

FOUR WILL FIGHT

Republican Senators Determined to Throw Off the Yoke of Corporate Domination.

GIVE NOTICE OF THEIR INTENDED ACTION

Leaders of the Party Told of Their Withdrawal from the Caucus.

CLARKE OF DOUGLAS HEADS THE SPLIT

Lobeck, McDonald and Everett Willing to Aid in Defeating the Monopolists.

PROSPECTS OF ENDING THE DEADLOCK

Bright Indications That the Senate Will Be Organized This Morning.

SENSATION IN THE SENATE YESTERDAY

When the Break Was Announced It Seared the Ringsters—Defeated by a Severe Trick—The Work of the Lower House.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 5.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Four republican senators hold the key to the situation, and it is now apparently safe to predict that before noon tomorrow the senate will have a permanent organization.

It was brought about by the determination of the railroad republicans not to submit to anything but a combine with the democratic railroad contingent in the senate, and first developed in the conference last evening between the anti-monopoly republican senators and some of the independents. This served to bring the railroad element partially to its senses for the time being, and overtures were at once made to the four republican senators who had shown a determination to take the bit in their teeth.

Influence was brought to bear on the railroad senators, and conferences were held between the republicans and democrats with a view to formulating attractive offers that would win the rebellious four from their determination.

Half a dozen glittering propositions were made, all with a view to enticing the four from their position, but without avail. The concessions offered were not sufficient, and after several hours of bulldozing, entreating and cajoling the caucus adjourned.

The matter narrowly missed coming to a head at the last session of the senate this afternoon, when the four had given up the idea of securing what they wanted from the tricky democrats without having a powerful corporation string tied to it, and it was decided to let the organization go to the independents on fairly good terms then and there. Here again the master hand of the combined monopolists showed itself, for at the very last minute a card was played that once more postponed corporation defeat. Just as the roll was about to be called, and after all conference between the four was at an end, word was sent to three of them that it had been agreed to postpone the proposed action for just one more ballot.

The trickery was most adroitly managed, for the messenger chosen to deliver the treacherous message was a republican in whom the senators were duped had the most implicit confidence, and they did not think of questioning the statement made by him.

They Were Duped.

Senator Clarke was not approached, for he was managing the fight of rebellion, and it was known that he would have discovered the trick, but the others supposed that the notice came from Clarke, and voted accordingly, not even taking their cue from Clarke, who voted with the independents, as they were of the opinion that it was the new plan to throw but a single vote on this ballot to the independents. When Clarke cast his vote for Dwyer, Senator Correll, the republican caucus nominee, grew red in the face and looked uneasily at Clarke, and the corporation lobby began sweating ice water, believing that the dreaded moment had at last arrived, and that the monopoly jig was up. But the act of trickery was successful, and at the conclusion of the call Clarke changed his vote back to Correll.

Hostility Very Hard.

Tonight has been a night of caucusing, such as the city of Lincoln has not seen before for many a day. The republicans have been doing their share of the caucusing, but the democrats have been meeting loud and often, and when not in session have been dashing hither and yon, apparently crazy as bedbugs.

Even the republican members of the house took a hand in the matter, and a conference was held at the Lincoln at which every one of them was present.

After sitting a moment, Pope walked over to the chair of Senator Moore and the two were joined by Clarke. A whispered consultation was held and Correll, who sat next to both, then renewed his motion for the appointment of a committee of three to confer with a like committee of the house in regard to carrying the vote on the state constitution motion was seconded by Dwyer, who before recess opposed it, and the senate acquiesced unanimously.

The chair appointed as that committee Senators Moore, Dwyer and Babcock. Clarke then moved a recess until 4 o'clock, a recess being no dissenting votes the senate adjourned.

Had a Pretty Plan.

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Pretty scheme was it not, but they did not count on the possibility of finding a few republican senators with nerve enough to enter a protest and to act when the democrats did no good.

They proposed to allow the house to pass bills of most radical kind by their help, with the intention of killing the same bills in the senate, but it would allow them to go to the people two years hence with a showing of their willingness to do desired legislation, and to point in the same breath to the facts that a republican senate had stood in the way of it.

Railroads Are Desperate.

The railroads have been straining every nerve for the past twenty-four hours to bring influence to bear that would prevent the consummation of the threatened deal, and now men have been impeded on telegraphic notice to reach points that could not otherwise be reached.

Mr. President, following the example set by Mr. Dwyer, I wish to vote for myself.

Matters were more modest, and the vote was announced, 14 for Dwyer, 14 for Correll, and 4 for Mattes.

Then Senator Eggleston of Lancaster moved a recess until 10 o'clock tomorrow.

It was so voted, with hardly a protest.

LITTLE DONE IN THE HOUSE.

Members Try to Kill Time While Waiting on the Senate.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 5.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The house was a half hour late in assembling this morning, but the loss of time was not particularly felt, as the body will have to wait in idleness on its hands until after the senate is organized.

A discussion arose over the reading of the journal, the point being raised that the committee on rules as named was to consist of seven members, while the old rules under which the house was temporarily operating provided that the committee should consist of less than that number.

After considerable wrangling, the speaker was instructed to make the necessary changes in the journal.

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After the Senate's Session.

The members availed themselves of the opportunity to take in the short, but interesting session of the senate, the calling to order of the house, and the reading of the journal.

ADVERSE TO THE POPULISTS

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WHAT EFFECT THE DECISION WILL HAVE

Republicans Will Have One Majority Over All in the House, Candidate for the Senate—Mrs. Leane's Choice—On Joint Ballot.

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The populists took the case before the supreme court on mandamus proceedings asking the court to renege the board of canvassers and to instruct it to issue a certificate to the populist candidate.

The supreme court, in its decision held that the title in the contested election case when it adjourned sine die after issuing its certificates of election, and the court could therefore make no demands upon a body which had vacated its office before the court was convened.

How They Stand on Joint Ballot.

This decision will leave the house divided as follows: Republicans, 63; populists, 29; democrats, 3, giving the republicans a majority of 1 overall. The senate stands: Republicans, 12; populists, 12; democrats, 11. In joint session the parties would therefore be divided thus: Republicans, 74; populists, 41; democrats, 23, giving a clear opposition to the republicans.

Mr. Leane, a democrat, has been named as the populist candidate for the senate.

South Dakota Developments.

Indications That the Present Session Will Be a Warm Affair.

PIERRE, S. D., Jan. 5.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Developments of the day indicate that a strong effort will be made to enact stringent railroad legislation during the present session.

Michigan Republicans Decided Upon Him for United States Senator.

LANSING, Mich., Jan. 5.—Representative Buell called the senatorial caucus to order and nominated Representative Wagner for chairman, and at once put the vote and declared him elected.

Among Iowa Bankers.

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