

THE LAST DITCH. In which the Buckwheat Brigadier from Beatrice has Rallied His Men in Bukram. Reconnoitering the Battle Ground, Where Many Mightier Men than Algeron Sidney have been Ruthlessly Slain. The Unmistakable Hand Writing on the Political Dead-Wall. Visible with the Naked Eye From the Naval Observatory at Kearney.

Editorial Correspondence of the Bee. LINCOLN, Neb., January 13.—This is the fourth senatorial contest in which I have taken an active part. Like games of chess, no two senatorial contests are just alike. The movements on the political chess-board are so varied that the most expert player can never foretell with precision all the possible and probable moves. All senatorial contests in Nebraska, so far, have had this feature in common. The field has always been stronger than the man whose seat was to become vacant. With the exception of Tippon, who drew the short straw for two years as his first term, nobody has ever been re-elected to the senatorship in Nebraska, and it is safe to predict that the precedent will be adhered to in the case of Paddock. The field is relatively in the same position toward him as it was toward Charles Howe up to the last hour before the opposition pulled on Shedd for speaker. The field is engaged, and therein lies Paddock's danger. If Paddock's opponents were all centered upon one man, the force of the opposition would be broken by well directed attacks upon the field as a whole. As it is, the field is charging upon Paddock's fence from every direction, and he is unable to keep the ball out of his pasture. The striking feature of the present senatorial contest is the absence of a single statement in any of the newspapers, or other surface thinkers interpret this as a tacit admission that Paddock's strength is on the wane. The depths of the political sea beneath the waves will agree with me that the prevailing conviction in the field is that Paddock's defeat is a foregone conclusion; that Paddock has more than a dozen men who really want to elect him, and most of his supporters simply desire to complicate his retreat.

WASHINGTON. Lord Roscoe Again Takes the Field, And Deals Some Ponderous Blows at the Administration. He Accuses a Democratic Senator of Being too Highly Favored. The House Still Struggling with the Funding Bill.

Special Dispatch to the Bee. WASHINGTON, January 13.—Mr. Roscoe took the field this morning, from the committee on education, and made a report in two of the contested election cases from Iowa. The report declares that neither Mr. Palmer, the contestant, nor Mr. W. E. Sapp, the sitting member from the Eighth district, and that neither Mr. J. C. Wilson, the contestant, nor Mr. C. C. Carpenter, the sitting member from the Ninth district, were elected. The majority of the committee had heretofore reported in favor of the sitting members. It is not at all probable that they will be disturbed in their seats, if the reports are to be relied upon. Mr. Wood, from the ways and means committee, reported back a resolution on the distribution of the president's last annual message to the committee having charge of the several subjects named in it. Among other things they recommended that the question relating to the coinage of silver dollars be referred to the ways and means committee. The members of the ways and means committee gave notice that they would fight the recommendation when the resolution comes up for consideration. They insist that the ways and means committee has nothing to do with coinage. Mr. Johnson, from the military committee, reported a bill to retitle Brig. Gen. E. O. Ord with the rank of major general, and it was placed on the calendar. After the committee had been called, the house, on motion of Mr. Wood, went into committee of the whole on the funding bill, with Mr. Corvett in the chair. The pending question was on Mr. Randall's amendment to issue \$500,000 in bonds, and not to issue certificates. In explanation, Mr. Randall said he had never before issued \$500,000 in bonds, and that he was thoroughly familiar with the distinction between bonds and certificates, and that the interest is the same, and that the bill simply implies the will to make the debt entirely of one description. Mr. Wood called attention to the fact that the act had been to issue certificates as well as bonds, and the issues of the currency demanded it. Mr. Randall intimated that he was not prepared to leave the decision to the treasury department to issue bonds or certificates. Mr. Townsend, of Ill., moved to amend Mr. Randall's amendment by providing for the issue of \$400,000 of bonds and \$100,000 of treasury notes. The committee then arose despite the efforts of a dozen members to offer more amendments, and the house adjourned after a short session.

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