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Editorial Correspondence.

Lincoln, Jan.—12 m.

As the feature of the morning session of the Senate yesterday was the introduction of the resolution to appoint a committee to inquire into the right of Hon. B. F. Hilton to hold a seat in that body, so the feature of the afternoon session was the introduction of a resolution by Mr. Abbott to appoint a similar committee,—with authority to send for persons or papers,—to inquire into the various reports relative to the conduct of Dr. Larsh, who arrived on the noon train yesterday, armed with the proper credentials as a member of the Senate. And we may add that this little skirmish developed some of the peculiarities of politics—especially of personal politics. The case of Dr. Larsh is somewhat similar to that of Mr. A. R. Kennedy last winter, in which our townsman, Willet Pottinger, figured so prominently, with the exception that Dr. Larsh's seat is not contested, and in that respect he has the advantage over the position occupied by Senator Kennedy. But as to the legal right to a seat, the cases are parallel, and the efforts to keep each out of the same are identical, except that the *actors* in the little drama have been somewhat changed. It is the same Legislature, composed of the same members, with the exception of a few new members to fill vacancies. Last winter, as now, Mr. Cropsey was chairman of the committee on elections. But last winter he desired an early report by the committee, while now he desires to delay the report until something can be found which will interfere with Dr. Larsh taking his seat. Last winter Messrs. Hilton, Tucker and Tenant (with others) labored in session and out of session to prevent a report of the committee, while in this case these three gentlemen are anxious for an early report, and Messrs. Tucker and Hilton presented unanswerable arguments in favor of the position taken by them at this time.

After some sharp debate, a motion was lost to suspend the rules for the purpose of appointing a special committee to investigate the various reports derogatory to the character of Dr. Larsh, and a motion was made and carried directing the Committee on Elections to report on the credentials of Dr. Larsh at 10 a. m. to-day. Unless there are others who change front from the position occupied last winter, Dr. Larsh will be admitted to a seat to-day.

We stated in our last that Mr. Newman would probably contest Mr. Larsh's seat, but he has not appeared at the capital, and probably will not. We have nothing to say in regard to Dr. Larsh's election, except that we are always in favor of the election of the regular nominee of the Republican party as against either Democrats or independent candidates; yet this has nothing to do with his admission to a seat.—If he received a majority of the legal votes he should have his seat without question, and then let the Senate "investigate" him or "whereas" him as much as, in their wisdom, they see proper. We have never been an advocate of this main strength legislation—that which does a thing because you have "counted noses" and have the power, regardless of right or wrong.—We hope and trust the Legislature will investigate any and all serious charges that may be made against Dr. Larsh, or any other member of that body, by any responsible parties, in a formal manner. But these investigations, of flying reports certainly are very injudicious, and expensive to the people.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

The indications now are that the Constitutional Convention will be convened. A bill was introduced in the Senate to-day, supplemental to the act authorizing the Constitutional Convention, which provides for the re-convening of that body on the second Tuesday in February, for the purpose of making such alterations in the constitution recently defeated as may seem proper, *provided* that the members thereof shall not receive pay for more than five days. This bill passed the Senate with only two dissenting votes. Messrs. Metz, of Douglas, and Sheldon, of Cass. It was called up in the House last evening, after the evening session, but did not have the requisite three-fourths to suspend the rules, hence it went over until to day.—There is but little doubt about its passage in some form, probably without allowing the members any pay, as many seem to stick upon the point, and the friends of the bill are willing to strike out all appropriation.

NEW LAND DISTRICT.

A joint resolution and memorial to Congress, passed the Senate yesterday, asking the formation of a new Land District on the Republican river country, and the location of a land office at the town of Red Willow. This will probably be amended in the House to day by striking out Red Willow, and "inserting at some central and accessible point within said district."

GILLESPIE IMPEACHMENT TRIAL.

The Court of Impeachment for the trial of Auditor Gillespie was called at 3 p. m. yesterday, and was adjourned till 3 p. m. to-day, at which time council on both sides agreed to decide upon some definite line of action.

NEW BILLS.

A large number of new bills were introduced in the House yesterday, but none of any special public importance. Mr. Cropsy introduced a batch of bills in the Senate, among them one for the repeal of the registry law. While business was being vigorously despatched and votes were being taken in the Senate in rapid succession on the various bills, our attention was attracted by a vigorous "no," on the opposite side of the hall. We soon discovered, as did the members of that body, that Senator Sheldon had arrived, and was on the alert to curtail expenses and detect fraudulent practices.

The *Statesman* accuses Gov. James of deeding lands which belonged to the A. & N R R Co. to the O & S W R R Co and suggests an investigation.

It is thought by some that hereafter a committee on investigations should be added to the standing committees of each House, with authority to sit during the recesses of the Legislature.

The Ticheuor is kept by Messrs. Townley & McElhinney, and we are safe in saying that it is the best kept house in the State. It is full to overflowing all the time. H.

THE LARSH CASE.

Special to the Daily Herald.

LINCOLN, NEB., Jan. 11—4 p. m.

The entire session of the Senate to day has been taken up by the discussion of the Larsh case. Thomas and Tucker, from the committee on Elections, reported his credentials all right, and Cropsey reported against his admission, on the grounds of rumors.

At 3 p. m, after much bitter discussion throughout the entire day, Cropsey moved to postpone a vote for the adoption of the majority report, and to appoint a committee of investigation. It was voted down.

The vote was then taken on the adoption of the majority report, and was carried, with only Abbott and Cropsey voteing no. Dr Larsh then appeared and was sworn in.

Much feeling was manifested throughout the day, and the galleries were crowded. The effort to oust Hilton will fail. H.

INCONGRUITIES.

Some newspapers, whose hostilities to such others affords amusement to Omaha readers, and is to a great extent a just cause of complaint among their distant subscribers, are truly remarkable, and wonderously harmonious in their fulmination of threats against the Legislature in the event of that body doing certain things.—Among some of the incongruities of these erratic and doughty knights of the quill, we notice that while they are constantly preaching economy, they are in favor of giving the Board of Immigration $100,000 of peoples money.—That while they think another Constitution is needed by the State, they are opposed to letting the Legislature submit one.—That while the laud Goveraor James as the quintessence of virtuous manhood, they don't see into the possibility of his being a land stealer, or a subject for police discipline.—Whose ox O! Lord?

INSPIRATION.

Some fellow who has about as broad conception of honesty as a toad has of palatial residences, writes a letter to the Plattmouth *Herald* on the subject of Otoe County politics. It should have been dated at the "rooms of the banquet where two men had to hold one up while he made a speech. Another orator had not enough magnetism left to hold him to his chair, and he fell on the floor." That letter was evidently written under such inspiration.—*Chronicle.*

There certainly is very little "cool waters" about the above. How is it about inspiration in Nebraska City? Brother W. H. H. H. will please *rise* and explain.

NEBRASKA CITY CORRESPONDENCE.

Politics in Otoe—Our Defeat and Its Causes—Gov't Officials' Mandate—Republican Precincts Gone Democratic—Larsh's Seat to be Contested, &c., &c.

NEBRASKA CITY, Jan. 9, 1872.

DEAR HERALD:—The smoke and din of the political battle fought on Saturday last, has cleared away, and the usual peace and quiet of our city is again undisturbed.

The defeat we have met with is one long-to be-remembered by the Republicans in Otoe county, and ought to prove a valuable lesson to the leaders of the little cliques and rings, who for many months have attempted to control party politics in this county, in spite of the masses of the people.

The victory cannot be claimed as a Democratic one, for the simple reason that one third of the members of that party supported our ticket. Such men as J. Sterling Morton, B. J. Newson, and others that I might mention, gave our nominees a hearty support.

Our candidate for Senator, Hon. H. Newman, is one of the strongest and most popular men in either party that the county can produce: but, had he been an angel, and brought out as the candidate of the diminutive "ring" in this city he would have been beaten just as bad. Until our self appointed leaders cease to openly proclaim their influence with our U. S. Senators, and boasting of controlling the appointments and moulding the course of Gov. James, such things will always happen in *once* Republican Otoe. It illy becomes a U. S. official, because, forsooth, he is such, to threaten to decapitate such and such an officer and appoint such and such a man in his place. Those who do not happen to be officials—*and they number exceedingly many, I opine*—were not "sore afraid" of such threats. Hence the result of the last election in this county.

We have had wrangling and discord in our party for the past two years, and it has become so that it is next to an utter impossibility to even give a Republican candidate a respectable vote. When will these bickerings and strife cease?—My answer is, just so soon as we have leaders that are not always candidates themselves, and who do not threaten the people with Senator Hitchcock's dire displeasure, or Gov. James' "hefty" hand.

For the first time, since I have resided in this county, nearly six years, the *once* strongly Republican precincts of Palmyra, Syracuse and McWilliams, have given Democratic majorities, ranging from three to twenty-one.

G. W. Covell, the newly elected Representative, in place of Doom, is an ex-rebel, who distinguished himself in the rebellion, and yet he is elected by over two hundred majority over one of the best men in our party.

When will this State of affairs cease to exist? Echo answers, when the people will be allowed the same rights and privileges that these self-appointed leaders and barnacles on the party have taken upon themselves.

The U. S. Collector, Lamaster has issued his mandate to the effect that Dr. Larsh can never receive a Republican nomination in this county or State again. Is this right? I believe that Larsh deserves censure for "bolting" a Republican nomination, although the manner in which the nomination was made was against the wishes of the masses of the voters of the party; but is this the way to reconcile dissatisfied Republicans, especially such Republicans as Larsh, who wields more influence with the people of this county than any three politicians within its confines? Methinks not.

The newly elected Senator and Representative leave to-merrow for the capital. It is currently reported on our streets that the seat of Larsh in the Senate will be contested. On what grounds I am, at present, unable to state.

The *Chronicle*, of this city, continues to charge to the front, right and left, the hordes of thieves who are sucking the life-blood of our commonwealth. I rejoice in this matter, with its fearless and manly editor; but its course on home politics, I regret to say, has in no small degree, lost to us *once* Republican Otoe.

Hoping that the political dissatisfaction which has so long existed in our county may soon be cleared away, and that we may once more become united, I remain, A. WATCHER.