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...siness of Plattsmouth the ...as been good; business men ...prospered; improvements ...en many and of no small val... ...is state of affairs commendable ...and satisfactory, may continue ...uing year; every indication ...that it will; but, neverthe... ...xt year can be double to Platts... ...nd her citizens, if proper steps ...n to open and encourage man... ...ing industries among us. All ...hich they may gain will add ...to our prosperity; no one will ... Why then shall not active ...ergetic steps be taken for 1883?

...county printing for the ensu... ...ar, was let on Tuesday by the ...issioners, bids having been re... ...from the State Journal Co., of ...in; Republican Co. Omaha; F. ...ner & Co., Omaha, and the ...mouth HERALD Publishing Co. ...examination of bids, the con... ...for book and stationery work ...warded to the Omaha Republi... ...o., and the blanks to the Platta... ...HERALD Publishing Co., they ...the lowest and the best bidders. ...gures at which the work was let ...considerably below former years, ...he county is securing number ...ork at very low rates.

...E Republican members of the ...ature should not forget that no ...national importance is attached ...election of a United States sen... ...rom this state this winter; and ...uch of importance in national ...s both present and future will ...from the election. If the legis... ...elect a republican, the U. S. ...e is assured to the republicans ...least two years, and the ques... ...f the president of that body ...es into the administration, for ...the vice-president in official du... ...nd in the line of succession. ...is no occasion and no reason ...democrat should be elected, and ...publicans do their duty no fears ...h a result need be entertained.

...GAMBETTA, the master spirit of ...rench republic, is dead. He has ...to the republic of France, more ...any other man; and as a states... ...the world has possessed few ...and few who held so closely to ...terests of the people as his own. ...publican by birth, and always ...oken and aggressive, it was very ...that he should be the man in ...l in the midst of the Franco— ...an war, when the old empire ...ing in fire and smoke from ...to Metz, to proclaim to France ...e world, the new republic. The ...tions that were made as to the ...ity of the new government are ...known; and few indeed there ...who believed the new republic ...pay the enormous war indemni... ...bdue communism, secure peace ...other nations and maintain her ...nce as a republic on a continent ...up of monarchies. It was be... ...France possessed such men as ...Gambetta that the possibility ...e probable, and such grand re... ...have been reached. No country ...ernment in Europe today pos... ...such prosperity as the republic ...nce; and none rest on a surer ...ation, or are so free from intern... ...entions; to the spirit of loyalty ...atesmanship that Gambetta has ...d in the public policies of the ...n government is this state of af... ...ndebted.

...er seeking power, never aspir... ...ove the people's wishes, Gam... ...has lived for France and repub... ...institutions in the old world; ...bition has never o'erleaped its... ...d he died, possessing as fully as ...ars ago, the confidence of the ...h people; and he has placed by ...unsel and measures, the republic ...nce, where, as a government, it ...ot perish. At the time of his ...Gambetta was 44 years of age ...prime of a vigorous life.

...noted German socialist, Herr ...is making use of his time and ...e while traveling in this coun... ...spread his nefarious doctrines. ...hicago in a speech delivered ...the other day, among other ...s he said "That the people should ...e capitalists and help them... ...to the funds in the banks and ...; that they should prepare pow... ...d other death dealing explosives ...hey might be ready at a given ...to make a grand rush for their ...bor's wealth." He was very ...in his denunciations of the ...hes and newspapers. Such lau... ...as is imputed to him you ...think was mere trash and un... ...y even a passing notice; this is ...e case; it is said in Chicago ...eds go to hear him and applaud ...rnicious sentiments he seeks to ...igate to the last echo.

...en a country can vouchsafe so ...tion to the industrious, to the ...and enterprising citizens ...make it wealthy and powerful, ...certainly drifted into a state of ...y that is unpleasant for an ...patriot to contemplate. The ...is coming when the hellborn ...nes of the fanatic Most will ...to be combatted earnestly and ...vely. The growth of socialism ...rmany has already alarmed that ...nment and they have taken steps ...sh it out. While it has thrived ...rown on german soil with the ...nt monarch surrounded by his ...rs standing guard over the ...tries to wipe out the evil, what ...e to expect here in free America ...these safeguards have never ...considered necessary. Every ...hat crosses the Atlantic is sup... ...to bring a number of Most's ...ples. It is strange seed that ...bear fruit if sowed in a produc... ...oil and a favorite climate, conse... ...y we ought to know what to ...and prepare to meet it.

IT is to be most sincerely hoped that the present legislative session will not let its zeal destroy its judgment and consequently destroy all good which might result from the session. There is a new element in the legislature this session called anti-monopoly, and if one were to judge from the statements of some of their members, they are in Lincoln but for one purpose, and that is to fight corporations. They have no party allegiances, no duties outside and appear to think that they are not responsible to their constituents for any purpose but to fight corporations. If a party caucus is talked in which members of their own party can discuss plans for work, which shall result in national as well as state good, members stand back and say without the component parts of the caucus agree to fight corporations they will neither talk or vote with them. In fact the whole drift of the desires of some of this new party in politics seems to be, not to act justly and fairly with questions as they may arise, not to look calmly over the field and repair dangerous places in a spirit of equity and justice to all parties but rather to raise a howl that is hark from the tombs and go in to fight corporations without a thought of after results or without seemingly to recognize the fact that any man to be a legislator must be level headed enough not to go crazy on any one subject; for the state is not built up of any one class to the exclusion of all others, and a panic in any direction is always to be condemned. If any of the present legislature, among those who announce their sole and only purpose in going to Lincoln as being to fight corporations, are unacquainted with history, a little examination will show them that in every instance when a legislative body has met for a fight like that and gone into the panic, that the results have always been most miserable failures and reacted on themselves and the people. There is legislative action regarding corporations needed but there is no fight in the legislature on any question necessary, in the light that it is placed by men who become so carried away by their own importance and factionalism that they announce in advance that their sole purpose and interest is to make a continuous fight on one branch of progress in the state and to further their ends refuse to work in line with the political parties who elected them without bringing all down to a level which would make the duty of the present session simply and solely that of fighting corporations and to gratify such demagogues as Rosewater, Guerrilla, Ashby, et al, who through the weakness of men who will be influenced by them hope to gain glory. When the present legislature gets down to such a plane that its object and being seems to be to fight any industry or corporation at the expense of exact justice to all, the HERALD hopes the Cass county delegation will stand from under and let the mongrel outgrowth of such a spirit rest where it properly belongs.

IT is very pleasant reading, these days, to take up John A Logan's vigorous speeches in the United States senate, and especially his speech in the old time worn and disreputable Fitz John Porter case, which speech rings with the true ring and tells more wholesome truths and deducts more solid facts from the evidence in that case than U. S. Grant, or any other American citizens, can refute if a century were given them to do it in.

Gen. Grant has taken occasion at divers times simce he descended from the presidential chair to aid the friends of Fitz John Porter in getting that at one time official, reinstated in the army from which he was dishonorably discharged. These addings and abettings cumulated in an article in the North American Review in which the ex-president, with much flourish, proceeded to give his reasons for changing his former actions and his grounds for so doing. Senator Logan, in a letter to the Chicago Tribune, answered this article completely and nothing further has been heard from Grant on the subject. It has, however, remained for Mr. Logan in the United States senate to present th facts that prove Grant's position false and faulty, and also to present an array of new evidence, clear, concise and backed by volumes of testimony, that in themselves are proofs sufficient to forever bar any man from taking sides with Fitz John Porter, in order to reinstate him in a position that he disgraced through jealousy and cowardice. Gen'l Logan's speech was so replete with facts and statements beyond contradiction that we will probably be not soon again afflicted with an article from Gen'l Grant who ought to appreciate his position charging facts favorable to Porter that Mr. Logan proves false in evidence and false in every tactic of military rule.

IT is said the Mo. Pacific and the Wabash are to be consolidated at an early date, the combination would include about 7000 miles of road, this being far the most extensive system in the world. It would reach from the gulf to the lakes, from the sunny south where cotton is king through the great corn belt to the north where the almost fabulous yielding wheat fields are found. It is said a route to the sea coast is all that is wanting to make Jay Gould, the projector of the enterprise, happy; and that that is to be consummated. If these consolidations make running expenses lighter, and tend to cheapen freight, well and good. One thing is certain, the two roads never compete any way, they being virtually owned by the same parties.

IF Dr. Miller has not made sufficient democratic capital out of the Surveyor general's investigation, he might bring it before the legislature on the old grounds of how Mr. VanWyck was elected, and the state as heretofore can foot the bill.

THE editor of the Omaha Herald now goes barefooted. He hung up his stockings Christmas eve and hasn't seen them since. It is thought that perhaps Santa Claus needed some new horse blankets.—Omaha Republican.

WE are waiting to see whether Mr. Morton will poise for the U. S. Senate on his record as foreman of the grand jury or upon his free trade speech before the American Agricultural convention in Chicago.

THE state legislature was organized Tuesday; the democrats and anti-monopolists organizing the senate, and the republicans the house. This result was not unexpected. It was known heretofore that a successful combination could be made that would defeat the republicans in the organization of the senate, and also known that the republicans had a good working majority in the house; such are the results.

The organization of the senate takes from the Lieutenant Governor the appointment of standing committees and in this the HERALD has no objection; the plan in vogue the last six years has not proven altogether satisfactory and it has been abused at times which bred no good to those who attempted profit by it. There can be no claim of packed committees now and the Lieutenant Governor will be free from censure. The officers of the senate are shown in the proceedings of the organization.

In the house Capt. Geo. M. Humphrey, of Pawnee City, one of the soundest and most uncompromising republicans in the state was elected speaker and he will make a presiding officer without an equal. Capt. Humphrey is an old soldier of distinction, an able attorney, a graduate of Harvard law school, and one of the strong men in the state. The house did well in selecting as chief clerk Mr. Slaughter who has so acceptably filled the position in past sessions, no man in the state is better qualified for the office. The HERALD is glad to note that the republicans in the house who were elected by a republican constituency have stayd by party organization and officered the house.

THE amount of business transacted in Chicago annually is truly wonderful, and is a good criterion of the progress of the Great West The receipts of Breadstuffs foot up 127,723,000 bushels for the year just closed. The sales of wholesale houses aggregate $435,000,000; and the manufacturers $311,000,000. The total trade for the year amounted to $1,045,000,000. The Bank clearings foot up $2,366,000,000. While the increase in almost every department has been universal there have been a few exceptions, the most notable being the falling off in the receipt of live hogs, the decrease in the last six months of '82 amounting to 671,226 head. This is a significant fact considering the low prices (low compared with the prices for the winter of '81,) that are being paid The export of fresh beef amounted to 95,000,000 lbs. This is a very satisfactory show for an industry that only dates back to '76 for its birth and may be considered in its infancy.

FROM an article in the Prairie Farmer headed "Our Future Meat Supplies," the editor takes occasion to compliment Nebraska very highly; he says the eastern part of the state is a great cornfield with a soil of the most suitable kind for the production of that important cereal, while the west is peculiarly fitted for grazing, on whose plains over 800,000 head of cattle are now roaming; in brief that the cattle will be raised in the western and fatted on the corn in the eastern part of the state. He considers it one of the, (in the near future,) most important wealth producing districts in the western empire.

THE democrats at Jefferson are looking round for officers for the legislature which meets tomorrow. Why not make Frank James Sergeant-at-arms? We believe that on the occasion of a "call of the House," Frank could be relied upon to bring in the absentees.—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

THE latest developments in the legislature leads us to decide that as between Rosewater, Gen'l Connor, Sterling Morton, Capt. Ashby and the rest of the anti-monopolists, that we are for Geo. L. Brown, the successful patriot from Butler, as the man for the U. S Senate.

THE Nebraska legislature is not the only one in a turmoil over its organization. The latest dispatches give the condition of things in Illinois as not all together lovely. Gov. Cullom and Green B. Raum are at swords points in the senatorial contest.

VANDERBILT, not to be out-done by Gould, it is reported will consolidate the Vandalia line (from Indanapolis to St. Louis,) the C. C. C. & I. and the Nickle-plate with the Central Hudson R. R. about the 17th of January under one management.

THE spirit of Herr Most has been exhibiting itself in Lincoln the past week. If Herr himself had been around every railroad in the state would have been in charge of Mr. Rosewater and Mr. Herr Most by this time.

THE Journal shows inexcusable ignorance in classing Senator Harrison with the unnecessary and basswood senators, when it is a noted fact that Senator Harrison is one of the ablest and purest statesmen in the land.

THIS office received a great many calls New Years; the bills summed up aggregate a goodly number of dollars; which leads us to believe that New Years calling is getting to be both uninteresting and expensive.

THE editor of the Journal and the editor of this paper are both high toned and neither want office. It has been quietly rumored however that the Journal man wants free trade and we are still wanting a divvy.

THE democratic victory in Cass county is now complete and rounded by the election of Mr. Ramsey to a lucrative position in the state Senate.

WHO says Friday is an unlucky day? We don't know much about the day but there is Bro. Ramsey. Ass't Secretary of the senate.

Why does'nt Omaha bring Mrs. Langtry to the front? It is Omaha's greatest need to see a pretty woman.

THE passion play is exciting attention in Lincoln where it has the state House free of license for forty days.

PLATTSMOUTH bachelors will organize a bachelors' club. The record of 1882 warns them to self protection.

PATIENCE, perseverance and a strict attention to democratic principles wins an assistant secretary[illegible]

THE HERALD has called attention before to the fact that never a winter passes over a city the size of Plattsmouth that there were not those who through misfortunes and sickness were in absolute want and oftimes sufferings. The HERALD, from reports received, finds that the present year is no exception, that there are those who have in their misfortunes had need for aid and assistance to keep soul and body together and who have children who without help must suffer; these facts come to our notice from time to time and with them comes the additional fact and a most pleasant one, that there are those who are giving the help and in that way demonstrating their practical christianity which unnoticed and unknown to the vast majority of people, to Him who holds the balances, their deeds are full measure and overflowing. No one, scarcely stops to realize when they say, "send them to the county house," that people reduced by sickness and misfortune have a pride that we all possess, that leads them to suffer sickness and hardships in silence rather than complain. Those who at such times are quietly helping, are doing something and the HERALD knows there are a goodly number of such in the city. "A charity of such kind has a hope as certain as the mere under the blue night sky waiting the rising of the moon."

ON Tuesday the 2d inst., County Judge A. A. Laverty resigned his office and the commissioners at once appointed Jas. W. Johnson to fill the unexpired term of office. Judge Laverty found his health failing him last spring, and that it would be necessary for him to abandon the office at least temporary and Mr. Johnson was installed in his place. Mr. Laverty, finding it impossible to serve, tendered his final resignation as above stated, and the commissioners, to the satisfaction of all, named Mr. Johnson as County Judge, and his successor. Since Mr. Johnson has been engaged in the office he has given complete satisfaction and shown his qualifications to properly fill the office. He has made so far an excellent record, and will continue through his term to maintain it. The HERALD believes that his selection is not only a good one in itself, but also one that will give excellent satisfaction to the people of Cass county.

REPUBLICANS need not borrow unnecessary trouble and worry for fear that they will not elect a United States senator this winter. The organization of the legislature has shown that the republicans have a working majority on joint ballot, and there are at least ten anti-monopolists who have been formerly too well instilled with the principles of that party, they have marched too often to victory with it and are all together too republican in spirit to elect a moss back bourbon to the senate although he masquerade under a banner labeled anti-monopoly. A republican U. S. Senator will be elected without difficulty.

ALL the HERALD said a week ago about lighting this city with gas, and the city receiving a proposition from the Philadelphia company, who are negotiating with the city of Omaha, is worth remembering. The HERALD believes it is the very best answer to the question of how this city shall be lighted, that can be made. Cheaper than oil, and laid at every man's door in the corporation, without a dollar's expense to the city, except a fifty year franchise, it is worth more than passing attention—it is worth securing if possible.

MERCHANTS and business men are busy this week closing up their year's business, and getting ready for the new year; although the year closed with a quiet month in all circles, the footings for the year will show a wonderful increase in business in every department, and the outlook for the coming year, can be but satisfactory.

THE first review paper of the year comes in the form of the Standard's Review published at Crete, and which issue is devoted entirely to the progress and prosperity of that city during the last year. It is well printed, well illustrated and complete, and cannot fail to be of much worth to Crete and her citizens.

THE editor of the Beatrice Express on account of receiving a present of a box of cigars, says swearing off on the soothing weed is omitted in his collection of good resolutions for the new year. Young man, you are very weak. Swear off and have them made into kraut for winter provisions.

At a special election held to elect a successor to Mr. Updegraff in his district in Ohio, the republican candidate was elected by a largely increased majority over the November election which proves that there are plenty of republicans around yet when they come out.

THE Omaha Republican received a Christmas gift in the shape of a $10,000 libel suit from its next friend, Mr. Rosewater. Such amenities give the libel to statements that newspaper men have no appreciation of each other.

IT is a fortunate thing for hotel men in Lincoln that it was not generally known among democrats out in the state that any reasonable chance for office would be presented during sitting of the legislature.

THE present session of the legislature has opened up lively and it is very evident that there will be no quiet, all one way meeting, this time. It is all ready red hot and still heating.

EX-GOV. BUTLER is already read out of the anti-monopoly camp by the Omaha Bee. It is a number one endorsement which will prove of much benefit to Mr. Butler.

THE anti-monopolists and democrats in the legislature who are lying down together, must not quarrel, even if democracy does take four-fifths of the bed.

IF democracy had really supposed that there would have been any offices to distribute at Lincoln, what a rush of patriots there would have been.

IT is said the public debt reduction for the month of December will reach $13,000,000.

THE Anti's organized the Senate; only one democrat is visible to the naked eye.

LEGISLATIVE.

The First Day's Doings.

The Senate Organized by Democrats and Anti-Monopolists.

The House is Found to be Straight Republican by a Small Majority

Hon. G. M. Humphrey, of Pawnee, Elected Speaker of the House.

Full Report of the Proceedings in Both Houses.

State Journal.

Toward noon yesterday the members of the Eighteenth legislature of the state of Nebraska began to assemble in the capitol, the east wing of which is to be occupied for the first time. Both the senate chamber in the west wing and the representative hall in the east, have been handsomely carpeted and furnished with desks and other necessities and conveniences. The Speaker's and Clerk's desks in the House are very beautifully finished. The reporters, however, are very much dissatisfied with the accommodations which have been made for them. A long table has been placed in front of the clerk's desk in each house, and around these the reporters are expected to gather as best they can. The tables are altogether too small and have no drawers or other conveniences. The evil will doubtless be remedied, however, and the reporters made comfortable enough to insure fair reports. The acoustic properties of the new Representative hall, though not as perfect as could be desired, are much more favorable for displays of oratory and the transaction of business than the senate chamber was at the special session.

The majority of the Eighteenth legislature are new men. In the Senate, Walker, of Lancaster, is the only representative of the Seventeenth senate, and he was a member of that body only during the special session. Filley and McShane were members of the last House. Castle was a member of the senate during the special session and now occupies a seat in the House. Cook, of Nuckolls, Frause Hall, Hollman, Jensen, Palmer, of Dixon, Robberts, Watts, Wescott and Whedon, members of the last House, were re-elected to the present House. Several other members of the present Senate and House have been connected with legislatures previous to the last, but the majority of both houses are new men who are yet to make their reputations as legislators.

SENATE.

The senate was called to order at the hour specified by law, 12 o'clock, noon, by Lieutenant Governor Carns. Nominations for secretary pro tem being declared first in order, Guy Brown, of Lincoln, was put in nomination by Brown of Lancaster, and George L. Brown of Butler county, was nominated by Brown of Douglas. The chair decided that the election should be by a rising vote. George L. Brown having received 19 votes and Guy Brown 12, the former was declared elected.

Upon the calling of the roll all the members elect presented their credentials except Brown, of Lancaster, and Sowers, of Adams, who had forgotten theirs.

On motion of McShane, of Douglas, that a committee of three on credentials be appointed, McShane of Douglas, Harris of Boone, and Butler of Pawnee.

The senate then took a recess until 1:30 p. m.

The committee on credentials presented their report immediately after the Senate was called to order, The members reported as properly accredited are as given by the Journal in a recent issue.

On motion, the chair appointed Conner, of Buffalo, Sowers of Adams and Kincaid, a committee to wait on one of the Justices of the supreme court, and invite him to administer the oath of office to the members of the senate. They repaired to the office of the chief Justice and returned immediately, accompanied by Judge Cobb, who administered the oath of office to the senators, after they had assembled, in response to roll call, in a semi-circle in front of the President's desk.

The senate then proceeded to permanent organization, and Dech of Saunders, placed in nomination for permanent secretary, Geo. L. Brown, of Butler; Sowers of Adams, nominated Charley Tanner, of Hastings. Upon the call of the roll, Brown was declared elected, he having received 23 votes and Tanner 10.

Dye of Filmore, nominated Gen. A. H. Connor os Buffalo, for president pro tem, of the senate, and was unanimously elected.

Patterson, of Cass, nominated B. S. Ramsey for First Assistant secretary, and he was elected without opposition.

Butler, of Pawnee, nominated Marsh Saville for second assistant secretary, and he was elected unanimously.

There were three candidates for sergeant-at-arms, S. S. Alley, of Saline, nominated by Barker, of Saline; C. W. Pool, of Johnson, nominated by Butler, of Pawnee, and W. P. Squires, of Jefferson, nominated by Walker, of Lancaster. The vote standing 19 for Alley, 12 for Squires and 1 for Pool. Alley was declared elected.

S. B. Crawford, of Douglas, was nominated for assistant sergeant-at-arms by Brown, of Douglas, and W. P. Squires by Walker, of Lancaster. Crawford was elected by a vote of 19 to 13.

Reynolds, of Butler, put in nomination for doorkeeper, E. C. Hines, a one-armed soldier, who was elected without opposition.

Joel Purcell, of Dodge, was nominated by Sang, of Dodge, for assistant doorkeeper and elected with no dissenting vote.

Butler, of Pawnee, nominated Elder Brist, of Nebraska City, for chaplain. Rev. Hudson, of Lancaster, was nominated by Reynolds, of Butler. Rev. Hudson was elected.

Canfield, of Douglas, nominated for engrossing clerk, Miss Kate Strickland of Douglas, and the name of Mrs. Jack Woods was placed in nomination by Dolan, of Red Willow. Miss Strickland received 23 votes and Mrs. Woods 10.

Miss Olmstead, of Seward, nominated by Reynolds, was unanimously elected enrolling clerk.

Mr. Duscnbury, of York, was elected mail carrier without opposition.

J. W. Beatty, of Lancaster, was nominated for postmaster by Bumgardner, of Phelps. W. T. Dodge was nominated by Deck, of Saunders. Dodge was elected by a voted of 21 to 12.

Charles Scott, of Douglas, was nominated for janitor by McShane of Douglas, and elected unanimously.

Reynolds, of Butler, submitted a resolution constituting C. H. Brown, J. A. McShane, A. T. Conklin, M. Howell and W. H Deck a committee to appoint the standing committees of the senate.

The roll being called the following gentleman voted aye: Barker, Brown of Douglas, Brown of Colfax, Butler, Canfield, Case, Conklin, Conner, Dech Dolan, Dunlby, Dye, Fisher, Howell, Kincaid, McShane, Norris, Patterson, Reynolds, Rich, Rogers, Sang, Sowers, Thatch—24. Those voting nay were Brown of Lancaster, Brown of Clay, Bomgardner, Filley Harris, Harrison, Heist, Schenbeit, Walker-9.

The senate then adjourned until ten o'clock today.

HOUSE.

At 12 o'clock the Secretary of State, S. J. Alexander, called to order to order the House of Representatives, and declared nominations in order for Speaker pro tem.

Sessions of Lancaster placed in nomination Charles O. Whedon of Lancaster. Palmer of Saline presented the name of Steadwell of Buffalo. Frause of Cumming offered the name of Hollman of Dakota. A ballot was taken, resulting in 50 votes for Whedon, 25 for Hollman and 17 for Steadwell.

Mr. Whedon was declared elected and was escorted to the chair by Messrs. Hollman and Steadwell.

Upon motion of Robberts the following were appointed a committee upon credentials: Robberts, Hall, Nettleton, Bierbower and Hollman.

Upon motion of Sessions Brad D. Slaughter was requested to act as clerk during the temporary organization of the house.

Recess was here taken till 4 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Upon reassembling, Cook of Nuckolls, moved that the rules adopted by the sixteenth session be held to govern this session until further action, which was agreed to.

Robberts, for the committee on credentials, presented a report containing the names of members as published in the Journal a few days ago.

A committee consisting of Jensen, Stephenson and Frause, was appointed by the Speaker to wait upon the Chief Justice of the State and invite him to administer the oath to the members-elect of the House. Judge Cobb soon appeared, supported by the committee, and proceeded to administer the oath, after which the members came forward in regular order and subscribed their names.

Upon motion of Hollman the House then proceeded to a permanent organization.

Nominations for Speaker being declared in order, Sessions of Lancaster, presented the name of G. M. Humphrey of Pawnee; Payne of Otoe, that of T. M. Frause of Cumming; and Palmer of Saline, that of J. T. Jensen of Butler.

The roll was called with the following result.

For Humphrey—Abell, Babcock, Bierbower, Britton, Brown, Castle, Chapin, Charlston, Christopherson, Cole, Collins, Colpetzer, Cook (Nuckolls), Cox, Dawson, Deuman, Fablinger, Field, Freeburn, Gow, Gray, Grimes Grimstead, Grout, Hall, Hatch Homer, Howard, Jensen, Johnson, Kinney, Lee, Martin, Miller, Morrison, Nettleton, Ranney, Robberts, Roche, Russell, Savage, Sessions Spanogle, Steever, Stephenson, Sussenbach, Swearinger, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Wissenberg, Wescott, Whedon, Wolph and Worl—55.

For Frause—Ashby, Barton, Carnahy, Clark of Colfax, Clark of Douglas, Davenport, Draper of Cass, Graver, Harrington, Heimreich, Hoeble, Hollman, Laird, Luthey, McGavock, Neville, North, Payne, Thomas, Tower, Tartle and Watts—22.

For Jensen—Armitage, Berkley, Cook of Jefferson, Gordon, Haven, Humphrey, Jones, McAllister, Palmos Dixon, Palmer of Saline, Ramey, Ratcliffe, Sadilek, Steadwell, Town, Turner, Werhan, Whitzel and Young—21.

Absent and not voting, Draper of Knox and Schroeder—2.

Mr. Humphrey being declared elected came forward supported by Frause and Jensen Upon taking the chair he said.

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives: Insensible I cannot be for this high honor so generously conferred by you. To merit the confidence you have thus reposed in me by the faithful discharge of the duties of this office is certainly not an unworthy ambition, and, as it marks an era in my life, rest assured that I shall know no masters but you, and endeavor to be governed by that spirit of common fairness which I feel to be the temper of this house. The responsibilities of this position, I am frank to say, oppress me. The varied interests represented upon this floor, demand the keenest watchfulness on my part to see that no injustice is done—or rather that your speaker contribute, either in word or act, as little as possible to a result so unfortunate. With this abiding sense of my own duties I am not unmindful of the fact that each member of this House feels the true measure of his responsibility, and that our relations to each other are, or should be reciprocal. That I shall need your indulgence upon more than one occasion, and forbearance at all times, must go without question

Thanking you, gentlemen, for this expression of your confidence, I accept this gavel, not so much as an emblem of power and authority, as a continual reminder of my responsibility to you. [Applause.]

Nominations for the office of chief clerk declared in order, the name of B. D. Slaughter was presented by Sessions, that of I. D. Evans by Nettleton and that of J. R. Hunter by Payne.

A ballot resulted in the election of Slaughter, the vote standing 69 for Slaughter, 24 for Hunter and 18 for Evans. Mr. Slaughter's election was then made unanimous.

The name of J. F. Zedliker was placed in nomination for first assistant clerk by Hall of Cass. Mr. Zedliker was then elected by acclamation without one dissenting voice.

The House then adjourned till 9:30 a. m. Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY'S SESSION

SENATE.

Reynolds of Butler, in offering a resolution 'that all committees, either special or standing, be elected by members of this body," said that he was sorry to be compelled to introduce such a resolution, He believed that the President of the Senate should not ignore any member on account of personal feeling. He stood upon the floor of the Senate elected by a majority of between 800 and 900, and he did not propose to have his large constituency slighted, either by the President of the Senate or any other person. He therefore felt it his duty under the circumstances to introduce the resolution. The resolution was lost by a vote of 18 to 8.

Reynolds of Butler, offered the following preamble and resolution:

"Whereas, It is desirable and highly important that the legislature should have most perfect and distinct understanding of all matters bearing upon any subject that may come before it, and

Whereas, The railroad question is one of first importance in the state, therefore be it

Resolved, That a committee of three on the part of the Senate be now appointed to act and confer with a committee of four on the part of the House; to ascertain the bearing of the present system of railroad management upon the public welfare, and report what legislation, if any, is needed to better define the relations of railroad corporations to the state, and

Resolved, That said joint committee shall have power to send for persons and papers, and other materials necessary to such investigation."

Brown of Douglas, moved that consideration of this resolution be postponed until Friday at 11 o'clock. Conner's amendment substituting Monday at 2 p. m. was accepted by Brown. The ayes and noes were called for and the motion carried by a vote of 18 in the affirmative to 15 in the negative.

The Senate then adjourned until 2:30 p m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Senate called to order at 2:30

After the usual preliminaries the Senate went into joint session with the House to hear the Governor's message.

The Senate was called to order again at 6:05.

Butler, of Pawnee, moved that Sowers of Adams, Dye of Filmore, and Walker of Lancaster, be added to the committee elected to appoint the standing committees of the Senate. He said that the original committee consisted of three democrats, one republican and one anti-monopolist, and that the three parties were not impartially represented on the committee. The motion was lost by a vote of 17 nays to 16 yeas.

The Senate then adjourned until 2 p. m. today,

HOUSE SESSION.

The house met at 9:30 a. m. and proceeded to elect remaining officers

For chaplain, Rev. George Scott, of Sutton, was nominated by Frause, Rev. P. W. Howe, of Lincoln, by Palmer, of Saline. A ballot resulted in a large majority for Mr. Scott.

For sergeant-at arms, upon calling of the roll Martin Warner received a large majority of all the votes.

For doorkeeper, Thomas Saunders of Polk, was nominated and elected acclamation.

The speaker was then authorized to appoint all the other necessary officers of the house.

The speaker appointed as the committee on rules: Sessions, Roche, Castle, Hall Jensen and Davenport, the speaker himself being chairman of the committee.

The house then took a recess till 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The house reassembled at 2 o'clock.

Sessions, from the committee on rules, made a report recommending the adoption of the rules of the sixteenth session, with the exception of rule No. 61, which was amended so as to make the membership of committees as follows: Judiciary 9, finance, ways and means 11, militia 9 public lands and buildings 11, engrossed and enrolled bills 9, accounts and expenditures 9, county boundries, county seats, and township organization 9, railroads 15, privileges and elections 11, immigration 11, school lands 11, claims 9, live stock and grazing interests 9, all other committees 7 each. Report adopted.

The necessary preliminaries having been arranged, the senate and house met in joint convention at 3 o'clock.

LEGAL NOTICES.

Probate Notice.

State of Nebraska, Cass County, ss, In county Court: To all persons interested in the estate of Fred. J. Spees, deceased.

Notice is hereby given, that on the 20th day of January, A. D. 1883, at one o'clock, P. M., at the County Judges office, in Plattsmouth, in said County. The petition asking for the appointment of Addie J. Spees as administratrix of said estate, will be heard and considered. At which time and place all persons interested may appear, and show cause if any they have, why she should not be appointed as such administratrix.

J. W. JOHNSON,
Dated, Dec. 22d, 1882—4t18 County Judge.

Chattel Mortgage Sale.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a Chattel mortgage dated on the 5th day of June 1882, and duly filed in the office of the County clerk of Cass county, Nebraska on the 5th day of June 1882, and executed by Wm. Randle and John Twohey to Edward Oliver; to secure the payment of the sum of $140 and upon which there is now due the sum of $147.00. Default having been made in the payment of said sum, therefore I will sell the property therein described, viz: two "Rocks" barber chairs, 2 mirrors, 1 pier glass, 1 looking glass, 1 clock, 3 pictures, 1 wood-bottom chairs, 1 washstand, 1 oil stove, 1 stove, 1 centre table, 7 lamps, 1 cup case, 4 towel racks, 4 spittoons, 2 set perfume bottles, 2 barber's combination brackets, and a quantity of towels, at public auction at the door of the court house in the city of Plattsmouth, Cass county, Nebraska, on the 6th day of January, A. D. 1883, at 1 o'clock, P. M.

Dated, December 5th, 1882. 20t4
EDWARD OLIVER,
W. S. Wise, att'y for Mortgagee. Mortgagee