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TROUBLES OF DEMS AT LINCOLN GROWING

Anti-Bryan Crowd Disposed to Look with Peeve on Thompson's Caucus Call.

ASSERT WITHOUT PRECEDENT

Things Warming Up in Fight for Speakership, but Chances of the Candidates Change Little.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Jan. 1.—(Special.)—Organization of the Legislature talk has not developed anything more than a guess as to the ultimate success of any of the candidates. Very few members have arrived so far, and those here are not talking much.

Considerable criticism has been made to the action of W. H. Thompson, chairman of the democratic state committee, calling the democratic caucus Monday night at one of the hotels. This is said to be entirely beyond any precedent of former sessions. Hereafter the members themselves have agreed on a time and place, and it is hoped by some that the action of Chairman Thompson is an indication that the Bryan crowd hopes to get the start of the other followers by this action, and that they expect to have considerable of a say in the organization of the legislature.

Expanding Fight. It is openly stated that the Bryan followers are expecting a fight on the wet and dry question and are already making preparations for it. This activity on the part of the Bryanites, through W. H. Thompson, who is supposed to be receiving his orders from "Brother Charles," is not getting well with the democrats who had hoped that the factional fight being carried on at Washington would be kept out of the legislature.

Ridgway Arrives

Two additions were made today to the candidate ranks on the scene. Senator J. A. Ollis arrived from his home in Ord and E. E. Ridgway came in from Omaha, the former being a candidate for secretary of the senate and the latter for clerk of the house. Senator Ollis stated that he was not a candidate so far as pulling off his coat and buttoning the members was concerned. "I have been asked if I would accept the position if a majority of the democrats of the senate desired me to," said the senator, "and in that case I will do so. A number of my friends, both members and others interested, have been urging me to get into the fight, and I will only say that if I am selected I believe I have had experience enough to be able to push matters through with the rapidity which will be necessary in a session like what we designate here to make this one."

Prospects Good

Mr. Ridgway has not been on the ground long enough so that he cared to make much of a prediction. "Most of my work has been done by letter," said he, "and I will simply say that the prospects look good to me. I am well known to all of the old members and I believe many of them see for me, while I have had assistance from many of the new ones favorable to me to believe that my vote will be well up toward the top on the first ballot."

On the speakership fight there has been little change from yesterday. There is a heated Brophy atmosphere around the hotel corridors, while sentiment to some extent is turning toward Dr. Meredith of Ashland. E. J. Hunter of Olin is said to have several members behind him. However, until all of the candidates get on the ground and get to working, there is not much of a chance to predict the result. Henry Richmond of Omaha still appears to be the leading candidate.

Program of Economy

Another candidate who appears to be making some headway is J. W. McCluskey, for chief clerk of the house. "Mack" has been on the job very studiously for a week and has seen every member who has rounded the city so far. Mr. McCluskey says that he is for a program in the legislature that will be for economy, but he is not for a program of economy that will reduce efficiency. "You can't say for me," said the Chief Clerk candidate, "that the best economy that the legislature can practice is the one which will cut the employees down to just the number for effective work and no more."

Several Candidates for the Minor Jobs

Several candidates for the minor jobs are already arriving. James Boyd, who was secretary of the state two years ago, and E. F. Thompson, his assistant, are already here making on their old jobs. So far no other candidates have arrived.

Over to the senate J. H. Allen of Lincoln, more commonly known to fame as "Tiger and Power Allen," having derived that title because of his hold on legislative politics in certain wards of Lincoln, where he is a power of strength, desires to be secretary of the senate. Colonel Allen claims qualifications for the job not possessed by any other man and if no opposition arises will probably be selected.

Contraband Copper Seized by Denmark

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 1 (via London).—A large cargo of copper, which is said to have been shipped to Denmark by a German-American in an attempt to smuggle it through this country to Germany by means of a false bill of lading, was seized today by Danish authorities.

DECEMBER CAPTURES BY GERMAN IN ARGONNE

BERLIN (By Wireless to London), Jan. 1.—An unofficial report from the Wolff agency reads as follows: "We learn from the main headquarters that the war booty taken by our troops fighting in the Argonne in December amounts altogether to 2,800 prisoners, twenty-nine machine guns, fourteen mine throwers and nine brass mortars."

SALOONS IN SOUTHERN COLORADO ARE REOPENED

TRINIDAD, Colo., Jan. 1.—Saloons in the coal fields of a Animas and Huachuca counties were again today for the first time since April 23 last. The proclamation of Governor E. M. Anderson, under which they were closed as a result of disorders in the coal miners' strike, expired last midnight.

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Mayor Drops Bomb Into Grand Island Police Staff, 2 Go

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—New Year's day brought an explosion from the inside to the city administration's police force. Officer Grant Hadlock and Officer Joseph Cupp were dismissed on charges of being derelict in duties in protecting or not sufficiently hunting down gambling in certain pool rooms and immorality in rooming houses. The officers declare that they challenged the mayor for permission to face their accusers, but their request was denied.

The mayor declares they have not asked him for a hearing before the council or his committee on police and board of health, and that he has no objection to such a hearing if they want it. Mayor Ryan states that he has been hearing complaints for the last six months. It is known that he had every officer on the carpet yesterday. Whether or not there will be a hearing is not decided.

Young Christians in Forty Nations to Pray for Peace

BOSTON, Jan. 1.—An appeal to the 4,000,000 members of Christian Endeavor societies in forty nations to work and pray for peace has been issued by the president of the World's Christian Endeavor union. It was announced today. "I appeal," he writes, "to the endeavors of the world in this crisis of world's history to work and pray, not only for peace, but for the Christian fellowship on which alone a lasting peace can be built."

Copies have been printed in several languages and are being distributed world-wide.

Vera Cruz Heroes Will Be Honored

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Plans for the exercises on the battleship Florida, Wednesday, at New York, when Secretary Daniels will present the heroes of Vera Cruz occupation with medals for meritorious conduct, were announced today by the Navy department.

After the presentation the Secretary, Mrs. Daniels, Rear Admiral Fletcher, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet, and his staff; Rear Admiral Walker, commander of the New York Navy yard; Rear Admiral Blue, chief of the bureau of navigation, and the officers of the fleet will attend a reception given by the Seventh regiment, New York National guard, at its armory, Wednesday night.

Hot Springs Saloons Reopen at Noon

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Jan. 1.—Hot Springs saloons were re-opened at noon today and that city now is the only "wet" spot in the state. Saloons in all other cities were closed at midnight and under the strictest police supervision a majority of the names of white adult citizens must be presented to the county court before they can secure licenses. The Hot Springs petition contained about 2,600 names. The license was re-issued without comment from the anti-liquor forces. Little Rock is expected to remain dry several weeks, as the petitions here still are said to be short of the number of signatures required.

RUSSIAN SHIP LOADING AMERICAN MADE GUNS

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 1.—The Russian volunteer fleet steamer Tambor arrived from the orient last night. After discharging cargo it will take on a great quantity of heavy field guns and projectiles manufactured in Pennsylvania and shipped west over the Canadian Pacific railroad. One large cargo of American guns shipped from Vancouver has already arrived at Vladivostok and is being hurried to Poland.

EXPLANATION OF RUMOR JAPS TO WAR IN EUROPE

TOKIO, Jan. 1.—The fact that Japanese soldiers went to the Russian frontier some time ago to deliver guns and ammunition purchased in Japan and that an authorization by Emperor Nicholas for Japanese to serve in the Russian army was granted recently by Harbin, is advanced here as a possible explanation of the report to circulation that a Japanese army was on the way to Europe.

FAST TRAIN HITS BUGGY AND TWO PERSONS DEAD

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 1.—Phil Caslow, 21 years old, was killed and Miss Stella McElfresh, 18 years, received injuries resulting in her death, while on the way to a hospital here, when the buggy in which they were returning from a New Year's party in a suburb, was struck by a fast train on the Illinois Central railroad.

Five Cents Proves It

A Generous Offer. Cut out this ad, enclose with 5 cents to Foley & Co., Chicago, Ill., writing your name and address plainly, and receive a free trial package containing Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, for coughs, colds and croup; Foley Kidney Pills, for kidney and bladder complaints, backache, pains in joints, rheumatism; and Foley Cathartic Tablets, a wholesome and thoroughly cleansing cathartic—try all three for 5 cents, the cost of mailing. Sold by all dealers. Advertisement.

Advertisement for NEAL LIQUOR and DRUG Treatment, 1502 E. 10th St. OMAHA

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FIRE INSURANCE STATEMENT

Commissioner Discusses Every Phase of Subject in Annual Report.

TAKES UP THE RATE QUESTION

Official is Not in Favor of Having State Fix Schedules, Holding Such Generally Proved Arbitrary.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Jan. 1.—(Special.)—Insurance Commissioner L. G. Brian makes his biennial report cover almost every phase of the insurance business. Speaking of fire insurance rates, Mr. Brian says that the question is one that cannot be long ignored, and if the state is properly to discharge its obligations to the public, it must take hold of the matter in such a way that it may be in a position to say what rates are proper and equitable, and this it cannot do unless tangible evidence can be submitted in substantiation. Commissioner Brian is not in favor of

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the making of fire insurance rates by the state. He believes that state-made rates have usually proven to be arbitrary and unscientific and have been found to require constant changes, thus aggravating the very condition they are called into existence to remedy—instability.

How It Can Be Done

He recommends therefore that the activity of the state in this matter be confined, for the present, at least, to the accumulation of data upon which to base a classification of risks. This can be done partly by following the methods which have been used for many years by the rating bureaus established by the companies and partly by taking advantage of statistical data in relation to the loss experience of the companies as might be available and which they should be required to contribute.

There are, according to the 1913 summary, 375 insurance companies doing business in the state, divided as follows: Regular life companies..... 56 Assessment life..... 9 Stock fire..... 104 Mutual fire and miscellaneous..... 14 Farm mutuals..... 72 Fraternal..... 43 Accident, casualty and miscellaneous..... 79 Fifty Examinations. Since August 15, 1913, there have been

fifty examinations of farm mutual fire, lightning, tornado and hail companies; nine life companies, four fraternal companies and nine health, accident, casualty, surety and miscellaneous companies. These, with few exceptions, according to the report, are safely managed and worthy of the confidence of the public. Economy, however, does not prevail in all companies. Examinations disclose the fact that in some of our fraternal the expenses of the supreme lodge conventions are excessive and extravagant to a marked degree. Some of the life companies have expended more than the entire first year premium income for expenses directly chargeable to the acquisition of new business.

Expenses of Probers

Salary, mileage and expenses of the two examiners for the time beginning January 6, 1914, to November 27, 1914, has been \$7,727.99, leaving a balance on hand of \$993.06. There is a balance in the item of office expense of \$2,734.84. Fees received and taxes from January 1, 1914, to December 1, 1914, and turned into the state treasury are given as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes: Amount reported Dec. 1, 1913; Filing annual statements; Agents licenses; Taxes; Admissions of companies; Other fees; Annual statements—reciprocal; Agents licenses—reciprocal; Other fees—reciprocal.

Takes-reciprocal..... \$4,852.74
Sheriff's fees..... 3.00
Miscellaneous..... 129.96
Total deposited..... \$5,085.70

Would Fill Teed's Place

PONCA, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—County Superintendent A. V. Teed of Ponca has been appointed assistant state superintendent by Superintendent

Thomas, state superintendent of public instruction. Mr. Teed has just been elected to his sixth term as county superintendent of Dixon county. This appointment will create a vacancy in this office, which will be filled by the Board of County Supervisors' meeting on January 5. A number of candidates have already been urging their claims for the position.

COAL Walnut Block \$5.50. Genuine old-time Walnut Block—a chunky free-burning coal for soft coal heaters and for cook stoves. Iowa Nut \$4.50. We deliver small quantities or large quantities anywhere in Omaha. AT THE PUBLIC MARKET Phone D. 2793 1610 Harney St.

Come to the Stores for Men Saturday

Brandeis Stores

And Get in on These Bargains in MEN'S OVERCOATS AND SUITS

Saturday is the last day of our Year-End Clearing Sale—and we are going to cut prices mercilessly on every Suit and Overcoat in our stocks. A sale of this kind means more at Brandeis than at any other store, because we always keep our stocks fresh and new. The garments we offer you here are correct in style and fabric—all this season's make and from the highest class makers.

Three Big Lots Saturday. Men's Overcoats—All wool Blue Chinchilla Overcoats, with shawl and convertible collars. Also plain and fancy mixtures with shawl and convertible collars. Values to \$12.50 to \$15. \$7.50. About 150 Men's and Young Men's Suits—In Worsteds, Tweeds and Cashmeres. Two and three-button models. Values to \$17.50 to \$22.50. \$10.00. About 350 Hand Tailored Suits—English models, two and three buttons, soft roll collars; also conservative models. Browns, grays, tans, fancy stripes and Tartan checks. Values to \$25.00 to \$30.00. \$12.50.

Two Big Lots of Mackinaws. About 250 in all. They are strictly all-wool. All good colors and a good range of sizes. \$7.50 and \$8.50 Values \$10 and \$12.50 Value. \$5.00 \$7.50. Men's and Young Men's Pants. All good fabrics in all the good colors—newest patterns. Also 300 Blue Serge Pants included. All sizes. Three big lots for Saturday's selling. \$2.50 to \$4.00 Values \$3.50 to \$4.50 Values \$5.00 to \$6.50 Values. \$1.75 \$2.75 \$3.75.

1,500 Munsing Union Suits For Men Slight Seconds 1/2 Price. Munsingwear is one of the most popular and one of the very highest grade lines of union suits. The Munsing people are extraordinarily careful in making their garments, throwing out as seconds garments with imperfections so slight that you would hardly notice them. We have also bought the samples and surplus stocks of other famous makes of men's union suits—such as Cooper's, Wright's and other high-grade brands. All go on sale Saturday at about Half the Regular Prices. Men's Union Suits—Worth up to \$1.50, for 75c. Men's Union Suits—Worth up to \$2.50, for 1.25. Men's Union Suits—Worth up to \$3.50, for 1.65. Men's Union Suits—Worth up to \$4.00, for 1.95. Men's Union Suits—Worth up to \$4.50, for 2.65.

We Will Clear Out All Small Lots of Sweater Coats, Hosiery, Neckwear, Etc. Men's Wool Hats—Medium and heavy weight. About 45 dozen to be cleared out Saturday. Worth 25c a pair. Clearing sale price 15c. Men's Wool and Fleece Shirts and Drawers—One big lot for Saturday. They are worth up to \$1.25 per garment and will be sold at 49c. Men's Shirts—About 100 dozen. Neckband style. Soft and laundered cuffs. All neat patterns. Worth \$1.00. Special 69c Saturday, at 69c. Men's and Boys' Lined and Unlined Gloves—About 50 dozen, all styles. Samples and broken lots of gloves worth to \$1.25 per pair, Saturday 39c. Men's Fine Four-in-Hand Ties—About 75 dozen. Some are slightly mussed from the holiday rush, but they are worth 35c and they will sell Saturday for 12c. Men's Fine Lisle Hose—Double heels and toes. Tan, navy, white, black. About 65 dozen for Saturday's sale. Per pair 9c. Men's Wool Sweater Coats—About 265 in all. With or without collars. All colors. What is left of sweater coats that sold up to \$4.00—in two lots Saturday, at \$1.39 and \$2.50.

Men's Hats—Choice of the House—\$1.25 (Stetsons Excepted). Pick out any Hat in our store Saturday (excepting Stetsons) and it is yours for \$1.25. The hats you will select from are worth \$2.00, \$3.00, \$4.00 and up to \$5.00 and you will have your unrestricted choice—Soft and Stiff Hats, including Joseph E. Ward's Hats from Denton, England; F. Berg & Co. New York; Trimble Hat Co., New York; Joseph B. Gilliespie, New York; also all the fine imported Austrian Velours—all this season's styles—choice for one day only, Sat. \$1.25. Any Man's Cap in the House 35c (Fur Caps Excepted). Here, too, we give you unrestricted choice (excepting fur caps). You may select any of our fine Silk Flash Caps, Broadcloths, Caprines, Beardskins and Scotch Tweeds that have been selling at 75c, 85c, up to \$1.50. This is for one day only—next Saturday—choice at 35c. Clearing Sale of Boys' and Children's Caps. All the Boys' and Children's Hats and Caps that have been selling at 60c, 75c and \$1.00 go on sale Saturday in one lot—choice, at 25c.

Boys' Suits and Overcoats. Parents, our Year-End Clearing Sale brings you really wonderful values. Plenty of new patterns in high-grade suits—mostly two-piece suits. Plenty of Chinchilla Overcoats in all colors. Balmacaenas in plaid and fancy. All new garments that have been in the store only a few weeks will be sacrificed Saturday at about Half Regular Prices. It is a wonderful money-saving opportunity that every mother will take advantage of. Boys' Overcoats. Chinchilla Overcoats, many with caps to match; Balmacaena Coats, fully lined; some Mixtures Coats in bold stripes—Age 4 to 10 years. Sold at \$4.45. \$1.99 choice. Boys' Mixture Coats, also a few Chinchilla Coats for boys 5 to 8 years. Sold at \$2.50. Choice in the Basement at \$1.50. Chinchilla Coats and Balmacaena Coats for Boys 10 to 12 years—Total sold at \$14.00. \$11.50 choice at \$11.50. Your choice at \$7.50. Mixture Coats—Sold at \$7.50 and \$11.50. Age 11 to 15 years. Your choice, at \$5.00. Boys' Suits. About 350 Suits—Two-piece suits included. Blue Serge, Tweeds, Homespuns and Worsteds. Many are imported fabrics. They sold for \$7.50, \$10.00 and \$12.50. All ages, 8 to 17 years. Choice at \$5.00 and \$6.50. Knicker Suits—Many with extra pair pants. Splendid assortment of patterns. Plenty of brown and gray. Corduroy and Serge Suits included. Your choice, \$3.00. \$2.00 and \$3.00 Knicker Suits—Some with two pair pants. All ages, 8 to 17 years. Your choice, in the Basement, at \$2.00.