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THREE SURPRISES,

Which Occurred in the Organization of the Legislature.—Republicans Completely Knocked Out.

BOTH HOUSES NOW ORGANIZED.

Review of the Work Done Last Week. A List of Officers and Employees.—The Senatorial Situation.

Two Surprises.

The first week of the legislature began with a surprise and ended with a surprise. The first resulted from the perfect harmony and unity with which the independents and democrats combined to organize the house.

POLICY OF THE INDEPENDENTS.

The independents made every effort consistent with their principles to organize both houses. They were impelled to this by two potent reasons. First, they believed that their chances for electing a United States senator would be much greater if they secured the principal officials in both branches of the legislature.

Second, they thought by controlling the committees in each house they could advance legislation in the interests of the people.

With these beliefs uppermost in their minds, the loyal independents in both houses invited and encouraged the members of the other parties to sense of satisfaction.

THE HOUSE

still greatly accepted the invitation and improved situation, and that body was better organized, and put in work-years run. Most of the officers and emen the independents, but a number perfect anti-monopoly democrats have even positions. In matters of retrenchment and legisla-

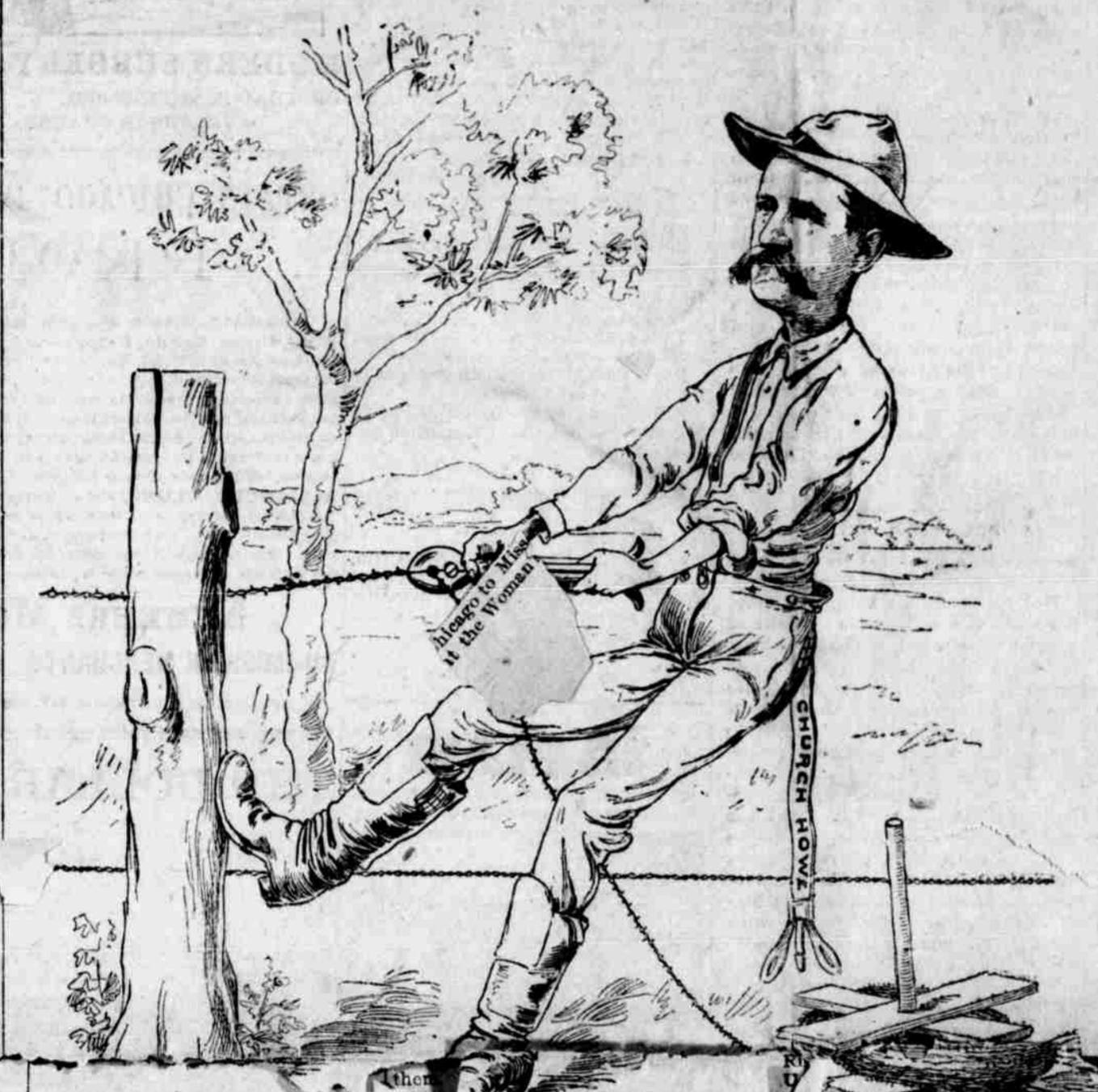
IN THE SENATE

independents invited the cooperation of either or both the old parties in the organization of that body on anti-monopoly lines. This offer was considered by both democrats and republicans. At different times during the week, the independents felt that their success was assured, but arrangements were no sooner made than broken.

The independents are taking things coolly and philosophically. They realize that they have done their duty and are doing, everything in their power as a minority party to accomplish that which only a majority can accomplish.

THE WEEK'S WORK.

In the house the work was necessarily confined to matters pertaining to the organization. The constitution provides that the returns of the last election must be canvassed immediately after the organization, and before any other business is done. The dead-lock in the senate prevented the joint convention and the progress in the house. However the house held two sessions, one on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and one on Friday.



Farmer Church Howe, the Champion Wire-puller, fixing up his political fences. [From Western Life.]

Assistant, Mrs. M. J. Boulware, Mail carrier, G. P. Porter; Door-keeper, C. Dockhorn; Custodian of cloakroom, O. N. Sullivan; Assistant A. I. Steadwell; Janitors, C. Marshall, W. E. Vickery, R. H. Shapland, W. Winslow, John Arnold, J. Gallagher, Price Sanders, Night-watchman, J. Shartz; Assistant F. M. Good; Pages, F. Shannon, Will McCune, Ed. Fountain, Chas. Felton, Leonard Elder, Scott Safford, Ray Morton, Ray Carpenter, Mrs. Porstensen, Ed. Roberts, Martin Dougherty and Oscar Newberry. Book-keeper, W. F. Wright; Type-writers, Misses McBridge and Dowe.

The committee on rules made a partial report, but nothing of importance was done.

In the senate, nothing was accomplished save the election of temporary secretary till Friday morning. At that time three democrats: Babcock, North, and Mattes, voted for Correll, republican, and he was elected. The 14 independents and one democrat, Thompson, voted for Dyart. Hale the other democrat, voted for Mattes. Immediately after this the senate adjourned till Tuesday, the independents voting solidly against it.

The house followed suit and also adjourned till Tuesday. Most of the independents strongly opposed the adjournment.

THE THIRD SURPRISE.

The democrats assist the independents in completing the organization of the senate. The third surprise of the session came on Wednesday morning. The change of front on the part of the democrats undoubtedly resulted from the roasting they received from the press and leaders of their party. They couldn't stand the pressure, and were exceedingly anxious to break with the republicans, and atone for the past by assisting the independents in organizing the senate.

The independent victory in the organization of the legislature is at last complete. On Wednesday morning the independents with the aid of the democrats completed the organization of the senate.

It was plain to the most obtuse beholder Wednesday morning that something was in the wind. In fact, it had been rumored all the previous evening and that morning that the independents and democrats of the senate had come to an understanding. The republicans were in a terrible flutter. Tom Majors was consulting first with some republicans and then with Mattes, of Otoe. At last, half an hour later than proper time, Tom pulled himself together and called the senate to order and the fun began. The republicans' indignation was well calculated to be

atly began filibustering. But that wouldn't work. Then they made an open offer to the democrats to organize the senate with them. The democrats moved to lay this proposition on the table, which was immediately done. Then they tried another tack but were whipped in that. And the upshot was that in about an hour after the trouble began, the independents and democrats had completed the organization of the body and an enthusiastic demonstration of approval followed the announcement of the result.

The following are the most important officers elected:

H. A. Edwards of Grand Island, Secretary. G. R. Doughty, ass't. secretary. B. S. Littlefield, of Perkins Co. second ass't. secretary. Rev. J. M. Snyder, of Sherman county, Chaplain. S. S. Adey, Sargeant-at-arms. Keen Ludden, of Polk county, ass't. Sargeant-at-arms. J. H. Dundas, editor of the Auburn Granger, engrossing clerk. Frank R. Morrissey, enrolling clerk. A. Wanmer, door-keeper. W. A. J. Raum, post-master.

THE SENATORSHIP.

As regards the election of a United States senator, the situation does not appear to be materially changed. The independents are hopeful of success. While they have not determined on any line of action, or selected any candidate, there is no doubt that they will appear in caucus and act as a unit. The republicans are very much divided. Senator Paddock has a good many strong supporters, and some very bitter opposition. Crouse and Majors are both candidates, but it is generally understood that they are working together, and when the proper time comes Majors will withdraw and throw his strength to Crouse. John M. Thurston is also talked of as a candidate.

It is an open secret that efforts have been made to corrupt independent members. One independent member of the house was visited some time before election, by parties working in the interest of the Majors-Crouse combination, and offered the superintendency of the Grand Island Soldiers' Home, or any other place in the gift of the governor if he would enter the combination. Many others have been approached. It is said that as high as \$3,000 has been offered for a vote for sena or. A majority of the democrats would undoubtedly be for Bryan for senator, if they had any hopes of success. As it is, they realize that they have no possible show of success. Mr. Bryan is not harboring any vain hopes for he left for Washington so soon as the three democratic senators voted with the republicans. Morton is talked of as a sort of a standard corporation candidate. Only speak and what

probably two or three democrats favor him. Some republicans express a great deal of love and admiration for him, as well they may for he has done heroic service in the last campaign. Morton evidently still carries a great deal of the republicans in the following opinion which he expressed last week: "I would rather see the senate hang in a deadlock than that the democrats should unite with the independents and elect an independent for United States senator. I would like to see the democrats and the republicans elect a senator if it is impossible to elect a democrat, which seems probable."

It was said that Governor Hogg of Texas is pulling the wires to succeed Mills in the senate.

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the independents, and his views on the tariff make him acceptable to the democrats.

J. W. Edgerton is quite prominent as a candidate, and has many friends who claim that he is not only highly deserving but well equipped for such a high position.

A number of others are talked of as candidates, among whom may be mentioned Judge Neville of North Platte, and Judge Allen of Madison. It is entirely within the range of possibilities that senatorial lightning may finally strike some good independent who has not yet been mentioned for the place.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

The army of place hunters is somewhat diminished. The swearing train went out last Friday afternoon.

Mrs. M. R. Morgan, of the Alma News Reporter, was one of the disciples of the quill who gladdened this office by her presence last Monday.

S. E. Keene, time keeper of the house has also been made custodian of all the rooms. This makes Mr. Keene one of the most important employes about the state house. And he deserves it all too. He is one of the brightest young newspaper men in the state.

The editors have not been forgotten by the independents in their distribution of patronage. Eric Johnson, chief clerk, and Ed. J. Hall, first assistant clerk in the house, S. E. Keene, time keeper in the same body, B. S. Littlefield, second assistant secretary of the senate, and various other disciples of the quill have been recognized.

Ex-speaker Elder still sticks to his famous expression, "Stay by 'er, boys." And he is one of the boys who is staying by her, too.

Mr. G. P. Porter, the new mail carrier of the house, is a brother of the famous Porter who downed Church Howe the other day.

This legislature seems to be starting out with the promise of more good legislation than any, barring the last one, in the history of the state.

H. A. Edwards, the newly elected secretary of the senate, is a splendid man. He was assistant secretary of the last body, and took care of the famous Newberry bill for nearly a week.

A committee of A. P. A's from Omaha came down to Lincoln on Thursday to instruct the independents not to make Representative Harry of Greeley county chairman of the committee on Privileges and Elections. They might as well have saved the expense and trouble Mr. Barry will be chairman of that committee.

President pro tem Correll, of the senate is a Thayer county editor, and a very pleasant gentleman. Col. Howells, formerly of the Kearney Hub, is there. He is one of the brainy men who has deserted the leaky old ship and taken passage on the new populist cruiser.

Senator Paddock has changed his headquarters from the Lincoln hotel to the Lindell. He wants to be where he can "mingle."

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NATIONAL CAPITAL.

SILVER AND QUARANTINE IN THE SENATE.

THE TWO SUBJECTS DISCUSSED.

Neither of Them Was Disposed of, However, and Will Have to be Taken Up Again.—The House Passes the District of Columbia Appropriation Bill.—Mrs. Car sine Talks.—Capital Notes.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The senate was in session yesterday for over five hours. Half of the time was spent on McPherson's joint resolution authorizing and directing the secretary of the treasury to suspend all purchases of silver under the Sherman act, and the other half on the bill granting additional quarantine powers and imposing additional duties upon the marine hospital service. Mr. McPherson addressed the senate at length in support of his joint resolution, and when he resumed his seat Mr. Aldrich gave notice of a substitute, which he proposed to offer to it, and asked unanimous consent—in order to test the sincerity of the Democratic side of the chamber which it accused of "masquerading"—to have a vote taken on the substitute and the original measure to-morrow. Objection came from Mr. Danahy and the matter went over indefinitely and without any agreement.

The discussion of the quarantine bill took place on an amendment offered by Mr. White limiting its operation to the district of Columbia.

The senate then adjourned. In the house the District of Columbia appropriation bill was passed. Then an hour was consumed in the consideration of a bill to promote the efficiency of the militia. But there was no determination. The remainder of the day was devoted to the consideration of a bill permitting the Norfolk and Western Railroad company to enter the District of Columbia. It went over.

John Will Please Himself.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Mrs. John G. Carlisle yesterday afternoon emphatically denied the published statement purporting to be on her authority that Senator Carlisle has made up his mind to decline the invitation of the president to accept the treasury portfolio. She said that up to Saturday night, when the senator left Washington for Kentucky, he was still uncertain whether to accept or decline.

"It is said that you oppose the senator going into the cabinet?" remarked the reporter.

"Well," she responded, "I would prefer that John remain in the senate, but personally I have no very great objection to his going into the cabinet. He does not know what he is going to do with himself. John always has had a way of having his own way about things. He does not make many mistakes and I guess he won't this time. You can depend upon it that he will be his own adviser and when he makes up his mind what to do, he won't ask me, or any one else whether we like it or not."

Pension Deficiencies.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Commissioner of Pensions Raum appeared before the deficiency subcommittee of the house appropriations committee yesterday and explained his estimates for pension deficiencies. His first estimate for this deficiency was over \$10,000,000 and the committee was somewhat surprised when he informed them that he now estimated this deficiency at something over \$13,800,000. He gave the pension payments for the first half of the year and made an argument to show that if the payments for the second half averaged as much as the first, his deficiency would have to be increased by over \$3,000,000.

A Combination of Republicans and Populists Will Control Everything.

GUTHRIE, Ok., Jan. 11.—The second legislative assembly of Oklahoma territory will convene in this city this afternoon. The upper house will contain seven Republicans and six Democrats, the lower house twelve Republicans, nine Democrats, one Independent and four Populists. The Populists will get a majority in the lower house.