, and one of the most prominent citizens of the town.

This afternoon he and Captain White walked out to the city for them and soon caught more than a bushel of eels. Then they started to return to the shore. Scarcely had they covered half the intervening space when Rogers, who was dragging the eels on a sled some distance from White, broke through.

White, instantly realizing his companion's peril, pushed his long eel spear under the ice and, after one of the prows had caught in his companion's clothing, drew him to the open air. Then, with great difficulty, he succeeded in dragging him to safety.

THE BLYTHE CASE AGAIN.

Syndicate Formed to Fight Mrs. Florence Blythe-Hinckley. San Francisco, Feb. 6.--It is reported from New York that a syndicate has been formed in this city for the purpose of wresting from Mrs. Florence Blythe-Hinckley a portion of her millionaire father's estate. The plan is said to be the re-opening of the case of Alice Edith Dickinson, the alleged widow of Thomas Blythe, who was killed in the sinking of the ship "The Albatross." It is said that Robert G. Ingersoll has been engaged as one of the counsel by the syndicate. General Hart, attorney for Mrs. B