

DRAWING SEATS. How it is Done in the House of Representatives.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The most important business in the House today, to the members, was the drawing of seats to be occupied by the Representatives for the next two years.

The selection of seats is purely a matter of luck. The member who has been a generation in service has no better chance of obtaining a good front seat than the newly-elected delegate from Idaho or Washington Territory.

Three hundred small numbers numbered from one to 300, are placed in a box with a circular aperture at the top. A number is placed opposite the name of each Representative and delegate on the tally sheet to correspond with the numbers on the balls.

Today the House granted unanimous consent to Mr. Hawk, a one-legged member from Illinois, and to Alexander H. Stephens, the Georgia invalid, to choose their seats in advance of the regular drawing.

Permission was refused Judge Kelley of Pennsylvania and S. S. Cox of New York, the two oldest members in point of service, to retain their seats. Judge Kelley's hat was left upon the top of his desk as a sort of danger signal to warn all members away.

The Representatives returned to the area behind the seats and seated themselves. The box of balls was well shaken and a page was summoned by the clerk to draw them out one by one and hand them to the tally clerk.

"Blindfold him! Blindfold him!" shouted a number of members, and a handkerchief was tied over the boy's eyes. He shook the box, sid back the cover, drew out a ball and handed it to the clerk.

"Number 280," shouted that official. "Mr. Wheeler," exclaimed another clerk, who held the roll.

"Mr. Wheeler of Alabama," reiterated the Speaker in loud tones, and amid a buzz of excitement General Joe Wheeler, the ex-Confederate cavalry captain, whose title to a seat on the floor was disputed yesterday by the Greenbackers, walked down the right center aisle from the Democratic cloak room and took his seat in the House, three rows back from the front.

It will not bleach and spoil on the ground like hay or grain. Many let it stand without cutting and feed it on the ground, and cattle and sheep will eat it clean, even the butts and roots, leaving nothing. I am of the opinion that the large, coarse stalks are the best for working animals. My horses are working and driving on half rations of grain (rice corn), and are doing better than when I fed them hay and corn.

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HOW THEY WORK IT. The Shrewd Scotch New York Damels to Catch Handsum's Presents. Cor. G. is Democrat.

This is the season that children claim for their own, and in view of all the things made and provided for their benefit it seems as if I ought not to say a word that does not relate to them, but as it is also the season when young ladies make such lovely SLIPPERS AND SMOKING CAPS, and hang out of their fathers' old clothes for their young gentlemen friends, and always manage to show, while pretending to hold them in contempt, that the young men in question say to themselves: "Bless the dear girl, she is making me presents! I must get her some thing."

"I have been referred to you, sir," said a middle-aged lady, entering the office of a Brooklyn lawyer not far from the city hall. "I have some important business I wish attended to, and at once."

"Take a seat, madame," said the lawyer, rising and offering his visitor a chair. "You say your business is of an urgent nature?"

"Yes," said the lady, taking from a satchel a bundle of papers. "I have come to the conclusion that it should be done at once."

"You will please be kind enough to give me the facts in the case," said the young lawyer, visions of a good fee crossing his mind as he glanced over the lady's rich attire.

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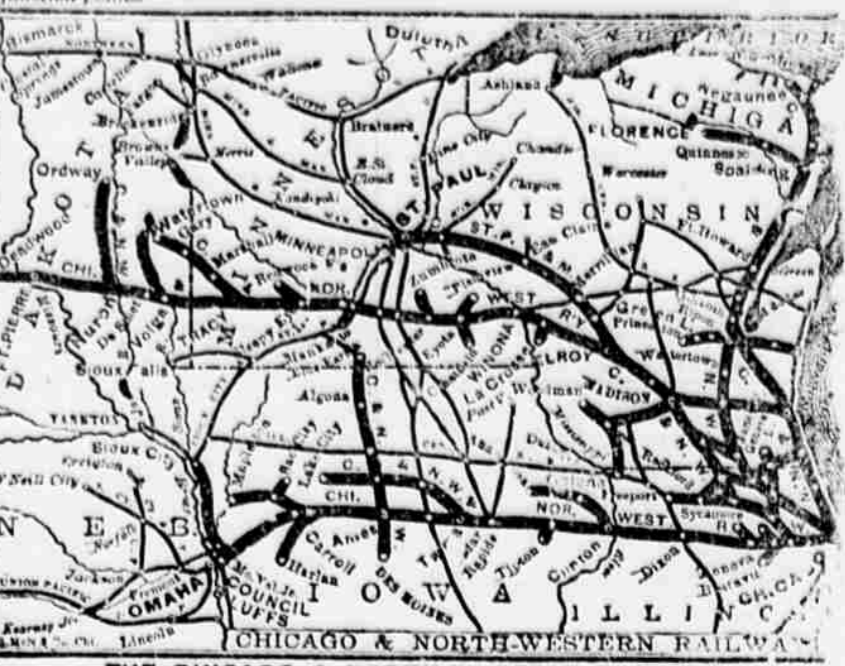
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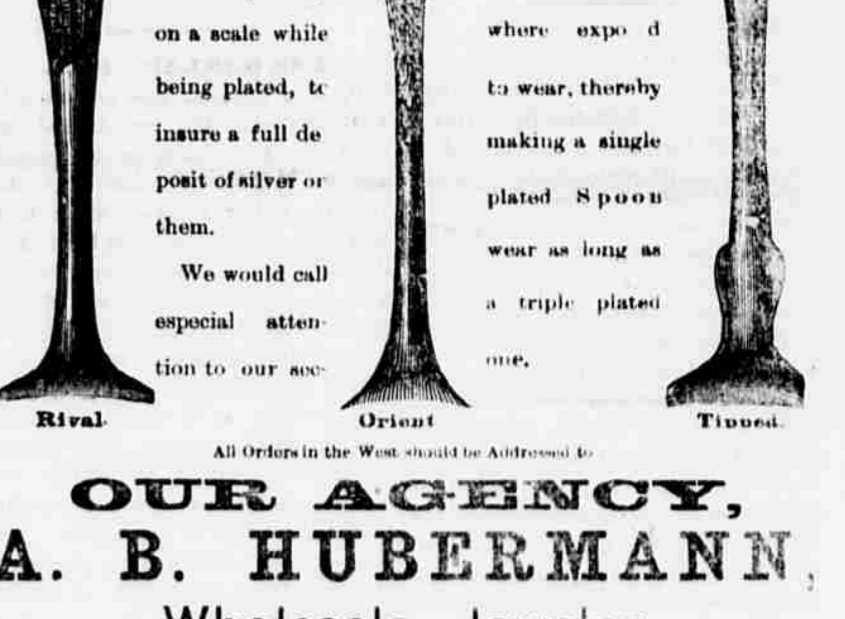
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