

LINCOLN.

Our Legislature Convenes with All Members Present.

Lieut. Gov. Agee Wields the Gavel in the Senate.

A Field Day for the Railroad Cappers.

Field, the Corporation Candidate, Was Elected Speaker.

As Troup Cannot Deliver the Douglas Delegation to Field,

He Loses All Hope of Being Made Head of the Judiciary Committee.

THE LEGISLATURE.

Special Telegram to The Bee. LINCOLN, January 6.—The legislature met at noon to-day. The house, with all members present, was called to order by Secretary of State Roggen. Lee J. Furnas was chosen temporary speaker, and Zediker, chief clerk, and a credential committee of five with Martin as chairman was appointed. The rules of the 18th session was adopted. Adjourned to four o'clock p. m. to-day.

In the senate, Lieutenant Gov. Agee wielded the gavel. Bure was chosen temporary chief clerk. The credential committee, with McAllister as chairman, was appointed. The senate adjourned to meet at 2 p. m.

The speakership caucus was held this forenoon with 57 republican members present. Field received forty votes in the first ballot, Nettleton eight, Stevenson 3. The majority agreed to support Zediker for chief clerk.

A senate caucus was held this morning and agreed to elect the following officers: Howe, president pro tem; Burr, clerk; Seelye, first assistant; Lewis, second; Mercer, clerk of committee of the whole; Ilmkoeb, sergeant-at-arms; Lafferty, assistant; Mauh, doorkeeper; Purcell, assistant; Pierce, chaplain; Miss Zediker, engrossing clerk; Mrs. DeLugh, enrolling clerk; Blair, postmaster.

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The senate then adjourned. In the house at 4 p. m. the credential committee reported and the members then took the oath of office. Permanent organization was then proceeded with. On the first ballot for speaker Field received 55 votes, Nettleton 16, Stevenson 12. Field was declared elected and accorded to his seat by his competitors. On the vote for speaker Troup and McAdie, of Douglas, who voted against Whitmore for speaker pro tem, also cast their ballots for Field, the corporation candidate. Of the republican members of the house a caucus was held this evening and it was determined to elect the following remaining officers: First assistant clerk, Wilson; Cass, second assistant, Russell; Valley, engrossing clerk, Miss May Kennedy, sergeant-at-arms, Duran; of Fremont; doorkeeper, Cudling; chaplain, VanVleet; of Jefferson. It was learned from good authority that McAdie will be appointed chairman of the committee on claims. Troup has lost all hope of being made the head of the judiciary committee, owing to his inability to deliver all the republican members of the Douglas delegation to Field.

Further Particulars of the Death of Mrs. McClesney. Special to The Bee. FILLMORETOWN, January 6.—Two weeks ago Mrs. George McClesney, of this place, in company with Miss Emma Fee, also of this place, and sister-in-law, Kate McClesney, started for the exposition at New Orleans. Mrs. McClesney had been ailing slightly before leaving, but it was thought that the change would be beneficial. At St. Louis she summoned a physician, who pronounced her ailment neuralgia and gave her morphia. After reaching New Orleans she was considerably worse, in spite of which she went with her friends, on Thursday, December 24, in a carriage to the exposition. On the day, December 25, she insisted on again accompanying the party to the grounds. Her friends endeavored to keep her home. Arrived at the exposition the party went to the stairs until she returned. This was the last her friends and relatives saw her alive. The party returned to where Mrs. McClesney had been left, but supposed she had gone to her boarding place, where they immediately went. Arrived there they became greatly alarmed at her non-appearance, notified the police, and inserted notices in the papers. Their efforts were unavailing, and on Saturday they telegraphed George McClesney at this place, who, in company with Hon. G. D. McKelvie, started Monday morning for New Orleans. On Monday she was found at the house of her father, in the town, where she had been brought by some unknown man. She was under the influence of morphia when brought to the house, and could give no account of herself. In spite of the efforts of Drs. Holiday and Shepard, died without regaining consciousness. A coroner's inquest was held and pronounced it death from meningitis. George McClesney arrived on Tuesday, December 30, and departed with the remains for Pennsylvania, in the evening. It is supposed that she was taken ill and endeavored to reach her boarding place and became lost. Where she was from Friday noon until found on Monday is a profound mystery which will probably never be cleared, unless the detectives are successful in their search for the "unknown man."

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THE LATEST NEWS FROM CHINA. SAN FRANCISCO, January 6.—The Oceanic arrived this afternoon with Hong Kong advices of the 13th, and Yokohama of the 23d. A rumor that the Jardine Matheson company made a loan of 5,000,000 taels to the Chinese government is confirmed. Two hundred thousand have been paid on account. The loan is made with the avowed purpose of building a railroad to the immense coal deposits west of Peking, which are the richest in the world. The work will be pushed forward by the Chinese government. It is reported that the young emperor is engaged, and will soon marry the daughter of the Duke Chao, brother of the emperor. The United States minister Young and Vincent Smith visited Viceroy Lee Hung Chang and proposed to him that the Chinese government give them the contract of collecting the revenues in all the provinces, as well as a monopoly of all the government purchases, the government to pay them a certain amount on the total amount of the transactions. The proposition was declined. Tien Tsin advises that Germany is making an effort to obtain control of the railroads constructed in China. Through its representative, Mr. Deitric, it offers to provide all the material and the equipment for the construction of the railroads. Several sharp shocks of earthquake have been felt in the border provinces of China. Corea is threatened with a famine. A telegraph cable has been laid between the main land of Japan and the Hankin islands.

RAILROAD RACKET. TOLEDO, Ohio, January 6.—In view of the recent order from the United States court forbidding the Michigan Central railroad to discriminate against the Toledo Central & St. Louis narrow gauge in refusing to receive freight from that line at this point, notice was today served upon the narrow gauge by the Michigan Central that the latter would not after midnight tomorrow receive any freight from either the Wabash & Pacific or Toledo Central & St. Louis or from any road that drains the same territory as the latter. The result of this order will doubtless be that the Wabash will send their freight via the Butler branch to Detroit, where the Michigan Central will receive it. The narrow gauge has refused to receive any more freight at St. Louis, and is making an effort to have all the trains now on the track between here and that point arrive here in the afternoon. The Michigan Central is making an effort to have the order go into effect tomorrow.

THE OHIO LEGISLATURE. ALLIANCE IN THE HOCKING VALLEY. COLUMBUS, Ohio, January 6.—The Ohio legislature reassembled and adjourned this session this afternoon and the annual session of the Hocking valley is at its close. The session this afternoon and the annual session of the Hocking valley is at its close. The session this afternoon and the annual session of the Hocking valley is at its close.

The Blizzards Death Toll. ST. LOUIS, January 6.—News has been received which is thought to be reliable, that the bodies of fourteen men were found from a point twenty-nine miles west of Valentine to Gordon City, in northwestern Nebraska. The bodies were found along and near the new railroad grade. The dead men were victims of the recent terrible blizzard, and are supposed to be settlers in search of supplies and news on their way from their claims. They have been lying near the line of the new road to be built next season. A previous report stated seven bodies had been found, and the last report is generally believed to be true. It is hoped it may be greatly exaggerated.

New York Dry Goods Market. NEW YORK, January 6.—Dry goods irregular demand in the same proportion have been made, but white staple cottons and tickings have been very moderate of season's specialties, such as prints, ginghams, dress goods, etc., there has been a good business. Wool goods continue to be very dull. The export of domestic cottons for the week is 4,417 packages, or more than double the quantity of the corresponding week.

The Snow Blockade. PORTLAND, Oregon, January 6.—The snow blockade on the O. R. & N. line between Wallula and Portland will be closed tonight and commencing tomorrow the Northern Pacific trains will go through without delay.

Short of Wheat and Oats. NEW YORK, January 6.—Hulliber & Buckleman have just been posted at the produce exchange that 1,100,000 bushels of wheat, 50,000 bushels of oats, 286,281.

FOREIGN NEWS.

PARIS, January 6.—At the council of ministers, Monday, Gen. Lawal, minister of war, unfolded his plans for the Tonquin campaign, in order to end the campaign before the rainy season. Six thousand troops will leave Algeria for Tonquin next week and 6,000 more in February.

Gen. Nekras is following up his successes, and hopes to reach Lang Son by the end of the week.

Returns regarding the health of the troops show that 520 soldiers were admitted to the hospitals of Tonquin in October and that 36 died.

MORE FRENCH TROOPS FOR TONKIN.

THE MEXICAN FREIGHT TARIFFS.

MEXICO, VIA GALVESTON, January 6.—The provisional freight tariff of the Mexican Central railroad, which was adopted on January 1, has been extended to March 1. The merchants are making the strongest efforts for the abolition of differential rates. They claim that the railroad company makes cheap rates from points in the United States to Mexico for the purpose of developing Mexican internal commerce. All influences possible are being brought to bear on the secretary of public works to compel the railroad company to accept the arbitrary rates based on distance. The tariff is being killed unless the differential rates of the Mexican Central railway were abolished. Special rates prohibited and all goods ordered dispatched at the regular rates. Cheap rates instead of being permitted to come in bond to Mexico. The movement is prompted in a great measure by the jealousy of European merchants toward the increasing American trade.

SENDING OBSCENE MATTER THROUGH THE MAILS. Special Telegram to The Bee. DES MOINES, Iowa, January 6.—United States Commissioner Jordan today held a case of some interest. Thomas H. Brooks, of Council Bluffs, was arrested for sending obscene literature through the mails, on complaint of his wife, who had left him and fled to her parents in this city. The letter being addressed to her, Brooks' counsel raised the point that the wife was not eligible to testify against her husband, and that letters from husband and wife could not be used in evidence against each other. The district attorney said that such a construction of the law would prevent a husband and wife from trafficking in obscene literature through the mails, thus making the bond of marriage a safeguard against the government's interfering with the sacredness of the marital relation. The latter's brother was upon the stand at the time and the evidence was read and gistulated, requesting him not to answer. The commissioner decided that the question need not be answered and deferred an opinion on the guilt of the accused until tomorrow.

A FRENCH VICTIM IN CHINA. PARIS, January 6.—A dispatch from Hanoi says: After the defeat of 6,000 Chinese near Chu by Gen. Negrier, 12,000 Chinese returned and resumed hostilities. Gen. Negrier attacked them, penetrated their positions, defended by forts and forts of batteries and repulsed and routed the Chinese, who after an active resistance abandoned their positions. The Chinese lost 600 killed and a large number of wounded. French captured two batteries of Krupp guns, a quantity of ammunition and provisions and some Chinese standards. The French losses in both battles were 30 officers and 19 men killed and a fifty-five wounded.

THE VICTIMS OF THE BLIZZARD. ST. LOUIS, January 6.—Nothing further has been learned regarding the reports of the settlers fleeing to death in Nebraska. Every effort is being made to get at the truth of the matter. The locality is distant from telegraph and but little travel, no wagon roads having yet been laid out. The railroad grade was not fully completed, and that section late in the fall and there is nothing there now to draw travel. A number of persons went in early to secure the government lands, and a few to remain all winter, and these parties are supposed to be the victims of the blizzard mentioned.

A PROMISING OUTLOOK. CHICAGO, January 6.—An interview with a large number of business men in this city reveal the fact that there are real evidences on every hand of a good business revival. This opinion prevails also among manufacturers. There is an increased demand for all kinds of merchandise and money collections are more prompt.

STEAMBOAT STUNNED. NEW ORLEANS, January 6.—A Times Democrat special reports that the steamer Belle Shreveport, sunk about sixty miles above Arkansas City. Two lives were lost, the other passengers being rescued by the steamer Kate Adams.

SHORTAGE OF A COUNTY TREASURER. ST. LOUIS, January 6.—George Stinkey, county treasurer of Union county, Dakota, is short in his accounts \$6,000 or more. His affairs are in a bad shape, but it is thought the amount of the shortage will be made good.

THE CLEARING HOUSES. BOSTON, January 6.—The leading clearing houses of the United States report the total clearances for the week ended January 3, \$79,933,944, a decrease of 0.8 as compared with the corresponding week a year ago.

COLLIER STRIKE. MT. CARBON, Pa., January 5.—Six hundred men and boys struck at the Belmont colliery this morning, just a reduction of 10 per cent in wages. The colliery was operated by S. S. Biche & Co.

ELGIN DAIRY MARKET. CHICAGO, January 5.—The Inter-Ocean's Elgin, Ill., special says: Butter firm; higher than a week ago. Regular sales 1,460 lbs at \$34 3/4. Cheese dull and nominal. Private sale 1,100 boxes cheese, 50,000 lbs butter. Total sales, \$28,281.

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