

CAUCUSING ON ALL SIDES.

The Independents fix on Taylor of Johnson for Speaker.

NO MORE REMUNERATIVE SINECURES.

A Wholesale Lopping off of Super-numerary Employes Talked of—A Combination Clerk and Janitor.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 5.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—This morning a number of members of the legislature arrived. Among them were Senators Switzer and Shea and Representatives Brennan, Sterns and Douglas, H. M. Hinkle, of Sarpy and P. B. Olson of Saunders, Congressman McKelighan of Clay and John C. Allen, the secretary of state-elect on the republican ticket, and John Sherrin of Fremont also arrived. The Omaha delegation repaired to the Lincoln, where they paid their respects to Mr. Boyd, who has established headquarters at that hostelry.

This afternoon at 9 o'clock the democrats held a caucus at the Lincoln. It is said an attempt will be made to join with the republicans in the formation of the house. The caucus was this morning at the Lincoln also, but owing to the small attendance little was done and an adjournment was taken until 5 o'clock this afternoon. Frank White of Plattsmouth has been pushing for the speakership of the house among democrats.

The independents have been caucusing all day at the Lindell. It is thought not without some aspect of discussion. A caucus of the independents was adjourned after having nominated F. M. Taylor of Johnson as speaker of the house, and C. H. Firtle of Lancaster as chief clerk of the senate. Consideration was given to the proposition to have a caucus on the 10th inst. It was decided to have a caucus on the 10th inst. It was decided to have a caucus on the 10th inst.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 5.—[Special.]—The senate chamber and the house of representatives have been cleaned, painted and made ready for the opening of the legislative session. The desks occupy the places they have stood in for several years, though it is expected some changes will have to be made in the arrangement later. Secretary of State Cowdry has attended to this matter, and there his work ends. He will not attempt to clean the members' desks until after two years. As a consequence, if he does not receive the blessing he will certainly not be assigned to perdition by the members.

Besides the duties of Lancaster for chief clerk, H. A. Edwards of Grand Island for first assistant and W. A. Clark of Burr for second assistant, decided upon by the independents, the house has independent members anxious to serve the state. Rev. Benjamin F. Diefenbacher of Hay Springs desires to minister as chaplain and J. W. Coulter of Adams and J. M. Melbourne of Cass to officiate as sergeant-at-arms.

CUTTING DOWN THE SALARY LIST.

A Wholesale Lopping Off of Super-numeraries Expected.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 5.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—There is absolutely no question as to the fact that the independent members of the legislature are determined to persevere in their efforts to reduce the salaries of the members of the legislature. It is expected that the independent members will be able to reduce the salaries of the members of the legislature by at least 10 per cent. It is expected that the independent members will be able to reduce the salaries of the members of the legislature by at least 10 per cent.

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Montana's Legislature Divided.

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 5.—The second legislature of Montana convened today. The house of representatives is divided into two camps. The democrats are in the majority. The republicans are in the minority. The democrats are in the majority. The republicans are in the minority.

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PLAN FOR PARCEL POST.

Outline of a Bill Introduced by Representative Taylor of Chicago.

IT WILL HURT THE EXPRESS COMPANIES.

The House Committee on Postoffice and Agrees Upon a Favorable Report to Extend the Free Delivery System.

WASHINGTON BUREAU THE OMAHA BEE.

433 POCOCKS STREET.

Representative Taylor of Chicago introduced a bill today which is designed to put the postoffice department in competition with the express companies to a certain extent.

It provides for the establishment of what is generally known as the English parcel post system. This system is now in operation in Great Britain and Canada and by means of it packages of five pounds can be mailed through these countries. Representative Taylor's bill provides that packages of 1/2 pound or less are to be charged 10 cents; 1/2 pound, 15 cents; from 1 to 1 1/2 pounds, 20 cents; from 1 1/2 to 2 pounds, 25 cents; from 2 to 2 1/2 pounds, 30 cents; from 2 1/2 to 3 pounds, 35 cents; from 3 to 4 pounds, 40 cents; from 4 to 5 pounds, 45 cents. This practically extends the fourth class domestic mail matter so as to include packages of four pounds weight. As most of the packages handled by express companies at Christmas time and other special occasions are under four pounds in weight, it practically turns over to the mail this extensive branch of business. The packages are to be registered the same as registered letters, and the postmaster general is directed to issue two parcel post stamps of the denomination of 5 cents and 10 cents respectively, to be used upon parcel post pieces. Mr. Taylor has discussed the advisability of this measure with Assistant Postmaster General Hazen, who warmly recommends it.

TO EXTEND THE FREE DELIVERY.

The house committee on postoffice and parcel post has today reported to the house a bill authorizing the postmaster general to establish the free delivery system in the territories and in the states where the receipts from the postoffice are \$5,000 or over. The bill has passed the senate and Chairman Bingham of the house committee has introduced it in the house. The bill is designed to extend the free delivery system to the territories and in the states where the receipts from the postoffice are \$5,000 or over. The bill has passed the senate and Chairman Bingham of the house committee has introduced it in the house.

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A MERRY WAR AT BEATRICE.

The Rock Island Quits Steals a March on the Union Pacific.

ALL RAILWAY INTERSECTIONS BLOCKED.

Passengers Landed in the Streets and Train Crews Camped in Engines.—The Omaha Trouble and the Association.

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