

ORIGIN OF THE GOLD PLANK

Argument Between Foraker and Kohlsaat.

HANNA HAD THE PLANK

Washington, Dec. 21.—Senator Foraker published some time ago a long article concerning the origin and adoption of the "gold plank" at the Republican national convention of 1888, in which he maintained that the plank was prepared by the committee on resolutions, of which he was chairman, after much discussion and out of diverse materials. H. H. Kohlsaat, editor of the Chicago Times-Herald, published an article in reply in which he claimed that the plank was framed by the friends of Governor McKinley at a conference held in Mr. Hanna's rooms at the Southern hotel four days before the meeting of the convention, and therefore long before Mr. Foraker was elected either a member or chairman of the committee on resolutions. Mr. Kohlsaat claimed, furthermore, that there were present at this conference Mr. Hanna, Henry C. Payne, Senator Proctor, Myron T. Herrick, ex-governor Merriam, M. E. Stone and himself, and that the gold plank prepared by them was submitted to various Republican leaders and also to the committee on resolutions, by which it was adopted with minor changes of phrasing and presented to the convention. The following statements by Mr. Hanna, Henry C. Payne, Merriam and Proctor furnish an important contribution to the history of the gold plank:

"The original draft of the so-called 'gold plank' was taken to St. Louis by Mr. Hanna, in consideration of the hands of Mr. Hanna, Myron T. Herrick and myself, who were in St. Louis some ten days before the meeting of the convention and closely associated in guarding the interests of Governor McKinley. After many informal discussions, the plank was entrusted to me for the purpose of drafting a substitute for the original and several substitutes were drawn and discussed. Seven governor Merriam, of Minnesota, and Senator Proctor, of Vermont, joined this informal committee of Governor McKinley's friends, who were endeavoring to phrase this particular feature of the coming platform. Many changes were made in phrasing and probably a dozen different forms were discussed at the various meetings, until the meeting on Friday morning I submitted the text of the gold plank, which was substantially the one finally adopted by the convention. At that meeting Mr. Kohlsaat was present, and was strenuously insisting upon a plain, unequivocal declaration for the gold standard and his insistence did much to end any division of sentiment which might have existed, which was obtained among the friends of Governor McKinley as to the wisdom of the course.

"The resolution as thus agreed upon was shown on Friday to Hon. Joseph H. Manly, of Maine, and Governor W. Murray Crane, of Massachusetts, who were at the time in the interest of Speaker Reed and it was also submitted to Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, and Senator Platt, of New York, who all gave their unqualified approval.

"The resolution as agreed upon was given to Myron T. Herrick, of Cleveland, who telegraphed it in full to Governor McKinley, which was soon obtained, and then a copy was given to Governor Merriam, who had been selected as a member of the committee on resolutions, and he was authorized to say to the committee that the resolution as presented by him had been drawn by immediate and responsible friends of Governor McKinley, and approved by him, and to ask that it be adopted by the committee.

"(Signed) Henry C. Payne.

"I have carefully read the foregoing account of the origin of the gold plank adopted by the Republican national convention at St. Louis in 1888 and I find it correct. In addition to the facts brought out in it, I wish to add that other Republicans were earnest and influential in their advocacy of a gold declaration, among them Robert W. Patterson, the Illinois member of the committee on resolutions.

"(Signed) M. A. Hanna.

"The foregoing statement accords with my recollection of the facts. The copy of the resolution referred to was given to me and I submitted it to the committee on resolutions. Previously thereto I showed a copy of the plank to Senator Foraker, Senator Platt, of New York, and Senator Dodge, and conferred with them about it.

"(Signed) W. R. Merriam.

"I was consulted about the financial plank of the St. Louis platform by Mr. Payne and others five or six days previous to the meeting of the convention. I remember the conference which took place Friday morning in one of Mr. Hanna's rooms at the Southern Hotel. There were present Messrs. Payne, Merriam, Herrick, Kohlsaat, Stone and myself. Mr. Hanna was in and out occasionally, but gave the matter little attention, as he was more interested in making a president than the platform for him to stand on. He, however, expressed himself as ready to agree to anything we formulated, and did agree to it at the close of our work. Mr. Kohlsaat had just arrived in town and was very active and earnest

for the gold standard, and his forceful insistence came at an opportune moment for settling the matter in a right way. I was surprised to find some of the western men so strong for gold. Of course, substantially all eastern Republicans would favor it, but the credit leading in the matter belongs to the western men I have named. It was known that Senator Foraker was to be chairman of the committee on resolutions and the plank was shown to him and met his full approval. It was also shown to the different delegations, but especially to those delegates who were to be appointed on the committee on resolutions, and was known very soon that it would meet with the approval of a good majority of the committee.

(Signed) Redfield Proctor.

O'HERIDGE KILLS O'HARRELL.

Result of a Quarrel Concerning Professional Affairs.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 21.—F. M. O'Heridge, one of the most prominent lawyers in the city, today shot Edward O'Harrell, who is also very well known, four times in a crowded elevator. O'Harrell had a pistol half cocked in his hand as he fell in front of the elevator shaft. O'Heridge is in custody. The men were employed as counsel on opposite sides in litigation involving cotton mill property and quarreled concerning professional affairs.

NO DEFINITE NEWS OF WAR

Only Cable Working is Choked with Official Despatches—Beller's Casualty List Shows Large Losses

London, Dec. 22.—4.45 p. m.—There is still no definite news regarding the military operations in South Africa. Probably this is because the only cable that is now working is choked with official despatches.

General Buller's Casualty List at Colenso, just published, shows that 148 were killed and 718 wounded. Two hundred and twenty-seven are discovered as missing and of these about 80 are known to be prisoners in the hands of the Boers. This makes a total larger than General Buller's original estimate.

Royal letters, signed by the queen, are being circulated by the archbishop to the bishops of the various dioceses, authorizing a collection in the churches throughout England on the 27th, in aid of the fund for sick and wounded soldiers and their families. Interest centres for the moment in the preparations to send out reinforcements. The various city guilds have given an additional £12,000 for the expenses of the imperial volunteers besides gifts of houses, ambulances and other paraphernalia. The latest notable volunteers include two nephews of Lord Roberts, Major Charles Sherston and Major Maxwell Sherston. Their brother was killed at Colenso.

The admiralty have decided to despatch another naval brigade of 700 men to South Africa.

The chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, has issued a formal denial that any differences exist in the cabinet regarding war expenditures.

KITCHENER SAILS FOR MALTA

Comes from the Sudan by Way of Cairo.

Cairo, Dec. 21.—The train conveying General Lord Kitchener, now on his way from the Sudan to South Africa, via this city, was delayed north of Alexandria. It only returned to the general's arrival here.

General Kitchener subsequently arrived in this city and was given an ovation by Lord Cromer, the British consul general in Egypt, and others; he immediately boarded a train bound for Malta.

Alexandria, Dec. 21.—Lord Kitchener arrived this evening from Cairo and went on board the British second-class cruiser Isis, which immediately sailed for Malta.

ACT LIKE BOER RECRUITS.

Twenty-five Men Sail on a French Liner for Havre.

New York, Dec. 21.—In the steerage of the French liner L'Aquitaine, which sailed for Havre today, there were twenty-five stalwart men, who, it is supposed, are going to enlist in the Boer army. The men came to the pier in a body under the evident leadership of one man and all were non-committal as to their plans.

Most of the men appeared to be Holland Dutch.

GUEST OF CLOVER CLUB.

Sir Henry Irving Entertained in New Jersey.

Philadelphia, Dec. 21.—Sir Henry Irving, England's foremost actor, was the guest of honor at the Christmas luncheon of the famous Clover club, of this city, this afternoon. Many men prominent in the affairs of the city, state and nation were in attendance, and the occasion was one of the most brilliant affairs that this organization has ever given. Sir Henry's short speech was well received. Among other things he said:

"May the lovers of people of America and of my own dear land increase as the days grow, and I believe that this country and my own will become closer to each other at time passes on."

Apartment House Burned.

New York, Dec. 21.—Fire today destroyed a large seven-story apartment house owned by Morris Handelstein, which was in course of construction at Ninety-seventh street and Madison avenue. Eighty men were at work upon the structure, but none was injured. The building when completed would have been valued at \$100,000 and it is estimated that the loss will reach more than \$200,000. The walls will all have to be torn down and built anew.

Glassblowers Wages Advanced.

Pittsburg, Dec. 21.—L. C. Ripley, president of the United Glass company, announced today that the wages of blowers and gatherers in their employ would be advanced 5 per cent. on January 1. The increase will affect about 1,200 employees.

CLARK HOWELL ON EXPANSION

THE DISTINGUISHED SOUTHERN EDITOR AT BUFFALO.

An Address on "The Man with His Hat in His Hand" is Delivered Before the Members of the Independent Club—The Speech is Frequently Interrupted with Applause. An Opinion on the Philippines Question.

Buffalo, Dec. 21.—Clark Howell, of Atlanta, Ga., with several friends from that city arrived here last evening as the guest of the Independent club, today visited the site of the exhibition and inspected the arrangements, which has just been completed, and the other work in progress. The party and a number of friends who traveled in a special car of the International Traction company continued on to Niagara Falls, where they viewed the falls and the gorge from both sides of the river.

Tonight Mr. Howell was the guest of honor at the monthly dinner of the Independent club, and delivered an address on "The Man with His Hat in His Hand." Mr. Howell was listened to attentively by the 200 members of the club and their guests, and his remarks were frequently interrupted by applause.

Editor Howell's Address.

"There is the east, there is India." So spoke Thomas H. Benton in concluding one of the most memorable and prophetic addresses ever delivered in the United States. It was but a century ago, when a realization of the magnificent opportunities of the great west had first dawned upon the nation, that the enterprising of the whole country upon its commercial hope with suggestions of resources surpassing the wealth of Gondwanaland, and riches beyond the dream of Avarice.

The time has come when his burning thought can find expression in a single change of his coat of arms.

"There is the east, there are the Philippines, the gateway of Asia."

On the day I received the invitation to address this evening, I was in California, and I had just returned from a trip to the Philippines, in the company of my regimental staff, in the presence of thousands of spectators.

Leaving against a rose close beside me was a white-haired mountaineer, who looked with intent eyes upon the movements of the men in uniform. The regiment had finished its evolutions, the commissions officers had lined themselves up, and they were marching to the front for report and dismissal. The bugler had sounded the signal; the halcyons had been grasped and were being hurriedly carried to their respective nests; the signal of a retiring sun. Instinctively and apparently unconsciously my tall neighbor by the tree removed his hat from his head and held it in his hand in a reverential recognition until the flag had been furled and the last strain of the national anthem had been lost in the resonant tramp of the troops as they left the field.

What a picture that was—the man with his hat in his hand, as he stood unremoved during that impressive ceremony. I moved forward and examined him, and impressed with his reverential attitude, I asked him where he was from. "I am," said he, "from Pickens county, Alabama. I was in conversation it developed that this man maintained he came to Atlanta to say farewell to an only son who stood in the line before his regiment and inhibition of patriotism and loyalty I had just witnessed had been prompted by a soul as rugged but as plain as the great blue mountains which give him birth, and by an insatiable thirst from the very bosom of nature itself.

The Connecting Link.

There was the connecting link between the heartstone and the capitol. There was the citizen who, representing the only real substantial element of the nation's resources—strength—the citizen standing in the face of the world, contented on his threshold—had answered his country's call—the man whom Henry Grady so eloquently said: "The shades of his father's glory, when the drum tap is rattle and the barracks are exhausted."

Permit me, Mr. Chairman, to express my recognition of the man who, as a reason like this is neither the time nor the place for a discussion which would be even constitutively political in its trend.

What I say tonight will be the words of an American citizen who loves his country. I do not speak the creed of any party, neither do I speak the creed of any section. I shall speak the faith of the man with his hat in his hand as I read it in his weather-beaten face that day.

In the Philippines 65,000 American soldiers today are standing in the trenches against the onslaught of our national authority. It is needless now to recount the various reasons of our policy of this attack. There is room for patriotic difference on expansion of our boundary lines and the subsequent control of territory thus acquired. But it should be enough for any American citizen, whatever may be his political opinion, to know that our boys are being killed, our flag is being assaulted and our authority is being defied.

Personally I have thought, and still think, that had we complied with the ratification of the peace treaty an assurance in the nature of the declaration made for Cuban independence there would have been a disturbance in the Philippines, and that we would now be in the peaceful possession of the archipelago, as we are in control of Cuba. I believe that it is not too late even now to make this broad declaration of our policy; assuring domestic control of internal affairs, combined with the guarantee of independence whenever, in the opinion of the government, the Philippines are able to administer a government which will protect life, secure property, maintain law and order and meet the demands of civilization.

In concluding the speaker said: "Much is being said of the dangers of imperialism. If that term implies the creation of a vast standing army which shall be interposed between the people and their rights as guaranteed by the constitution, I would say that we want none of it here; if it means a centralized government with one-man power, with the states shorn of their

guaranteed authority, I would say that the day has come when the people may well feel alarm for their security; if it means that we are to exchange an old system of government for an experiment in the turbulent and oppressive methods of other countries, I would say that we might as well give up the impending calamity. But I have faith in my country. The compact of the states made by them has been guaranteed, succeeding generations, and generations yet unborn, shall take to their hearts and defend it with their lives.

Upon the conclusion of his address the large audience stood up, waved handkerchiefs and loudly applauded the speaker. His address was introduced by Clarence Bushnell, president of the club, who paid a glowing tribute to Henry W. Grady, whose mantle, he said, had not fallen to the earth, but upon the shoulders of Clark Howell.

J. J. Spaulding and C. A. Collier, of Buffalo, followed Mr. Howell, the former speaking on the race question from a southern standpoint and the latter gave his experience on expositions as president of the recent exposition in Atlanta.

THE MAINE VICTIMS

One Hundred and Fifty-one Bodies Brought on the Texas.

Havana, Dec. 21.—The battleship Texas left here today for Washington, having on board 151 bodies of the Maine victims, which a few days after the blowing up of the battleship were buried in the cemetery here. The bodies, which were sent to Havana, were confined and placed in the mortuary chapel of the cemetery until the work was completed. The 151 coffins were placed on the Texas at 5 o'clock this morning and at 10 o'clock the Texas left here.

All the remains were thoroughly disinfected. A difference was found between the number of coffins entered on Chaplain Caldwell's list, which was 154, and the actual number of coffins exhumed. Search was made through all the twenty-two graves in which the bodies were buried, but no missing three were not found. Father Childwick said the difference could be explained by a clerical error at the time of interring, as he was very busy at the wharf giving instructions and identifying the bodies, and could not attend to every detail. It was also possible that after ordering portions of two different bodies to be placed in different coffins they had carelessly been put into one coffin. It was also possible for Father Childwick to have omitted the name of one of the bodies, or that the name of a body being buried the same day it is quite possible that a mistake was made in the counting. He was certain no bodies were lost. Captain Green also says he does not believe any bodies went astray.

Persons who were desirous of photographing the proceedings at the cemetery were not allowed to do so. The work was conducted quietly and decorously under the direction of Father Childwick. The old coffins were carried away and burned.

WORK OF BOARD OF PARDONS

Rehearing Refused in Case of Shew and Eagan.

Harrisburg, Dec. 21.—The board of pardons met in executive session today and decided to recommend for pardon William Fields and George W. McClelland, of Pittsburg, second degree murder; Harry Meyers, of Allegheny, and James P. McKenna, Philadelphia, larceny. Pardons were refused James McKee, of Erie; William H. Trout, of Lebanon; Dr. S. P. Anderson, Allegheny; James Christy, Frank McVey, Matthew Winter, of Philadelphia; Isaac Leeman, Lebanon; George Shew, Lancaster; and George Williams, of Chubbville.

The board refused to commute the death sentences of William Penn Bowman, of Wilkes-Barre; William Patterson and George E. Moore, of Allentown; Edward Crossinger, of Northumberland; and Thomas Brennan, of Pottsville. The case of William Epps, alias Turner, of Philadelphia, first degree murder, was held under advisement. The cases of Arthur W. Creswell, Ross and Herbert, of Philadelphia, were also held under advisement.

The application for a rehearing in the case of William H. House, former assistant city attorney of Pittsburg, was held under advisement. Applications for rehearing in the cases of Milton Haller, of Lancaster; John Weber, of Philadelphia; and Cornelius Shew and James J. Eagan, of Susquehanna, were refused. Shew and Eagan will be hanged next month.

BOXING NOTES.

New York, Dec. 21.—Articles of agreement were signed today for a 25-round bout at 121 pounds weight in the ring-side, between Frank Erne, champion lightweight pugilist of Buffalo, and Jack O'Brien, of this city, to take place at the Grand Broadway Athletic club in this city on January 23. A guaranteed purse of \$5,000 or 10 per cent. of the gate receipts is the incentive, of which 75 per cent. will go to the winner and 25 to the loser.

McLauwack, Dec. 21.—Choynski and Jack McCracken have signed a contract to meet in a six-round bout before the Mitchell Athletic club on January 15.

New York, Dec. 21.—Charley Goff, of California, defeated the English middleweight boxer, Geoffrey Thorne, in less than ten rounds before the Herald Athletic club in Brooklyn tonight. In one of the preliminaries Jack Hannigan, of Pittsburg, and Jimmy Riley, of Brooklyn, sparred at the Madison Athletic club in this city. The Herald Athletic club in Brooklyn tonight. In one of the preliminaries Jack Hannigan, of Pittsburg, and Jimmy Riley, of Brooklyn, sparred at the Madison Athletic club in this city. The Herald Athletic club in Brooklyn tonight.

Pittsburg Coal Fleet.

Pittsburg, Dec. 21.—Forty-five tow-boats will commence to arrive at Pittsburg tonight and tomorrow with tons of coal which will be distributed to the various mines in the pools of the Monongahela river. These boats will return to Cincinnati and Louisville with the remainder of the tonnage, which is coal waiting shipment to southern points. The excellent stage of water in the Ohio river today insures good boating water for New Orleans.

GENERAL WOOD AT THE HELM

CUBA'S NEW GOVERNOR ASSUMES CONTROL.

The Retirement of General Brooker and His Secretaries is Received with Universal Satisfaction at Havana—General Wood Has Quietly Captivated All by His Alient Manner of Taking Charge of Affairs.

Havana, Dec. 21.—Major General Leonard Wood formally took charge of the governor general's office at 9 o'clock this morning. His first act was to accept the resignation of the members of the advisory cabinet of General Brooker. These officials, after considering the situation over night, had decided upon retiring. Their decision meets with public approval. Almost without exception they had rendered themselves particularly obnoxious to a majority of the Cubans. One prominent Cuban general said today:

"The only chance General Brooker's secretaries have, if they wish to rehabilitate themselves in the eyes of their countrymen is to resign and thus, for a time, bring forgetfulness."

The same general disapproving General Brooker's farewell proclamation, said: "The administration of General Wood is sound, in the course of time, with food and without war, to arrive at a state of comparative comfort. No man has a right to regard himself as the sole cause of such improvements. As a matter of fact, under General Wood's administration, the military authorities frequently over-rode the civil, and there is less civil government now than before. As for the courts, they are the same corrupt organization and virtually unchanged in any important particular. The general opinion most Cubans will attribute to the bad advice given General Brooker by his secretaries."

The Lucha, contrasting General Brooker's withdrawal with General Wood's advent, says:

"General Brooker's proclamation was unfortunate, as it contained errors, general Wood, although promising nothing, speaks volumes by his quiet, democratic manner of taking charge of affairs. He has captivated every one."

General Wood this afternoon visited the prison and penitentiary and seemed much interested, although he declined to comment upon the experience. He was accompanied by General Ludlow and General Chaffee.

NOT OPPOSED TO QUAY

Senator Hanna in an Interview Denies Idle Rumors.

Pittsburg, Dec. 21.—United States Senator M. A. Hanna was in the city today on his way from Washington to Cleveland. The senator seems to be enjoying the best of health.

"It would be highly improper for me to discuss the matter at this time," said Senator Hanna, when asked what he had to say about the Quay case. "My position is like that of a man on the jury. All the arguments pro and con will have to be presented before the senate, and we will have to reserve our verdict until all the evidence is brought out in proper form."

"It is reported that Senator Quay and his friends used their influence to delay the senate committee in making its report. What is your opinion in the matter?"

"There is no truth in it. The committee could not report until some time in January, even if the members were so disposed. All such matters have to take their proper course and there is no necessity for haste. The hearing has been held, but the committee must have time for due consideration of the arguments that were presented. Some one probably started that report because they had nothing else to talk about."

"What grounds are there for the report that you tried to influence the administration against Quay?"

"None at all; that story was made out of the whole cloth, and I think I denied it some time ago."

"What is the feeling among voters concerning the selection of Philadelphia as the place for holding the next national Republican convention?"

"I think all are pretty well satisfied now. It was a lively contest between Philadelphia and Cleveland, but the latter won out by only one vote. The meeting of the national committee was a pleasant one, and the rivalry between the eastern and western members was good-natured throughout."

"Have you any intention of resigning from the chairmanship of the national committee?"

"Not until my term expires."

"There has been some gossip about naming Quay as your successor. What have you heard about it?"

"Nothing at all. It is an unwritten law with the committee that no chairman shall serve two terms in succession and, of course, some one will be selected to succeed me. Just who will be named I cannot say. It is a matter for the committee to decide when it meets in June. I have heard no names mentioned this far."

Jr. O. U. A. M. Injunction.

Altoona, Pa., Dec. 21.—State Councillor George R. Bowers, of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, will go to Harrisburg tomorrow to enter with other prominent Junior Mechanics and arrange a reply to the injunction proceedings instituted in Dauphin county against the state council. An Associated Press reporter saw Mr. Bowers tonight, but he refused to discuss the injunction further than to say that "the decision of the court is being willingly or unwillingly accepted by both the insurgent and loyal members of the order as final."

Ordinance Works Inspected.

Bethlehem, Pa., Dec. 21.—Members of the congressional naval affairs committee were shown through the mammoth ordnance works of the Bethlehem Steel company this morning, witnessing the casting of plates for the battleship Alabama and several big field guns for the army. After luncheon the party returned to Washington on a special train.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

- Weather Indications Today:**
FAIR; VARIABLE WINDS.
- 1 General-General Wood on Duty at Havana.
 - 2 Local—Gold Plank Originated.
 - 3 Local—One Day's Court Record.
 - 4 Editorial.
 - 5 News and Comment.
 - 6 General—Chinese Army Without a Head.
 - 7 Local—Council Proceedings.
 - 8 Local—Peers of Aldermen in Police Cases.
 - 9 Arrangements for the Bachelors' Ball.
 - 10 Local—West Scranton and Suburban.
 - 11 Round About the Country.
 - 12 Local—Live Industrial News.

READY FOR CHRISTMAS.

The Holiday Will Be Celebrated in a Quiet Way at the White House Owing to Illness of Mrs. McKinley.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Many senators and representatives called upon the president today to pay their respects and extend their warmest greetings before leaving for their homes to spend the holiday season. Among them was Representative Richardson, the Democratic leader of the house, who was accompanied by Representative McClelland, of New York, and Representative Shreve, of Alabama. The president responded very cordially to these evidences of good will. He appears to be enjoying exceptionally good health. No extensive preparations are making for the Christmas celebration at the executive mansion this year owing to the illness of Mrs. McKinley's health, and the day probably will be a very quiet one. Miss Grace McKinley and Miss Sarah Duncan, nieces of the president, will be guests at the white house during the holidays. Abner McKimley and his wife, also will be here. The white house will, however, since ceased to give himself any concern about the Christmas turkey. For many years the fattest, juiciest, bird in Rhode Island has arrived with the compliments of the raiser.

Many boxes have already reached the white house containing gifts for the president and Mrs. McKinley, and a considerable number of presents are already on their way to their destination from the white house. Most of Mrs. McKinley's gifts are exquisite products of her own handiwork. Last year Mrs. McKinley, with her command of the First division of the Eighth army corps in the Philippine islands and remained in command of this division in the Cuban campaign, rendering distinguished services in the battles before Santiago and subsequently commanded the department of Santiago and the Fourth army corps. On the 15th of March, 1898, he assumed command of the First division of the Eighth army corps in the Philippine islands and remained in command of this division in the Cuban campaign, rendering distinguished services in the battles before Santiago and subsequently commanded the department of Santiago and the Fourth army corps. On the 15th of March, 1898, he assumed command of the First division of the Eighth army corps in the Philippine islands and remained in command of this division in the Cuban campaign, rendering distinguished services in the battles before Santiago and subsequently commanded the department of Santiago and the Fourth army corps.

A MIDNIGHT BLAZE.

Fire in a Penn Avenue Tailor Shop Does \$250 Damage.

Fire broke out last night just a few minutes before midnight in the back room of Robert E. Wilson's tailor shop at 209 Penn avenue. The smoke was seen by Patrolman Puester, who turned in an alarm from box 15, at the corner of Penn and Myrtle streets, and which was responded to by all the central city companies.

The blaze was soon extinguished by the chemical engine, which made an unusually quick run to the place. The damage consisted of the slight burning of a number of articles of clothing, left for repairs, rendering them, of course, entirely worthless. Mr. Wilson placed his loss at \$200, covered by insurance, while the loss to the building, which is owned by Mr. Freeman, of Plymouth, will not exceed \$50.

The exact cause of the fire is unknown, but it is believed to have started from a defective fire, there being a fire burning in the stove used for heating the irons.

The family of Charles Amann, the dyer, who lived directly over the store, had a rather narrow escape from being smothered by the smoke.

BICYCLE CLUB WINS.

Backus Bowling Club Defeated in an Interesting Game.

The Backus Bowling team and the Scranton Bicycle club bowlers met for the second time in their series of four games last night. They played on the Bicycle club's alleys and the Backus team was badly defeated.

The game was played in two of the three matches played, but lost by the tremendous total of 218 pins.

The scores were as follows: Backus team, 819, 871, 712; Bicycle club, 812, 892, 913. The highest individual score of the evening was made by Worden, of the Bicycle club, with 179, while Schell, of the Backus team, came next with 175.

Captain Wardell, of the Bicycle club, had the highest average, 167, and Captain Hopkins, of the opposing team, was a close second with 152. The teams will play two more games and will probably meet again next Friday on the Backus alleys.

DAY'S DEATH ROLL.

Huntingdon, Pa., Dec. 21.—Dr. Jesse C. Miller, one of the most prominent physicians in this county, living at Markiesburg, dropped dead today at his home of heart disease. He was graduated at the Jefferson Medical college in 1884 and was a son of Judge John S. Miller. He leaves a widow.

Philadelphia, Dec. 21.—A private telegram was received here today from Santa Barbara, Cal., announcing the death at that place this morning of Dr. Edward H. Williams, widely known over the country as a member of the firm of Burham, Williams & Co., constituting the Baldwin Locomotive works of this city. Mr. Williams was 75 years of age and was born at Woodstock, Va. Death was due to heart trouble. Dr. Williams was knighted by the King of Norway and Sweden.

TRIBUTE TO GEN. LAWTON

General Order Announcing His Death to the Army.

SIGNED BY MR. ROOT

Sketch of the Life of the Brave Soldier from His Enlistment in the Union Army in 1861 to the Time of His Death—A Most Brilliant Career as a Fighter—Badges of Mourning to Be Worn for Thirty Days.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The following general order announcing to the army the death of General Lawton was issued from the war department today:

War Department,
Washington, Dec. 21, 1899.

With deep regret the secretary of war announces the death of the field of battle of Henry W. Lawton, major general of volunteers and colonel and inspector general of the regular army.

On the 18th of April, 1861, three days after President Lincoln's first call for volunteers in the war for the Union at the age of 18 he enlisted as a private in the Ninth Indiana volunteers. He served with his regiment in the field in the army of the Potomac throughout that war and at its close was mustered out at the age of 22, as lieutenant colonel after being brevetted colonel for gallant and meritorious services and awarded a medal of honor for distinguished gallantry.

He was commissioned second lieutenant in the regular army on the 25th of July, 1869, and served in the infantry until 1870, then in the cavalry until 1885 and thereafter as inspector general until the commencement of the war with Spain.

He was repeatedly commended in general orders for his gallant and able, ability and persistence of pursuit "for great skill, perseverance and gallantry" in services on the frontier against the hostile Indians.

From the cessation of war with Spain he was made brigadier general and on the 8th of July following major general of volunteers. His nomination for brigadier general of the regular army was determined upon and was ready to be sent to the senate upon the day of his death. He commanded the second division of the Fifth army corps in the Cuban campaign, rendering distinguished services in the battles before Santiago and subsequently commanded the department of Santiago and the Fourth army corps. On the 15th of March, 1898, he assumed command of the First division of the Eighth army corps in the Philippine islands and remained in command of this division in the Cuban campaign, rendering distinguished services in the battles before Santiago and subsequently commanded the department of Santiago and the Fourth army corps. On the 15th of March, 1898, he assumed command of the First division of the Eighth army corps in the Philippine islands and remained in command of this division in the Cuban campaign, rendering distinguished services in the battles before Santiago and subsequently commanded the department of Santiago and the Fourth army corps.

He was in the fullness of his powers, in the full of the conflict, in the consciousness of assured victory. He leaves to his comrades and his country the memory and the example of dauntless courage and unflinching devotion to duty, of manly character and of high quality of command, which inspired his troops with his own indomitable spirit.

The flag will be placed at half mast and thirteen minute guns will be fired at every military post and station on the day after the receipt of this order and the usual badges of mourning will be worn for thirty days.

(Signed) Elihu Root,
Secretary of War.

By C. Corbin, Adjutant General.

LAWTON'S BURIAL

The Actual Funeral Services Will Take Place in Ten Days.

Manila, Dec. 20, 5.50 p. m.—General Lawton's body will be removed from his late residence to the cemetery tomorrow. In accordance with Mr. Lawton's wish, there will be no ostentatious funeral services, but the funeral will be a prayer. The late general's staff and Lieutenant Stewart's troop of the Fourth cavalry, which accompanied General Lawton through the campaign, will compose the escort. The actual funeral services will take place in ten days, under the direction of General Schwan, and with military honors. The civil organizations, including the supreme court, will participate in the funeral. The late general's staff and Lieutenant Stewart's troop of the Fourth cavalry, which accompanied General Lawton through the campaign, will compose the escort. The actual funeral services will take place in ten days, under the direction of General Schwan, and with military honors. The civil organizations, including the supreme court, will participate in the funeral. The late general's staff and Lieutenant Stewart's troop of the Fourth cavalry, which accompanied General Lawton through the campaign, will compose the escort. The actual funeral services will take place in ten days, under the direction of General Schwan, and with military honors. The civil organizations, including the supreme court, will participate in the funeral. The late general's staff and Lieutenant Stewart's troop of the Fourth cavalry, which accompanied General Lawton through the campaign, will compose the escort.

Mrs. Lawton bears her grief bravely. President McKinley's and Secretary Root's messages to Major General Otis have been posted at the palace, where the flags are half-masted.

Paroled in Hot Coffee.

Lebanon, Pa., Dec. 21.—Edna S. Freeman, the 16-months-old daughter of Adam Freeman, of this city, died today after being literally paroled with hot coffee. Last evening while the mother was serving coffee at the supper table, the handle of the pot broke, the vessel in falling struck the child and emptying its contents on its face and over its body.

Pennsylvania Pensions.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Pension certificates. Original—H. Chance, Wilkes-Barre, \$4. Increase—John Canedy, Sylvania, Bradford, \$1 to \$5.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Forecast for Friday and Saturday: fair to cloudy. Pennsylvania, generally fair Friday and Saturday; variable; winds, mostly from the south.