

TALK OF THE SPEAKERSHIP

Members of Coming Legislature Coming Into Capital to Talk It Over.

OFFICESEKERS WAITING FOR MICKEY

Cudahy Company Buy Property on Which to Erect a Distributing Plant and Poultry Warehouse.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—As the time draws near for the convening of the legislature considerable more interest is being developed and much more talk is being indulged in as to who will be the speaker of the house and the president pro tem of the senate. So much interest is being taken in these two positions that apparently the minor offices are being lost sight of. And, while there are many who pretend to forecast the organization of both houses, when it comes down to bottom fact the prognostications are all guess work. One man who is prominent in the management of the candidacy of one of the applicants for the speakership said this afternoon that it was impossible to tell who would win out, but from the reports coming from the legislature, either Mockett or Thompson. Both of these men had attained some degree of leadership during the past sessions of the legislature and both were well known.

While most of the talk around the hotels is about these two, it is by no means certain that either has a clinch on the office. During the week Delesdernier and Swezey have both been at the capital looking after their interests and conferring with friends. Sears was also here, but what they did or what arrangements any of them received is not known. Rouse has not been here during the last few days, but several of his friends have spoken good words for him around the hotels. Swezey and Rouse are in contiguous territories and it is not known whether that will injure or help them.

The fight for the speakership is considerably mixed with the race for president pro tem of the senate. Since it is believed that Harrison and Mockett have no deal of compromise on, it is said that the Harrison contingent will take what it can get and allow the Mockett element to do its own getting. During the last few days Wilson of Pawnee county has been requested several times to allow his name to be mentioned in connection with the speakership. So far Mr. Wilson has not announced his intention. It is believed by some that this is a move to hurt Mockett, as it is likely that Wilson could get some of the latter's support in that part of the county.

Paul Jensen was here from Otoe county during the last few days doing considerable hobnobbing with politicians, but it is not public what he accomplished or expected to accomplish. In the meantime O'Neill of Lancaster is pegging away and his friends are doing the same to land the office that Harrison wants.

Waiting for Mickey.

When Governor Mickey strikes town Monday morning, as he intends to, he will find awaiting him a number of friends and office seekers who will use strenuous efforts to have the governor announce the names of several appointees. Among these friends are members of the National Guard, who are anxious to have a hand in the appointment of an adjutant general. Several prominent members of the guard were in the city last night and a quiet conference was had between them and local members with a view to arriving at some understanding as to how best to reach the governor with one of their candidates. It is believed that the wishes of the guard will have some weight with the governor and the guard does not intend to allow the opportunity to assist in naming the man who would meet with the approval of the guard, but the first thing the guard will insist on is that the appointee be a veteran of the Spanish-American war. Among those who can fill the bill so far as that requisite is concerned are: Major Giffen and Captain Porter of Lincoln and J. H. Culver of Milford. The friends of Adjutant General Colby still believe that he will continue to draw the salary for the office after Governor Mickey takes his seat.

Notwithstanding the impression given out by Governor Mickey that he would not appoint a state oil inspector until the term of the present incumbent has expired, it is thought that if he remains in Lincoln very long during the week this place will be decided upon.

Cudahy Builds in Lincoln.

The Cudahy Packing company has purchased a lot at the corner of M and Eighth streets and in the spring will erect a structure for the accommodation of its Lincoln business. The building and improvements will cost about \$60,000. It will be three stories high, with a basement, fitted for a poultry house. Cold storage will occupy a large part of the building.

The entrance of this company into Lincoln is taken as an indication of its intention to meet the competition of Armour, who has established a number of branch poultry distribution stations throughout the state. It is expected the erection of the building will begin by March 1.

State Meeting of Contractors.

A call has been issued by contractors of Lincoln for a state meeting of contractors to be held here January 21 and 22. The object of the meeting will be to devise ways and means of securing the modification or revision of the present lien law and such other legislation as may be of benefit to the building fraternity. Special rates of one fare for the round trip have been secured from the railroads for the occasion.

Home for Holidays.

All trains out of Lincoln went "home" last night and about 400 students of the State university took advantage of the closing of that institution to go where the trains went. The university will be closed until January 5, though the offices in the building will be opened each day except Christmas day. The public schools closed yesterday afternoon and will remain closed until January 5.

New Corporations.

The Omaha Crockery company has filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state. The capital stock is \$50,000, of which \$25,000 is paid up. The incorporators are: Howard H. Baldrige, Frank W. Judson, H. L. Porterfield, E. A. Hinrichs and E. C. McManus.

The Red Front Mercantile company of Valentine has incorporated with a capital stock of \$60,000. The incorporators are: W. S. Jackson, Frank Brayton and Henry W. Hoening.

York After Normal School.

YORK, Neb., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The Commercial club of York have taken up the location of a normal school at York and are going after the institution in earnest. During the legislature two years ago there was considerable agitation about the location of a normal school here. Since that time a fine new library building has been built and a large new Young Men's Christian association building constructed.

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ing \$15,000 is to be erected at once. York already has more than a state reputation as an educational center.

DIVORCE CASE AT COLUMBUS

Dussell-Henry Trial Occupies Attention of the District Court of Platte County.

COLUMBUS, Neb., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—District court is still grinding away on the Dussell-Henry suit, in which the plaintiff, A. Dussell, sues for fulfillment of a contract made in Denver last March at the time of the marriage of Miss Jessie Dussell to Robert Henry, the contract being for \$500 and being given for defraying the expenses of the young wife, who was then so soon to become a mother, and for the care of the child, Mrs. Mary A. Henry, mother of the young groom, who made the contract, afterwards refused it on the ground that it was obtained under stress of great excitement and by a misrepresentation of the facts. The defense, admitting part of the claims of plaintiff, was granted the opening and closing periods in which to present their testimony, and their first period closed just prior to adjournment last night. They attempted to prove Mrs. Henry's excited and overwrought condition by Denver witnesses, most of whose testimony was ruled out on account of being merely hearsay.

The prosecution is holding forth today and numerous witnesses have been examined, including Attorney J. G. Rudn, who accompanied the sheriff to Denver last March when the latter went to secure young Henry on the ground of statutory assault, and to whom the contract was given by Mrs. Henry. The attorney's testimony was, in effect, that no duress was laid on her either in the matter of making the contract or in bringing about the marriage of her son Robert and Jessie Dussell. The case will in all probability occupy the balance of the week, and next week it is expected that the Borchers boys and the Humphrey boys, charged with the murder of their stepfather, will come up. The latter case is attracting extraordinary interest and many unsuspected developments may appear.

LOST HIS MIND FOR A MONTH

Frank Roberts, Formerly of South Omaha, Finally Turns Up at His Parents' Home at Hastings.

HASTINGS, Neb., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Frank Roberts, the young man who disappeared mysteriously about a month ago from South Omaha, where he was employed by the American and Pacific Express companies, is now in Hastings at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Roberts. When asked about his disappearance he said that everything was a blank to him from the time he left Omaha until he found himself in Chicago. It is quite evident he became demented. He has been under the constant care of a physician since coming home and is still in a weak condition.

ARAPAHOE Farmers Organize.

ARAPAHOE, Neb., Dec. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—A branch of the Farmers' Cooperative Grain and Livestock association was formed here today. In spite of a fierce storm that raged all day the town was filled and the crowd was addressed by E. C. Beyfield of Chicago and C. Vincent of Omaha. Mr. Vincent effected a thorough organization. Campaigners were appointed to extend the membership through all the territory adjacent to Arapahoe. The business men will give active support to the movement. Delegates will attend the state meeting called at Lincoln for January 22.

Two Years for Robbery.

AINSWORTH, Neb., Dec. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Carl Pettijohn, the young man who was arrested at Long Pine about two weeks since for robbing a drunken negro soldier of some \$125, was brought to Ainsworth and on a plea of guilty before County Judge Potter was bound over in the sum of \$1,000 to the district court, was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary this morning by Judge Harrington at a special sitting of the court and will be taken to Lincoln in the morning.

Explosion Injures a Building.

YORK, Neb., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Yesterday afternoon the residents of North York were alarmed by an explosion which made the buildings shake and was heard for miles around. The explosion of the Downie Wright Manufacturing company had been dumped and when the hot contents came in contact with the moist soil it caused an explosion that made the few employees who were in the vicinity at the time think that the building was falling in on them. A large hole was torn in the wall where the explosion occurred. Happening at the noon hour, no one was injured.

Degree of Honor Officers.

HASTINGS, Neb., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The newly elected officers of the Degree of Honor of the Ancient Order of the United Workmen lodge are as follows: Chief of honor, Mrs. S. C. Gebout; past chief of honor, Mrs. Philip Yager; lady of honor, Mrs. A. Deets; lady of ceremony, Mrs. H. B. Borley; recorder, Mrs. George Rogers; treasurer, Mrs. A. Hibbard; receiver, Mrs. H. Hauser; usher, Miss May Farrell; inside watch, Mrs. Sorrenson; outside watch, Mrs. L. B. Foote.

YORK Wants a Depot.

YORK, Neb., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the business men the question of a new Burlington depot was agitated. After considerable discussion a committee was appointed to visit the officials of the Burlington and ascertain if a new depot will be built at York.

To Attend Teachers' Meeting.

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Forty-three out of the forty-eight school teachers of this city will attend the annual meeting of the State Teachers' association, to be held in Lincoln December 21 and January 1 and 2.

Largest Gun in the World.

The new sixteen-inch gun recently built for the United States government, besides being the largest in the world, is the most powerful weapon ever devised by man. The most reliable medicine ever devised by man is Hestetter's Stomach Bitters, introduced over fifty years ago as a cure for nausea, heartburn, belching, indigestion, dyspepsia or malaria. Don't fail to try it, also obtain a copy of our 1902 Almanac from your druggist. It is free.

SHIP LAYS CABLE RAPIDLY

Pacific Wire Will Quite Likely Work to Honolulu by Christmas Day. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—The first link of the great ocean cable which is to connect the United States with the far east has been laid and the cable ship Siletto is proceeding so rapidly that it would not be at all surprising if Christmas greetings from Governor Dole of Hawaii to President Roosevelt are sent over the cable from Honolulu on Christmas day. At noon today 1,054 knots of cable had been reeled out. If a slightly better rate is maintained during the next five days, with no storms or accidents to interfere with the work, it

Denver Wants Roosevelt.

DENVER, Dec. 20.—President Roosevelt was today invited by the mayor to visit Denver while on his trip to the Pacific coast next summer.

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ONE INDIAN KILLS ANOTHER

James Daley Goes on War Path and Takes Life of Little Jim.

USES NECK YOKE TO BEAT LIFE OUT

Murder is the Result of Spree Among the Indians at Winnebago Agency. Deputy Marshal on the Scene Promptly. As the result of a drunken row about two miles north of the Winnebago Indian agency Friday afternoon one Indian is dead and another is by this time in the hands of Deputy Marshal Allan, charged with being a murderer. Deputy Allan left yesterday morning for the scene of the affair and telephoned in a message account from Bender. According to his report, while the Indians were enjoying a spree Friday afternoon James Daley reached the fighting mood and started on the war path armed with a neck yoke. Little Jim was the first brave that crossed his path and Daley promptly knocked him down. Allan states that Little Jim died yesterday morning at 11:30. Harold and Robert McKee, other Indians, will be held as witnesses.

CARRIES HEAVY INSURANCE

Louisville Man with Thousands on His Life Declared No Suicide. LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 20.—The coroner's jury, which has been investigating the death of R. C. Whyne, who was found dead two days ago with a gunshot wound in the breast, this afternoon returned a verdict of accidental death. Mr. Whyne carried life insurance to the value of \$250,000 and was thought to have committed suicide.

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