

GOVERNOR WARNS PARTY OF DAY

Nebraska Executive Says Legislature Are Making Mistake in Organization of Legislature.

SEES FACTIONAL STRIFE AL

Thinks Present Tactics Will Wind in Grand Split.

OPTION NOT ISSUE IN STATE

Believes Liquor Question Not Vital One to Nebraskans.

PRIMARY AND THE INITIATIVE

These Two Are Looming Up Big on Horizon and Must Be Met by Majority at the Coming Session.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Governor Shalpenberger issued a statement today expressing the opinion that the democrats of the legislature should not throw away their opportunities and organize that body on a "yes" and "no" basis. He does not believe county opinion is the most important matter to come before the legislature. He sees the present primary law which he signed, and expressed the opinion that an amendment to the constitution relating to a referendum form of legislation should be carefully drafted, or it may be as much of a fiasco as the present primary law.

The following is the authorized statement issued from the governor's office: "Governor Shalpenberger, upon his return to his office, stated that he noted the interview with Senator Giles in regard to the matter of the organization of the senate, and also the rumors of various sorts pertaining to the organization of the house as well as along lines dealing with the liquor question. The governor does not believe that any bill dealing with the organization of the house will be the important feature of the coming session, and that in any event the question of the organization of the house and senate cannot have any effect upon this matter, as it is bound to come before the legislature and each member will have an opportunity to vote upon it in conformity with his individual views.

Committee to Pick Committees.

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Primary All Important.

"This latter question of the making of a satisfactory primary law is one that will challenge the best judgment and wisdom of the legislature, since it has been proven by experience that in states where two parties are fighting for political control a primary law that makes the best interests of the people is a very difficult thing indeed to achieve. The governor believes that the democratic party has got a great opportunity in Nebraska. In spite of the fact that it lost the leadership of the state at this election it still has control of both houses of the legislature, showing the approval of the people of the action of the last legislature, and their willingness in the democratic party with further power. It will be disastrous indeed to the future of the party in this state if democracy shows a disorganized front at the opening of the legislature and fails to take advantage of the opportunity before it and moves steadily to the accomplishment of writing upon the statute books of the state the greatest fundamental principles of government to which it stands pledged in its platform.

Initiative and Referendum.

"Governor Shalpenberger has been giving considerable attention and study to the matter of the proposed initiative and referendum constitutional amendment. Two features are essential to a satisfactory law. One is the determination as to the percent of voters that shall be required to sign a petition under the initiative or referendum. Another point is as to whether or not a measure that is declared adopted shall require a majority of the votes cast at the election or only a majority of those cast on the particular amendment. A weakness in the operation of the initiative and referendum that has been recognized by all students of the matter is that many measures are proposed that might better be left for consideration and deliberation by the legislative branch, and thereby they become confused because of the number of questions to be considered and the very size of the ballot and the multitude of measures proposed.

In gathering information Governor Shalpenberger has conferred with the attorney general of Oregon in order that he might learn the reasons of the experience had in that state, and also to secure the judgment of the legal department of Oregon as to demonstrated defects in their law that they might be avoided by Nebraska.

Large Petitions.

"The governor has been of the opinion that in order to prevent an excess of petitions upon matters that the public mind is not sufficiently crystallized upon, the best remedy would be to require a reasonable amount of the voters of the state before the amendment could be submitted, and that before a measure should be declared adopted it should have a majority of all the votes cast at the election, since

Four Hundred and Forty Members of House Possible

Present Method of Apportionment Would Result in Increase with Population.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—A house membership of 440 is the smallest number under the census bureau method of apportionment that will result in not decreasing the present number of representatives from the states. This is announced in a detailed statistical statement submitted to the house committee on the census today by the census bureau.

The statement was arranged to show the exact effect under any particular proportion of representatives to the population and the returns of the thirteenth census it starts with a minimum of 360, which is not less than the present size of the house and ends with a maximum of 460, each table showing whether on such a calculation a state's representation should be diminished or increased.

Chairman Crumpacker of the committee will have these tables printed, along with other data necessary along the same line and will call a meeting of his committee immediately after the reassembling of congress. He expects the committee will be able to report a reapportionment bill at this session of congress. It will require numerous conferences between members and senators as well as from various states for groups of states who will be affected by whatever basis of apportionment is planned for each session naturally already has developed.

General Navarro is Surrounded by Insurrectos

Position of Mexican Force at Pedernales is Most Precarious—Feds Sustain Heavy Losses.

CHIHUAHUA, Mexico, Dec. 22.—(Via El Paso, Tex., Dec. 22.)—Rumors of the last three days that General Navarro has been surrounded by the insurrectos were confirmed this afternoon by an American who left Pedernales, the scene of operations, on Monday afternoon. According to this observer, Navarro personally is unharmed and remains at the head of a detachment of his troops numbering 500 at the village of Pedernales. He described their position there as so precarious, however, that scarcely a soldier could poke his head from the protection of the houses without being fired on.

POPULATION OF CITIES IN IOWA AND SOUTH DAKOTA

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BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Mayor Rutherford today issued an order prohibiting raffish and games of chance of all kinds in this city.

"Cached" Loot in Jail is Undoing of Young Negro

When Gus Rivers, a little black negro, was arrested for a petty crime in South Omaha ten months ago he recently had robbed a house and secured a small gold watch. In searching him the South Omaha officers failed to find the timepiece. As soon as he was locked in a cell Rivers secreted the watch on a ledge near the top of the cell. When Rivers was released he had no opportunity to get the watch. The night of December 15 the negro, with Willie Thomas, alias Allen, another negro, held up Ed Lee, an aged man, and robbed him of \$25 worth of merchandise in South Omaha. They were arrested. Rivers was thrown into the same cell he had occupied nearly a year before. He felt for the watch on the ledge, and sure enough, there it was. A jail attendant surprised the man with the watch and as that he was a prisoner from Rivers the watchman Rivers and Thomas were arraigned before Judge Estelle in district court Thursday morning, pleaded guilty to a charge of highway robbery, and were sentenced to serve seven years each in the penitentiary at Lincoln. In consideration of the fact that the men pleaded guilty, that they were unacquainted with the watch, and that they were in a hurry to get away, Judge Estelle pronounced a sentence that he said is lighter than he would have given in other circumstances.

FRENCH SEEK TO END ALL STRIKES

Cconciliation Commission Composed of Representatives of Men and Companies.

COMPULSION MAY ALSO BE USED

Enforced Arbitration Will Be Last Resort to Secure Settlement.

CORPORATIONS FOR PUBLIC GOOD

Interruption of Service Asserted to Be Crime Against People.

EMPLOYEES' RIGHTS CONCEDED

State Does Not Waive Right to Interfere in Conceding Public Service Monopolies—Arbitration Experiments Reviewed.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—The text of the government measures formulated for the purpose of preventing general strikes with particular reference to the employees of public service corporations, was made public today. The measures constitute a comprehensive plan for ending the strike evil on the railroads and in other public service corporations by means of an organized conciliation commission composed of representatives of the men and companies. This commission will meet at regular intervals, and when conciliation fails, compulsory arbitration is provided for, the principle being introduced that where the arbitral sentence imposed an additional charge, the corporation can indicate the method whereby the railroad can secure compensation either by raising the rates or by other means.

Mystery of Body in Barrel Solved

Corpse Shipped from Jarvis, Ont., to Montreal Was Stolen from Grave Yard.

JARVIS, Ont., Dec. 22.—The mystery of the body shipped from here in a barrel first to Toronto and then to Montreal, turns out to be a case of body snatching. Provincial officials arrested John McSorley, the owner of the barrel. The body is believed to be that of a man named Johnson, who died on November 3, two days before the body was shipped.

UNION PACIFIC CHANGES TIME

Colorado Special Taken Off and Time Card Revised on Other Trains.

The Colorado special disappears from the timetable of the Union Pacific trains in the change that was announced from the Pacific headquarters yesterday. Through the change Grand Island local becomes the Columbus local and the Lincoln-Beatrice local becomes the Stromsburg local.

Daniel Courtney is Worse.

YANKTON, S. D., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—A change for the worse is reported in the condition of Daniel Courtney, shot ten days ago by George Roselweacher, who was afterwards shot while resisting arrest and returned a verdict. The condition of Mr. Courtney is now considered critical, with slender chances for recovery.

Starr Hanged at Pleasanton.

SEWARD, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—The general store of William Patterson was burned early this morning. The loss on building and contents, which were totally destroyed, is \$20,000. Insurance, \$11,000.



From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.



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TAFT RECEIVES OMAHA MEN

President Talks Over Judgeship with Nebraska Visitors.

CLAIMS OF GALEY CITY ARE URGED

Executive Rehearses Them that Territory to Choose from is Large—Nothing Will Be Done Until Congress Meets Again.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Representative John L. Kennedy and Howard H. Baldridge, representing the Douglas County Bar association, furthering the interests of Myron L. Learned in the Vandevanter vacancy on the circuit bench, were accorded a most gratifying reception today by President Taft.

For half an hour the president, who seemed to be especially gracious in view of the fact that congress is off his hands for a few days, gave a careful consideration to the president's talk that it was his theory to promote district judges to the circuit bench where qualifications warranted such promotion, the age of the judge being included in these qualifications, as the president desires to fill vacancies in the courts of the country with men who will have years of usefulness on the bench.

While it is undoubtedly the purpose of the president to make promotions from the lower to the higher courts, this is not all controllable. With Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Baldridge the president went over the whole situation and mentioned quite a number of names that have been recommended to him from the Eighth circuit, which he stated, extended from the Mississippi river to the Rocky Mountains, and from the north line of the nation to Oklahoma, which, he suggested, was sufficiently large to contain a number of strong men.

Omaha Has Never Had Judge.

The Omaha men bow down on the fact that Omaha has never had a judge, the members on the district bench having come from other sections of the state, Judge W. H. Munger claiming Fremont as his home, while Judge T. C. Munger hails from Lincoln. The representatives of the Douglas county bar emphasized the action which the bar association has taken in the case of Mr. Learned, which they urged ought to have considerable weight with the president. Mr. Kennedy suggested that he had been intimately associated with Mr. Learned in the practice of the law for nearly twenty years, and that there had been no words of disagreement or contention in all that time, which led the president facetiously to remark that Mr. Learned must certainly possess judicial attainments of a high order to live with his Scotch friend (Mr. Kennedy) for that length of time without missing things up somewhat.

NO AGREEMENT BY ENGINEERS

Two Conferences with Mediator Fail to Produce Any Result in Wage Dispute.

NEW HOTEL AT IMPERIAL.

EMPERIAL, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—The new Colonial hotel was opened on Monday evening to the public with a grand banquet, there being 125 guests seated at one of the most beautiful spreads that was ever laid in this county. The Colonial is a two-story brick with a basement under the entire building, the building being 2000 feet, and is equipped with all modern improvements; all rooms have outside showers and open from a broad court in the center. The Colonial is under the management of A. C. Claburg, one of the owners of the building.

Titled British Spies Are Sent to Prison in Germany

LEIPZIG, Germany, Dec. 22.—Captain Bernard Frederick Trench of the British Royal Marine Infantry and Lieutenant Vivian H. Brandon of the royal navy were today found guilty of espionage on the German fortifications at Borkum and sentenced each to four years imprisonment in a Grotto.

The Bee gains all the time.

It is printing today 3 1/2 more columns of want ads than it printed this day a year ago. And this is more than two columns greater gain than its nearest competitor is making today. Call Tyler 1000 and tell us what your wants are. The cheerful staff will prepare your ad so that it will bring results and relieve you of all worry.

Grace Competing for Baron DeForest Aviation Prize

Englishman Crosses Channel from Dover to Belgian Frontier and Starts on Return Trip.

DOVER, England, Dec. 22.—Cecil Grace, competing for the DeForest prize, flew over the English channel from Dover in a thick fog this morning and was reported as passing over Calais, France, at 10:5 o'clock.

Baron DeForest has offered a prize of \$2,000 for the longest flight, including the crossing of the English channel, made in 1910 by an Englishman in an English-built machine.

Several aviators had been awaiting favorable opportunity to compete for the trophy. Sopwith has already set a mark of 100 miles. On last Sunday he left East Church, Sheppey Island, at 8:10 o'clock in the morning, crossed from Dover to Calais and descended at Beaumont, Belgium.

Claude Grahame-White planned to try for the prize on the same date, but in a tryout spin he met with an accident which wrecked his machine.

Grace is reported to have landed near Deal, England. The aviator is a son of the late E. A. Grace and a nephew of M. P. Grace of New York.

"HONEY GROVE KID" IS HELD

Alleged Nabrax Gang Member Arrested in New York Asked to Give Five Thousand Bond.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Lucius E. Hindman, who is known to the police as the "Honey Grove Kid" and who is alleged to have been the chief assistant of John C. Mahray, under indictment by the federal grand jury at Council Bluffs, Ia., was arrested by United States Commissioner S. J. E. Dwyer and held in \$5000 bail for examination on January 2.

Fire Starts in Basement.

The blaze was discovered at about 4 o'clock by a watchman in the Morris beef house at Forty-third and Loomis streets. An ammonia pipe, bursting, started combustion that spread so quickly the watchman barely had time to alarm before the flames began bursting from the building.

Fire Chief Horan, at his home on the west side, heard the second call for apparatus and went to the stock yards in his automobile. By the time of his arrival his assistants had abandoned the effort to save the beef house and were endeavoring to head off the rush of fire toward other buildings. Flames were coming from several structures near by.

Several Buildings Destroyed.

Meanwhile, firemen who knew nothing of this, were standing in the path of the flames. They stood their ground at building after building, only to be driven back. Assistant Marshal Seyferlich, who now was in command, realizing the futility of saving property then at stake, drew all the men back.

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24 FIREMEN DIE IN STOCK YARDS FIRE

Chief Horan and Captains Doyle and Collins Are Among Victims of Stock Yards Fire.

STARTS IN MORRIS BEEF HOUSE

Spreads Rapidly to Several Other Buildings and All Are Destroyed.

WATER SUPPLY IS INSUFFICIENT

Damage Up to Late Hour Exceeds Million and Half.

DIES WHILE LEADING HIS MEN

Chief Fire Marshal Directing Fight in Person When Killed.

FIFTY MEN ARE INJURED

Most of Victims Were Under Wooden Canopy, Which Was Crushed by the Fall of a Brick Wall.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Fire Marshal James Horan and twenty-three of his firemen were killed today in a fire which caused \$1,500,000 damage in the warehouse and stock of Morris & Co., packers and for hours threatened the whole stock yards district.

The injured will number more than fifty, listing being difficult because they were rushed in ambulances and private automobiles to hospitals and homes in many sections of the city. Seven bodies have been recovered.

Late in the day announcement was made that the dead would number twenty-four, consisting of Fire Marshal James Horan, Second Assistant Fire Marshal William Burroughs, nineteen city firemen, two private firemen of Morris & Co. and Stephen Leon, 35 years old, yard clerk of the Chicago Junction Railroad company.

James Laidley Control.

The fire was confined to the two warehouses, but previously counted in the buildings and the danger to the stock yards as a whole practically has been removed. It is not believed possible that any beneath the crumbled wall are alive.

The following are the known dead: JAMES H. HOBAN, fire marshal; WILLIAM J. BURROUGHS, assistant marshal; PATRICK J. COLLINS, engine captain; DENNIS DOYLE, fireman; JOSEPH MARAWOSKI, pipeman; CHARLES MOORE, truckman.

The injured:

- Thomas O'Sullivan, pipeman. James Foster, pipeman. Joseph O'Brien, driver. J. H. Nichols, truckman. Frank Waters, pipeman. Two entire fire companies, the names of the members not previously counted in the dead, missing or injured, being: Charles, Borkery, lieutenant. Charles Swenka. William J. Bailey. Peter J. Kille. William T. Weber. John J. Miller, lieutenant. Charles Conroy. John G. Link. Joseph P. Barron. Francis P. Barron. John J. McClary. James H. Barron. John Heister. William T. Murphy. The incomplete list of injured include: John P. Kassenback, pipeman, possibly fatally. Edward Oehler, pipeman, fatally. John Miller, pipeman, fatally. Martin J. Flynn, fireman, fatally. Antonio Holland, fireman, fatally. John J. Larkin, fireman, seriously. A. D. Larkin, fireman, seriously. Joseph Mackey, driver, leg broken. John McRath, engine company, leg broken. John Miller, pipeman, seriously. William J. Miller, seriously. Lieutenant M. Boltman, crushed. Eugene Miller, pipeman, crushed. M. J. Sawyer, policeman, overcome by fumes. James Horan, policeman, overcome by fumes.

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