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HOUSE COMMITTEES ARE APPOINTED

Mr. Connell on Mines and Mining and Also Upon Committee on Agriculture.

SENATOR LODGE FAVORS TREATY

States That All Objectionable Features Have Been Removed from the Isthmian Canal Agreement—The Confirmation of Attorney General Knox Is Recommended—Mr. Grow Speaks Upon Philippines Legislation—House Adjourns Out of Respect to Memory of Senator Kyle.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The open session of the senate today was devoted to routine business, such as the presentation of petitions, memorandums and bills. The senate then went into executive session, on motion of Senator Lodge, who has charge of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, and adjourned at 10.55 p. m.

Senator Lodge spoke in favor of the treaty, saying all objectionable features of the last treaty had been removed; that the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, standing so long in the way of a canal, had been removed; that the change in Article 1 was of material importance. He said the concessions were ample for the United States' interests.

The adjournment without further consideration was in order to give the Democratic caucus committee an opportunity to consider the treaty.

In the executive session, Senator Hoar presented the report of the committee on judiciary, recommending the confirmation of Attorney General Knox. He made a brief statement, referring to the protests against confirmation as made by the Anti-Trust league, but said that after giving careful attention to this representation the committee had decided to recommend confirmation. No opposition was voiced, but action on the nomination was postponed by common consent. The senate then, before taking up the isthmian canal treaty, proceeded to pass upon other nominations, of which there are an exceptionally large number before the senate.

Committees Appointed.

Speaker Henderson, at the session of the house today, announced the appointment of the committees. Usually the committees are not appointed until after the holiday recess, but Speaker Henderson had the situation well in hand when congress met and having completed the lists, he announced them.

The ways and means committee and appropriations committee had been previously announced. In the various committees announced today the Pennsylvania members are assigned as follows:

Interstate and Foreign Commerce—Wanger.
Insular Affairs—Sibley.
Banking and Currency—Foerderer.
Merchant Marine and Fisheries—Young.
Rivers and Harbors—Acheson.
Military Affairs—Adams.
Naval Affairs—Butler.
Immigration and Naturalization—Adams.
Agriculture—Connell, Wright.
Foreign Affairs—Adams.
Post-offices and Post Roads—Bingham, Sibley.
Territories—Graham.
Public Buildings and Grounds—Stewalter.
Census—Acheson.
Coinage, Weights and Measures—Bates.
Invalid Pensions—Dresser.
Pensions—Patterson.
Education—Grow (chairman), Jack.
Labor—Stewalter and Graham.
Militia—Polk.
Patents—Jack.
Claims—Butler.
War Claims—Mahon (chairman).
District of Columbia—Morrell.
Manufactures—Burk.
Mines and Mining—Connell, Patterson, Hall.
Election of President, Vice-President and Representatives in Congress—Lewis.
Elections Committee No. 2 (Olmstead (chairman), and Greene.
Elections Committee No. 3—Jack.
Pacific Railroads—Palmer.
Expenditures in the Postoffice Department—Wanger (chairman).

A general speech on the Philippines was delivered by the venerable ex-Speaker Galusha A. Grow, of Pennsylvania. He spoke for nearly an hour on prospective legislation for the Philippine islands. He contended that the constitution contained two grants of power under which congress could govern the Philippines according to its discretion.

Mr. Burke, South Dakota, formally announced the death of Senator Kyle, of his state, and as a mark of respect, the house immediately adjourned. The adjournment was until Friday.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 10.—Miss Sarah Forney, sister of the late John W. Forney, noted editor and politician, died here today, aged 85 years. She was the last of the Forney family.

Stroudsburg, Dec. 10.—Mr. Randall Van Gordon, proprietor of the well-known Delaware House, Dingmans, suddenly died with heart trouble early today. Deceased, in his early life, was prominently connected with the Lehigh Valley railroad. Deceased was 60 years of age and leaves a family to survive him.

Mexico City, Dec. 10.—Jose Hygino Duarte Pereira, delegate of Brazil to the Pan-American congress, died this afternoon from pneumonia, complicated with heart trouble.

Middleburg, Pa., Dec. 10.—Samuel Wittenmyer, the oldest man in Snyder county, died this morning, aged 101 years. He was appointed postmaster in 1818 and again in 1884.

Bill for Memorial Bridge.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Senator Martin today introduced a bill for a memorial bridge across the Potomac river, at Washington, at a cost of $3,000,000.

BRITISH BARK SINKS.

The Pinmore of Greenock, Scotland, in the Surf—Six Men Are Drowned.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Aberdeen, Wash., Dec. 10.—Wednesday night, the British bark Pinmore, Master Jameson, owned by Clink Brothers, of Greenock, Scotland, bound from Santa Rosalia, Mexico, to Portland, in ballast, went into the surf at the mouth of Raft river, north of Gray's Harbor. The crew of thirty abandoned the ship and took to the boats, one of which was capsized shortly after leaving the vessel, and six men were drowned. The other boat reached shore safely, after being out for thirty-six hours. One man died from exposure. The dead are: Joseph White, H. W. White, R. Drank, T. Proer, H. Dever, Stanley Sherran, Carl Nelson.

The crew made their way by land to Oyehut, where the tug Ranger brought them to Hoquiam. One of the seamen, P. Pearson, is nearly dead from exposure and is in the hospital at Hoquiam. The crew report that the vessel disappeared, but it is believed she has been towed off by a tug from Astoria.

Captain Jameson says he was off the Columbia river Nov. 22, but the gale blew him north. He worked back to the Columbia on Dec. 2, and was close enough for a tug or pilot boat to reach him, when another gale blew him north and he was powerless.

The bark Ernest Reyer, ashore north of Grays' Harbor, is broken in two and is a wreck.

SENATOR HENRY CABOT LODGE.

EXCITEMENT AT BATANGAS

Thousands Leave the Province and Seek Places of Safety.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Manila, Dec. 10.—Thousands of people are leaving Batangas province for places of safety.

General James M. Bell reports an important engagement between a force of insurgents at Lalo, province of Camarines, and a detachment of the Twentieth infantry. Three Americans were killed. The loss of the enemy is not known, but is believed to have been heavy. General Bell anticipates a speedy extermination of the irreconcilables.

A large force of insurgents recently attacked the town of Lipa, province of Batangas, killing one soldier and several Americans. Troop E, First cavalry, killed ten of the enemy before the remainder of the insurgent force escaped. The Filipinos evidently expected a victory, for they had cut the wires and carried off a hundred yards of the line.

The natives are stirred by the closing of the ports, and bitterly object to reconcentration.

A Filipino force, consisting of two hundred riflemen and four hundred bolomen, recently attacked Nagpartian, province of North Ilocos. Company M, Eighth infantry, acting on the defensive, drove off the enemy, killing eleven of them, with no loss to themselves.

The Supreme court today dismissed the writ of habeas corpus in the case of Patterson, the Englishman, private secretary of Sixto Lopez, whose deportation is sought by the authorities here, as he refused to take the oath of allegiance to the United States when he landed at Manila. Patterson will be deported on the first steamer bound for Hong Kong.

Railroad Men Garnisheed.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 10.—The wages of thirty Harrisburg employes of the Philadelphia and Middle division of the Pennsylvania Railroad company were garnisheed today by a West Virginia collection agency. The men are employed in the freight department, and some were notified that they would not receive the full amount of their wages until the claims against them are settled. The claims vary from $5 to $40, and aggregate about $600.

TWO DUELLISTS KILLED.

Powell and Overstreet Shoot at the Same Instant with Fatal Effect.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Zolo, Fla., Dec. 10.—G. L. Powell and J. S. Overstreet, two prominent naval stores manufacturers, shot and instantly killed each other in a face-to-face duel today. Overstreet went to Powell's still, nine miles west of here, to see about some hands.

The two men had some words, and both drew their revolvers. They fired together, and each man fell. Overstreet was killed instantly, and Powell lived only an hour.

NEW MEXICO PLEADS FOR STATEHOOD.

Claims Injustice Has Been Done in Federal Census Returns.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The annual report of Governor Otero of New Mexico renews the plea for statehood and says the federal census returns for 1900 do the territory a great injustice. He says that the population of the territory, based on careful estimates, should be at this time 313,191 including Indians.

He likewise takes exception to the census statistics for mining, stock raising, agriculture, horticulture, timber, coal and iron industries and attributes the alleged discrepancy in the figures to inadaptability of the present system to sparsely settled mountain sections of the country.

AN AWFUL EXPLOSION AT SHARON MILLS

Nine Men Are Injured—Two Will Probably Die—Water in the Casting Machine.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Sharon, Pa., Dec. 10.—An explosion that shook the earth for miles around, shattered windows in hundreds of houses at South Sharon, moved adjacent buildings from their foundations and caused injury to nine men, two perhaps fatally, occurred at the Sharon Steel company's plant today. Out of the nine men injured, four were taken to the hospital. They are: Michael Howard, Michael Barquerich, Edward Altman, Cassius Truxall.

The other five men were taken to their homes.

The explosion occurred in the casting department of the "pig" mill. The metal was being poured from the ladle into the casting machine, when it came in contact with some water, which caused a blast that was felt a great distance. The casting house was completely wrecked. Large strips of heavy corrugated iron beams and other material were hurled hundreds of yards by the explosion. The casting machine and conveyor were damaged almost beyond repair. Not a vestige of the iron roof of the mill remains.

THE DEMOCRATS CONTROL BOSTON

Republicans Are Overwhelmed at the City Elections.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Boston, Dec. 10.—The Democrats today completely overwhelmed the Republicans in the city election, General Patrick A. Collins being elected over Mayor Thomas N. Hart by the largest plurality in a quarter of a century.

The Democrats likewise obtained control of both branches of the city government, elected Street Commissioner Salem D. Charles and practically all their candidates for the school commission. As usual, the city voted strongly in favor of license.

Steamship Arrivals.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 10.—Arrived: Steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, Bremen. Cleared: Steamers Friesland, Antwerp; Oceanic, Liverpool; St. Paul, Southampton. Sailed: Steamers Cymric, Liverpool; Columbia, Naples, Bremen—Arrived: Steamer Kronprinz Wilhelm, New York, London—Arrived: Steamer Haverford, New York, via Southampton (for Antwerp). Rotterdam—Arrived: Steamer Ryndam, New York. Cherbourg—Arrived: Steamer Graf Waldersee, New York via Plymouth for Hamburg (and proceeded).

Had Too Many Postage Stamps.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 10.—Charles Stokes, a resident of Brooklyn, was arraigned before United States Commissioner Shields today on a charge of having in his possession $2,000 worth of stamps supposed to have been stolen from the Chicago postoffice on Oct. 20 last. He was held in $5,000 bail.

WATTERSON IS NOT ALARMED

He Is Not a Candidate for President, but Chuck Full of Hopefulness.

PUTS HIS TRUST IN THE PLAIN PEOPLE

Pokes Some Fun at the Republicans for Becoming Free Traders on the Homeopathic Plan, Foresees a Time When Yellow Journalism Will Cease to Be Profitable and Welcomes in Expansion Liberty's Opportunity to Rear New Temples in the Islands of the Sea.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Boston, Dec. 10.—An eloquent speech was made tonight by Colonel Henry Watterson at the banquet of the Massachusetts association, his subject being: "Massachusetts and Kentucky, with a Word or Two About Reciprocity and Expansion." At its beginning he invoked heaven to forbid his ever becoming a candidate for the presidency, and then continued:

I love Massachusetts because Massachusetts loves liberty, and I love liberty. If I am a crank about anything it is about my right at all times and under all circumstances to talk out in meeting. The Bostonese, I am told, possess the conceit of themselves. It is a handy thing to have about the house, and in your case happens to be founded on fact. And yet back in the neck of woods where I abide there are those who think that Kentucky is "no slouch." A story is told of an old darky in slave holding days who declared that his young master was the great st man that ever lived. "Is he greater than Henry Clay?" "Yaas, sir." "Greater than General Jackson?" "Yaas, sir." "Well, come now, Uncle Ephraim, you won't say that he is greater than the Almighty?" Uncle Ephraim as stumped for a moment. "I won't say dat, sah; no, sah, but, he bet'y young yit." Kentucky may not be all that Massachusetts is; but certainly is "bet'y young yit!"

You have done the accretions of nearly three centuries of talking and doing. A single century into the borders of Kentucky were threading their way by the light of pine knot and rifle flash through the trackless canebrake and the perilous forest to plant the flag which you worship and I adore upon the first stage of its westward journey around the world. During that War of Sections which extinguished African slavery and created a nation, Massachusetts was united to a man. Kentucky was so divided that she sent an equal number of soldiers into both of the contending armies. Throughout the period succeeding the close of that great upheaval, while Massachusetts stood off at long range and took a speculative crack at all creation, Kentucky had to grapple with its realities; to bind up the wounds of the body politic; to recover the equipoise of the body politic; to bury a lost cause and to reunite the branches among the combatants. We did it. We are still doing what is left of it for us to do. And, though we lack renewal of the wealth which enables you to wish for a thing, and to have it, and, perhaps, the training and methods of order, which have come down to you from those bloody riots in which you will not deny that your fathers engaged—at Lexington and Concord and Bunker Hill—yea, in the streets of this very town—we are getting there, and let me repeat, Kentucky is young yet.

Some Tariff Talk.

Twenty-five years ago, I ventured in a modest Democratic platform, and in other simple, childlike ways, to advance the theory that "custom-house taxation," and I might have added all taxation, "shall be for revenue only;" in other words that the government has no constitutional right nor power in equity, to levy a dollar of taxation except for its own support, and that, when the sum required has been obtained, the tax shall stop. They called me names. They said I was a revolutionist. Worse than all, I was heralded and stigmatized as a free trader. Heavy old infant industries, excluding the oleaginous substance of subsidy out of every pore, climbed upon their haunches and with tears in their eyes exclaimed, "What, would you deprive us children not only of our pap, but take from us the means of aiding the poor workingman to earn a living?" Being a person of tender sensibilities there were times when I wanted to creep somewhere and weep. Lo! the scene shifts, and what do I see? I see the Republican party, which was so aghast at the old-fashioned, allowable treatment I prescribed, coming out as a full-fledged free trader on the homeopathic plan; its hands full of protocolic pill boxes loaded with reciprocity capsules; each capsule nicely sugared to suit the fancy of such infants as accept the treatment, each pill-box bearing the old reliable Protectionist label!

I should be disingenuous if I affected surprise, indeed, the event fulfills a prophecy of my own. Many years ago, talking to a company of manufacturers at Pittsburg, I declared that the day would not be far distant when Pennsylvania would be for free trade, while a Protectionist party would be growing in Kentucky; that with plants perfected, with trade-marks fixed and patents secure, Pennsylvania, seeking cheaper processes and wider markets, would say, "away with the tariff," whilst the owners of raw material, the coal barons and the iron lords of Kentucky, would cry out, "hold on, we don't want the robbing to stop until we have got our share of it."

I have lived to see and I do not deny Protectionism its share of the credit—my contention being that it was bound to come and might have been had cheaper—I have lived to see the American manufacturer able to meet his foreign rival in every neutral market in Christendom, sure at least of recovering and controlling those markets that geographically belong to him; because, from a collar-button to a locomotive, the finished product of the American manufacturer today leads the world.

Some Philosophy.

What a comedy the thing we call government, what a humbug the thing we call politics! And yet, after all, how inevitable! I have seen comical battles in my time; but more sham battles, and I do declare that I much prefer the sham battles to the real battles. I shall always contend that politics is not war; that party lines are not lines of battle. I believe that we shall never approach the ideal in government until we have forced public men to speak the truth and how to the line in public affairs, even as in private affairs, the same laws of honor holding good in both; and, whilst I would no more exclude sentiment than I would stop the circulation of blood, many lessons of dear-bought experience admonish me that we are as a rule nearest a being in error when we are most positive and emphatic; that grevious injustice and injury are perpetrated by the misrepresentation and abuse which are so freely visited upon public men for no other cause, or offense, than a difference of opinion; and that intolerance, the devil's handmaiden, in our private relations, embraces the sum of all viciousness in the affairs of church and state.

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CARNEGIE'S GREAT GIFT.

The University Offer Discussed in the Cabinet Meeting Yesterday.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—The proposed gift of $10,000,000 by Mr. Andrew Carnegie for educational purposes was discussed at today's meeting of the cabinet. It was stated after the meeting that the president had received a communication from Mr. Carnegie on the subject of the creation of a fund for the extension of higher education. It is said that his proposition does not involve the establishment of university buildings in Washington but rather the placing of a fund in the hands of government trustees from which the expenses of deserving students may be paid in the line of original investigation at home or abroad. The proposition, it is understood, has not reached a concise form except in general terms and except as to the amount. The president will confer with members of congress in regard to the proposed gift before making its terms public.

MAX MORRIS,
Denver, Col.,
National President of the Clerks and Fourth Vice President of the A. F. of L.

It also was stated after the meeting that George W. Whitehead, at present collector of the customs for Porto Rico, had been offered the position of appraiser of merchandise at the port of New York, in place of Wilbur F. Wakeman, who had been requested to resign.

The Philippine tariff question occupied a considerable part of the time of the meeting and the recent insular decisions of the supreme court were also under consideration.

TOWN ALMOST WIPED OUT

Wayne Suffers from a Disastrous Conflagration—Loss Over $40.00.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Wayne, W. Va., Dec. 10.—This town was almost wiped out by a fire which broke out shortly after midnight and raged until after daylight this morning. The losses will aggregate over $40,000. The following buildings are destroyed:

Lon Davis, dry goods.
William Booton, dry goods.
Peter Fischbach, saddlery.
Chapman Fry, dry goods.
Addison Napier, livery stable.
L. L. O'Berne, dwelling and dry goods store.
Wesley Ellis, wagon shop.
Elisha Atkins, dwelling.
Mrs. G. G. Burness, butcher shop.
W. L. Booton, residence.

There was but little insurance as the town has no fire department.

The fire originated in a livery stable and a stiff wind that was blowing caused the flames to sweep on, destroying everything in their path for two squares.

CHINESE EXCLUSION LAW.

Pacific Coast Members and Senators Framing a Bill.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The special committee of Pacific coast senators and members who are framing a Chinese exclusion law had a meeting today and considered a bill framed by the bureau of immigration. The measure provides strict exclusion, defining specifically each excepted class of Chinese which may enter the country, and is designed to prevent misconstruction or evasion of the law.

After going over ten sections of the measure the committee adjourned without final action. The committee is made up of those representing the various states in which the Chinese are considered a menace, with Representative Newlands, of Nevada, as chairman, and including senators Mitchell, of Oregon; Warren, of Wyoming; Hettfeld, of Idaho, and Representatives Loud, Coombs and Metcalf, of California.

BICYCLE RACE SCORE.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 10.—The contestants in the six-day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden were grinding away today to retain their positions. Before another day has passed the record is likely to be broken. At 10 o'clock the men were eight miles behind the record, having lost several laps on account of a let-up in the pace by the short distance riders. Before midnight the record was estimated at 10,000. The score at 1 o'clock was:

	Miles.	Laps.
Fischer and Chevalier	978	2
Butler and McLean	978	2
Newkirk and Munro	978	2
McEachern and Wallbaum	978	2
Maya and Wilson	978	2
Lawson and Julius	976	1
King and Samuels	976	1
Babcock and Turville	976	1
Fischer-Hansen and Haas	974	3
Hall and McLaren	974	3

Darling to Succeed Hackett.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The president today sent to the senate the nomination of Charles H. Darling, of Vermont, to be assistant secretary of the navy, vice Frank W. Hackett, resigned.

DEALT WITH MANY LIVE QUESTIONS

NICARAGUA CANAL BILL INTRODUCED

Senator Morgan's Measure Makes Provision for an Aggregate of $180,000,000.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Senator Morgan today introduced a bill providing for the construction of the Nicaragua canal. The bill provides an aggregate of $180,000,000, of which $5,000,000 is made immediately available, and of which aggregate sum such amounts as are necessary are to be appropriated by congress from time to time. The control of the canal and of the canal belt is vested in a board of eight citizens of the United States, in addition to the secretary of war, who is to be president.

DENNIS HOVEN,
of Philadelphia,
Sixth Vice President of the A. F. of L.

The members of the board are to be paid a salary of $8,000 a year each and they are to be chosen regardless of political affiliation. There is a provision authorizing the establishment of a regiment from the regular army on the canal belt to guard it properly and courts also are authorized conformable to the powers granted by the governments of Nicaragua and Costa Rica. There also is a provision making three divisions of the canal during the construction and there is to be a chief engineer and two assistants on each division, the chief to receive a salary of $6,000 and the assistants $3,000.

ROOSEVELT'S LITTLE JOKE.

The President Has Some Fun with Senator Cullom.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—President Roosevelt had a little fun with Senator Cullom yesterday. The Illinois senator was quoted some days ago in a western paper as criticizing the total lack of secretiveness with which the president talks to his callers. He talks out in a loud voice regardless of the feelings of the politician who has come to talk to him, and everybody can hear what they are talking about.

Mr. Cullom visited the president, and as soon as he appeared Mr. Roosevelt seized him, led him into a far-off corner, placed his hand over his mouth and whispered to him in an exaggeratedly cautious manner. The senator took the joke good-naturedly and both laughed.

EXPERT TESTIMONY IN THE BONINE CASE

Medical Witnesses Give Opinions as to the Range at Which Fatal Shots Were Fired.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Three medical experts gave testimony today at the trial of Mrs. Ida Lola Bonine, charged with the killing of Census Clerk Ayres, all going to show the alleged close range at which the shots were fired. Dr. Sterling Ruffin testified that the chief wound inflicted on Ayres must have been from a shot when the pistol was five to eight inches distant from the body. Doctors Carr and Bowe also gave testimony along the same lines.

Deputy Coroner Glazebrook and Morgue Keeper Schoenberger were examined in the afternoon session. Their testimony was unimportant. The defense then announced it rested its case. The prayers of both sides will be submitted tomorrow, and the case will probably go to the jury Thursday or Friday morning.

New Railroad Contemplated.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Youngstown, O., Dec. 10. The large iron and steel interests in the Mahoning valley, including the United States Steel company, the National Steel company, the Republic Iron and Steel company and the Bessemer association, are preparing plans for the construction of a freight railroad from Cleveland through the Mahoning valley to Pittsburg. At a meetings of the Bessemer association in Cleveland tomorrow, action will be taken on the project.

Election at Iloilo.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Manila, Dec. 10.—The Americans and Federal Federals elected their full ticket at the local elections, held in Iloilo, Island of Panay. The constitutional code allowing soldiers to vote played an important part in the elections.

Morgan Buys Iron Mines.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Christiania, Dec. 10.—According to the Dagbladet, J. Pierpont Morgan, of New York, is buying iron mines at Salten.

Two Busy Sessions Mark the Fifth Day of the Big Labor Congress.

WILL NOT FIGHT THE JAPANESE

By Clever Parliamentary Maneuvering the Convention Leaders Succeed in Disposing of a Testy Issue Without Going on Record in a Manner That Would Offend Either Side—Ticket Scalping Serves as a Subject by Which the Socialists Are Enabled to Inject Some Doctrinal Speeches—Resolution Opposed by The Tribune Is Withdrawn.

The fifth day of the convention of the American Federation of Labor was marked by two of its most important and interesting sessions.

The resolution against anti-ticket scalping legislation brought forth a lively debate, which among other things showed that there is a very pronounced socialistic tendency among the delegates, declarations for public ownership of public utilities being enthusiastically applauded.

Chinese exclusion was unanimously favored, but the convention refused to accede to the demand of the extremists from the Pacific coast that "Japanese and other Asiatics" should also be barred. The leaders of the Federation thought to "slide" the "Jap question," but the Pacific coast demanded action and the convention was compelled to face the issue. The matter was so cleverly handled, however, that it is an open question as to convention's sentiments on the desirability of admitting "Japanese and other Asiatics." As the record stands the impelling influence was a desire to avoid complications but the speeches modify this in a very marked degree. In a word, the Japanese question is in the air as far as the American Federation of Labor is concerned.

The matter of a universal label came up in a report disfavoring the proposition because of the inadequacy of legal enactments to protect it. Efforts were made to commit the federation to the universal label immediately upon the enactment of protecting laws, but they proved futile.

The resolution to the effect that no employer of labor be allowed membership in the convention against which The Tribune has so earnestly advised, was withdrawn, by its father, with the consent of the convention.

Last night the visitors were banquetted by the Central Labor union at St. Thomas' college hall. All the celebrities were there and it proved a very successful event from every point of view.

Favor Ticket Scalping.

The ticket-scalping discussion took up a good part of the time of the morning session. It was precipitated by the favorable report of the committee on resolutions on the resolution of the International Typographical union protesting against legislation that will make ticket scalping illegal.

This discussion was the liveliest heard so far during the convention. The socialists demanded government ownership. Railroad men denounced the resolution and declared the sale of railroad tickets was none of the convention's business.

The resolution favoring ticket scalpers and denouncing the railroads for trying to stop them from selling, finally passed, but the railroad delegates present asked that their opposition be noted.

Delegate Tanquera, of Colorado, who is also a state senator, opposed the report. "Why seek enemies?" he asked. "This is none of our business."

Delegate Lee Hart of Chicago responded with a sarcastic address in which he said: "Why should we make love to the railroads. The dear, generous railroads; they love us—not."

Then Mayor Agard, of Fairport, Ill., followed with the sensational statement that the railroads and not the scalpers should be branded as criminals.

"I saw," said Mayor Agard, "railroad employes mutilate and permit to be mutilated bodies of victims in the recent Michigan wreck, so as to defeat possible suits for damages. I also saw a railroad employe strike a reporter and fracture his skull, to prevent him from obtaining facts regarding the wreck."

"Get at the root of the trouble and declare for government ownership," yelled W. J. Croker, a Toledo socialist.

"What the railroads don't want, we do want," cried C. O. Sherman, of Chicago.

"No railroad should charge more than fourteen cents per one hundred

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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.

Local data for December 10, 1901:
Highest temperature ..... 42 degrees
Lowest temperature ..... 38 degrees
Relative Humidity:
8 a. m. ..... 67 per cent.
8 p. m. ..... 59 per cent
Precipitation, 24 hours ended 8 p. m., 0.36 inch

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Forecast for Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair Wednesday, Thursday, increasing cloudiness, diminishing westerly winds.