

COMING LEGISLATURE.

It Promises to Be an Intensely Exciting Session.

A DEADLOCK IS IN SIGHT.

No Party Has a Majority in Either of the Two Houses—Chicago Society Shocked Over an Alleged Insult.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 29.—The coming legislative session promises to be intensely exciting. For the first time in the history of the state no party has a majority in either of the two houses, and therefore no party can organize either of the two houses without making a combine with the members of another party. There will be plots and counterplots, combines and countercombines. There will be contests and investigations. There will be smashed slates and wrecked hopes. The session promises to be a fight all along the line from start to finish, with the ablest political brains and the most shrewd political strategists directing the contest.

The irrepressible conflict is to begin with the opening of the session next Tuesday. The advance guard is already on the ground, and by Sunday night the chiefs of the warring clans and a good many of their followers will be in their respective quarters.

The constitution requires the legislature to convene on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January, but it is decidedly doubtful whether the legislature will be fully organized by the end of the week. There are too many complications in the way. It is a 14-15-13 puzzle, and the question is, who can manage to get most of the pigs in the pen? The senatorial contest comes into play from the outset and blocks the way of the railroad gang from fusing the men with brass collars regardless of party. For instance, it will be no trouble to get Jim North to vote against any and all railroad regulating bills but Senator North can't be induced to vote for a republican pro tem. The senator from Platte has his eye cocked for the biggest sugarplum in the Nebraska orchard within the gift of Grover. He wants to succeed John Peters after the 4th of March and that makes a heap o' difference, as Uncle Billy Paxton would say when he sized up a bunch of Texas steers.

What is true of North is true of nearly all democrats with the possible exception of Senator Babcock of Douglas. He does not look for fodder at the federal crib so long as he remains superintendent of the stock yards.

At this moment nobody can tell who will get on top in the melee over the speakership. If a republican caucus is held the chances are ten to one in favor of Oakley, but there will be no house caucus—at least not as long as it remains a railroad jughandle. A very respectable number of persons will positively decline to be caught in caucus trap. They are determined to break up the oilroom gang at all hazards. They know they have no show in the caucus and therefore prefer to fight in the open field, where they can dictate terms.

Rumors are almost as thick now as the smoke will be in the hotel corridors by next Monday. It is rumored that Tom Majors held a consultation with Oakley, Jensen and the Lincoln contingent last night with a view to withdrawing them from the race and putting up a new man for speaker who would be favorable to either Crouse or Majors for United States senator.

It is pretty well settled that Tom Majors will take up his headquarters at the capital city with his man Friday, Walt Seeley, as his confidential negotiator.

It is rumored that the democratic and independent politicians have been in session all day trying to effect a fusion.

It is settled that Senator Paddock and Governor-elect Grouse will have their quarters at the Lincoln.

It is absolutely settled that Paul Vandervoort, grand commander of the industrial legion, is to resume business as decoy extraordinary and capper plenipotentiary for the combined monopolies, with incidental dabs into all sorts, at his old stand at the Lindell.

WIDE AWAKE.

CHICAGO SOCIETY SHOCKED.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 29.—Chills ran up and down the aristocratic spines of Chicago society persons today, when they saw on a heavy calendar for 1893 the well-known picture of Mrs. Potter Palmer, president of the board of women commissioners of the Columbian exposition. Mrs. Palmer's picture has appeared in some Chicago newspaper every day for a year, but no one dreamed that it would decorate a vulgar beer "ad." Lithographically, the advertisement, which is an 18x30-inch calendar, is a grand success. It is in the most gorgeous, blazing colors. On the top is a view in perspective of the woman's building, with the lake in the foreground and gondolas floating lazily upon it. Beneath this is an oval picture of Mrs. Palmer, with a stand of flags of all nations on each side. Her name, with the added title, "President of the Woman's Department, World's Columbian Exposition," is placed beneath the picture, for fear it should be mistaken for some one else. In a few days every saloon in town which deals with this particular brewery will display behind its bar this interesting picture. Already many have hung them up for the calendar reference.

Mrs. Palmer was shocked beyond measure when she saw the picture, and Mr. Palmer was frantic.

"Did I give any permission for that?" he shouted. "No, sir, I did not such a thing. An unwarrantable liberty has been taken. Give me the names of the firms and I will put a stop to it at once. I will join every party in the transaction. If they do not immediately stop the issuance of these things I will begin suit at once."

The brewery president said crowned heads in the old country did not object to such advertising, and he thought Mrs. Palmer was too particular.

"It's a great lot to make a fuss about," said one of the lithographers. "We have used the presidents and vice presidents, Mrs. Cleveland and others."

What the Teachers are Doing. The second day's session of the State Teachers' association opened with the union meeting at the university chapel J. A. Beattie read a scholarly paper on "Moral Education Necessary to the perpetuity of the republic."

Nomination of officers, who will be elected by the Australian ballot system, were made as follows:

For president—T. H. Bradbury, Wahoo; G. R. Chatburn, Wymore; Mrs. E. W. Edwards, Lincoln; Frank A. Fitzpatrick, Omaha; J. F. Hoscic, Auburn; E. W. Hunt, O'Neill; C. M. Nanville, Dodge; C. G. Pearce, Beatrice; Alexander Stephens, Sutton.

For secretary—Miss E. O. Clark, Fremont; Trenmor Cone, Cedar Bluffs; Miss Margaret Gallagher, Cedar Rapids; Miss Mary E. Hoarford, North Platte.

For treasurer—W. H. Skinner, of Crete.

A committee on resolutions consisting of T. Cone, John O. Taylor, G. W. Nahle, Mrs. E. W. Edwards and A. V. Hughes were appointed to report tomorrow.

"Rural Schools was a topic which brought out several good papers. "Country schools vs. City schools" was discussed by Mr. G. W. Sampson of Tecumseh and by Mr. J. F. Hoscic of Auburn. Prof. Cone read an able paper on the needs of the country schools.

The subject of the relative importance of the common school branches was treated by J. F. Morey in one of the best papers so far presented.

After the regular programme was disposed of in the public school section officers were named as follows: J. O. Taylor of Chadron, president; Mrs. Lafferty, secretary, and Mrs. E. T. Edwards of Lincoln, members of the reading bureau. The section then named two members to represent them in the educational council, these are, A. B. Hughes of Schuyler and George R. Chatburn of Wymore. Superintendent George R. Chatburn of Wymore presided over the meeting of this section. Other members of the educational council named by sections were: A. Reed of Beatrice and E. S. Franklin of York in the county superintendents' section; J. Y. Morey of Kearney and C. P. Carey of Fairbury in the superintendents and principals' section; President Perry of Doane college, Crete and President J. A. Beattie of Cotner university in the college section.

J. M. Roberts departed this morning for Litchfield, Neb., called there by the serious illness of his father.

A FIGHT TO THE FINISH.

Urgent Appeal to Populists Regarding Elections.

THE RAILROAD MEN MEET.

A Long List of Destructive Fires That Occurred Yesterday at Which Several Lives Were Lost—Notes.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 28.—The people's party leaders today issued the following manifesto:

To people's party legislators elect in Nebraska, Wyoming, Montana, California, North Dakota and other states: We hereby request that all and such of you stand firm when it comes to balloting for United States senators in your respective states. We caution you against fusion with any of the two dominant parties. Make a square fight for our principles. The people look to you to carry out the promises made in the last campaign, and unless you do your utmost in that direction you will fail to do your full duty.

We also request that the people's party state, county and local committees in every state in the union do all in their power and lend a helping hand to organize the industrial legion. Push that organization in every state, county, precinct and school district in the land. [Signed.] H. E. TAUBENECK, Chairman.

J. H. TURNER, Secretary. H. H. RANKIN, treasurer.

TAHY DID NOT MEET.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Dec. 29.—S. E. Wilkinson, grand master of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, with A. Sheehan, grand secretary and P. H. Morrissey, vice grand master of the same organization, arrived this morning to attend the meeting of representative of the various orders of railroad employes here. John E. Wilson, grand master of the Switchman's association, with John Downy, vice grand master of the same organization of Chicago also arrived this morning. The executive officers of the Railroad Conductors and Telegraphers are all present and officers of the Locomotive Engineers and Firemen will arrive this evening.

Owing to the non-arrival of some of the delegates the meeting of representatives of the various railroad organizations to discuss federate, which have been held here this evening, was postponed until tomorrow when a full attendance is expected.

FATAL FIRES.

OSSAWATOMIE, Kan., Dec. 28.—Fire tonight destroyed three dwelling houses at this place, resulting in the loss of four human lives. The fire started in the house of James Kendall, completely destroyed it, and spreading to the houses on either side destroyed them both.

Mrs. Kendall and child and Miss Sadie Griffith, Mrs. Kendall's sister, were burned to death. Miss Mattie Fletcher who was spending the night at the Kendalls' jumped from a second story window and falling upon her head broke her neck, dying instantly. A servant in the house escaped.

It is believed that the fire originated from escaping natural gas. Mrs. Kendall's room was heated by a natural gas stove, and it is thought that the gas asphyxiated Mrs. Kendall, her baby and her sister before it ignited. This theory is strengthened by the fact that no screams or groans were heard from the victims of the flames. The money loss is small.

PARIS, Dec. 29.—The liquor stores of Gautier Rion and Vincente burned. There were six violent explosions during the fire. One workman was killed and several firemen, soldiers and workmen were injured, some fatally.

GALVESTON, Tex., Dec. 29.—The sugar mills warehouse and 1,800 barrel of refined sugar of the Darrington plantation in Fort Bend county, owned by Mrs. Narcissa Willis of this city, were destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of \$250,000. Insurance about half.

MUNCIE, Ind., Dec. 29.—Fire in Delaware's elegant county court house, a building valued at \$300,000, ruined the structure. The origin of the fire was in the court room.

ASHENILLE, N. C., Dec. 29.—Fire at Statesville has destroyed \$75,000 worth of buildings, including the Carolina hotel and business block and the Statesville armory. It is said to be of incendiary origin.

GOT AWAY WITH HIS PLUNDER.

EFFAULA, I. T., Dec. 29.—A man from Kansas City, giving the name of A. Harrison, came here some weeks ago, and going out on the range between the North Canadian river and the Deep Forks, gathered up of five of cattle. During several days' high water he

kept them herded between the rivers, and borrowed over \$300 on them. He drove two car-loads into Checotah some days ago, shipped them to Kansas City, and sold them before the theft was detected. He left three other car-loads here to secure the borrowed money. Not coming to redeem them, suspicion was aroused when the theft was discovered. Cattlemen of Checotah will endeavor to hunt down the thief.

STOLE FOR THE POOR.

AURORA, Ill., Dec. 27.—A letter was received in this city today by the editors of two daily papers, purporting to have been written by the diamond thief who stole a \$500 diamond ring from L. M. Bird, the jeweler. The letter was turned over to Marshal Demmer, who compared the chirography with that on the register of Hotel O'Neil, where the stranger stopped, and found the two to be strikingly similar. In the letter the thief offers to return the ring if Mr. Bird will put up \$50 with the newspapers to be used in buying meal tickets for the poor. If the proposition is accepted a notice to that effect is to be published in the personal columns of two Chicago newspaper.

PEOPLE AND AFFAIRS.

Dr. Chas. L. Mullin of Eagle today filed his certificate with the county clerk.

Tim Walter, applied last night at the South Omaha jail for lodging which was given him. About 1:30 he was found hanging to the ceiling dead.

W. D. Bitters was arrested yesterday on the charge of stealing an overcoat from Sam Lee. Today he was taken before Judge Archer and fined \$10 and costs.

Word reached the city today that the cases for damages against several merchants of the city, and tried at Elmwood was decided in favor of the plaintiffs.

Agent Spencer has received a new sign which will be hung in front of the office Monday, announcing the fact that the Adams company is in charge.

Elam Parmele received as a Christmas present from a friend in the west a full grown mountain lion, which he prizes very highly and keeps caged up in his barn on Seventh street. The public is invited to call around.

The funeral of the late mayor of Nebraska City, Paul Schminke, occurred from his home, under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias out of respect for the dead mayor all business was suspended.

Judge Ramsey granted permission to wed today to Chas Engelke and Miss Minnie M. Martin, both of this city.

Mrs. Edith M. Sellick, the woman who owns a cattle ranch in Sarpy county and chooses to smoke cigars on the streets when visiting Omaha, had a struggle a few days ago with Office Cox, who either suspected that she was a man in woman's attire or objected to the sight of a woman so deporting herself. She was locked up in jail overnight. She seeks satisfaction now in a suit for \$1,000 damage against the officer.

TOKE UP THEIR ANNUAL PASSES.

Church How will also occupy his old seat, within reach of the spot where he and Frank White tore up their annual passes. The other representatives who have spoken for places comprise Messrs. Shappel and Gifford of Pawnee, Cross, Carpenter and Jenkins of Jefferson, Jensen of Fillmore, Smith of Nemaha, Griffith of Adams, Johnson, Brown and Rhea of Seward, Wilson of Buffalo, Cotton of Butler, Oakley, McKesson, Cornish, Burns and Spencer of Lancaster.

N. H. Meeker, of the Greenwood bank, was in the city today.

Chris Meyes and Miss Annie Comstock of Nebraska City have been engaged for some time and a few days ago the announcement was made of their approaching marriage, which was to take place this week. Relatives objected, however, on account of the youth of both prospective bride and groom, neither being out of their teens. Tuesday evening they started, ostensibly, to attend a dance and have not yet returned. The impression prevails that they left on the Kansas City train for Missouri, where no hard hearted relatives could interfere with their plans.

Burglars seem to be very thick in the city. Only last night an attempt was made to break into a private house. They were scared away and in about an hour made another attempt, but were unsuccessful.

WILL SUPPORT PADDOCK

Secretary Lambertson Denies Some Sensational Stories.

A PREACHER IN TROUBLE

A Nebraska Town all Tore Up Over the Marriage of a Young Couple—Compelled to Leave Town.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 31.—Assistant Secretary Lambertson was at his desk bright and early this morning disposing of accumulated business. Later he conducted Indian Commissioner T. J. Morgan and party through the treasury department. The assistant secretary was seen this afternoon and showed the newspaper clipping insinuating that he was a covert candidate for the Nebraska senatorship. Mr. Lambertson read it over and said: "I think I know the source of this item, which is at once antagonistic to me personally and to my friend Senator Paddock. It is utterly and absolutely false in statement and in inference. I will not dignify it by discussing it. I saw the publication last night and wrote to Senator Paddock concerning it." Here Secretary Lambertson called to his clerk to bring him his letter book and said: "You may print the following extract from my letter to Senator Paddock. 'I heartily wish you deserved success. You doubtless have seen in some of the newspapers my name mentioned in connection with the senatorship. It was done, of course, without my knowledge or consent. I am sincerely devoted to you and am as anxious as any of your devoted friends to see you returned to the senate, where you have done such faithful and unremitting work for our state. If I can be of any assistance to you I will be glad to render it on a moment's notice.'"

Assistant Secretary Lambertson said that he would make no present changes in his department, retaining his clerk and stenographer, who, by their familiarity with the work of the office, were for the time being quite essential.

SIoux CITY, Ia., Dec. 30.—The little town of Homer in Dakota county Nebraska has developed a sensation. About a month ago Rev. B. S. Masten went to Homer from this city to take the pastorage of the Methodist church in that place. He boarded with a family named Harris soon after he had settled down in the place there were numerous and unsavory rumors put in circulation that were anything but complimentary to Masten. The result was that President Elder Maxwell of Omaha made an investigation into Masten's conduct, and last Sunday suspended him from the ministry, saying that it would do him no good to make inquiry as to the cause etc., as there was reason for taking the action and he could not hope to be reinstated.

Tuesday Masten took out a license to marry Miss Harris, the daughter of his landlady. The citizens of Homer learned of this and also ascertained that Masten was to be married. They organized a posse and started for the Harris home with the avowed intention of tarring and feathering the minister and thus preventing the marriage. Masten had spunk and got a gun, with which he succeeded in standing off the mob. They retreated to points of safety behind haystacks, etc., and from their points of vantage informed Masten that if the wedding came off next day they would return and carry out their purpose and ride him out of town on a rail.

The wedding has not taken place and Homer citizens say they have been assured that it will not. It has since been learned that Homer people also warned the Dakota City minister who was to perform the ceremony to keep away from Homer and that he took the hint.

OPENS A BRANCH OFFICE.

GRAND ISLAND, Dec. 30.—The mercantile agency of R. G. Dunn & Co. opened a branch office here today. Mr. W. S. Pearle is local manager. Mr. Robinson of Omaha, business manager, who has been here for the past few days superintending the opening of the office, said to a reporter: "We came here because it will enable us to keep in close touch with a very important section of the state for the better protection of our trade, which will be of material advantage to ourselves and patrons." The opening of the office is highly appreciated by the citizens.

Nick Cunningham has commenced proceedings in Judge Archer's court against M. E. O'Brien of the state fishery on account for \$30.

R. D. McNurlin of Weeping Water was in the city today.

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