

WHAT THEY WANT

Committee Preferences of the Kansas Representatives

Made Known to Speaker Reed in Detail.

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ON INDIAN AFFAIRS,

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These are the preferences as indicated by the members themselves. It was suggested by one member of the delegation that Mr. Calderehead was particularly fitted to accomplish much on the invalid pension committee, but as he seemed inclined to keep his expressed choice the suggestion was not urged. It was also thought by some that there were several committees which would be of more direct interest to Kansas than the foreign affairs committee.

Congressman Curtis believes that in addition to the above committees Kansas should have a place on some others which are directly connected with the state's affairs. These are the committee on railroads and public lands. There is enough unoccupied government land in Kansas he thinks to give Kansas a claim to representation.

The friends of Congressman Curtis are urging him for the chairmanship of the Indian affairs committee. His friends will put him in. His friends include both eastern and western members but the western men are working hardest to secure this place for him. Mr. Curtis, himself, says he does not see how he can get it.

"I am at the tail end of the committee," he said, "and it would be something unusual to move up so far."

James S. Sherman of New York is said by some to have been decided upon by Mr. Reed, but it cannot be told definitely until the committee are announced what choice will be made.

Mr. Curtis says the chairmanship belongs to Mr. Sherman by right of service. But that does not prevent Mr. Curtis's friends from putting in their best bids for him. Holman of Indiana was at the head of this committee in the last congress.

TURNED OVER TO MILLER.

The Conduct of the Waller Matter Now in His Hands.

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In connection with the sacred concert which was given Sunday night at the Academy of Music for the benefit of John L. Waller and his family, who are now in town, Annie L. Diggs, of Kansas, who is also here, has issued a published statement. In urging the worthiness of the cause Mrs. Diggs said:

"My acquaintance with the Waller family extends over a period of more than fifteen years. A portion of that time we were neighbors. I always counted Mr. Waller as among my most efficient and unselfish co-workers in whatever enterprise was on hand for the good of the community in which we lived. In the temperance cause, in charitable and educational work, his efforts were zealous and untiring."

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Among those who volunteered their services for the benefit were Miss Henrietta Vinton Davis, the elocutionist; Mr. Joseph H. Douglas, violin virtuoso; Miss Minnie Waller, daughter of ex-consul Waller, soprano, and Mrs. Helen A. Cooper of Baltimore, soprano.

AFFECTING PROHIBITION.

Senator Peffer's Bill to Take U. S. Protection From Liquor Sellers.

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"If two ladies are allowed to go on the stage with the committee at the performance she will give at the Columbia, and insist on exploring the folds of the famous Blavatsky dress, they will be able to bring out Georgie by the ear and throw him on the stage as a living and exceedingly healthy spirit."

NOW ABDUL LOOK OUT.

Sir Phillip Currie Will Send Ship Through the Dardanelles Saturday, Anyway.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 3.—It is reported here this afternoon that after the meeting of the ambassadors, Sir Phillip Currie, the British ambassador, notified the Turkish government that if the firmness asked for were not granted by Saturday next a British gunboat would be sent through the straits of the Dardanelles, without the sultan's permission to act as an extra guardship in the Bosphorus, for the protection of the British embassy.

The work of strengthening the fortifications of the Dardanelles continues night and day. In addition, the Bosphorus entrance of the sea of Marmora is being placed in condition for defense. Many torpedoes have been sunk in both passages, and this work is being pushed with astonishing vigor.

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Another bill introduced by the senator today is a lingering echo of the Chicago strike. It is designed to protect the rights of parties in certain injunction cases. The intention is to prevent a judge from imprisoning a man for contempt, when he is restrained from the commission of a crime, without a trial by jury.

A postal savings bank similar to the one suggested by John Wanamaker when he was postmaster general is still another of Mr. Peffer's schemes. By it a stamp indicating the amount of the sum deposited will be attached to a card when the deposit is made. The card will thus show the amount due the depositor when he wishes to withdraw his account.

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Mr. Miller, Mr. Blue and others of the Kansas delegation have already had several conferences with Paul Bray in regard to the case of ex-consul Waller and have his statement with other data in readiness to refer to the committee, which shall have charge of the case. The first instalment of the large petition from Kansas which was sent to Congressman Curtis will also be referred with the other papers when the Waller resolution calling for an inquiry into Waller's treatment and an investigation is introduced. The letter, which accompanied the petition sent to Mr. Curtis, was signed by ex-Gov. Thos. A. Osborn, Judge John Guthrie, James A. Troutman and A. M. Thomas.

KAW RIVER BRIDGE.

The city commissioners say they will take no action on the new bridge until the bonds are sold so that if there is to be an injunction it may be disposed of. The bonds are to be sold Dec. 17. There is no longer any reason for delay. Let the commissioners go ahead with the new bridge. The people are waiting and watching.

THE KANSAS HORSES.

Charges Against Joe Patchen and John B. Weller Put the Chicago Meeting.

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—Much of the morning session of the trotting association was occupied in arguments on the case in which Joe Patchen and John B. Weller are involved. The object of the proceedings is not to recover damages, but an endeavor was made to have the Lincoln association to have the two famous horses ruled off the turf. Palmer L. Clark, secretary of the Lincoln association made a motion asking for the expulsion of the two horses. The grounds upon which he based his motion was failure to appear at a special race for which they were scheduled during the last meeting of the association.

John G. Taylor, the owner of Joe Patchen, and J. F. Scott, owner of John B. Weller, were both present and stated that it had been impossible for them to have their horses at Lincoln as they agreed. It is said, however, that these men did not offer any reason for the alleged breach of faith.

Some sensational disclosures are intimated in connection with a number of charges against L. A. Davis, the Chicago horseman.

SIMPSON INTERFERES.

Curious Order Received at Washington From the Kansas Ex-Congressman.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Congressman Long of Kansas, called at the document room today to inquire about some publications. He was informed that a telegram had been received from his predecessor, Jerry Simpson, directing all documents to his credit, up to the very last day be turned over to some one in Washington.

Mr. Long instituted some inquiries, but was unable to discover just what disposition was to be made of the publications by the party to whom Simpson ordered them delivered. These documents belong to the district. Mr. Long has received letters from constituents asking for certain publications. He can not comply, because Mr. Simpson has turned over everything to a man in Washington.

THE BOND WORTHLESS.

The Plan to Get Gold Brick Gordon Away Seems to Have Worked.

The supreme court this morning declared the bond of Gold Brick Gordon forfeited. This is the bond which is signed by Captain P. H. Coney with the endorsement of John R. Mulvany that he believes the bond good. This was merely a statement of Mr. Mulvany's and in no way committed him in the matter or makes him liable for the bond.

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