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THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 1909.

Some time last spring, E. R. Leigh, receiver of the Fidelity Mut. Fire Ins. Co., caused a summons to be served on some parties in Cherry county who had been policy holders in the company, asking them to appear and show cause why they should not be charged with a co-partnership with the said company and pay certain assessments which were levied to liquidate the indebtedness of the company. Various amounts had been assessed by the receiver, Leigh, against these former policy holders in this county and notice had often been sent in different forms to induce them to pay. The first assessments were not so large but they began to grow until they had one party owing twenty odd dollars, another fifty some dollars and others upwards of one hundred dollars. Some were asked to pay only small amounts but in the aggregate there was a considerable sum to pay. These policy holders were not liable for debts contracted by the company and refused to pay what they did not owe or contract to pay and joined together to employ an attorney to appear for them in the district court of Douglas county to fight the case. Recently we received the following copy of the court's order which justified their action and the long drawn out fight is at an end, costing only the lawyer's fee to defend the suit. That was more than they should have to pay. Charles Pinckney, American Minister to France, once said in reply to a demand for tribute, "millions for defense, but not one cent for tribute." The court's order follows:

In the District Court of Douglas County.

Edward M. Alison, plaintiff,

vs.

Fidelity Mut. Fire Ins. Co. of Omaha, Neb., defendant.

FINAL NOTICE.

This cause came on to be heard on the reports of E. R. Leigh, receiver of the Fidelity Mutual Fire Insurance company, on which it appears that such receiver has now disbursed all of the funds in his hands as such receiver, in full compliance with the orders of the court, and that the said receiver has in all things complied with the orders of the court, and fully administered his trust as said receiver.

It is therefore ordered and adjudged that the reports of said E. R. Leigh be and they are hereby in all things confirmed and approved and said E. R. Leigh, receiver, is now finally discharged as such receiver herein. The ancillary action which is brought as a part of this suit against numerous policy holders of the Fidelity Mut. Fire Ins. Co. is now and is hereby dismissed, and the clerk is ordered to omit making a complete record of said ancillary suit or of the main action herein.

By the Court,
LEE L. ESTELLE, Judge.

U. S. Weather Bureau Report for week ending Jan. 12.

Daily mean temperature -5°. Normal 18°. Highest 26°, lowest -23°. Precipitation 0.36 of an inch. Total precipitation from March 1st (the crop season) to date was 19.34 inches and the average for same period for 20 years is 21.56.

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FATAL CHICAGO FIRE.

Two Persons Burned to Death and Several Others Injured.

Two persons were burned to death and several others were injured by jumping out of windows during a fire at 1824 Prairie avenue, Chicago. The dead are Mrs. Elizabeth Carr and her one-year-old son.

Many wealthy residents, including Daniel Hayes, Alfred Trumbley and Arthur V. Meeker, general manager of Armour & Co., who live nearby, hurried to the fire and assisted in the work of rescue. While some carried the bodies of the woman and child from an upper floor, Mr. Meeker secured an automobile and sent Peter Peterson, a cripple, who had jumped from a window, to a hospital.

Roy Carr, husband of the woman, was burned while trying to rescue her.

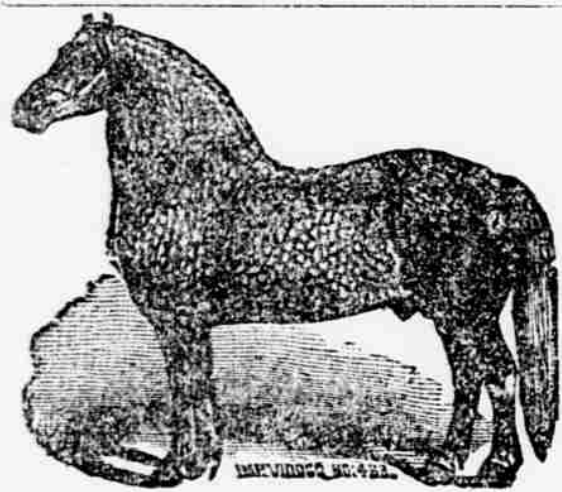
President Hegeman Freed.

John R. Hegeman, president of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company, was freed by the New York supreme court in a decision that, if it stands, will serve to quash all indictments now outstanding against insurance officials. This is according to a statement by District Attorney Jerome, who, however, expects to take the case to the court of appeals. Mr. Hegeman was charged with perjury in the verification of a report made by the Metropolitan Life Insurance company to the superintendent of insurance in January, 1905.

Swoons From Weight of Hat.

A fashionable woman, wearing a "Merry Widow" hat three feet in diameter, fainted in the street at Munich and was carried into a shop, where she recovered when the hat was removed. The doctor, who had been summoned, said the swoon was entirely attributable to the enormous weight of the hat.

Hastings mourns S. E. Howard's Death. Hastings, Neb., Jan. 5.—S. E. Howard, one of Hastings' oldest and most respected business men, died at his home. The funeral will be held tomorrow. It is probable that the business houses of the city will be closed during the hours thereof.



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Agreement Will Be Reached Before Measures Are Reported.

BIG COMMITTEES ARE DOUBLED.

Bill Hopper Fills Up and Legislature Gets Down to Business—Ransom Plan Recalls Thayer Incident—Primary Law to Be Amended.

Lincoln, Jan. 12.—Developments thus far in the legislature indicate that it is to be a caucus affair. That is, all important measures about which there is a division will be thrashed out at a meeting of the majority members and agreement will be reached before the bills are reported for action on the floor of the house or senate.

The first step in this direction was taken when the membership of standing committees was enlarged, in some instances to double the usual number. In fact, all of the important committees were doubled. This will enable the committees to dominate the caucus and prevent, possibly, many open ruptures on the floor of the legislature.

It is almost certain that all platform pledges will be gone over in caucus and an agreement reached so there will be no chance for any dissatisfied members of the majority to make a combination with the minority party. With the election of the standing committees the legislature was in a position to get down to business the first of the week and the bill hopper filled up immediately after that order of business was reached.

For the first time the standing committees of the house were not selected by the speaker, but out of courtesy to Mr. Bryan, who had requested that these committees be selected in caucus, a committee on committees was chosen to advise with the speaker in the selection. The members of the majority figured it would be too laborious to try to select all of the standing committees in caucus, so an agreement was reached whereby two members from each congressional district and the speaker, did the work and then reported back the result for confirmation to the caucus of the entire membership of the house. The senate committees, as usual, were selected by a standing committee on committees.

Thayer Incident Recalled.

The action of Senator Ransom of Douglas county in proposing to the joint session to canvass the vote cast at the last election on the constitutional amendment providing for the enlargement of the supreme court on the third day of the present session, recalled to old timers an incident which occurred on the third day of the session eighteen years ago.

On the third day of the session beginning in 1891 there was started the move to contest the vote cast for governor and other state officers. This was the time Governor James Boyd was seated as governor instead of John Power, Governor Boyd being the last Democratic governor to serve previous to the election of Governor Shallenberger.

On that occasion, eighteen years ago, the National Guard was stationed in the state house and when the joint convention was called the door was forced, the building being placed under martial law. A portion of the guard was stationed at the office of Governor Thayer, who refused to abdicate until the contest had been settled. The order of the supreme court was disobeyed and a clash occurred between Speaker Elder and Lieutenant Governor Melickjohn as to who should preside at the joint session.

Just how the action of Ransom will finally terminate is as yet unknown. When he made his motion to canvass the vote on the judicial amendment, Taylor of Cass county, another Democrat, took issue with him, and insisted that the legislature had no legal authority to do this, the vote already having been canvassed by the state canvassing board. On the first round the matter was settled by a compromise, and went over for settlement this week.

Wants Woman Inspector for Factories. Jeremiah Howard of South Omaha, a member of the house elected as a labor union candidate, will take for his special hobby this winter the enlargement of the duties and powers of the state bureau of labor and industrial statistics. Shortly Mr. Howard will introduce a bill providing for a man and woman inspectors for factories.

"It is necessary that we have a woman to inspect factories, as well as to have a man inspector. If we are to have enforced the female labor laws, it is necessary that we have a woman who can look after this law. It has been reported to me that women are employed to work more than the number of hours provided for by law and to stop the practice I shall insist that we have both a man and a woman inspector."

Mr. Howard will also ask for an increased appropriation for the maintenance of the labor bureau, to provide for a clerk and the pay of the new inspectors. This is in line with the recommendations of John I. Ryder who has retired as the head of the bureau. Reports of the state university are seriously considering asking the legis-

lature for a specific appropriation, instead of introducing a bill providing for an appropriation of the proceeds of the 1 mill levy, which has been the custom for so many years. There is some opposition to any appropriation by levy and for that reason the regents have about concluded that the better plan for them will be to tell the legislators just how much money they need and then trust the members to appropriate it. The regents have announced they will not attempt to lobby for the appropriation, but will put the members in possession of any information they desire and then do the best they can with the means provided.

Divergent Views on Message.

The message of Governor Shallenberger has been very generally commented upon by members of the legislature and as a general proposition it meets with the approval of Democrats. In detail, however, there is considerable difference of opinion. W. J. Taylor, one of the leaders of the house, is opposed to any limit upon the levy which may be made against banks in case of a failure. Governor Shallenberger recommended that the levy which could be made in any one year should be limited to 2 per cent of the deposits. Others are emphatic in their demands for or against an "immediate" payment.

Governor Shallenberger, who, his friends say, will do business "hot off the bat," got his early training with the "bat" as a baseball player. For many years he was catcher of the Alma baseball team, and served as its captain. In those early days he demonstrated his ability as an organizer, so his neighbors say, and the team was the champion of the nearby towns.

Governor Sheldon completed his farewell message to the legislature and arrived at the state house barely in time to be ushered out of office at the same time his successor was inaugurated. Accompanied by his family the governor has gone to Mississippi, where he will spend the winter looking after his plantation near Greenville.

Owing to the hard days and sleepless nights passed by Charles Pool, elected speaker of the house, incidental to his campaign for the place, he suffered severely the second day of the session, and had to call Clark of Richardson to the chair to preside. Mr. Pool is not strong physically and it is very likely he will place considerable of the work of presiding upon the chairman of the judiciary committee.

Primary Law to Be Amended.

The primary law is sure to be amended by this legislature, though there is little sentiment so far as expressed for its repeal. One of the amendments sure to be adopted is that providing for the rotation of the names on the ballot. The only objection so far advanced by any of the members against this amendment is that it will cost so much more to print the ballots, but this objection does not appear to be very serious. Those who favor the rotation of the names argue that the first name on the ballot has all the advantage and receives thousands of votes by reason of this position on the ballot that otherwise would be distributed between the various candidates. Another amendment will be proposed which lengthens the time between the date of closing the filings and the time when the secretary of state shall certify the names to the various county clerks. Governor Shallenberger recommended in his message that the primary law should either be amended or repealed and he mentioned specifically the necessity for rotating the names of candidates on the ballot.

Ketchum Against County Option.

The Rev. Smith Ketchum, senator from Clay county, notwithstanding his calling, is against county option as it has been proposed in several legislatures. Mr. Ketchum is a Baptist minister and resides at Chester, Thayer county, of which town he is the mayor. He is opposed to the use of liquor, but he expressed himself as being in favor of regulation rather than prohibition by county option. He is also of the opinion that as long as liquor is manufactured it will be used and that about the only way to prevent its use is by forbidding its manufacture.

Senator E. R. Myers of Rock county is here as the champion of a measure for three more agricultural experimental stations. Mr. Myers is anxious to have three new stations established in the north portion of the state, for in that section of Nebraska the soil has been tested very little. He believes it would be a splendid investment for Nebraska and will shortly introduce his bill.

In the senate there are liable to be some ticklish situations during the session. There are two factions among the Democrats. The majority faction consists of eleven members and the minority nine, so the Republicans could tie up with either faction and pass or kill legislation, providing of course the Democrats split over legislation. So far the only split among the Democrats of the senate came over organization.

Dan Nettleton of Clay county, speaker of the last house of representatives, is one of the Republicans of this session who will assist the Democrats in carrying out their platform pledges relating to the guaranty bank deposits.

"I believe my election was due to the fact that I was for the guaranty of bank deposits," said Nettleton. "It is surely coming and I am in favor of it."

As a recognition of his fairness as speaker last year the majority party made Nettleton chairman of the committee on soldiers' homes. Mr. Nettleton is an old soldier.

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