

ALL READY TO WORK

Legislators Expect to Begin Active Business at Lincoln This Morning.

SENATORIAL MATTERS SETTLING DOWN

Candidates' Strength Uncertain, but Lines Are Slowly Forming.

OPPOSITION TO THOMPSON IS EARNEST

His South Platte Legion is Not So Bold as Reported.

ROSEWATER HAS GAINED NEW SUPPORT

Even His Enemies Admit That He Has Made Good Progress During the First Week of the Session.

LINCOLN, Jan. 6.—(Special).—The legislature enters tomorrow upon its second week, when it will doubtless get down to business by the appointment of a committee, a more complete organization for actual legislative proceedings.

In the senatorial arena there is no question but that the atmosphere has been somewhat clarified. Previous to the meeting of the legislature the impression was that all his own way his own end of the state but will have determined opposition from several quarters.

ROSEWATER STOCK GOES UP. Even his undisguised enemies concede that the stock of Edward Rosewater, which he had two years ago, when he made a fight against Hayward.

CURRIE, CRONIN & HINSHAW. The movement for Senator Currie, which has considerable impetus the first few days, seems to have dropped several degrees, although in all probability the senator from Custer will have several votes to his credit when the time comes to show them.

IDAHO'S SENATORIAL FIGHT. Silver Republicans Precipitate Determined Contest by Demanding a Joint Caucus.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 6.—An interesting political contest is in progress tonight as a preliminary of the meeting of the legislature tomorrow. The three fusion parties, democrats, silver republicans and populists—which control both houses, have been in caucus through conference committees and to divide the patronage of the two bodies.

FOR MONTANA'S LEGISLATURE. Fusionists' Caucus Nominates for Speaker Frank Corbett—Governor Toole Takes Control Today.

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 6.—The fusionist caucus tonight nominated Frank E. Corbett, representative from Silver Bow, as speaker of the house. Corbett received 24 votes, John McGinnis 14 and Thomas Kilgallon 4. W. A. Clark was supporting Corbett, while August Heinze, who is a senatorial possibility, was backing McGinnis.

Block and Horses. MANISTEE, Mich., Jan. 6.—The lively barn of Henry Radmacher was burned this morning with contents, including twenty-two horses. Fire also burned a block of buildings extending from Water to First streets.

KEEP IT BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE.

What an Unprejudiced Fusionist Says About the Man the Fusionists Have Honored by Their Votes for President of the Senate.

Ransom as a Traitor.

Edgar Howard in Papillon Times, March 3, 1897. Every schoolboy in Nebraska knows that every fusionist now occupying a seat in the Nebraska legislature was chosen with the implied and express understanding that he would favor laws to regulate the public corporations in the state.

Ransom in His True Colors.

Edgar Howard in Papillon Times, April 1, 1897. On the first day of the legislative session the Times, "elected Senators Ransom and Howell as the leaders of the corporation contingent in that body. The picking was not an evidence of smartness on our part, for, indeed, any man who has watched the course of those worthies in recent years could and would have done as well as we did.

GLOOMY CAPETOWN NEWS

Martial Law Proclaimed, Reinforcements Needed, and a General Unrest Among the Boers.

LONDON, Jan. 7.—This morning's news from Capetown is again unsatisfactory. Martial law has been proclaimed at Malmesbury and will have been proclaimed in other districts but that the cabinet meeting called Saturday was unable to agree to it.

Anxiety concerning the movement of the Boers has sent a fresh cold fit over the cabinet. It is asserted by the Capetown correspondent that unless the forces of the Cape Colony are increased a most undesirable state of affairs may result, as the success in arms of the invaders, however slight, might be the signal for a Dutch rising.

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SNOW LINE GOES FAR SOUTH

Even Home Gets Some of "the Beautiful" for First Time in Years.

PARIS, Jan. 6.—Severe cold is reported throughout France and Italy. A foot of snow has fallen at Marseilles last evening and the mercury shows a steady decline in the Paris daily. There have been a number of deaths in the streets. Trains from a long distance are greatly delayed.

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LYNCHERS HOLD OFF

Three Men Held for Murder of Herman Zahn Are Safe in Fremont Jail.

BELIEVED TO BE HEAD OF SHARP GANG

Sheriff and His Officers Are Given Great Credit for Their Capture.

RHEA BEARS UP WELL IN SPITE OF WOUNDS

Both He and Gardner Are Retained, but Burke Talks Freely.

HE IS A SMOOTH, WELL-DRESSED FELLOW

Claims to Live in Norfolk and to Have a Wife There—Brahmankam Finds a Fourth Man Who is Anxious to Escape the Williams Crowd.

FREMONT, Neb., Jan. 6.—(Special).—The three men held for the murder of Herman Zahn are securely locked up and they have been no further attempt to lynch them. When Sheriff Kramer arrived at the county jail at 3 o'clock this morning with William Darrard, alias Burke, who has also been called William Burton, the second act of the most startling tragedy ever enacted in the criminal annals of Dodge county was closed in a way which reflects great credit upon the sheriff and the officers under him. It is believed by the police that the three men now in custody are experienced criminals and members of a gang that have baffled the efforts of officers all through the eastern part of the state.

WILLIAM RHEA, as he calls himself, is the leader of the three, a slender, dark-complexioned, boyish-looking fellow, claiming to be only 18 years old, but with a sharp, evasive glance and stealthy manner. In spite of all the shots aimed at him in the great chase of yesterday afternoon he was hit but three or four times. One bullet passed entirely through his left leg, four inches above the knee, one is lodged in the calf of his left leg, a third is in his body near the base of the chest on the right side, and the fourth scratched him in the neck. He was dressed in a smart suit. This afternoon he is suffering considerably from his wounds and refused to talk. He admits being in Snyder Friday afternoon and that there was some shooting going on.

GARDNER, alias Harvey Atchison, is a tall, powerfully built, smooth-shaven, dark-complexioned man, about 40. He has been frequently seen in Fremont around a house which for a couple of months last fall was suspected of being the headquarters of the sharp gang. When talking he turns his eyes to the floor. While willing to talk generally, he like his leader, merely admits his presence in Snyder and that there was some shooting going on there for some time. His occupation he says is that of a metal worker. Later he said he did a little gambling on the side. He says he went to Snyder with the other two and drank and played cards with them during the afternoon. He claims he had nothing to do with the shooting, but that he was present to see the men and stood near the door with his hands up like the rest of them; that he did not leave Snyder with the two, but went away because he feared the people would think he was mixed up with the others, walking to West Point, where he intended to eat breakfast and then take the train for Norfolk. The officers don't place much confidence in this tale.

BURKE DENIES SHARING IN MURDER.

While coming down on the train early this morning, Burke was out on the street. He said he was 24 years old and lived in Norfolk, where he had a wife. He said he was acquainted with the people at the shack on the Elkhorn, whom he called the Williams crowd, and said he had been loafing about there for some time. His occupation, he said, was that of a metal worker. Later he said he did a little gambling on the side. He says he went to Snyder with the other two and drank and played cards with them during the afternoon. He claims he had nothing to do with the shooting, but that he was present to see the men and stood near the door with his hands up like the rest of them; that he did not leave Snyder with the two, but went away because he feared the people would think he was mixed up with the others, walking to West Point, where he intended to eat breakfast and then take the train for Norfolk. The officers don't place much confidence in this tale.

VENEZUELAN BORDER FIGHT

Said to Have Resulted in Defeat of Rebels—Urbis is on the Run.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Jan. 6.—The British steamer Costa Rican, Captain Kelly, which arrived here this evening from Colombia, reports that a big battle was fought recently near the Venezuelan border between the Colombian government forces and 2,000 insurgents under General Uribe, assisted by sympathizers from Venezuela. The battle ending in the defeat of the rebels, who broke into small parties, General Uribe escaping.

ANOTHER OF MORGAN'S DEALS

Is Said to Have Acquired Control of Lehigh Valley, Also for the Reading.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—The Tribune tomorrow will say: "Just at the close of the market on Saturday Wall street received the news that J. Pierpont Morgan had bought the Central Railroad of New Jersey and sold it to the Reading railroad. When the market opens Monday morning it is said it will be confronted with the additional news that Mr. Morgan has secured the controlling interest in the Lehigh Valley also, and that his interest will probably be offered to the Reading at the meeting of its directors, which has been called for Monday to complete officially the purchase and arrange for the formal transfer of the Jersey Central stock to his own hands."

EVANSTON SEEKS KIDNAPERS

Illinois Town Tries to Locate Man and Woman Believed to Have Stolen an Orphan.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—Word was received at police headquarters tonight from Evanston to look out for a man and woman who had kidnaped a 12-year-old girl from Lake Bluff during the afternoon. According to the story the couple enticed the girl into a candy store, then took her to Lakeside, where all trace of the three was lost. The girl is said to be an orphan, but her name was not given to the police.

CLEMENT HACKNEY IS DEAD

Former Superintendent of Motive Power of Union Pacific in Omaha.

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 6.—Clement Hackney, at one time general superintendent of motive power of the Union Pacific railroad at Omaha, and for the past twelve years general manager of the Fox Process Steel company at Joliet and Pittsburg, with headquarters at Chicago, died of liver disease at his home in this city tonight, aged 57 years.

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