

JUDGE CHURCH WAS CHOSEN

Red Hot Election Held by the Delegates to the Grand Army Encampment.

FREMONT'S MOST GENEROUS HOSPITALITY

Dodge County's Capital Opens Her Doors to the Veterans and Makes Them Doubly Welcome—Details of the Canvass for State Commander.

FREMONT, Neb., Feb. 15.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A little over 800 veteran union soldiers, aided, abetted and encouraged by about 400 women, stormed this beautiful city of 8,000 people, and on this day and in this year of grace the city afforded gracefully capitulated. It was a case of unconditional surrender, and there is not a thing in the place tonight that a citizen pretends to call his own. It all belongs to the visitors. The surrender was not the result of necessity, but it represents the Fremont idea of hospitality.

The occasion is the sixteenth annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Nebraska, and it has brought together very nearly twice as many of the old soldiers as ever assembled before at an encampment in this state. The reason for this largely increased attendance was the interest in the election of the department commander, the contest being between Judge A. H. Church of North Platte and Church Howe, "the gentleman from Nebraska." The first named is the present senior vice commander to which place he was unanimously elected a year ago at Columbus, at which time he was General Dilworth's closest competitor for first place. It was partially promised at that time that Judge Church should have first place this year.

Hard Fight Against Howe.

Mr. Howe was a candidate last year, but was entirely lost in the shuffle. He has been assiduously setting his pins for the place for several months past. Tom Majors is here and jabs his harpoon into the Howe anatomy whenever the opportunity offered. When asked this evening who was supporting his colleague, Majors replied: "I will say this much. Mr. Howe is being hoodwinked by Sam E. Stinson, an armed dungan and mart Howe, all rank independents and I am here to say that I don't train with that crowd. The independents named are all here and they booed Howe with all the ardor of early love from sunrise until after dark. Another reason urged against Howe's election was that he was one of the republicans who tried to bring about the election of J. S. Egan for governor to the senate. In view of the fact that Egan is and always has been unalterably opposed to pensions or any legislation in the interest of the veterans, it may readily be surmised that this state of affairs did not improve Howe's chances very materially. So bitter was the opposition of Howe's enemies that when there was talk in the early evening of a compromise which Howe was to be withdrawn with the understanding that he be given second place, they declined to enter into any such agreement, announcing their intention of crowding him completely to the wall.

Hostile Work.

The first business of the day was the meeting of the council of administration, which lasted from 9:30 until noon. The session was devoted to routine business, as was that of the delegates in the afternoon, and was of the latter being taken up with the reading and consideration of the reports of the state officers. The annual reports show that there are now 30 posts in the state with a total membership of 8,733, and every post is in good standing, which is something new in the history of Grand Army encampments in Nebraska. Every post has its dues fully paid up to date and there is nearly \$1,000 in the treasury. The accredited delegates present number between 600 and 700, and fully two-thirds of them are accompanied by their wives. At the meeting of the reunion committee this morning a resolution was adopted enjoining Seth H. Hays, former secretary and commander of the Soldiers' home at that place. This cannot be construed as the endorsement of the general organization, as the reunion committee has no authority to move in this direction. It is made up principally of Grand Island men to look after the reunion at that place and no other. The expression of good will toward a fellow townsman.

After the Next Session.

There are three candidates in the field to secure the next encampment, Omaha, Lincoln and Nebraska City, and if the first named loses it, it will be because of the indifference of his representatives. The attendance has grown so that there is a strong sentiment in favor of keeping away from the smaller places hereafter and alternating between Omaha and Lincoln. Still Nebraska City is strongly represented here and is vigorously combatting the idea of freezing out that the capital and metropolis of the state.

Work of the Relief Corps.

The Relief Corps was planning for a largely increased demand for relief in the near future, owing to the attitude of the incoming administration with reference to the veterans, and the members were therefore agreeably surprised when Senator-elect Allen appeared at their headquarters and gave them a very entertaining address in the course of which he told them that he was in favor of caring for the old soldiers. He assured the ladies that he would at all times be pleased to lend them such assistance as lay in his power, so that they would have nothing to fear from the new administration, and that he would do his best to have the relief work of the Relief Corps.

Church and Howe to Command.

Under the usual course of procedure the election of officers would not have been brought up until tomorrow, but as many of the members of the legislature, who are delegates to the reunion, were present this morning, the election was a special order of business for 8 o'clock this evening. The balloting began promptly at that hour, but it was 10 o'clock before the 715 votes were counted and the result announced. There were 492 votes cast for the present commander and Howe 221 votes. Church's election was made unanimous and it was followed by the election of Howe to the position of senior vice commander by acclamation.

Other Officers Elected.

The other officers were elected were: E. A. Whitteborn of Long Pine, junior vice commander; Dr. S. K. Spading of Omaha, re-elected medical director; J. Wesley Tucker of Lincoln, elected secretary. The body then adjourned, postponing the election of delegates to the national encampment at Indianapolis until tomorrow.

Church Howe's Diplomacy.

It was one of the hottest sessions ever held by the Nebraska veterans and one of the most interesting.

STRUCK BY A SNOW PLOW

Louis Wholefate Fatally Injured Near Randolph Daring a Blizard.

IN THE INTEREST OF NEBRASKA FARMERS

Pawnee County's Annual Institute in Session at Table Rock—Weeping Water Agriculturists Meet and Form a Similar Organization.

RANDOLPH, Neb., Feb. 15.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Louis Wholefate, a truck waler from the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha, was struck by a snow plow running at a high rate of speed yesterday, and had his skull fractured and ankle mangled. He was a mile and a half from Randolph at the time of the accident, and had his head muffed up so that he did not hear the approaching train, and a blizzard was raging so that he could not see. He was bound to Randolph for all time, and it was not until a case of this kind was administered. He probably will not live more than a day or two.

TWO YOUNG MEN KILLED.

W. E. Moore and N. C. McCleary Cut to Pieces on the Short Line.

O'NEILL, Neb., Feb. 15.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—At about 12:35 p. m. today a Short Line special from Sioux City, consisting of an engine, snow plow and caboose, struck a berry containing W. E. Moore and N. C. McCleary, completely demolishing the buggy and instantly killing the two occupants, whose bodies were mangled and scattered along the railroad track for a half mile. The accident occurred about two miles east of this city. On the train at the time of the accident were Thomas Rooper, master mechanic of the Short Line, W. S. Miller, general roadmaster, and J. C. Blandell, assistant roadmaster, with J. W. Chumper as conductor and Charles Wright, engineer. The train was stopped as soon as possible and backed up to where the mangled bodies of the two men lay. The officials gathered the remains together, placed them on the train and brought them to O'Neil, and placed them in charge of Sheriff McFarland, pending the arrival of the coroner.

The sheriff found in the clothes of the mangled bodies letters by which they were identified and their parents were immediately notified. They were both young men, their ages being 24 and 29 respectively, and residing near their parents in Randolph, a small town about fourteen miles east of this city. They started this morning to come to this city, where Moore desired to procure a marriage license and to marry his sweetheart, Tuesday to an estimable young lady living near his home. Moore returned to his parents' residence after being out an hour, returned a verdict concerning the railroad company from all blame.

Nebraska Farmers' Institute.

TABLE ROCK, Neb., Feb. 15.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The Pawnee County Farmer Institute began its annual winter meeting Monday at the Presbyterian church. This is emphatically a Table Rock institution, the members gathering in from all parts of the county. The members hold a small grove near the village, and their winter session in this town. For the coming year the following officers were elected: W. W. Peterson, president; M. R. Poole, vice president; Mrs. A. E. Lane, secretary; E. T. Boone, treasurer; Rev. W. M. Peterson, chaplain. Dr. W. A. Johnson, Pool read an interesting paper on "The Farm," and Prof. S. C. Bassett told what he knew of food adulterations and what he thought of oleomargarine. Prof. Bassett had for a subject "Country Roads, and How to Improve Them." All of these subjects were thrown open for discussion, and the members very generally took their part, showing their interest. In the evening, after a delightful reception by Mrs. Olive M. Barnard, Prof. H. W. Caldwell read a paper on "The Growth of the Idea of Nationality," showing the opposing theories of the English and American, with the final conquering of the latter. Today M. H. Marble read a paper on "The Great American Near Future," and read Billings on "Silos and Ensilage." It is evident that this is a new thing in these parts, and created considerable interest and discussion. After dinner Prof. Caldwell gave a talk on the "Principles of Taxation." Mr. Benton George, of Omaha, is now in town, and is making the sap stronger at the top, and that while water runs down hill sap runs up hill. Mr. Peterson, the president, has just remarked: "Perhaps that is the reason so many are seepheaded."

WEEPING WATER, Neb., Feb. 15.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A farm organization was organized in this city today and a large number were present to listen to an address by Mr. Bassett on "Country Roads, and How to Improve Them." A subject of interest to many. Permanent organization of the institute was effected and J. M. Beasley elected president. Tonight the village meeting was held, address, subject, "Hoeticulture," which was of interest to all. A. F. Woods will talk tomorrow on the "Blight of Fruit Trees," also J. D. Silson, subject "Boozing in Nebraska," and F. W. Taylor, on "Russia." From the interest manifested beneficial results will no doubt follow.

Oreola's Religious Revival.

OREOLA, Neb., Feb. 15.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Revival meetings have been conducted at the Methodist Episcopal church for the past seven weeks. The regular pastor, R. Pierson, has been assisted by Rev. J. H. N. Cobb of Upry, Neb., Rev. M. Hamilton of Omaha, and Rev. M. Morey of Stromsburg. Up to the present time there has been a large number that have professed their faith in the Saviour, as well as a number of converts. The meetings are well attended and the interest is still continued with unabated interest.

Ashland News Notes.

ASHLAND, Neb., Feb. 15.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Dr. and Mrs. Mansfield entertained a large company of friends at their beautiful residence on Quality Hill last evening. Progressive high five was the chief feature of the program. Music was furnished by the Blue Sextet.

Business Notes.

Business notes have it that Ashland will have another railroad. It will be a branch of the B. & M. and will come via Severad.

Social Events at Grand Island.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Feb. 15.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The ladies of the Eastern Star chapter of the Masonic order gave a fine Valentine social last night. An elegant banquet had been prepared and each guest had there were over 100, was presented with a souvenir valentine and bouquet of natural flowers.

Social Hour club gave a ball at the Ancient Order of United Workmen hall last night. There were nearly 200 participants.

Nebraska's Death Roll.

SEWARD, Neb., Feb. 15.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Miss Gertrude L. McIntyre, daughter and only child of Hon. Edmund McIntyre, died at the home of her father in this city this morning of typhoid pneumonia, aged 20 years.

Blaine, Neb., Feb. 15.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Charles, son of Harry Higley died this morning from the effects of spinal meningitis. He was a very bright boy of 8 years.

Judge Allen's Resignation.

FREMONT, Neb., Feb. 15.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—It is given out tonight that Judge Allen will tender his resignation tomorrow. He has settled up his judicial

MINE EXPLOSION IN IOWA

One Man Killed and a Score More or Less Seriously Hurt.

COAL GAS WAS IGNITED BY A BLAST

Joseph Gallagher Beheaded and His Companions Enveloped in Flames—Aesthetic Scenes at the Mouth of the Shaft.

OTTUMWA, Ia., Feb. 15.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—One man, Joseph Gallagher, killed, ten seriously burned on their faces and hands and as many more with lesser wounds, is the result of a dust explosion at the Chicago and Iowa mines at Cedar, three miles from Albia.

One hundred men were in the mines at the time of the explosion, the fact that they were mostly close to the cold air shaft the results would have been unusually fatal. The man who fired the shot, Joseph Gallagher, was beheaded by the explosion and the coal gas ignited, shot a flame of fire for 100 feet about the room, felling all the miners within that distance to the floor, rendering some unconscious and burning a score more or less seriously. Those who are reported burned about the face and hands, and whose condition is considered critical, although not fatal, are:

- HARRY LONG. CHARLES LONG. JOHN ROBINSON. ALBERT ANDERSON. GEORGE ABBOTT. FRED HAWKINS. R. H. LARIMER. H. H. WORTER. GABRIEL JOHNSON. MIKE HOPKINS.

Beheading Business Now Closed.

BEAVER CREEK, Ia., Feb. 15.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The grocery establishment of I. L. Fisk was closed this evening under a chattel mortgage held by the Nebraska National bank and W. M. and L. F. Laseille.

Newman Grove's Blizzards.

NEWMAN GROVE, Neb., Feb. 15.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A regular blizzard swept through the northwest, the mail trains were delayed, but finally got through. It was not very cold.

WILL REOPEN MONDAY.

Rapid City's Suspended Bank to Resume Business—About the Tin Mines.

RAPID CITY, S. D., Feb. 15.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—It may now be stated authoritatively that the doors of the Black Hills National bank will be thrown open for the resumption of business on Monday next. It will be remembered that the bank was closed by the public examiner on December 13 last. During the time of suspension there never has been a debt exposed, and every debt would ultimately be paid in full, but there were those who feared that it would not resume business. The general confidence in the integrity of the management has been a bulwark of strength to the institution. Every considerable depositor has offered all the aid in his power, and a large amount of new eastern capital has been secured. As a result the bank will resume business next Monday, financially stronger than ever before. This association will amply honor it by the first published statement. Henry E. Bailey, one of the shareholders and most careful financiers of the bank, said: "The bank will be the cashier."

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 15.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A case of much importance to shippers of northwestern Iowa was argued today before the state board of railways.

The case involves the proposed new rate on the Des Moines Northern & Western to have the rates on hay raised from class E to class C, an increase of about 50 per cent. The roads claim they cannot afford to do business at the present schedule. Colonel L. M. Martin of the Des Moines Northern & Western and Assistant General Freight Agent Gover of the Rock Island are present to present the case of the railroad. Hon. Spencer Smith, formerly of the commission, was here from Council Bluffs, and represents the hay shippers claim that the only way to determine the railway tariff is by comparison; that in Nebraska, where the actual hay tonnage is much less than that of Iowa, the rates are about the same, so that really the rates in this state are proportionately higher considering the increased tonnage. If anything is done the rates should be lessened. The arguments were submitted today, but a decision is not expected for several days.

Rev. E. W. Brown Installed.

MALVERN, Ia., Feb. 15.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The public installation of Rev. E. W. Brown as pastor of the First Presbyterian church took place last evening. Notwithstanding the icy and almost impenetrable condition of the walls, a fair audience attended the service, opened with an anthem by the choir, followed by prayer by Rev. G. P. Hughes of the Methodist Episcopal church. The sermon was preached by Rev. T. D. Ewing, D. D., president of Cornell academy. His text was from Roman. The constitutional questions were pronounced by Rev. R. G. Grossman, moderator of the Presbytery, who also presided over the meeting.

More Railroad Facilities.

MUSCATINE, Ia., Feb. 15.—Articles of incorporation were filed today for the Muscatine North & South railroad company. The purpose is to build a railroad between Muscatine and Chicago or some point connecting the two cities. The company was organized by Rev. E. W. Brown, president of the company. The company has some ore containing a very high percentage of tin. The question is, whether it is worth the trouble and so easy of solution. Where there are so many people more or less closely connected with the Harny Peak company, one would not expect it to be difficult to secure an opinion entitled to some weight concerning the real cause for the shut down. Yet the company is still in the hands of the creditors, and those who do the talking are as a rule not on the inside. A prominent gentleman in mining circles, who has been in the business for many years, absolutely the mill is shut down on account of a disagreement between the English and American ends of the company relative to the legal period of the contract. He asserts that the superintendent wants authority and means of developing greater resources, and he is based by a faction of the stockholders, while another faction wants returns from outlays already made before the mill was shut down. He says that the miners who have recently been discharged generally ridicule the suggestion that lack of pay or had anything to do with the stoppage of work.

Arrested the Indians.

DEADWOOD, S. D., Feb. 15.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Fifteen with Tom To, the Indians in custody charged with complicity in the White River murders, were arraigned today in the United States court and pleaded not guilty, through an interpreter, as the Indians are found against them. Defendants counsel demurred to the indictment because it did not state specially that the deaths of the cowboys occurred within the legal period of the shooting, but the court overruled the demurrers. The trial was set for the September term, and during the intervening time the Indians will be confined in the county jail here.

Will Have Cheap Gas.

DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 15.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The city council late last evening, after a stormy secret session in committee of the whole, passed a new ordinance, in which the prices are fixed at 65 cents net for fuel gas and 90 cents net for illuminating gas. Besides this the city gets a rebate from 5 to 10 per cent per 1,000 cubic feet used as the consumption increases. The present rates are \$1.65 for illuminating and \$1.30 for fuel.

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SALEMAN FOR A WHOLESALE LIQUOR HOUSE AT IOWA ISLAND, was arrested at Webster City, charged with violating the Iowa prohibitory law. Klinger based his defense on the fact that he was only taking orders to be filled by a firm outside the state and Judge Marsh upheld this position, dismissing the case against him. County Attorney Howe, who was prosecuting, has appealed the case and claims he can convict Klinger.

FINED AN IOWA EDITOR.

PORT DOUGLASS, Ia., Feb. 15.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—James Fardoll, editor of a weekly paper at Stanhope, has been fined \$50 in a conviction for criminal libel. During the campaign last fall Judge Hyatt of Webster City made a full speech at Stanhope, Fardoll in criticism of the judge, stated that Judge Hyatt had been drinking before appearing on the platform. A case for criminal libel was brought and his just been tried at the above result.

IOWA PROHIBITIONISTS AROUSED.

SIoux CITY, Ia., Feb. 15.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The prohibitionists have called caucuses for next week to nominate delegates to a city convention for the purpose of nominating a full city ticket. It is the first time in the history of the city that they have taken part in city politics and grows out of dissatisfaction with the council's action in setting aside state laws and licensing saloons.

Extending Lemars's City Limits.

LEMAR, Ia., Feb. 15.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—At a special election today the city of Lemars voted to extend the city limits and take in about two square miles of territory.

PANAMA CANAL SCANDAL IN AMERICA.

Banker Seligman Tells an Interesting Story.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Big figures came to surface today when the special committee of the house of representatives investigating the American end of the Panama scandal heard the testimony of Jesse Seligman, of J. W. Seligman & Co., one of the members of the American committee. He testified that he had been intimately connected with the American committee in March, 1881. His connection resulted from a suggestion from the Paris house of Seligman, in behalf of Ferdinand de Lesseps, that Seligman should act as a member of the American committee to protect the interests of the canal and secure the neutrality of the United States in relation to it. Seligman's communications were sent to Drexel, Morgan & Co. and Winslow Lanier & Co. The chairmanship had been offered by Seligman to General Grant, by the authority of de Lesseps, with a salary of \$25,000 a year for his life time. General Grant declining, the American committee suggested Thompson.

In regard to compensation of the committee, Seligman said it was first agreed that he was to be annually compensated by Drexel, Morgan & Co., Winslow Lanier & Co. and Seligman & Co.

"For what purpose?" asked Colonel Felt.

"For the payment of salaries for our services."

"This agreement was subsequently modified and de Lesseps formed a powerful banking syndicate abroad and in this country and allowed them 2 per cent on 3,000,000 francs of the American bank stock, and to issue bonds of the canal. The members of the syndicate in this country were the American committee. This committee had to justify their position of Columbia had to be resisted. The committee looked after much of the purchases of material and supplies and gave a great deal of time to furthering the interests of the canal in other ways."

"How much money was paid the American committee altogether?" asked Colonel Felt.

"Six million francs, one-quarter of which was paid when the committee was formed and the rest in annual installments. Each of the banking houses forming the American committee there was paid \$400,000. After the acquisition of the Panama railroad of it and the canal became its directors. The controversy with the Colombian government was compromised by the payment of various sums at different times. The American committee was paid \$2,000,000 by Seligman & Co. In all \$4,000,000 was deposited with them to the credit of the canal company."

When Congressman Patterson of Tennessee asked if any of this money was left, Seligman laughed and said it was all gone.

Patterson asked why Charles Smith was selected for chairman, adding: "He was not a great financier, was he?"

"No," said Seligman, "but he was a great statesman."

Seligman also testified that \$100,000 had been on deposit to the credit of Chairman Thompson in addition to the other money paid the American committee.

DOWN A STEEP INCLINE.

Freightful Accident on a Street Railway at Portland, Oregon.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 15.—A freightful accident occurred on the City and Suburban Electric railway this afternoon, in which three persons were instantly killed and a dozen seriously injured. The car was going down hill when the motorman lost control of it and the car dived down two blocks at a terrific speed. When the car reached the curve at the bottom of the hill, it left the track and overturned. The momentum was so great that in leaving the track the car was dashed to pieces. There were forty passengers aboard, among them being twenty young people who constituted the graduating class of Williams Avenue Grammar school. The dead were:

J. J. O. DENNIS, aged 70. BERTICAM DENNIS, his son, aged 8. J. T. DENNIS, his son, aged 10.

JAMES MENYER was probably fatally injured. Nearly every one in the car was out or bruised.

Suing Her Brother-in-Law.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Mrs. Garafella P. Chickering has begun an action to recover \$30,000 from George H. Chickering, senior member of the firm of Chickering & Son, piano manufacturer. She is the widow of G. F. Chickering, and claims at the time of her husband's death he possessed 450 shares of the corporation of Chickering & Son, and that concerned owed him \$100,000 besides. In a summary account of his estate she said she sold the stock and a \$100,000 claim to George H. Chickering for \$30,000, but says her brother-in-law has never paid her.

"The day after Charles' death his books were examined, and Charles was found to be a defaulter in the sum of \$120,750, and for the balance of \$100,000 per cent per 1000 cubic feet used as the consumption increases. The present rates are \$1.65 for illuminating and \$1.30 for fuel."

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TROOPS CALLED ON

Kansas State House is Now in a State of Siege.

MILITIA GUARD IT ON ALL SIDES

Trouble Between the House Culminates in Open War.

REPUBLICANS BESIEGED IN THE HOUSE

Populists' Guards Passed by the Members of the Republican House.

SPEAKER DOUGLASS SMASHES THE DOORS

Efforts of the Populists to Blockade Business Thwarted—Troops and Volunteers from All Over the State Hurrying to the Capital.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 15.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—If tomorrow does not see Kansas in the throes of civil war it will be due to the coolness and wise counsel of leaders whose influence is yet to be exerted.

"Tonight she rests upon a slumbering volcano that is likely to burst forth tomorrow morning. The republican house is imprisoned in the hall of representatives; the capital is occupied by several companies of militia, and volunteers; the arsenal is guarded by a battery of heavy artillery; the state house is locked and guarded, and picket lines thrown out in every direction. Special trains bearing fresh troops are speeding toward the city, and others with hundreds of armed citizens are relieving the republicans as coming as fast as steam can bring them. Unless the republican house recedes from its position and vacates the hall, as it was urged to do by Governor Leavelle and ex-Governor Osborne, bloodshed may not be averted twelve hours longer, and a battle such as was never before fought on Kansas soil seems inevitable."

Patrolled by Populists.

This condition of affairs is the result of the arrest last night of Chief Clerk Rich, Assistant Clerk Scott and Representatives Ryan, John F. Williams and P. N. Gish at the instance of the republican house, by reason of which the populist members of the legislature determined to lock out the republican members. The trouble began at 9 o'clock this morning, at which time the stairs leading to the main entrance of representative hall were found to be guarded by about twenty-five populists, armed with revolvers and Winchester. The populist members of the house were not in the hall, but the officers were on guard within, and the rear as well as the main entrance was protected by armed men. A large crowd, composed chiefly of republicans, had assembled in the corridors of the west wing of the capitol at the foot of the stairs leading to the hall in anticipation of an exciting scene, and they were not disappointed. A. H. Miller, a door-keeper of the republican house, was the first man to try to get through. He attempted to pass the populist guards on the lower steps, saying he was an employe of the legal house, but was pushed aside, and angry mutterings were heard from the crowd.

Republicans Come in Force.

"I tell you I will get in if I have to fight," said the spokesman of the republican house.

He was led away by State Chairman Breidenbach and told not to get excited, as the populists would treat everybody right, but could let no one in but members. After consulting with friends Miller returned, and in a loud voice said:

"I want you all to notice what I say. I am going to try and get in, and you can either let me go or push me out. If you want to avoid bloodshed you will let me in. Now is your chance."

Thereupon he charged the populist guard and was again thrust back. Miller now went to the Copeland hall and rallied the republicans, returning soon with a large force. On entering the state house they formed in double file and advanced toward the west wing of the stairs leading to the hall in anticipation of an exciting scene, and they were not disappointed. A. H. Miller, a door-keeper of the republican house, was the first man to try to get through. He attempted to pass the populist guards on the lower steps, saying he was an employe of the legal house, but was pushed aside, and angry mutterings were heard from the crowd.

Formally Demanded Admittance.

Speaker Douglas ordered the populist guards to give way, saying:

"We are the members of the house of representatives, and I as the speaker order you to get out of the way."

This demand was refused, and the guards flourished clubs, while other guards higher up on the stairs made a demonstration with revolvers and Winchester.

A member of the press gang who had passed the guards on the rear stairs and made his way through the hall and cloak