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upon by the caucus last night were elected and installed.

The senate was called to order at 11 o'clock and the caucus members were sworn in and the new senators were sworn in.

The permanent organization was then effected by the election of the caucus members.

Governor Reynolds' message was then presented and read in both houses. It deals entirely with state affairs. He calls attention to the greater demand for taxation of investments and says it is equally important to invest in and improve the land.

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WORK CUT OUT FOR CONGRESS

Matters of Importance Which Will Occupy the Time of the Senate and House

M'GARAHAN'S CLAIM WILL BE ACTED ON

Senators Will Discuss the Anti-Option Bill and Senator McPherson's Resolution to Repeal the Sherman Silver Act in the House.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 3.—The senator and representatives who go home during the holiday recess rarely hasten their return to the capitol, so there is likely to be a sparse attendance in both houses tomorrow, when congress will meet again, and the seats will probably not be filled before next week.

In the senate there are indications of a struggle for place between the anti-options bill, the bill for the repeal of the purchase of silver act, and quarantine and immigration suspension bills.

The first business in order will be the McGarahan bill, which comes up by unanimous consent in the morning hour. Senator Wilson of Iowa and others have speeches to deliver on this subject and they promise to occupy the morning hours during the week, much to the concern of the friends of the "great claimant," who realize that the bill cannot be acted on before the week is over.

The anti-option and silver. After the morning hour tomorrow the anti-option bill will probably be taken up for further debate.

Senator McPherson, before the recess, gave notice that he would introduce a resolution to repeal the Sherman silver act promptly on the assembling of congress, and he can at least succeed in delivering a speech on the subject.

There is no serious rivalry for the empty honor of the caucus nomination for president in the republican ranks in the senate, but the candidates for the speaker nomination are plenty, as that generally carries with it the leadership of the minority in the house.

Hayley of Kansas seems to be in the lead, but the caucus nomination for temporary speaker.

In the senate democratic caucus tonight a resolution was passed to bar women from offices in that body.

It is rumored that the friends of Colonel W. R. Morrison will attempt at the caucus tonight to have him endorsed for a position in Cleveland's cabinet.

Cockrell Will Be Returned. JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Jan. 3.—The legislature of Missouri will meet tomorrow in biennial session, but without matters of great or general interest to come before it. The senate and house are both heavily democratic.

Over the former Lieutenant Governor J. B. O'Leary will preside, while over the latter body W. M. Patton will preside.

In the matter of the United States senatorial caucus the interest of the caucus is practically a unit in favor of Francis M. Cockrell. Among the republicans there is little rivalry as to who shall receive the honor of the nomination.

Chancellor Martin of the invalid pensions committee, the earliest opportunity to call up the pension bills which are now on the calendar of unfinished business, but he will not do so until he is convinced that there is a quorum present to vote upon them.

Together the remainder of the week promises to be uneventful in congress.

PUBLIC DEBT STATEMENT. Some Interesting Figures Issued by the Treasury Department.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 3.—The public debt statement for December, owing to the intervention of a Sunday and a holiday, was not issued from the Treasury department until this afternoon. It shows that in the last month of the year there was a net decrease of the debt of the United States to the amount of \$98,283. The items from which this decrease was made up were as follows:

Increase of interest-bearing debt, \$100,000; decrease of debt bearing no interest, \$67,116; decrease of debt on which interest has ceased, \$46,792; decrease of net cash in the treasury, \$1,236,330.

On the 31st ultimo, the total of these items were: interest-bearing debt, \$885,085,080; debt on which interest has ceased, \$2,385,495; debt bearing no interest, \$377,106,827.

The total gold in the treasury December 31 was \$28,829,891, against \$24,598,465 at the end of November. Silver increased from \$48,469,138 at the end of November to \$48,750,000 at the end of December. These deposits were outstanding \$141,346,890 gold certificates and \$22,784,904 silver certificates.

The net cash balance surplus on the treasury at the end of the year was \$29,092,588. Of this amount \$10,001,915 was in national bank deposits and \$19,571,480 in subsidiary gold and silver cash.

On November 30 the net cash balance was \$30,428,918. The changes in the treasury and debt balance for the year 1891 are shown in the following statement:

Interest-bearing debt, Dec. 31, 1891, \$885,085,080; Jan. 3, 1892, \$1,000,000,000. Debt on which interest has ceased, Dec. 31, 1891, \$2,385,495; Jan. 3, 1892, \$46,792. Debt bearing no interest, Dec. 31, 1891, \$377,106,827; Jan. 3, 1892, \$67,116.

Total, Dec. 31, 1891, \$1,284,577,402; Jan. 3, 1892, \$1,136,801,915. Amount of coin certificates and subsidiary gold, Dec. 31, 1891, \$22,784,904; Jan. 3, 1892, \$22,784,904. Amount of cash in the treasury, Dec. 31, 1891, \$19,571,480; Jan. 3, 1892, \$19,571,480.

Total cash in treasury, Dec. 31, 1891, \$42,356,384; Jan. 3, 1892, \$42,356,384. Net cash balance, Dec. 31, 1891, \$30,428,918; Jan. 3, 1892, \$29,092,588.

CHAIRMAN CARTER'S VIEWS. He Talks About Senatorial Contests in the Doubtful States.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 3.—Chairman Carter of the republican national committee was at the capitol today. He was not communicative, but he was in the senate chamber, and he was in the senate chamber, and he was in the senate chamber.

A subordinate committee, acting under authority conferred by the senate, has begun to take testimony in relation to charges made against Louis McComas, who was nominated to judge of the supreme court of the District of Columbia.

One of the allegations in the case is that Mr. McComas, while counsel for a man named Elsworth, who was charged with the murder of Miss Anne, the Nebraska girl who was killed at a small railway station.

The State Federation of Labor of Kansas, at its annual convention, resolutions and electing officers, adjourned.

A mob at Lewiston, Idaho, took Albert Roberts and then consigned him to a Tompkins street, Boston, apartment house.

Louis Wagner shot and killed Miss Fannie Speer and then consigned her to a Tompkins street, Boston, apartment house.

At the caucus of house republicans of the Michigan legislature, which was held in the capitol, was elected candidate for speaker.

The senatorial committee to investigate infidelity in the Michigan legislature, reported a quarantine against Cuba in the early spring.

Secretary Elkins will give instructions for the election of extensive engineering operations to be assembled at Washington on March 4.

George Jeffries, a Southern Pacific engineer, has been charged with the murder of Miss Anne, the Nebraska girl who was killed at a small railway station.

Ind. killing W. M. McCarthy, the Bremen, and Harry Buck, head brakeman, Con. Cavanaugh, who was severely scalded, but may live.

W. J. Priestly of Galveston, Tex., superintendent of the Texas coast, reported that he had committed suicide by shooting himself through the head with a pistol.

Eate Sheridan, maid to Princess Espull, wife of a member of the Italian legation at Washington, has been arrested in New York for stealing jewelry.

McCarthy, the supposed counterfeit, who fled from West Superior, Wis., on the unearthing of the counterfeit, was arrested at New Orleans a few days ago, and has been captured at a small town near Grand Rapids, Mich.

Anton Duart, a Portuguese keeper of a way-side resort near San Leandro, Cal., while suffering from delirium tremens, was killed by his barkeeper through the shoulders, and Mrs. Duart was through the lungs.

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