

LINE UP AT LINCOLN

Domestic Session of the Legislature... casted Around the Hotel.

SENATORIAL CANDIDATES IN EVIDENCE

Headquarters Open in Anticipation of the Arrival of Members.

WESTERN MEMBERS TALK OF LEGISLATION

Senators from Cattle Country Propose to Amend Brand Law.

SEEKERS FOR PLACES ARE VERY BUSY

Candidates for Clerkships and Other Important Appointive Offices Are Carrying on an Active Campaign Among Members.

LINCOLN, Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Two of the avowed candidates for United States senator were in the city today and most of the others were represented by proxy.

George D. McKelvie returned on an early train from Omaha, where he spent Christmas with his friend and advisor, Brad Slaughter. He waited for visitors today at his bachelor residence, 245 South Fifteenth street. E. H. Hinshaw was the other candidate on the ground. He talked with members of the next legislature in the lobby of the Lindell hotel, but did not open headquarters. Lorenzo Crouse was expected this morning, but at noon it was announced that he would not come to the city until late this afternoon.

Neither Mr. Hinshaw nor Mr. McKelvie were very busy today, probably because there were but few members of the legislature in the city. The latter got several of his workers together this afternoon for a preliminary council of war. It was announced that his bachelor residence would not be maintained as his political headquarters, but rather as a home for himself and his assistants. Mr. McKelvie was in the lobby of the Lindell hotel for a few minutes this afternoon, but the few straggling legislators had been forced completely out of sight by the immense gathering of reporters and teachers' convention, and he returned to his home.

"You can say, if you care to," said Mr. Hinshaw, "that all the South Platte members of the legislature are not pledged to any one man. It has been reported that all senators and representatives from districts south of the river are a unit in favor of one candidate. That report is untrue."

"Friends of Mr. Hinshaw asserted today that the report that the county delegation was sold for Thompson was untrue and the claim was made that the Fairbury candidate would receive some of the four gauge county votes."

Nearly all of the new state officers arrived today with their families, and their appearance in the hotels this afternoon caused the usual gathering of office-seekers. Governor Dietrich came from Omaha and will probably remain here from now on.

Brands and Marks Commission.

Senator Frank M. Currie of Custer county will join with Senator J. E. Van Boskirk of Alliance in an effort to secure the passage of several laws for the protection of live stock interests. The proposed legislation was outlined in The Bee several days ago and consists of an amendment to the Brand and Marks commission law, requiring the members of the commission to be one man, who shall be permanently employed, a law providing for the publication of an official brand record and a law providing for inspection of hides and meat purchased from stockraisers by butchers and packing houses.

Senator Van Boskirk arrived this morning and will remain here until the first vacation of the legislature. "I have talked with quite a large number of gentlemen during the last few days," said he, "and all of them, without a single exception, have agreed that the legislation I have proposed, and which was outlined in The Bee, should be enacted at the coming session. I will introduce the bills in the senate in an effort to prevent it from spreading. I think there should be a law requiring persons to submit to vaccination under such circumstances."

Demand for a Normal School. "At least ten of the western counties will ask for an appropriation for a State Normal school. The people behind this movement insist that many persons in western Nebraska cannot enjoy the privilege of free education in the State Normal college at Peru on account of its inconvenient location. All of the counties are rivals and therefore no two of them are united in favor of a location, each county wanting the proposed school for its own."

Among the legislators in Lincoln today were: Senators J. R. Van Boskirk of Alliance and J. A. Woolstenholme of Grand Island and Representatives John McCarthy of Dixon, Charles R. Walker of Hitchcock, Peter Dahlsten of Garfield, William Thompson of Hall and Charles H. Beall of Clay.

Looking After the Plans.

Considerable gossip was heard in the hotel lobbies this afternoon relative to the legislative positions in the two branches of the legislature. The speakership fight received but little attention, for the reason that only one candidate—John J. McCarthy of Dixon—was on the ground, but aspirants for the other positions kept springing up in quarters.

It is reported on good authority that Senator Currie has withdrawn from the race for the presidency of the senate. Mr. Currie comes from a county that has been well rewarded for its republicanism and as one of the members-elect said today: "It is again in the United States." Several citizens of the county are aspirants for other positions and Senator Currie does not wish to injure their chances for success by making a fight for the presidency.

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FRENCH REPORT A VICTORY

Tell of Capturing Flags and Guns from Large Force of Chinese Near Peking.

PEKING, Dec. 26.—The French report encountered 25,000 Chinese and capturing flags and a number of guns and taking a great loss upon the Chinese, five miles south of here. The report is generally discredited. According to the news, the French did not suffer any losses. It is believed, however, that the French probably met a routing band, which was dispersed, a number of Chinese being butchered. Li Hung Chang says that he is satisfied that the story is false.

Rev. Mr. Kelly, a Presbyterian missionary, has reported to Minister Conger the burning by boxers of nineteen Catholics. He says, however, that his information has been derived entirely from Chinese sources. The Japanese, who have jurisdiction over the territory thirty miles north in which it is alleged the outrage occurred, will investigate the report.

BERLIN, Dec. 26.—Field Marshal Count von Waldersee, commander of the French troops, December 24, says: "The French troops encountered December 22, east of Cho Chan, between Peking and Pao Ting Fu, a Chinese force numbering 25,000 men, with artillery. The Chinese fled in the direction of Kuan Hsien. They suffered losses and left behind them five standards and four cannons. The Chinese probably consisted of the recruited remnants of a body already dispersed."

WAIT ON CHINA NOW BEGINS

China Has the Note and Powers Rest Until Authoritative Reply is Received.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—A cablegram received at the State department from United States Minister Conger, dated at Peking on the 24th inst., states that the first formal meeting between the diplomatic representatives and Prince Ching took place on the 23d. Ching proposed the creation of himself and Li Hung Chang, who was unable to attend owing to illness, to the diplomatic representatives, who handed to him the official note. The officials of the State department are unwilling to venture a guess as to the length of time that will be consumed by the Chinese government in consideration of the note. The last article notified the Chinese government that the occupation of Chi Lin and Peking may continue until the Chinese government has complied with the terms of the note. It may be stated, however, that the United States is not bound or affected by this condition. Our occupancy under a military point of view is not terminated and there is no disposition to remove it.

As for the other powers, it is expected that the main obstacle they will encounter in withdrawing under this condition will be found in the difficulty in obtaining satisfactory assurances upon the Chinese promise to pay indemnities.

CONGRER TAKES HOPEFUL VIEW

American Minister Believes That Crisis Will Come When the Initiation of Reform is Attempted.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—"Mr. Conger takes a hopeful view of the situation," says the Peking correspondent of the Morning Post, writing on Monday, "and thinks that a settlement will be effected, but he declares that not one of the envoys will recognize the empress dowager officially, although all are aware that she has long exercised the supreme power. He believes the crisis will arise in the initiation of reforms in China."

"Senior de Coloman, Spanish minister to China, fears that the joint discussion of the note will extend for a year or more. "It is rumored that numerous villages east of Peking are combining to exterminate native Christians, several of whom have been burned in a local temple. Li Hung Chang is a trifle better."

FRENCH PUNISH THE CHINESE

Capture Many Guns and Much Ammunition—Burn Hostile Villages.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—A dispatch to the Havas agency from Peking, dated December 25, states that a detachment of French troops, commanded by General Bailhoul, were recently attacked by Chinese regulars and boxers at Tsi Tehou, south of Pao Ting Fu. The punitive expedition took the village after a lively combat. Many cannon and a quantity of guns and ammunition were secured. On account of the hostile attitude of the population General Bailhoul has been seen to burn the village in the neighborhood. The Chinese loss was 100 men. General Bailhoul's force sustained no loss. Christian Chinese families have been maltreated by the Chinese regulars.

Native Christians Burned.

PEKING, Dec. 26.—Rev. Mr. Kelly, the Presbyterian missionary who, as called to the Associated Press yesterday, has reported to Minister Conger the burning by boxers of nineteen Catholic Christians, now reports having received further confirmation of the burning of native Christians. He now says the number burned is twenty-one, and he adds that thousands of armed Chinese have been seen in the vicinity. Mr. Conger has sent a copy of the communication to Field Marshal von Waldersee, and Japanese and German troops have been sent to investigate the reports.

British Will Not Succede.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The Foreign office informed a representative of the Associated Press today that there is no truth in the Peking Mail dispatch from Peking which states there has been a question of the British acceding from the allied command, owing to the activity of the Germans in the districts under British protection.

SURRENDERS UNDER PROTEST

Gardiner Gives Over Office of Attorney to Philbin, but Not He Explains Voluntarily.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Eugene Philbin, who last week was appointed district attorney of New York county, assumed the duties of the office today. Mr. Gardiner surrendered his office under protest. He said to his successor: "I would like to be clearly understood that I do not voluntarily surrender this office and that I protest against the action of the governor as being without authority in law. I am anxious, whilst protesting against this action, to be clearly understood that the public business shall not be injured or retarded, and to that end I will be pleased to co-operate with you in any way that you may think best in the public interest."

"I thank you cordially for your kind words and your effort. It is hardly necessary, because I feel that you are ready to give me every assistance in your power, and I shall not hesitate to call on you. I thank you." Then Colonel Gardiner began the work of formal introduction of Mr. Philbin to all of his former staff.

BOERS CAPTURE YEOMANRY

Report from Cape Town of Another Successful Strategic Move.

SEVERAL KILLED AND REMAINDER TAKEN

Squadron that Had Been Following Boers from Britstown is Entrapped by Wily Transvaalers, Who Kill or Capture All.

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 26.—A squadron of yeomanry which had been following the Boers from Britstown is reported to have been entrapped. There were several casualties, it is said, and the remainder of the force was captured.

General Kitcheener has left Naanpoort and gone northward. The rapid concentration of troops in the disturbed districts through the personal energy of General Kitcheener has allayed the local uneasiness.

No Confirmation at War Office.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—2:30 p. m.—The paucity and obscurity of the dispatches from South Africa give rise to renewed anxiety. Apparently the disturbed area of Cape Colony extends further south than it did last December and Lord Kitcheener does not appear to have had much success as yet in driving back the invaders.

The War office had received no news last evening of the reported capture of yeomanry near Britstown. A Burgersdorp dispatch has a mysterious reference to an "unfortunate mistaking of the enemy for Brabant's horse, which resulted in the sounding of 'cease fire' and enabled the Boers to occupy all the commanding positions, the British retiring from a difficult predicament."

General Clements' success against the Boers in the Magaliesberg region is doubtful, the last dispatch reporting that "it was advisable not to force the Boers from their position."

British Press Optimistic.

The British press continues in the main optimistic, but the condition of affairs brings home the enormous difficulties that will face Lord Kitcheener in patrolling and policing such immense tracts of country, even when the Boers shall be finally subdued. The Daily Mail, which makes a strong appeal to the government to "face the facts and send Lord Kitcheener more troops," says: "There is a real risk in being lulled to sleep by carefully censored messages."

Lord Kitcheener, according to a dispatch from Johannesburg, has issued a proclamation dated Pretoria, December 20, announcing that burghers who voluntarily surrender will be allowed to live with their families in the government laager until such time as guerrilla warfare has sufficiently abated to admit of their returning in safety to their homes.

The proclamation also promises that all property and stock brought in at the time of surrender will be respected and paid for if requisitioned by the military authorities.

HARD AFTER GENERAL DEWET

British Reported to Be Pressing Boer Commandant in the Ladybrand District.

MASERU, Dec. 26.—The British are pressing Commandant Dewet in the Ladybrand district.

Roberts Enroute to Gibraltar.

FUNCHAL, Island of Madeira, Dec. 26.—The steamer Canada, with Lord Roberts on board, arrived here last evening, receiving a salute of nineteen guns on entering the port.

This morning, Lord Roberts was tendered the official reception by the authorities and at noon, aboard the Canada, he will proceed to Gibraltar.

Maoris to Fight Against Boers.

WELLINGTON, N. Z., Dec. 27.—The sixth contingent of New Zealanders, 200 strong, half being Maoris, will sail for South Africa in three weeks.

Boers Capture Christmas Wagons.

ZEEBAST, Transvaal, Dec. 24.—The Boers captured two wagons containing Christmas luxuries destined for the camp of Lord Methuen.

CONSTITUTION FOR CUBA

Military Government with Restricted Suffrage Probably Will Be Recommended.

HAVANA, Dec. 26.—The various sections into which the Cuban constitutional convention was divided some weeks ago for the purpose of preparing and submitting draft constitutions for the consideration of the body as a whole are gradually getting together on the basis of a unitary government, with restricted suffrage. The convention leaders now hope to have this work completed by January 15, so that the results may be submitted to the United States congress February 1. The sectional discussions have been bitter and prolonged and therefore there will be little debate in the open sessions, the hard fights having been made in the secret sub-sessions in order to save public wrangling.

Daily Denies Charge of Belfrey.

HAVANA, Dec. 26.—Charges reflecting on Michael J. Daly having been made in the mayor's office in connection with the sewerage and paving contract, Mr. Daly today denounced as utterly false the statement that \$50,000 had been offered to Mayor Rodriguez with a view of influencing his decision. On the other hand, he affirmed that if anyone would make an affidavit fixing the responsibility for the slanderous accusation he would take steps to procure the arrest and prosecution of the instigator, even if it should prove to be the mayor himself.

CEMENTVILLE RIOTERS QUIET

Warning Negroes in Indiana Town Are Under Control and No Outbreaks Are Expected.

CEMENTVILLE, Ind., Dec. 26.—The warning negroes under control at Cementville, Ind., and no outbreaks are expected. Sam Kendall, in whose saloon a number of shots were fired, secured warrants for the arrest of those who were injured and the surrender of John Redmond.

Orders Negroes to Marry.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 26.—Magistrate Brewster of Red Tap, a notorious negro settlement, gave orders today that all negroes living there would have to marry. Six notices will be issued several days ago that such orders would be issued by the magistrate seventy-five copies, it is said, have been mailed.

Resigns Because of Post Bill.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 26.—The resignation of Prof. D. W. Watson, dean of Kentucky Wesleyan college at Winchester, was accepted by the board here today. His resignation is due to his opposition to the foot lock which is being introduced. He asked the faculty to expel the members of the team. It refused and he resigned.

MOTHER STEALS HER CHILD

Sensational Kidnaping Case Stirrs Indianapolis Society and Authorities.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 26.—A sensational kidnaping, involving the family of ex-United States Attorney General Miller, occurred this afternoon and led to a hot chase. A few minutes later across the state to Evansville, Ind., the mother of the son of W. H. Miller, who was supposed to be flying to New York with her stolen son.

Samuel Miller and wife have lived in New York for several years and last summer he came west to visit his father's office. His wife stayed in New York. Last Friday she came here to demand possession of her 7-year-old son, whom the father had brought west with him and who was living with him at the grandfather's home, W. H. H. Miller, at 1027 North Delaware street.

The husband and wife had a consultation at the wife's apartments in the Denison and she agreed that if the boy was brought back to her daily with the nurse she would not attempt to kidnap him.

This afternoon the boy and nurse called on Mrs. Miller at the Denison. She sent the nurse out to get a check cashed, and while the nurse was gone the boy and nurse carried and made arrangements to leave. When the governess returned Mrs. Miller announced that they were going for a drive. They started in a closed carriage down South Meridian street, toward the city, and the boy and nurse were seen to get into a carriage and make arrangements to leave.

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Compilation of reports on new enterprises shows that Georgia leads with forty-three mills, North Carolina comes second with forty-one, although the latter has always been in the lead in the construction of baling mills. In the cotton baling and unwinding industry the state of South Carolina reports 33; Pennsylvania, 11; Tennessee, 10; Mississippi and Texas, 2 each; New York, 6; New Jersey, 4; Louisiana, 2; California, Maine, New Hampshire, 2 each; and Kansas, Florida, Maryland, Missouri, Ohio and Oregon, 1 each.

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Both companies are New Jersey corporations. The American company has an allowed capital of \$30,000,000, with an actual paid-in capital of \$8,000,000. The National company was organized in May last. Its allowed capital then was \$15,000,000. This has since been increased to an allowance of \$22,000,000. In September last the National company in a circular letter asked the holders of the American certificates to exchange their holdings for solid certificates of collateral bearing 5 per cent interest to be issued by the National. The American stockholders were to deposit their shares with the National to provide a trust fund to meet the interest on the collateral.

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LEARNED SOCIETIES TO MEET

Economic and Historical Subjects to Be Discussed at Detroit Conventions Today.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 26.—Prominent historians, educators and political economists from all parts of the country are gathering in Detroit tonight to attend the annual convention of the American Economic Association and the American Historical Association, which will be opened tomorrow. After separate sessions tomorrow morning and afternoon, the two societies will meet in joint session tomorrow evening in the First Methodist church. Friday morning the association will leave for Ann Arbor, where joint sessions will be held in the morning and afternoon, returning to Detroit in the evening, when an entertainment will be given to the visitors at the Detroit Athletic club. About twenty-five members of each society are in the city tonight, and it is believed that by noon tomorrow the number will be swelled to 225. President Eggleston of the Historical Association was taken ill quite suddenly last week and will be unable to preside over the meetings. Ex-President Rhodes will preside in his stead.

Papers on historical, economic and educational topics and their discussion will occupy the delegates at all of their sessions, both joint and separate.

Southern Educational Association.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 26.—A large attendance is expected at the tenth annual convention of the Southern Educational Association, which begins here tomorrow. The first session will be devoted to addresses of welcome by the governor and mayor on behalf of the state and city and by the president of the association, Dr. J. C. Patton of the University of Mississippi, will be delivered.

Bids for Stocks of New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Controlled by Coker today opened bids for corporate stock of the city of New York to the amount of \$3,400,000, bearing 3 per cent interest. This is payable in 1901 in gold coin and the holders of the same are allowed no stock to be sold under par. Vermilye & Co., jointly with Harvey Fisk & Co., bid 121 1/2 for the whole or any part of the bonds and they probably will secure all of the bonds. This price is higher than in many years.

HIGH RANK IN TEXTILE WORLD

Almost Marvelous Increase in Number of American Cloth-Making Mills.

RECORD FOR 1899 IS ALMOST DOUBLED

Great Development is Shown in the Construction of Cotton Factories, the South Being the Largest Gainer in This Respect.

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—The American Wool and Cotton Reporter tomorrow will devote considerable attention to mill construction in the last year, saying the returns do not show up large in the last six months of the last part of the year. The depression, which was first felt during the summer and fall months, acted as a damper to the rush to build mills, particularly cotton mills, that was noticed the first half of the year, when records in mill-building were broken. During the first half of the year the number of new mills entered upon was 307 and during the last six months the number was 224, a loss of over 25 per cent over the first half.

Of the 224 mills projected 144 are devoted to the manufacture of cotton, 14 to wool, 51 to knit goods and 19 to miscellaneous purposes, such as silk and linen manufacturing and for bleaching and dyeing. During the year 251 mills have passed under the reviewer's pen. The Reporter, an increase of 242 over the 209 reported for the year 1899 and an increase of 269 over the 282 recorded for 1898.

This shows the fact that the United States is becoming the largest producer of textile fabric in the world. One thing should be noticed in particular and that is the great increase in the number of mills making finer goods. This is especially noticeable in the cotton-manufacturing business, passing caused by the situation in China cutting out the demand from that country.

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ASPHALT INTERESTS AT WAR

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BACK OF RICHARDSON'S DEATH

Some Sensational Evidence Brought Out Before the Coroner's Jury.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 26.—Sensational evidence was adduced today at the coroner's inquest over the body of the late Albert Richardson, who was shot and killed by some persons, yet unknown, in the hallway of his home in Savannah, Christmas eve. Frank Richardson, Jr., the 14-year-old son of the victim, testified that his father, at the store of Richardson & Co., in Savannah, Georgia, was at the store on Christmas evening last. The boy said she was not, and then his father asked him to go home and see if she was there. But as the boy demurred, his father went instead, and a few minutes later he found the body. Stewart Pife, Mr. Richardson's business partner, said Mr. Richardson had accused him with being unduly intimate with Mrs. Richardson. This accusation was made four months ago. The inquest was adjourned until Friday, when the widow will testify.

MOB BALKED OF ITS PREY

Search the Jail for Albert Shenkel, but Fail to Find the Victim.

WHITEHALL, Ill., Dec. 26.—A band of probably fifty men forced an entrance to the Green county jail at Carrolltown early this morning and made thorough search for Albert Shenkel, who is under arrest charged with assaulting and robbing Miss Graham, a girl in Whitehall on Monday evening last. Shenkel had been secretly removed to the jail at Alton, and this action on the part of the sheriff, it is believed, is all that prevented a lynching. When convinced that Shenkel was not in the jail the men returned to Whitehall. Shenkel was indicted for the murder of A. J. Allen, pumper at the Burlington reservoir north of this city, on September 26, 1899. After being twice convicted the case was dismissed at the end of the last term of circuit court by the state's attorney and he returned to Whitehall. He is about 22 years of age.

MEXICO HAS NO FEAR OF PANIC

Despite Lightness of Money Market General State of Business is Reassuring.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 26.—The reports telegraphed to the United States implying that Mexico is on the point of a financial panic are exaggerated. Money, it is true, continues tight, and yet business and contracting houses are continuing to receive large orders from the interior for merchandise, machinery, etc., and excellent contracts in electrical lines are being made by firms in this city. Generally speaking, merchants here are not overstocked and business has been good throughout the month.

GIVES OF HIS MILLIONS

Son of John D. Rockefeller Contributes \$250,000 to the Building of a New York School.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—It became known today through a report made by the Board of Trustees of the University of the City of New York that John D. Rockefeller, Jr., son of the president of the Standard Oil company, has subscribed \$250,000 for the founding of an institution of learning for poor boys and girls. The school is now in course of erection on Tenth avenue, between Forty-seventh and Forty-eighth streets, and will be completed and ready for occupancy by March 1 next.

English Must Be Spoken.

GREEN BAY, Wis., Dec. 26.—Bishop Meagher has adopted as his own the recent declaration of the president of the University of Mississippi, will be delivered.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Fair and Cooler Thursday; Fair Friday; Northerly Winds.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

Table with 4 columns: Hour, Deg., Hour, Deg. Rows show temperatures for 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 m.

IMPORTED MEN QUIT WORK

Seranton Railway Company Loses the Big End of a Trainload of New Men.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 26.—Fifty-three more men recruited in New York to take places of strikers of the Seranton Railway company arrived tonight, but before the train had come to a full stop the strikers and their sympathizers boarded the cars and by using arguments and exhortations induced all but eighteen of them to agree to return to New York. They are being cared for at the strikers' headquarters and will be furnished transportation home. There was no violence and no angry words, but frequently the company's agents and the strikers would be working on the same man at the same time.

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ONLY ONE NEGRO KILLED

Inevitable Result of the Florida Race Riot Comes from the Latest.

MACLENNY, Fla., Dec. 26.—There was a serious race riot this afternoon. At 6 o'clock a number of young women visited a photograph gallery and a negro woman who was also in the gallery is alleged to have used obscene language. She was accompanied by a white man, who presented a negro until accompanied by a negro woman, took the