

THE LEGISLATURE

Twenty-Eighth Session Convened at High Noon Tuesday—Roster of Members—Organization

Promptly at noon Tuesday Secretary of State Marsh rapped the house of representatives to order and directed the clerk to call the roll. His weak voice, scarcely to be heard twenty feet distant, seems anomalous in a man who talked so bravely about "fighting the devil with fire" last fall when he suggested to the county clerks that they violate the election laws in preparing the official ballot. After roll call he announced that nominations would be in order for speaker pro tem. Of course, it was supposed to have all been fixed at the caucus Monday evening, but a cog slipped just a trifle—none to hurt. Dr. Hathorn of the 65th arose to nominate the slate, but seemed to forget his piece. Former Speaker Sears—minus his cowhide overcoat—arose to fill the breach or die in the attempt; and just then Dr. Hathorn found his tongue. He nominated Dr. W. H. Wilson of the 2nd, and thereby hangs a tale, of which more anon.

On behalf of the fusionists Representative G. L. Loomis of Dodge named C. H. Hoy of Polk, and a roll call was taken, resulting in 71 for Wilson and 20 for Hoy, which shows about the ordinary working force of the house. Then Dr. Wilson was escorted to the chair and proceeded to make a very neat little speech.

But he carefully avoided mentioning the fact that he was elected as an avowed anti-Thompsonite—that is to say against the Thompson who is president of the Star Publishing company, high mogul of the Burlington, "Minister to Dahomey" (or is it Brazil?), and all around about the smoothest republican politician that ever came down the pike. He also avoided mentioning the fact that Chairman Harry Lindsay had previously received a telegram from Washington instructing him to get in line for Thompson's man, Mockett, for which he (Lindsay) would receive on a silver platter a United States district attorneyship. Perhaps the telegram didn't say as much in so many words, but it was sufficiently intelligible to cause Lindsay to "lie down hard" on Dr. Wilson and get him in line for Mockett for speaker. And Esau got his pottage in the form of the temporary speakership.

At the other end of the capitol a similar scene was being enacted, except that no temporary organization was made. Lieutenant Governor Steele will preside until the new lieutenant governor is sworn in. When that is done Senator Harrison of the 17th will be elected chairman pro tem of the senate, he being the republican caucus nominee. Dr. Meredith of the 5th will contest with him to the possible extent of four fusion votes, unless the doctor should be too bashful to vote for himself, he being the fusion caucus nominee.

But little will be done until after the inauguration of the state officers Thursday. And but little can be expected to be done until the week following, when the grind will begin in real earnest.

The fusionists with but four in the senate and twenty-four in the house are in such a hopeless minority that some of them feel that for all practical purposes they might just as well be at home. But this is an error. Such a brutal republican majority is sure to result in the formation of factions—in fact the lines will probably be drawn on the issue of D. E. Thompson—and by close attention to business the fusionists can throw their strength with the right side on measures as they come up and accomplish much more than many of them believe at present.

Following is the official roster of the senate and house of the Nebraska legislature:

SENATE MEMBERSHIP.

1. Chas. I. Norris, Table Rock, rep.
2. J. L. Young, Tecumseh, rep.
3. Chas. Marshall, Douglas, rep.
4. G. L. Sheldon, Nehawka, rep.
5. George Meredith, Ashland, fus.
6. Mathew A. Hall, Omaha, rep.
- Robert B. Howell, Omaha, rep.
- C. I. Saunders, Omaha, rep.
7. Joseph Hall, Tekamah, rep.
8. W. P. Warner, Dakota City, rep.
9. James T. Brady, Albion, fus.
10. B. W. Reynolds, Fremont, rep.
11. J. M. Alden, Pierce, rep.
12. W. A. Way, Columbus, fus.
13. C. J. Coffee, Spencer, fus.
14. W. C. Brown, Springview, rep.
15. M. L. Fries, Arcadia, rep.
16. Aaron Wall, Loup City, rep.
17. W. H. Harrison, Gr. Island, rep.
18. J. H. Umstead, Fullerton, rep.
19. Shelby Hastings, David City, rep.
20. Richard O'Neill, Lincoln, rep.
- P. F. Bechtel, Bennett, rep.
21. L. M. Pemberton, Beatrice, rep.

22. C. B. Anderson, Crete, rep.
23. W. H. Jennings, Davenport, rep.
24. Robert J. Sloan, Geneva, rep.
25. J. M. Cox, Marquette, rep.
26. George L. Day, Superior, rep.
27. J. C. Hedge, Hastings, rep.
28. Frank A. Dean, Holdrege, rep.
29. D. S. Hasty, Arapahoe, rep.
30. W. D. Giffin, Gothenburg, rep.

HOUSE MEMBERSHIP.

1. W. H. Hogrefe, Stella, rep.
- Cass Jones, Rulo, rep.
- H. S. Belden, Dawson, rep.
2. W. H. Wilson, Table Rock, rep.
- J. M. Cravens, Armour, rep.
3. J. W. Kerns, Auburn, rep.
- G. S. Christy, Johnson, rep.
4. C. C. Reed, Vesta, rep.
5. Ellis E. Good, Peru, rep.
6. Job Cassell, Neb. City, rep.
- R. W. W. Jones, Dunbar, rep.
7. M. L. Friedrichs, Cedar Creek, rep.
- W. D. Dernier, Elmwood, rep.
8. G. M. Spurlock, Plattsmouth, rep.
9. Samuel Startzer, Papillion, fus.
10. D. W. Gilbert, Omaha, rep.
- W. T. Nelson, Omaha, rep.
- W. B. Ten Eyck, Omaha, rep.
- T. C. Shelly, Omaha, rep.
- E. M. Morsman, Omaha, rep.
- Peter Mangold, Bennington, rep.
- J. H. Riggs, Waterloo, rep.
- F. W. Koetter, Omaha, rep.
- J. A. C. Kennedy, Omaha, fus.
11. Frank Jahnel, Kennard, rep.
12. W. G. Sears, Tekamah, rep.
13. W. G. Harrison, Blair, rep.
14. Joseph Roberts, Fremont, rep.
- G. L. Loomis, Fremont, fus.
15. Chris Shinstock, West Point, fus.
16. C. J. Weborg, Pender, rep.
17. F. M. Gregg, Wayne, rep.
18. S. P. Mikesell, Ponca, fus.
19. N. M. Nelson, Plainview, rep.
20. F. E. Anderson, Wausa, rep.
21. J. R. Herron, Orchard, rep.
22. Frank Jouvenat, Petersburg, rep.
23. T. F. Memminger, Madison, fus.
24. D. O. Becher, Columbus, fus.
25. E. E. Fellers, Monroe, fus.
26. J. C. Dobry, Schuyler, fus.
27. W. J. Harman, Fremont, rep.
- J. J. Vlasek, Prague, fus.
28. C. C. Gelwick, Brainard, rep.
- John Kaveny, Linwood, fus.
29. S. S. Atwood, Milford, rep.
- John McLain, Seward, rep.
30. J. H. Mockett, jr., Lincoln, rep.
- J. H. McClay, Lincoln, rep.
- H. C. N. Burgess, Lincoln, rep.
- C. J. Warner, Waverly, rep.
- J. G. Holliet, Havelock, rep.
31. Curtis W. Ribble, DeWitt, rep.
- D. A. Stetson, Western, rep.
32. W. E. Robbins, Cortland, rep.
- J. H. Ramsey, Filley, rep.
- S. S. Spier, Odell, rep.
33. H. V. Smith, Tobias, rep.
34. J. E. Mendenhall, Fairbury, rep.
35. Harvey Ford, Hubbell, rep.
36. D. B. Cropsey, Fairbury, rep.
37. P. Eggenburger, Strang, fus.
- I. N. Trask, Geneva, fus.
38. H. M. Detrick, York, rep.
- Wm. Meradith, York, rep.
39. C. H. Hoy, Silver Creek, fus.
40. W. T. Thompson, Cent. City, rep.
41. A. V. Cunningham, Giltner, rep.
- Chas. Anderson, Marquette, rep.
42. G. C. Fishback, Harvard, rep.
- P. A. Caldwell, Edgar, rep.
43. *John R. Musick, Edgar, rep.
44. Chas. Hunter, Inavale, rep.
45. W. G. Sadler, Juniata, rep.
46. F. A. Sweezy, Blue Hill, rep.
47. G. L. Rouse, Aida, rep.
- H. S. Ferrar, Gr. Island, rep.
48. Soren M. Fries, Dannebrog, fus.
49. W. P. Thorp, Burwell, fus.
50. W. N. Coats, Smart, rep.
- E. M. Waring, Middle Branch, fus.
51. J. A. Douglas, Bassett, rep.
52. David Hanna, Wood Lake, rep.
53. Frank Currie, Whitney, rep.
54. C. C. McAllister, Chappell, rep.
55. A. E. Bartoo, Arcadia, rep.
56. A. H. Cosey, Westerville, rep.
- J. J. Tooley, Broken Bow, fus.
57. E. H. Kittell, Rockville, fus.
58. J. H. Davis, Gibbon, rep.
- Oscar Knox Kearney, rep.
59. George E. Bacon, Doss, rep.
60. Vic Anderson, Minden, fus.
61. C. W. Gishwiller, Wilcox, fus.
62. D. A. McCulloch, Alma, fus.
63. J. S. Johnson, Funk, fus.
64. E. B. Perry, Cambridge, rep.
65. J. E. Hathorn, Bartley, rep.
66. G. C. Junkin, Smithfield, rep.
67. W. Shipley, Palisade, fus.

*Deceased.

To The Minority

Gentlemen of the Minority: Between the lines it is not hard to read that the Omaha Bee and Lincoln Daily Star are worried over the prospects in the legislative session now begun. The Star cautions the majority that "with responsibilities come dangers and embarrassments" and that "strength begets recklessness, and recklessness seldom fails to bring its own punishment." The Bee marvels because "for some unsolvable reason the impression has gained ground among the people of Nebraska that they have little or nothing to expect in the form of reform from the present session,"

Our Great Annual January Clearing Sale

is now on in all its glory. Certain overstocks in many departments is coming. A tremendous slashing of prices. For instance, we have too many blankets and comforts. Do you need any? If so we can save you from \$1.00 to \$4.00 on each pair. Send in your mail orders. Here's the list with the actual reductions:

Colored Wool Blankets

10-4 gray wool Blankets, reduced from \$3.50 to, per pair.....	\$2.50
11-4 gray wool blankets, reduced from \$4.25 to, per pair.....	\$3.00
11-4 gray wool blankets, reduced from \$4.50 to, per pair.....	\$3.25
12-4 gray wool blankets, reduced from \$7.00 to, per pair.....	\$5.00
11-4 scarlet wool blankets, reduced from \$7.50 to per pair.....	\$5.75
11-4 fancy border gray blankets, reduced from \$9.50 to, per pair.....	\$7.00
12-4 fancy border gray blankets, reduced from \$12.75 to, per pair.....	\$9.00
13-4 fancy border gray blankets, reduced from \$14.50 to per pair.....	\$10.00
50 pairs of fine all wool white blankets, former prices \$4.00 to \$15.00, reduced to, per pair \$2.75 to.....	\$11.00

25 to 33-3 per cent Comfort Reductions

35 full size comforts, our \$1.25 grades.....	\$1.00
each.....	
50 full size silkoline comforts, our \$2.00 grades, each.....	\$1.50
45 sateen covered comforts, best cotton filling, \$2.75 quality, each.....	\$2.00
20 fine sateen comforts, reduced from \$3.50 to, each.....	\$2.50
4 extra fine bordered sateen comforts, reduced from \$6.00 to each.....	\$4.00
4 Down comforts, reduced from \$8.50 to, each.....	\$5.50
2 down comforts, reduced from \$11.50 to, each.....	\$8.00

Mail orders for these great bargains must be received at once. This cold weather is quickly reducing this stock.

Lincoln's Progressive Store



and hopes the people will find this impression to be unfounded.

With your four members in the senate and twenty-four in the house you cannot hope to accomplish anything except as a portion of the majority chooses to aid you. See to it that bills are introduced covering every promised reform in the populist and democratic platforms. Put the so-called anti-monopoly republicans to the test. If they are sincere, they will find a way to aid you. If they are not, then put them on record.

Place no obstructions in the way of any republican bills which have the right ring to them. But on every measure of doubtful merit or unquestionably bad, see to it that the record is made so that the republicans cannot shirk the responsibility.

Introduce a bill to reduce local freight rates 15 per cent on live stock, hay, grain, and mill products.

A bill to reduce passenger rates to 2½ cents per mile—or better still, one making a flat rate for any distance with the state.

A bill which will provide means of accurately ascertaining the value of property and franchises of railroad telegraph, telephone, express, and sleeping car, dining car and freight dispatch companies; and for equitable assessment and taxation of such companies.

A bill to amend the Yeiser referendum law, making it more easy of application.

A bill "making railway corporations and others engaged in the operation of dangerous machinery liable for all injuries sustained by their employes in the faithful discharge of their duties, whether occasioned by the negligence of the employer or of any other employe."

A bill to correct the "Burlington Voluntary Relief" abuses. And, while on this head, a resolution requiring the auditor to show cause why he has

permitted this concern to solicit and write life and accident insurance without complying with the insurance laws of Nebraska.

An anti-blacklist bill.
An anti-pass bill.
A bill to establish a binding twine factory at the penitentiary.

Stand for liberal appropriations for the cause of education, and for all legitimate departments of state government. Try to cut off the oil inspection farce. Help to settle that mooted question about supreme court fees. Help get a constitutional convention.

The majority will doubtless present an elaborate revenue law. It will be safe to vote against it. Our present law is as good as any new mushroom which sprouts in a night. But insist upon increasing the limit for general fund state purposes, so the state board can levy as much in two years as you permit to be expended. Express property and telephones should be assessed as railroads are. But don't be fooled into voting extravagant penalties for the punishment of assessors who imitate the state board in crowding down assessments.

The Independent stands ready to render you any assistance it can in the way of securing information to fortify the position you take on the subjects briefly outlined above. And it bids your little Spartan band God-speed.

Just as we go to press the supreme court has handed down a decision in the Omaha National bank case, in which it is held that the state must stand the loss and Senator Millard's bank escapes liability. Judges Holcomb and Sedgwick concur and Sullivan dissents. The Independent has not time today to enter into a discussion of the merits of the case, but is free to say it is disappointed.