

ELKIN AND WATRES IN JOINT DEBATE

Rival Candidates for the Republican Nomination Meet on the Forum.

THOUSANDS LISTENED TO THEIR SPEECHES

Colonel Watres Declared That the People Would Not Stand for the Work of the Last Legislature and That the Time Had Come When the Party in This State Must Be Reformed—Attorney General Elk...

Special from a Staff Correspondent. Wilkes-Barre, May 9.—A contest unique in the political history of this part of the state was waged here tonight in the Ninth regiment armory, where Hon. John P. Elkin, of Indiana county, the present attorney general of the state and candidate for the Republican nomination for governor, and Colonel Louis A. Watres, of Scranton, former lieutenant governor of the state and now also a candidate for the Republican gubernatorial nomination, met in joint debate upon the political issues of the present day in this state.

This debate grew out of the fact that tomorrow a primary election will be held in the First district of Luzerne county for the purpose of electing two delegates to the Republican state convention. There are two sets of candidates, Hon. Charles Miner and Hon. Morgan B. Williams are the candidates in the interest of Colonel Watres, and their opponents are Dr. A. H. Morgan, Dr. A. H. Morgan, the convention will be held Monday. The suggestion for the debate came from the Watres side of the house and was promptly accepted by Mr. Elkin. The latter arrived in the city early in the day, and Colonel Watres came from the Hotel Hart, where an hour later a parade was formed, headed by the Ninth Regiment band, and proceeded to the Hotel Sterling, where Colonel Watres called upon Mr. Elkin, and the two men entered the carriage with Attorney General Fuller, the chairman of the meeting, and they started for the armory. Other carriages following contained Candidates Morgan and Miner and many prominent Luzerne Republicans.

As the candidate-debaters walked up through the aisles of the hall, they were warmly greeted by the cheers of the five thousand people present. On the platform with the speakers and chairmen were the four candidates for state delegate in the First district. The meeting opened with a short, witty address by Harry A. Fuller. He said that Messrs. Watres and Elkin were about to meet in a joint discussion, and he had the advantage so necessary in a presiding officer of not knowing what subject they were going to discuss. He introduced Colonel Watres, as the first speaker, and he had forty minutes for their opening address. Colonel Watres said:

Colonel Watres Speech. The people of Pennsylvania reason to be proud of their state. Its traditions are embodied in its motto: "Virtue, Liberty and Independence." The perpetuation of our historic glory in that we were the birthplace of American independence and the cradle of our citizens. As a Republican, I am proud of my state, and I am proud of my party—the party of Lincoln, of Grant, of McKinley, yes, and of Roosevelt—the party of achievement and progress.

Anti-election promises are looked upon with suspicion. When Napoleon was asked to appoint a promoter, he asked concerning the applicants: "What has he done? What is his record? In the discussion of this event, it is my desire, and I doubt not, the desire of my opponent, not to stoop to the low level of political promises, but to direct our attention to those matters which affect the state and the people. I am glad of the opportunity of welcoming the citizens of Wilkes-Barre, and glad to welcome my opponent to this city of yours, where he can enjoy among other things good water from water in abundance. Among many other good features of our government is the grand opportunity given to every one to aspire to the highest offices of our state. There is no right road to place, it is open to all, whether it be the man behind the plow or the humble picker of anthracite slate.

My candidacy is non-factional—made within party lines, and will remain so to the end. I am a firm believer in organization and in majority rule. It is essential, however, that the coalition should be clear and that the majority shall be honestly acquired. During my candidacy, I have assailed—not the Republican party, but those who have misused the power entrusted to them by the people, and who have dishonored and brought to shame both the party and the state.

Until the evils complained of are remedied, the people must elect a legislature that will free themselves from a lethargy which makes them guilty of contributory negligence. Since the morning stars sang together, there has not been such a legislature as that of 1901. There were many true, upright members of the state, and among them your own member, Hon. George J. Harman, and it is fair to say that much good legislation was enacted, but the open bribery, the shameful legislation and the open disregard of the people's welfare will go down in history as wicked and monstrous.

Evils of the Ripper. The evils of the "ripper" bill, and the "franchise grab" are ever before us. The "ripper" bill, as originally drawn may have been warranted and justifiable, but as it was revised and amended and forced through the legislature by the chief executive, it became a veritable monster, taking from the people the constitutional right to govern themselves, and placing the municipal elect-

PHILIPPINES BILL VOTE

An Effort Made to Fix Time for Ballot in the Senate Is Unsuccessful.

TELLER EXTOLLS THE MALAY STATESMEN

He Contends That They Are Capable of Self Government—Opposition in the House to the Bill for the Admission of Oklahoma, Arizona and New Mexico Collapsed at the Last Minute—And the Bill Passed as It Came from the Committee.

Washington, May 9.—An effort was made in the Senate to fix a time for a vote on the pending Philippines bill, but it was unsuccessful. The minority said that many senators desired to speak on the measure and it would not be proper at this time to fix upon a vote. To-day's debate on the Philippines bill was mild. Mr. Teller of Colorado occupied considerable time in opposition to the measure. He contended principally that the Filipinos were capable of self government and of establishing a government quite equal to some European governments. Some debate occurred over the resolution to discharge the committee on privileges and elections from further consideration of the proposed constitutional amendment, providing for the election of senators by the people. Finally, the resolution was withdrawn, assurance being given that a report from the committee would soon be made.

The opposition in the House to the bill for the admission of Oklahoma, Arizona and New Mexico collapsed at the last minute to-day and the bill was passed without division as it came from the committee, except for a few verbal amendments. The real test came on an amendment offered by Mr. Teller of Indiana to join New Mexico and Arizona, and admit them as the state of Montezuma. It was beaten 28 to 106 and all opposition then ceased. The closing scenes of the debate were accompanied by a dramatic incident which narrowly escaped being a tragedy. Delegate Mark A. Smith, of Arizona, who has been fighting for the admission of his territory for a dozen years, had just made a vigorous speech against the Overstreet amendment, when he was seized with a rush of blood to the head. He was conveyed to the lobby, where several physicians who are members of the house, by the prompt administration of powerful heart stimulants saved him from a stroke of apoplexy. He later rallied and was moved to his hotel.

His bill as passed to-day provides enabling acts for Oklahoma, Arizona and New Mexico, similar in form to the acts admitting other territories, except in minor details. The enabling acts differ from each other chiefly in reference to the public lands appropriated for educational purposes. The latter part of the session was devoted to private pension bills, eighty-seven of which were passed, twenty-eight original, fifty-four for increases, and five to correct military records.

A SLICK GAME. Clever Young Fellows Have Been Fleecing Immigrants. Chief Special Agent Adamson, of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad company, learned some time ago that a number of sharp young men about town have been making a practice of fleecing immigrants and he determined to put a stop to it. The modus operandi adopted by the sharpers has been to volunteer to pretend to escort immigrants desirous of finding certain friends to their destination. The immigrant would be taken to a street car and made to believe that he had been taken to the suburbs for an hour or so, while on the car the sharper would ask for some money for his trouble, generally demanding anywhere from \$2 to \$5. The majority of the victims having hazy ideas about the value of American money would pay over the amount asked without question. Then the obliging gentleman would separate from them with much celerity offering some pretext for doing so.

The company's detectives were instructed to watch out for the young men and yesterday morning Detective Casey saw an immigrant with a well dressed young fellow named John Cobb, who lives on Railroad avenue. The immigrant seemed to be complaining that Cobb had not done what he agreed to do and inquiry revealed the fact that he had paid Cobb \$2 to take him to a certain place. He claimed that the latter had taken him on a street car and brought him back to the station. Cobb was arrested and taken before Alderman Ruddy, who fined him \$10.

Breaker Boys Strike. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Hazleton, May 9.—The four hundred employees of the Colmaire colliery, operated by A. S. Van Winkle & Co., are idle as the result of a strike of the breaker boys today because of the change in the starting hour from 7 to 8 a. m. This was decided upon in order to give the company a chance to get a sufficient supply of coal on hand each morning to keep the breaker in steady operation the remainder of the day.

Eugene F. Ware Nominated. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, May 9.—The president today sent to the senate the nomination of Eugene F. Ware, of Kansas, to be commissioner of pensions.

GETTYSBURG SELECTED. Will Be the Location of Next Encampment.

Harrisburg, May 9.—The general officers of the National Guard of Pennsylvania visited the Gettysburg battlefield today and selected a location for the division encampment on July 12-19. General and division headquarters will be located on the Emmetsburg road in front of the historic bloody angle. The first brigade will encamp on the Spangler farm over which the famous Fickett charge was made; the second brigade will be stationed on the outskirts of Gettysburg. The artillery and cavalry will encamp on the Chambersburg pike and Reynolds avenue on the site of the first day's fighting.

CLARA TAYLOR IS ARRESTED IN ITALY

The Alleged Kidnapper Will Be Brought Back—Mother Does Not Care to Prosecute. Washington, May 9.—Agreeably to the request of the state department, the Italian authorities have provisionally detained Clara Taylor and the kidnapped child, Margaret Taylor, at Booberghera, the town in Italy where they were located by Ambassador Choate. A cablegram received at the state department today from Consul Pearson, at Genoa, reports that Albert Amalgio, consular agent at San Remo, the nearest United States office to Booberghera, has identified the woman and child to the satisfaction of the Italian authorities, who have thereupon taken them in custody, awaiting the arrival of extradition papers from Cincinnati.

Cincinnati, May 9.—Mrs. May Tennett Taylor, the mother of Margaret, and her attorney, Thomas H. Darby, have telegraphed President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Hay at Washington, requesting them to instruct Ambassador Meyer, at Rome, to ask that Margaret be turned over to an emissary, who expects to start for Italy with the officer bearing the extradition papers. Mrs. May Tennett Taylor, mother of Margaret, said today, after a talk with her counsel, that she would not insist on prosecuting Clara Taylor. "All I want," she said, "is to have my daughter back."

Production Curtailed at an Unfortunate Time by Fires, Labor Troubles and a Tornado. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, May 9.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly report tomorrow will show a decline in the cotton market, and a surplus of raw cotton. At a time when consumers demand surplus all previous records in the nation's history, it is unfortunate that production should be curtailed. Yet that is the present situation. Fires, labor controversies and a tornado stopped work at many points, greatly reducing the output, and many more wage disputes must be settled before the end of the month or furnace fires will be banked and wheels cease to revolve.

Procrastinating consumers who predicted a crash in the iron and steel industry, are being proved wrong. The several physicians who are members of the house, by the prompt administration of powerful heart stimulants saved him from a stroke of apoplexy. He later rallied and was moved to his hotel.

THE CHINESE REBELS ARE AGAIN ACTIVE. They Bombard Naa-Ning-Fu and Kill from Three to Four Hundred Inhabitants. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Hong Kong, May 9.—Rebels received here from Wu-Chou say the rebels bombarded Naa-Ning-Fu for three hours April 27, using modern field guns. From three hundred to four hundred of the inhabitants were killed. The rebels subsequently withdrew to the hills.

New Jersey Central Receipts. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, May 9.—The stockholders of the Central Railroad of New Jersey today elected the president and directors. The gross receipts of the past year were shown to be \$17,185,823, an increase of \$1,456,486. The receipts from transportation were \$12,286,709, an increase of \$1,111,062 on the 1900 receipts.

Fourteenth Congressional Conference. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Honolulu, May 8.—The Republican conference of the Fourteenth congressional district met today and adjourned to meet in Wilkes-Barre, May 27, after taking two ballots, resulting in six votes for M. E. Lilly, of Bradford; six for C. J. Wright, of Susquehanna, and four for Homer Greene, of Wayne. Wyoming's two congresses voted for Mr. Wright.

Consul-general at London. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, May 9.—The senate today confirmed the nomination of H. Clay Evans to be consul-general at London.

DEATH LIST WILL REACH 40,000

SAMPSON BURIED. President, Cabinet and Diplomatic Corps at Funeral—Full Naval Military Honors. Horrors of the Volcanic Eruption Have Not Been Fully Reported.

ST. PIERRE SUFFERS THE FATE OF POMPEII

Confirmation of the Disaster in the Danish West Indies by the French Cruiser Suchet—Officers of the French Vessel Unable to Penetrate the Town—Commander Ordered to Return to the Scene of Disaster for Additional Details—It Is Feared That Governor Mouttet of Martinique Has Perished. Confirmation of the disaster in the Danish West Indies by the French cruiser Suchet—Officers of the French vessel unable to penetrate the town—Commander ordered to return to the scene of disaster for additional details—it is feared that Governor Mouttet of Martinique has perished.

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MOURNING HOST IN NEW YORK CITY. The Funeral Services of the Late Archbishop Corrigan Largely Attended. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, May 9.—The funeral services of the late Most Rev. Michael Augustine Corrigan, D. D., archbishop of New York, were held in St. Patrick's cathedral at 10.30 o'clock today. The presence of a cardinal, of more than a thousand priests, and of a mourning multitude of lay churchmen and women lent a profound impress to the solemn ceremony of the church. The occasion was memorable both for its solemn splendor and for its spontaneous tribute of grief for the death of a great priest and a remarkable man.

Cardinal Gibbons officiated at the celebration of the requiem mass. The cardinal wore the deep red cap magna and a red beret and walked with steady step and bowed head past the epistle or right of the altar. It was a profound impress to the solemn ceremony of the church. The occasion was memorable both for its solemn splendor and for its spontaneous tribute of grief for the death of a great priest and a remarkable man.

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WEATHER FORECAST. Washington, May 9.—Forecast for Saturday and Sunday: Eastern Pennsylvania—Fair and continued cool Saturday; Sunday, fair with rising temperature; fresh and north to northeast winds.