

CAUCUS METHOD NOT IN FAVOR

Senatorial Candidates Want Legislators to Declare Themselves.

OPPOSITION TO THE THOMPSON BOOM

Editorial in the Lincoln Journal Re-veals the Sentiment of the Aspirants Who Want the Matter Openly Decided.

LINCOLN, Dec. 6.—(Special.)—The senatorial situation continues to be the chief topic of conversation among the politicians who drift in and out of Lincoln. The discussion now seems to turn on the question whether or not the caucus method will be used to go into a caucus at the outset. It is intimated that a combination may be formed to refuse to join in any caucus proposition that does not protect the weaker candidates by requiring a two-thirds or three-fourths majority to make the action of the caucus binding.

The interest phase of the local situation is the growing belief that D. E. Thompson has a grip upon the whole Lancaster county delegation. This is emphasized by an editorial article in this morning's Journal in which that paper, although notoriously a Burlington organ, warns members against supporting it directly or indirectly connected with the old ring. The cause of this outburst, although no names are mentioned, is taken to be the growing candidacy of Thompson.

The article is as follows, under the caption, "The Next Senator": There is a great deal of discussion going on over the state, pending the meeting of the legislature, concerning the senatorial campaign, and republicans in every county are taking more than the usual interest in it. It is the conviction of the republicans everywhere that the future of the party depends largely upon the character and ability of the man that shall finally be selected to succeed Mr. Allen.

He must be a man who has the respect of the party at large and whose record has been clean and whose name is above reproach. He must not be directly or remotely connected with scandals that have in the past brought the party into disrepute. He must be a recognized political leader, a man altogether competent to represent a great state in the highest court of the nation.

Every republican in the legislature is responsible to his district and the party for the man he selects. He must be a man whose motives that prompt his selection of a candidate. If the great mass of republicans in the state, the people who have no access to the legislature, favor to select a man who should be disappointed in the outcome of the senatorial election, the prospects of future success at the polls in the present election state of voting will be exceedingly small. So much depends on the wisdom of the choice next month of the republican caucus that it is not at all an exaggeration to say that there is much concern and anxiety.

It will be well for the members-elect to declare themselves as early as possible to relieve this most momentous anxiety. They should also of the suspicion of waiting for bids. When a man makes up his mind and declares it while he is in touch with his constituents, he is not only more confident of his own choice but he also gives the people a great deal of the criticism that is apt to follow him if he doesn't know whom he is going to support. Many members have doubtless done so, but there are said to be others who don't know whom they are going to do until they get into caucus.

Greene's Peculiar Methods. The populists of this locality are ordinarily glad to see Congressman Greene of the Sixth district, as he represents a personality and a style of politics that has heretofore been much in favor among the radical members of the party. But the natural liking for Greene has been coupled with the belief that he is a statesman who was losing no opportunity to serve the state. In the recent campaign, however, Greene dropped somewhat in the estimation of his former admirers. The large de-crease in his majority indicated that the people of the Sixth district are getting a little tired of him. Today the reformers here were both surprised and disgusted to see Greene walking about the streets of a candidate for the state job, when they were quite sure that he ought to be in Washington occupying his seat in the halls of congress. They are just beginning to awaken to the fact that politicians of the Greene stripe get elected just in order to draw the salary, leaving the real work to be done by others.

The appearance of the Sixth district congressman in Lincoln when he should have been in Washington calls to mind an incident that happened during the campaign. Greene and Brown had been going to hammer and tongs their joint debates, discussing the war and other matters, when George Fred Williams came into the state with a brand new issue. This was a happy change for Greene and at once commenced to discuss the McClary bill. One evening he desired to prove to the audience that the republicans in congress were very anxious to pass the currency bill and he produced a copy of a telegram dated some time during the summer and addressed to himself at Kearney. This telegram purported to be from McClary and in substance urged Greene to come at once to Washington to assist in passing the bill. Brown had no ready explanation of this poepr and Greene's stock as a debator took a decided rise. The next night, however, Brown produced a copy of the congressional record showing that at the time Greene pretended to have been in Kearney receiving telegrams from McClary he was really in Washington, being recorded as voting on some measure that was before the house. This exposed the fraud and the fake telegram was no longer used in the joint debates.

Had Smith Turned Down. One of the most valuable friends of Greene has been Rod Smith, his private secretary, who has stood by him through thick and thin, and has often been hustling him; his chief was incapacitated for work. Every one is ready to admit that Smith's services have been very valuable and that

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SUGAR FACTORY MAKES GOOD RUN. Shorter Crop Than Usual, but Excellent Results Are Obtained. GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—The sugar factory closed down at the end of the week after a successful though short run. The beet crop was excellent, but the acreage was much smaller than last year owing to the difficulties encountered at the opening of the season between the Beet Growers' association and President Oxnard in regard to the Hawaiian clause.

Gage County Mortgage Record. WYMORE, Neb., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Following is the record of mortgages filed and released in Gage county for the month of November: Number of farm mortgages filed, forty-seven; amount of farm mortgages filed, \$61,235; number farm mortgages released, 23; amount of farm mortgages released, \$67,822; number city and town mortgages filed, fifteen; amount of city and town mortgages filed, \$6,773; number of city and town mortgages released, thirty-five; amount of city and town mortgages released, \$32,239.

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