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And He Will Favor His Public Life to a Close—Favors Conventions Instead of Primaries.

Washington, December 30.—"My present term in the senate will end my public career," said Senator Vest of Missouri today. "I have written a letter to a friend of mine, an editor in Clay county, in which I have said that this term will bring my public life to a close. In saying this, however, I am simply repeating the statement to the Missouri legislature which last elected me, that I would not be a candidate for re-election."

Senator Vest's letter was brought out by a request for his views on the best method of electing senators, whether by convention or through primaries. In declaring in favor of the convention system on the ground that the primaries had resulted in party friction, Senator Vest took occasion to refer to his own lack of personal concern in the matter by announcing that he would not be a candidate again. His term does not expire until 1903, so that he has three years yet to serve. At the expiration of that time he will have been in the senate four terms, a total of twenty-four years.

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FUNERAL OF GENERAL LAWTON

REMAINS WERE CONVEYED TO THIS TRANSPORT THOMAS.

Manila, December 30, 3 p. m.—The funeral of General Henry W. Lawton, who was killed at San Mateo, December 18, was held today with impressive ceremonies. The remains were conveyed from the Paco cemetery down to the Luna to Panig and thence to the transport Thomas, which sails this afternoon. As the body was removed from the vault, Chaplain Marlin read the prayers. The personal staff of the late general was augmented by Color Sergeant Simon, Trumpeter Haberkam and Privates Oakum and Mohrman. The latter, who were closely connected with General Lawton's recent campaign, bore the casket from the vault to a six-horsed caisson awaiting at the gate. The funeral procession was composed of the band of the Twentieth regiment, General Hall and his staff, two troops of the Fourth cavalry, who were with General Lawton at the time of his death, a battery of artillery, a number of clergymen, the caisson covered with flowers, the personal staff of the general on foot, General Whittier, Bader, Forsythe, Kobbie and Schwann and Admiral Watson in carriages, a naval battalion, Major General Otis and his staff, the foreign consuls in full dress and the members of the Philippines supreme court. Native delegations from the various where General Lawton established governments presented wreaths. Women from the same towns waited on Mrs. Lawton yesterday and presented her with their condolences and flowers. Crowds of natives and Americans witnessed the procession, the band played dirges and the caisson uncovered. At Panig the caisson was transferred to a tug, "Taps" was sounded and prayers were offered by Chaplain Pierce. Four enlisted full bearers will accompany the remains to the United States.

Victory for Americans.

Manila, December 31, 9:30 a. m.—Colonel Lockett has had a second engagement with the insurgents northwest of Mandalay, and by a brilliant charge drove the enemy from their position. Only one American officer and five soldiers were wounded. Our troops captured a number of rifles and a quantity of ammunition and provisions.

Signal Corps Attached.

New York, December 30.—A dispatch from Manila says: Six men of the signal corps were attached Thursday at Taavera, East Tarlac, by a force of 250 insurgents and four of them were either killed or captured.

WEATHER INFORMATION.

New York Reports Severe Weather and No Snow in the North.

New York, December 30.—The temperature today fell to 8 degrees above zero, the lowest for this winter. The effect of the sudden change from the uncommonly mild weather, which had prevailed until this time, was severe and there is much suffering among the poor people of the city.

Probabilities.

Washington, December 30.—Forecast: East Texas—Rain Sunday, possibly snow in northern portion; Monday fair, probably cold on the coast, variable winds.

Ten Below Zero.

Des Moines, Iowa, December 30.—At midnight tonight the mercury registers 10 below zero, being 10 degrees lower than has been reported this winter. Reports indicate that the weather is cold at least twenty-four hours.

Snow in Indian Territory.

Dawson, I. T., December 30.—The first snow storm of the season began here this morning. Trains are behind time and thousands of cattle are exposed to the storm.

Snow at Texarkana.

Texarkana, Texas, December 30.—Snow, the first of the season, fell here in large flakes and very thick throughout the day. The temperature was very low, the thermometer showing 12 below zero. The thermometer is at 22.

Colest of the Winter.

Grand Rapids, Mich., December 30.—Railroad officials here report the coldest weather yet in the upper part of the lower peninsula. At Red City the mercury was 18 below zero.

Sleet and Snow at Paris.

Paris, Texas, December 30.—A snow and sleet storm blew up at an early hour and thermometer took a tumble to 39 degrees above and there stood all day.

Fifteen Below Zero.

Black River Falls, Wis., December 30.—The cold has been intense for four days, the mercury registering 15 below this morning.

LEGAL FIGHT COMMENCED.

Contractors Have Been Up for a Hearing.

New York, December 30.—Ben D. Green, Colonel John F. Gaylor, Edw. H. Gaylor and William T. Gaylor, members of the Atlantic Dredging and Contracting company, jointly indicted with Michael A. Connelly and former Captain Oberlin M. Carter, United States engineer corps, for conspiracy resulting in a loss to the government of \$75,594 in connection with the Savannah River and Cumberland Sound contracts, approved for examination today before United States Commissioner Shiplea, and indicted on which the Gaylor and Carter were arrested by United States Marshal Honkel was returned in Savannah district. The contractors are represented by the firm of Kellogg, Root & Smith, who are prepared to make a bitter

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