

STANDPATTERS YET IN RACE

Iowa Republican Faction Does Not Withdraw Candidate.

SPEAKERSHIP MILL UNSETTLED

Laws for Preservation of Health Will Be Urged by State Board at Coming Session of the Legislature.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) DES MOINES, Jan. 4.—(Special.)—Early trains Monday are expected to bring legislators flocking to Des Moines from all parts of the state. The week preceding convening of the Thirty-third general assembly promises to be one of the liveliest known in this state. There is a spirited contest on for speakership. Hitherto it has generally been known who would be the speaker and aspirants for committee chairmanships had only to beseech that candidate with their requests. This year all that is to be done is to select and they do not know where to settle and look for hope. They will accordingly come early to the city to watch the progress of the struggle and to be ready to urge their wishes as early as possible with the man who will be the next speaker of the house.

It is expected the earlier trains will bring more old members than new ones as they have more claims for preference on appointments. But as there is such a division this year it is not at all unlikely that new members will be able by throwing their support and strength in the right way to get as much consideration as the men who get the consideration this time are likely to be those who are the best guessers.

Many Aspirants in Line. It is understood that the candidates for speakership will be in Des Moines Monday, all of them, with headquarters at the hotels receiving their friends and lining up members for their support. This line of aspirants includes Peely of Black Hawk, White of Story, Lee of Emmet, Marston of Cerro Gordo, Darrach of Lucas, Meredith of Cass and others. While it is understood the standpatters intend to withdraw all candidates. Harding of Woodbury, who was the most prominent standpatter candidate has made no official announcement of his withdrawal.

Laws Governing Health. Just what laws regarding the health of Iowa will be passed by the State department will not be known until the regular meeting of the members of the State Board of Health at the capitol January 10. At that time the state secretary, Louis A. Thomas, will suggest a number of laws for the preservation of health to be acted upon by the board on the legislature. What action the board may take is, of course, uncertain. These laws to be discussed, however, deal with better sanitation, more stringent of quarantine laws and gathering wild statistics, the constitutionality of the indeterminate sentence law is to be decided by the supreme court this winter. The fact that the question has been raised in this judicial body may deter the legislature from taking up the impeachment proceedings against Judge Gaynor until after the court has rendered an opinion. If the supreme court holds the law is constitutional and binding, even more judges may come in for legislative investigation.

The question arises in a case appealed from Bremer county in which George Perkins, convicted of adultery, was given a fixed sentence by Judge Clyde C. Osage of one year in the penitentiary. Under the code this crime comes under the indeterminate clause, with a sentence not to exceed three years.

Perkins, through his lawyers, has appealed the case, charging that he has been improperly sentenced by the lower court, and accordingly asks a new trial. It is expected in this case that the question of the lower court's judge in ignoring the indeterminate law and arbitrarily fixing a one-year term will be reviewed by the supreme court and will give one way or the other as to whether the law is binding upon the district judge. If they rule the law is binding, Judge Clyde, with Judge Gaynor and Judge Hutchinson, may come in for legislative impeachment proceedings. If they rule the law is not constitutional, it will upset the whole plan of reformatory prison methods decided upon by the legislature two years ago. Such a decision, however, would give the present legislature an opportunity to enact some suitable substitute.

The attorney general expects to argue the case with a viewpoint of getting the question of the constitutionality of the indeterminate law settled. The case will be pushed with a view of getting a decision before the coming Thirty-third assembly adjourns its session.

Dunlap Gas Plant Blows Up. DENISON, Ia., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—The gas plant at Dunlap, Ia., was destroyed by an explosion. The top of the building was blown off and the side walls wrecked. The explosion is thought to have been caused by the leakage of gasoline. All the gasoline in the building and all the woodwork was destroyed. The plant will be rebuilt, but in meantime the town is without light, except from kerosene lamps.

MARSHALLTOWN—Twenty-two head of cattle have been stolen from Moses Roberts farm in one district, being driven from his field, being coaxed along by a man who carried a gun. There is a reward of \$100 for the thief. The farm changed hands a few days ago, and the change was made in the cattle were counted. The herd looked smaller today, and they were counted again, and the change was made in the cattle were counted.

MARSHALLTOWN—A telegram received in this city today says that George S. Hicks, sheriff of Marshalltown, Iowa, is dead in Salt Lake City. Mr. Hicks served in company in the Thirtieth Iowa Infantry in the civil war, and in 1876 he was elected sheriff of this county. He was married to Mrs. Hattie Heller, a well known Omaha woman.

PORT DODGE—George F. Rawson, over 60 years of age, while working at the John Leatham farm, was struck by a large chunk of frozen clay that rolled down the side of the sand pit where Rawson was at work. One of his legs was broken below the knee. Rawson picked it up, as it were, crawled into his wagon and drove to the hospital. He was taken to a farm house. Medical aid was summoned, but he died shortly after he was taken to the hospital. It may be necessary to amputate it. Had he been taken to the hospital, it is believed it would have meant sure death to him.

PORT DODGE—J. A. Peace, a poultry fancier, has won a prize at the Buff Wyandotte show at Omaha this week and won prize after prize from the Day of Nebraska, who has won first places in every thing for about twenty years at both the Omaha and Iowa shows. He has received over \$50 in premiums. He took four of five first prizes, four seconds, and one fourth and one fifth with his Buff Wyandotte. With Columbian he took all five prizes for the best bird of the breed. He also won the silver cup for the best exhibit.

MARSHALLTOWN—Charles D. Swick, the business manager and confidential employe of George C. Warren, president of the Iowa and Nebraska Retail Coal Dealers' association, was arrested. The charge of embezzlement, arrested. The charge of embezzlement, arrested. The charge of embezzlement, arrested.

WATCH YOUR DOOR KNOB

SHAFT ERECTED TO HORSES

South Africa Builds Monument in Honor of Steeds at Port Elizabeth.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—(Special.)—Horses killed in battle now have a monument to their honor. It has recently been erected at Port Elizabeth, South Africa. When Lord Byron put up an elaborate monument to his dog, "Houou," everyone regarded it as a mad caprice, but now a general public subscription has been raised by English people for the purpose of perpetuating the memory of "the services of the gallant animals which perished in the Anglo-Boer war, 1899-1902." Pictures of this monument are being sold in great numbers, mostly among army officers, though the animal-loving public is also buying them largely. The first stone monument ever raised by public subscription consists of an oblong piece of granite, on the top of which are two figures—a life-sized bronze horse, and a kneeling soldier offering the animal its food. The figures are beautifully executed. The granite base of the statue serves a utilitarian purpose by forming a fine drinking fountain for man and beast, a blue granite block being hollowed out into a trough, into which water flows from three spouts in the form of lions' heads.

On the base of the monument is the significant inscription: "The greatness of a nation consists, not so much in the number of its people, or the extent of its territory, as in the extent and justice of its compassion."

It is perhaps quite fitting that such a monument as this should be erected by English people, as they are undoubtedly the world's greatest "animal loving" nation. It has been erected by the "Friends' League" in honor of the animals that have been killed in the wars of children or men. For instance, in London, there is a splendid animal hospital, where dogs are provided with "endowed" beds, the donors having given \$50 for the endowment of each cot. The "Dumb Friends' League" is also a powerful organization which controls large funds, and, with the Anti-Vivisection society, has made the cause of "dumb" animals anything but dumb.

The services of horses in the South African campaign were quite as essential as those of men. Many of the battles were cavalry engagements, and troops had to be moved rapidly from one part of the country to another. Enormous numbers of horses were requisitioned from all parts of the world, and the mortality among these animals was great, though there are no definite figures at hand.

The monument to these "gallant steeds" has been raised by small subscriptions from all parts of the British empire; a large portion of the funds coming from various "human societies" and from officers and men in the army. The raising of monuments to animals is a unique departure of modern civilization, though the idea is by no means new, for the Egyptians often put up memorials to their cats and even crocodiles. There are many people today who believe in "animal immortality," and this horse monument will help to confirm their opinions. Among the Indians a chief's horse is often killed over the grave of his master so that the great man will have a "mount" when he arrives on the "happy hunting grounds."

CHANGES IN BANK EXAMINERS

Secretary Cortelyou Proposes that Fee System Be Abolished and Routes Be Kept Secret.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—National bank examiners will be paid a salary or per diem and expense basis and the present fee system will be abolished. If recommendations made by Secretary Cortelyou, Comptroller Murray and Deputy Comptroller Kane of the Treasury department are carried out, the present system will be abolished. Under the new system the comptroller does not direct the routes of the examiners. According to testimony of Deputy Comptroller Kane, before the National Monetary commission, any bank on the list of a certain district may locate him at any time on the route.

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COMPERS THANKS FRIENDS

Labor Leader Makes General Reply to Many Letters of Sympathy.

BATTLE WITH TUBERCULOSIS

Association in New York Will Register and Treat Every Case in the City—Arrests at Sunday Concerts.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—At a meeting yesterday of the Central Labor union there was read a letter from Samuel Compers commenting for the first time upon the prison sentences imposed upon John Mitchell, Frank Morrison and himself for alleged contempt of court. Mr. Compers' letter follows:

"Permit me to thank you for your message. Many other friends, fellow workers and sympathizers in all walks of life have also telegraphed and written me, and while I would like to reply to each one, yet it is impossible to convey in a letter all that it is in my mind to say.

"Therefore I am making this acknowledgment of your message and to say that from the many communications of this character which have been sent to me, I believe I am right in saying the great mass of liberty-loving American people are with J. Mitchell, F. Morrison and myself at this crucial time in the effort we have made and are making to maintain the principle of justice and right and the constitutional guarantee of freedom of speech and of the press.

"Regardless of results, we are confident that the principle for which we contended, and for which we may suffer, will be restored, maintained and permanently guaranteed to all our people, the workers included. Temporary inconvenience or suffering of any one, or of a few men, is of lesser importance than the establishment of equal justice to all the people of our republic.

"Under the circumstances and in view of my many duties, you will realize the impossibility of my dealing more fully with this subject in this communication."

Tuberculosis Fight Effective. Every case of tuberculosis, acute or latent, in New York, will be discovered, recorded and if possible cured, if the plan set on foot by the Association of Tuberculosis clinics can be carried out.

The health department by the establishment of hospitals, by disinfection and education has brought the mortality from tuberculosis in this city down 25 per cent in recent years. Forty thousand cases remain, three-fourths of which are in the tenement districts. It is the purpose of this association to take up the work unofficially where the crusade of the city officials ends. On January 8 a meeting will be held to arouse public interest in the movement. Governor Hughes will speak.

Arrests at Sunday Concerts. The police today arrested several performers at the so-called "dumb concert" at the Victoria theater. Four men were taken into custody following their presentation of a schoolroom sketch in which the actors were said to have been made up as teacher and pupils. The setting manager of the theater, Aaron Kessler, was also arrested.

At the theater two actresses charged with singing in costume were arrested. The Theater Managers' Protective association made public today resolutions protesting against the enforcement of what are termed "blue laws."

Rockefeller's Pastor Moves. A congregation that thronged the Madison Avenue Baptist church gathered today to hear the initial sermon of the new preacher, Rev. Charles A. Eaton, for several years pastor of the Euclid avenue church in Cleveland, of which John D. Rockefeller is a member. Mr. Rockefeller was not in the congregation today, although, as usual, the services at the Fifth Avenue Baptist church.

INTERIOR DEPARTMENT WORK

Secretary Garfield Discusses Effect of New Methods Used to Simplify Work of Bureaus.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The improved methods of administration instituted by Secretary Garfield, having for their purpose the simplification of business without any loss in accuracy or responsibility, have proven of great value, says the head of the Department of the Interior in his annual report made public today. The report covers a wide field, dealing as it does with the work of the various bureaus embraced within its management, the territories, national parks and reservations, District of Columbia corporations, etc.

Secretary Garfield calls attention to certain unscrupulous and unprofessional acts upon the part of a number of attorneys practicing before the department, which resulted in the dismissal of Mr. Bruning, and have brought mandamus suits for restoration of their names to the list of those entitled to practice. These cases are now pending, but "in the meantime," the secretary says, "attorneys will be notified, heard and disbarred in all cases, where it can be satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that their conduct as attorneys has been disreputable, fraudulent, illegal, or undoubtedly unprofessional." The recent patent office frauds, resulting in the confession of one defendant, the conviction of another and the dismissal of a third, are touched upon, and the statement is made that it was the first case of the kind that had occurred in the 18 years of patent office history. The commissioner of patents, it is stated, has taken steps to provide additional safeguards around the filing of patent papers.

Regarding the movement for the conservation of the natural resources of the country, Secretary Garfield says that it shows the people of the country have fully awakened to the vital necessity of caring for what is left of the public domain. The pension roll, as usual, piled up an enormous death rate, 86,756 names having been removed on this account. Of these 24,223 were soldiers and sailors of the civil war. During the entire year the total number of pensioners on the roll was 1,006,652.

ARRESTS AT ST. PETERSBURG

Police Attendants Charged with Complicity in Bomb Explosion in Cafe.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The Daily Mail's correspondent at St. Petersburg says that twenty arrests have been made, including several persons at the emperor's palace at Tsarsko-Selo, for alleged connection with the bomb explosion in the Cafe Central in St. Petersburg Saturday night. The bomb was left on a table by a man in the uniform of a student, and a waiter was killed and the cafe badly damaged by the explosion.

The Daily Mail's correspondent says that the bomb outrage and the arrests were the outcome of a vast terrorist plot against the imperial family.

SOLOMON TALKS OF THE PLAN

Tells Why He Thinks Democrats' Political Jobbery Should Not Be Successful.

"On November 1, 1907, the people of this city and county elected my county controller and ex-officio city comptroller to serve during the years 1908, 1909, 1910 and 1911, and to take charge of the city comptroller's duties on the third Tuesday of May, 1913, being the end of the term of the present city comptroller, to serve in the dual capacity without any additional salary," said Comptroller Solomon, speaking of the democratic plan to abolish his office to let C. O. Lobeck continue city comptroller and get out of Mayor Dahlgren's way. "I know whereof I speak when I say there is a great wrong in a county comptroller, a man elected by the people responsible for the county instead of an auditor appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, because he checks all claims and accounts against the county, also all county officers.

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PEACE OF CHINA ENDANGERED

Peking Diplomats Take Gloomy View of Dismissal of Yuan Shai Kai.

PEKING, Jan. 4.—Yuan Shai Kai, the deposed grand councillor has succeeded in making his escape out of Peking. He is now in Tien Tsin, a treaty port seventy miles to the southeast and is under the protection of Great Britain. Arrangements had been made for Yuan Shai Kai's departure for Hainan by way of the Hankow railway. His private car was waiting at the station early this morning.

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LANDLADY CAMPS ON TRUNK

Delinquent Boarder Has to "Come Across" with His Rent Before She Arises.

High school students leaving the building at the noon recess Sunday were subjected to a dramatic little episode which occurred in the neighborhood at that hour. They observed a young woman of prepossessing appearance, but determined mien, sitting on a trunk on the porch of a flat building. Nearby stood a drayman with an unamused expression over his face, while a dazed and worried young man was at hand, standing first on one foot and then on the other.

The unweariness of the situation could be correctly guessed from the outward aspect. The youth was departing, or, rather, attempting to depart, and the landlady was holding down his trunk until he had "come across" with the amount necessary to liquidate.

Other young men rooming in the house had settled their accounts by the simple statement that in the event the youth did not pay up his physiognomy would be disgraced. The young man, however, was determined for the time being a mad attempt to break into good society. A strenuous method like this was out of the question for the landlady, whose expedient of camping out on the trunk proved effective nevertheless.

BOARD TRIPS UP E. E. THOMAS

County Commissioners Call the Turn on Anti-Saloon League Advocate.

The entire session of the county commissioners Monday morning was taken up in listening to the protests of Elmer E. Thomas to the granting of a liquor license to Herbert E. Warren for a saloon on West Q street, though outside the South Omaha city limits, and therefore under the jurisdiction of the county authorities.

Mr. Thomas alleged that the petitioner for the license was under indictment for the illegal sale of liquor, and that he had sold liquor on Sunday.

This the commissioners found to be false, for the reason that Mr. Warren has never been engaged in the liquor business. The saloon at this location was formerly owned by Max T. Green and has been bought by Warren. It will remain so until a new license is granted. The matter of granting a license was deferred to Wednesday afternoon at 6 o'clock, when the commissioners will take up the question raised by Mr. Thomas as to the sufficiency of the petition filed by Mr. Warren.

CHARLES TANDY IS KILLED

Former South Omaha Live Stock Man Meets Death in Wreck in Calgary.

A telegram was received in Omaha Monday morning from General Superintendent A. Price of the Canadian Pacific railway at Calgary, making inquiries of relatives or friends of Charles Tandy, a former Omaha live stock commission man, who was killed in a wreck near Gull Lake, Sunday evening.

Mr. Tandy was known to many of the live stock men of South Omaha, as a stock buyer and speculator in cattle. Mr. Tandy was a native of England, and was unmarried. He has no relatives in this country that are known to his Omaha friends.

During the last year of two Mr. Tandy had been engaged in the real estate business in connection with the Canadian Pacific, in Calgary and vicinity, and was in Omaha only recently seeking to interest South Omaha parties in these Canadian lands.

Mr. Tandy left Omaha December 22 for the northwest. He has been stopping at the Paxton hotel for two months. The news of his death was a great shock to his friends here.

Advertisement for Washburn-Crosby Co. Gold Medal Flour. Includes text: 'Essentially', 'Why Not Gold Medal Flour Now?', and a circular logo with 'WASHBURN-CROSBY CO. GOLD MEDAL FLOUR'.

RAILROAD NEWS AND NOTES

Approach to Tenth Street Viaduct Nearly Completed—Grain Movement Heavy.

The approach to the Tenth street viaduct from Union station is nearing completion and will soon be ready for the use of vehicles. The old approach was 300 feet long, while the new one is 450 feet long. This extra length was required to conform with the orders of the Nebraska Railway commission to reduce the grade, complaint having been made by the creamery interests. About 200 feet from the top of the approach an outlet has been built for carriages that they may reach the north door of the station without having to drive to the end of the approach, which will be crowded with express wagons and creamery wagons.

Grain movements at present are quite heavy and just to the liking of the railroads, as it comes along in an even manner in which the railroads are able to handle it. The movement is in all directions to all the grain centers of the north, east and southeast.

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BRANDEIS' START AT ONCE

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The work of construction will proceed with all possible speed from that time on. The St. Louis architects, who will draw up the plans for the theater, have talked of eight months, but the Brandeis and Architect Latenser, who has drawn the plans for the office building, holds that the rate at which building is possible here is less than in Chicago or even St. Louis. It is probable, however, that January 1, 1910, will see the new building finished and the theater having its formal opening.

For the new \$100,000 Christian Science church the excavating is done and the contractor is at work on the foundation, the contract for which is let only to the grade line, however. It is officially announced that plans for the church, which is at the northeast corner of Twenty-fourth and St. Mary's avenue, will not be adopted until spring, or at least two months.

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DIAMOND CROOK RETURNS

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