

MEMBERSTALK OF OPTION MEASURE

Drys of Two Houses Hold Conferences to Reach Agreement on Form of the Bill.

SENATORIAL BALLOT ON TODAY

Each House Makes Special Order of Voting on Subject.

BURKETT WILL GET SOME VOTES

Hitchcock Will Not Receive Unanimous Vote.

UNIVERSITY CHANGE DISCUSSED

Kirk of Knox Introduces Resolution that Will Put Subject of Move in State Farm Up for Investigation.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Jan. 16.—(Special.)—The dry county option will be discussed and decided at a conference to be held by the dry members of both houses and by parties at the Lindell hotel this evening.

The dry men have signed up a call for a conference to be held on this question, and will decide whether one county option bill embodying all the features that all factions want shall be drawn up to be voted on whether every man who has a pet measure will be allowed to present his own bill. It is most probable that the dry forces will be concentrated on one bill, which will under these circumstances have a good chance of receiving general support.

There will be a caucus of a few of the republican members of both houses tonight to consider the question of a vote for United States senator. It is generally understood that some republican candidate, probably Senator Burkett, will receive many votes as the republicans can muster for him in opposition to Hitchcock, who under the fulfillment of the Oregon plan, will be certain to receive a majority in the two houses.

Attitude of Republicans. The vote on United States senator tomorrow will result in less than a dozen votes for the opponents of G. M. Hitchcock. The republicans who had not signed statement number one did not otherwise pledge themselves to vote for the people's choice, tried to get together in caucus late this afternoon and this evening. The senators failed altogether and three of four men who have not decided definite for Hitchcock will cast complimentary votes for favorite sons, as for instance Senator James of Beslam, who will vote D. W. Cook, a banker of that city.

The friends of Senator Burkett were busy among the fifteen representatives who were not pledged and the efforts to get a vote cast for Congressman Norris of Phelps were unsuccessful. Norris may get a few votes, but of the fifteen, seven at least will vote for Hitchcock and the other eight will probably unite for Burkett.

One republican representative, Smithland Boone, remarked that it was anything but a surprise to him that the republicans would not vote for Hitchcock and he will probably fall of that by three or four in the senate and seven or eight in the house.

Some Senatorial History.

The attitude of Mr. Hitchcock insisting on the inclusion of the senatorial pledge is exciting some amusement among old timers, who recall the directly opposite position his paper took four years ago when the senatorship was awarded to Norris Brown. One member of the legislature, who has been looking into back files, said today:

"I have a half mind to spring a resolution calling for a committee of inquiry framed in the same language as the resolution offered on behalf of the democrats by Van Housen just four years ago. The Van Housen resolution, senatorial pledge, recited at length all the campaign charges and backbits that had been sprung against Norris Brown before election, and contemplated calling him on the carpet to clear himself. It was sprung just before the time for balloting for senator, the purpose being to hang the senatorship up in the air indefinitely, and find some excuse for republicans who wanted to get back on the party nomination which Brown had won, and the popular vote he had secured in the election. Mr. Hitchcock's World-Herald at that time was hot for this investigation and committee. It would have gone to great trouble to explain how the election of senator could be diverted by republicans centering their vote upon investigation. If such a resolution, directed at Mr. Hitchcock, were passed now, and the members regarded that as releasing them from their pledges, it would give Mr. Hitchcock a very uncomfortable time."

Expulsion Resolution.

The choice of the people of Nebraska for the site of the Panama canal exposition was not decided by either house, but the matter was brought nearer a decision in the house by the introduction of a resolution in favor of New Orleans by Johnson of Johnston. The resolution, introduced by Prince of Hall, was laid over another day on motion of Gerdes, who said that although he was in favor of New Orleans, he thought it fairer to Prine, who was absent the matter sought to go even with it could defend his recommendation. In the senate the matter was put over still another day on motion of Senator Tibbets.

Three changes were made in the house standing committees under the resolution passed giving the speaker authority to accept resignations and appoint substitutes. Grossman's refusal to take the corporation chairmanship was approved and Scheidt of Plattie was appointed in his place. Scheidt's place as chairman on printing was given to Gallagher. A new committee on retail and commercial taxation of Richardson was appointed, headed by the speaker. The members are: Liver, Douglas, chairman; Metzger, Sink, Potts, Bucher, Eager and Cronin.

Moving State Universities.

The matter of moving the state university from the present campus is some other site was brought up by a resolution from Kirk to have a committee of five appointed to confer with a similar committee from the senate and investigate the advisability of the change. The committee is to be made up of three members from the senate and two from the house, one from the finance committee. The appointing of the committee was put over to the next day for deliberation.

The only discussion in the senate was aroused by the momentous question of buying a carpet for the engraving room. Senator Skiles asked for a carpet and Senator

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Rear Admiral Barry Placed on Retired List of the Navy

Action Taken by President Taft Saturday Before Rumors of Charges Reached Washington.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The application of Rear Admiral Barry for retirement has been approved by President Taft and he has been transferred to the retired list of the navy. The navy department today received a telegram from Rear Admiral Thomas, who was appointed to succeed Admiral Barry. Barry had assumed command of the Pacific fleet. The navy department issued the order retiring Admiral Barry on Saturday and advised him of that fact by telegram.

This action was taken before the publication of the allegations that officers of the flag rank West Virginia contemplated charges against the admiral, reflecting upon his moral character. It was retorted in the Navy department today that charges had been filed here against Admiral Barry and all that was known officially in regard to his retirement was that he desired to avail himself of the retirement granted by law to voluntarily retire after forty years' active service.

The fact that Admiral Barry has been placed on the retired list does not preclude the possibility of court-martial proceedings against him in case a charge is preferred. He still is a part of the naval establishment and it is stated, it would be entirely within the province of the secretary of the navy to convene a court-martial to try any charges which might be presented.

Admiral Barry's request for retirement was received by the Navy department by telegram last Thursday. The fact it was received by wire instead of by mail was by no means unprecedented.

Secretary Meyer approved the application on the day following his receipt. The president promptly approved the request. By operation of law Admiral Barry would have retired in October of the current year. His pay as a rear admiral was \$8,000, while his retired compensation will be three-fourths of that amount, or \$6,000.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 16.—The flag ship West Virginia left port yesterday, ostensibly on a coaling stop, and is expected to return to harbor late today. Rear Admiral Barry is aboard the ship.

Officers of the flagship, while not denying the report that they have forwarded to Washington charges against Admiral Barry, decline to discuss the affair.

Bank Thieves Divide Big Sum of Money at Hot Springs, Ark.

Huge Stacks of Bills Seen by Porter Lead to Arrest of C. H. Everett, Who is Wanted in Seattle.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Jan. 16.—It developed today that the talk of a negro bellman at a local hotel led to the arrest yesterday of Charles H. Everett, who is charged with having obtained \$3,000 from the People's Savings Bank of Seattle, and for whom detectives have been searching through half a dozen states.

Four men occupied the room, according to the negro, and when he was summoned to bring them liquor he saw huge stacks of bills on the bed and chairs.

When the police arrived the men had disappeared, but memoranda were found showing various groups of figures. The aggregate, \$20,000, had been divided into four parts. Circulars brought bank detectives here posthaste and the arrest of Everett, who had engaged the hotel apartment, followed.

According to the detectives, Pacific coast banks have lost heavily recently through the circulation of fraudulent papers and other arrests are declared probable.

C. L. Lord of Rapid City Dying in Seattle, Wash.

Democratic Candidate for Governor of South Dakota in November Election in Serious Condition.

SEATTLE, Jan. 16.—C. L. Wood of Rapid City, S. D., democratic candidate for governor of South Dakota in the November election, is dying in Providence hospital in this city. He was operated upon for appendicitis on Christmas day.

GERMAN AERONAUTS DROWNED

Balloon and Two Bodies Are Found in Lake in Pomerania Province, Prussia.

BERLIN, Jan. 16.—The German balloon Hildebrandt, which has been missing since its ascent at Schmaragdendorf on December 29, was found in a lake in Pomerania province, Prussia, today. The bodies of the three aeronauts were in the gondola. It had been believed that Dr. Roehrs and his companion had met death in the Baltic sea, the balloon having taken that direction on taking. The aeronauts had planned a forty-eight-hour aerial voyage and nothing was seen of them after the start, though an airship thought to be the Hildebrandt was sighted passing over Hoegaans, Sweden, on the night of January 4.

LUXURY KEYNOTE WITH DEMOCRATS

Champagne and Diamond Back Terrapin Substituted for "Dollar" Dinner of Lean Years.

VICTORY MAKES DIFFERENCE

"Hog and Hominy" Banished and Spring Water Unnoticed.

INVITATIONS GENERALLY MADE Diatribes Against Republicans Will Be Order of Hour.

SPECIAL TRAINS FROM CAPITAL

More Than One Thousand of the Faithful Will Sit About the Table in the Fifth Regiment Armory.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 16.—Content in the lean years of defeat to dine at dinners with "hog and hominy" as the central theme and spring water on the side, the militant democracy of 1911 will sit at a feast here tomorrow night where the exclusive diamond back terrapin will vie with the aristocratic canvasback duck and the epicurean Smithfield ham in the courses of a banquet that is fittingly to celebrate the democratic victories of 1910.

The banquet will be the closing feature of a day given over to harmony conferences among the democrats from various sections of the country. Governor Harmon of Ohio and Champ Clark of Missouri are to be the central figures. Both will deliver formal addresses at a meeting in the Lyric in the afternoon and probably will be called upon at the banquet, although neither is on the regular list of after-dinner speakers.

List of Speakers. Senator Joseph W. Bailey of Texas, Governor Eugene S. Foss of Massachusetts, former Representative Theodore M. Bell of California, former Senator Blackburn of Kentucky, Senator Robert L. Taylor of Kentucky, Senator Shively of Indiana, Representative-elect Martin W. Littleton of New York, National Chairman E. Mack and "Deacon" James C. Hemphill of Richmond are among others to take part in the conference and to deliver speeches either at the meeting in the afternoon or at the banquet in the evening.

A special train from Washington will bring to Baltimore practically every democratic member of the United States senate and house of representatives. Altogether it is expected that more than 1,000 faithful democrats will sit about the "groaning boards" in the Fifth regiment armory.

Contrary to the general impression, the meetings will constitute a celebration rather than a conference and no political significance is expected to attach to the proceedings.

The men who proposed the celebration and who have had charge of the plans declare there is no purpose of starting a "boom" for any man for president. They say that so far as Governor Harmon is concerned his "boom" is already under way and has been for some time past.

Invitations General. Invitations to the Baltimore jubilee were general and each man who accepted will have an enthusiastic hearing. The guests of honor will all arrive here at approximately the same time and Governor Harmon is expected in the morning and each train in the forenoon will bring its quota of democrats.

Governor Crothers is to preside at the afternoon meeting and Judge Ferdinand Williams of Cumberland, Md., will act as toastmaster at the banquet.

The democratic leaders resent the idea that the conference is intended to bring about harmony in the democratic ranks. They say it is simply to celebrate the harmony already attained.

No attempt will be made to fix a policy as to the course of the democratic majority in the house of representatives. That will be left to the congressional leaders to be dealt with in their own way.

No resolution binding the democracy to any candidate for any national office will be considered "in order" and there will be no appeals from the chair on this parliamentary point. A free, open discussion of democratic principles has been invited and any speaker who cares to hurt a briek at "Cannonism" or any other "ism" of the republican party will be more than welcome to have his flag. And the harrier he flings the better the hearers will like it.

Informal Conferences. Informal conferences undoubtedly will be held during the day, but most of the democrats who will be in Baltimore already have an opportunity to talk to the speaker over. Governor Harmon recently passed a week in Washington, and while there was in conference with most of the democratic leaders in the two houses of congress. Washington has been a mecca for democrats ever since the election.

Some idea of the magnitude of the banquet may be gained from the fact that the tables will be fifty-three in length and the "ere" table. This does not mean that there will be fifty-three speeches, but the more important guests will be given places of honor at this table whether they are to say anything or not.

The banquet is to begin at 7 o'clock and is expected to end somewhere around midnight. Before the toastmaster reads for order.

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Industrious Hen Breaks Sabbath in a Good Cause

A hen laying two eggs every Sunday and one each week day has been produced by Rev. Jacob Flook, retired minister, a poultry farmer at Twenty-second and Miami streets.

Today's Bee has many rooms for rent not found in any other paper.

Look them over. It may be that you will find precisely what you wish. If you do not, call Tyler 1069 and tell the ad taker about it. She will prepare the ad for you and place it, and the job is over. It is a matter of say, 20 cents. Don't wait. Don't hesitate.

Trying to Influence the Jury



From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

INVENTOR OF GRAINS IS HERE Prof. Buffum, Man Who Made Emmer, Arrives for Show.

WILL GUARD HIS PRODUCTS Not a Single Precious Grain to Be Permitted to Escape from His Possession—To Deliver Lectures.

Prof. B. C. Buffum, an expert on the grains raised today, arrived in Omaha Monday with the exhibit he will show at the Omaha Land show. He came to Omaha direct from his experimental farm at Worland, Wyo., where he carries on experiments in raising and breeding of grains.

An Omaha boy, Quentin Deaver, son of Dr. Clem Deaver, general colonization agent of the Burlington lines, will aid Prof. Buffum in his work at the Land show. Quentin Deaver has been working on the Worland experimental farm more than a year, but was forced to come home to Omaha a few weeks while he was convalescing from an attack of typhoid.

Burbank of Wyoming. Prof. Buffum has been called "The Burbank of Wyoming." He has already brought to perfection a derivative of emmer, which he calls black winter emmer. The grain is a little larger than wheat and is a cross of wheat, oats and several other less known grains, and makes a product which is unsurpassed for winter food for cattle.

Four times as much can be grown on an acre as wheat and on a much drier soil. It weighs more to the bushel than wheat and although not as good as wheat for the use of man, it is a most perfect food for animals.

While in the process of breeding his wonderful grain, Prof. Buffum produced twenty-four other grains, but he rejected all but the emmer, which he has finally produced. It took him a number of years to produce the grain, and now he guards it more jealously than a miser his gold, refusing to let go of even a single seed of it. Next spring he will plant all of what he now has on hand and with the production he will be able to supply other experimental farmers with a bushel of seed to test his latest growth.

At the present time Prof. Buffum is working on a plant which will produce fodder for cattle which can be grown in the driest of countries. He is crossing the salt grass of the western prairies with ordinary sugarcorn, and the wild sweet clover. The salt grass and the ordinary sugarcorn will grow in what is a desert to other plants, but are unfit for cattle to eat. Wild clover contains the necessary ingredients for the nourishment of cattle and horses, but is so bitter in spite of its name "sweet clover" that the animals do not find it palatable and refuse to eat it.

Prof. Buffum's plan is to cross the three together so that he has a product which will grow in the driest of countries and yet will be palatable and nourishing for cattle, horses and sheep. He is working on this now and declares that he has every hope of being ultimately able to produce the product for the western farmer.

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KANSAS CITY, Jan. 16.—Dr. Lloyd Champlain, arrested in London as a spy is well known in this part of the south-west for his campaign for pure milk and pure food stuffs. He has for the last five years written and lectured through Missouri and Kansas in an effort to arouse interest in this subject, and last fall went abroad to conduct a personal investigation in European countries along this line.

At one time Dr. Champlain was a government meat inspector at Kansas City. He is proprietor of the Kansas City Milk company and a member of the faculty of the Kansas City Veterinary college.

Armour Companies Are Working on Plan for Old Age Pensions

Statement Given Out in Kansas City is Confirmed by J. Ogden Armour in Chicago.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 16.—Employees of the Armour Packing company over 60 years of age are to be pensioned, according to a statement made by C. W. Armour of this city last night.

"We have such a plan in contemplation in all the branches of our establishment," continued Mr. Armour, "but just how it will be applied has not been satisfactorily determined."

CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—J. Ogden Armour today confirmed the dispatch from Kansas City that old age pensions were to be established for employees of the Armour companies in all cities. Mr. Armour said: "For several months we have had a committee at work on a plan for providing pensions for employees of Armour & Co. who have reached a certain age, and have worked for the company for a certain number of years. Some plan will be put into effect just as soon as this committee makes a report."

Supreme Court Balks on Record in Oil Case

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Members of the supreme court of the United States have balked at reading the entire record in the dissolution suit against the Standard Oil company. The court today entered into the fourth day of oral argument of the case.

It takes twenty-two large volumes of more than 500 pages each to tell the history of the litigation. As the case of Chief Justice White fell upon them, he instructed John G. Milburn, who was talking for the Standard Oil, if it would be necessary for the court to go over the entire record.

CANNON DEFEATEN ON RULING Democrat and Insurgents Combine to Down the Speaker.

RALLY TO SUPPORT OF NEW RULE Fitzgerald Insists on Consideration of Motion to Discharge Committee When Hull Moves for Committee of Whole.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The stirring scenes of the last session of congress, when the house overthrew Speaker Cannon and took the making of its rules into its own hands, was re-enacted in part on the floor of the house today.

"Threatened with what they believed to be an effort 'to draw the teeth' of one of the most important of the new rules, democrats and insurgents joined in the defeat of the speaker. By a vote of 146 to 128 the combined forces rallied to the support of Representative Fitzgerald (dem., N. Y.) and sustained him in his appeal from the speaker's ruling.

The fight developed as the result of the second attempt to use the new rule which gives the house power to discharge a committee from further consideration of a bill that has been referred to it. The insurgents and the democrats believed this rule impractical, that as soon as the consideration of the bills by unanimous consent had been concluded, on every first and third Monday of the month, the house was bound by the new rule to take up the motions to discharge committees from the custody of the specified bills.

Hull Starts Trouble. When the moment arrived today, however, Speaker Cannon gave recognition to Representative Hull of Iowa, chairman of the military affairs committee. Mr. Hull moved that the house resolve itself into a committee of the whole and take up the consideration of the military appropriation bill, upon which it had been working last week. There was an immediate rallying of democrats and insurgents, who recognized Mr. Fitzgerald's motion to discharge Cannon and insisted upon the consideration of a motion to discharge a committee which was upon the calendar.

Speaker Cannon declined to give Mr. Fitzgerald the preference, but said he would be glad to consider a point of order if Mr. Fitzgerald wanted to make one.

The democratic member declared he did not have to make a point of order, that he was the right to recognition under the new rule, without the raising of any point of order against the speaker's action.

Insurgents, democrats and regulars all jumped into the free debate that followed. Upon the speaker's refusal to recognize Mr. Fitzgerald, the latter finally was forced to make a point of order against the taking up of the army appropriation bill.

The speaker had his ruling on the point (Continued on Fourth Page.)

LAND BOOSTERS FLOCK TO OMAHA

The Advance Guard is Now on Hand Waiting for the Gates to Open.

EXHIBITS TO BE ALL READY

All But Four Are Now Here—They Are on the Way.

CHOAS OF BUDDING LANDSCAPES

Tomorrow the Completed Picture Will Spell Opportunity.

COLORADO COMES IN FORCE

Large Delegation Comes with Exhibit on a Special Train—Have the Goods and Are Ready to Tell About Them.

Land boosters are here from all corners of the country that lies to the west of Omaha they come. But four of the exhibits that will go to make up the show are yet to arrive. They are all on the way.

Activities at the Auditorium, where the show will be held, were redoubled yesterday. Fruits, flowers, grain and literature in crates and bales poured into the big show rooms. Workmen mingled in one great throng.

The man building mountains rubbed elbows with the chap who was planting why wheat flour on a toy farm. There a big group of men was making cuts, little rows of mud pies, later modeling them into one long heap to be labeled, "road foundation."

The scenic exhibit is the domain where inches represent miles and splashes of bilious blue paint mimic the base-softened reaches of the distant mountains. A lusty 200-pound mechanic labored patiently over a four-inch bridge spanning an awful chasm fifteen inches deep. By and by a roaring torrent of city water will be tearing down that canon, ripping itself into foaming ribbons of froth.

The Land Show last night presented a chaotic picture of budding landscapes. Tomorrow it will be the completed picture of the western panorama entitled "Opportunity."

Near Completion. "The Land Show is closer to completion tonight than either of the corn expositions went there before their openings," said W. O. Frazier, general manager of the Western Products exhibit, as he watched the working of many months of preparation taking form in the Auditorium. "I am assured now that the show will lack nothing on the appointed hour for handing it over for the inspection of the public on the opening day. Four exhibits are yet to come. Today I have been in touch with them by wire and they will be in the show when the gates open. The railroads have done unusually well in the prompt handling of the exhibits from distant points. The shipments have been kept moving at a lively rate. Practically the whole show is in the Auditorium and at the present rate it will be ready in ample time. Things are taking form rapidly."

Colorado hit the Land Show yesterday. "Hit" is the exact word. A flock of Colorado boosters, armed with scenic literature, arrived and proceeded to business. Business in this instance consisted of selling just why the Colorado farm is the place to grow wheat while nature does the work.

The air was full of irrigation and peaches from Grand Junction early in the day. The Colorado boosters are on the job.

The Colorado exhibit and the exhibitors came in on a special train over the Union Pacific yesterday morning. A trainload of products will show what Colorado is producing. The train was under the charge of R. C. Scheerer of the Denver & Rio Grande Railway company. Among the exhibitors from Colorado are the Colorado State Board of Immigration, the Three Rivers Investment company and the Costello Land company of the San Luis valley; Keeble Bros., specialists in dry farming projects; W. L. Perkins, of the Denver Real Estate exchange of Sterling; C. A. Robinson of Denver, O. T. Baker of Hutchinson, A. J. Henbest of Calhan, the Lieber Land company of Hugo, the Payne Investment company of Omaha, the Denver Post, the Denver Chamber of Commerce, the Denver & Rio Grande Railway company and the National Investment company of Omaha.

Like the Idea. "The land show idea appeals to the Colorado men."

"The land show is the best kind of land advertising," remarked D. J. H. Rustine, vice president of the Three Rivers Investment company. He has just returned from Chicago, where he was an exhibitor at the Chicago land show. A similar but more extensive exhibit is being installed at the Omaha show.

"We find that land show displays get the results. The prospective purchaser has at a land show the next best thing to seeing the land itself. The land will do what it will grow. What he sees at a land show will remain as a visual memory that he will recall when the time comes to make a decision about that new purchase. He will be in a better frame of mind to decide than if he had not been shown the goods."

Fred A. Shank of Omaha, representative of the land show, also arrived on the Colorado special. Mr. Shank covered Colorado and territory to the west for the show. January 25 has been chosen as Colorado day at the show.

I. M. Stock will be one of the special speakers of the day. The Colorado exhibitors also are bringing former Governor Adams and Governor Shafer here. Eugene Grobb, potato grower, will speak. Dr. Jeffrey of the Denver Chamber of Commerce will be present and Alfred Fitch, the secretary of the State Board of Immigration, will also deliver an address. The ceremonies of the day will be in charge of Mr. Patek.

NOMINATIONS SENT TO SENATE

Brigadier General Hodges Will Be Promoted to Rank of Major General.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Among the nominations sent to the senate by President Taft were the following:

Brigadier general to be major general Charles L. Hodges.

Major to be admiral Walter C. Gorrie.

Postmaster, W. I. Huddle, Leavenworth, Kan.; C. F. Engel, Keweenaw, Wis.; Lawrence Barrett, Peshigo, Wis.; Morris F. Parrish, Appleton, Wis.; James P. Alexander, Houghton, Mich.; Phillip F. Schaefer, Muskegon, Mich.