

MEMBERS APPEAR FOR THE SESSION

Speaker Jackson Has Not Yet Said Whether He Will Run.

TRUMBLE AS RUNNER-UP

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, Dec. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—Late trains this afternoon brought in many members of the legislature, which will convene next Monday at noon. Plans for caucuses are being made and the call for a caucus of the democrats of the house has been signed, making the date Monday evening at 7:30 at the Lincoln hotel. It is understood that the other caucuses will be held about the same time.

But three of the Douglas county delegation are on hand, J. H. Craddock, Jerry Howard and Jens Nielsen having arrived, but it is understood that the delegation may be divided on candidates when it comes to the speakership.

The latest advent into the speakership race is Representative George W. Fuller of Seward. Mr. Fuller has served in several sessions.

Depends on Jackson.
What Speaker Jackson may make up his mind to do lends an uncertainty to the contest. Should he conclude to step in it is probable that he would land, but if the feeling started by some of the members that the job should be passed around, should convince Mr. Jackson that he ought not to be a candidate, it is probably C. W. Trumble of Sherman would be the popular candidate to start with because of his long experience and ability to hold down the members when debates get warm.

J. A. Ollis of Ord and J. A. Reifensmith of Crofton are in the running, but the honor of chief runner-up belongs to Trumble.
Lieutenant Governor Howard is on the ground and mingling with the men over whom he will hold the mallet during the session, although but four, McAllister of Antelope, Bushee of Kimball, Beal of Custer and Adams of Crawford have appeared so far.

As to Chaplains.
There are three candidates for chaplain of the house, H. C. M. Bermingham of Omaha, T. D. Davis of Milford and Ralph Miller of Lincoln, but as there are two preachers among the membership, it has been suggested that these change off and save the salary.

The two members are F. A. Reischer, a republican of Thomas county, and Frank Mills of Lancaster, a democrat. In the senate there is no one with a license to pray and so a chaplain will have to be hired to guide the thoughts of the members to good deeds.

Gatzemeyer Will Probated After Long Court Fight
West Point, Neb., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—The case in county court, wherein it was sought to probate the will of the late Francis Gatzemeyer, a pioneer settler, was stubbornly fought on both sides, the estate being very valuable and some of the heirs objecting because of the alleged incompetence of the testator. At the conclusion Judge Dewald admitted the will to probate.

The Cumming County Farmers' institute will be held in West Point on January 6. Miss Louise Meredith of Lincoln will be one of the principal speakers and will give a demonstration of "quick breads."

J. V. Bennett, late of Surprise, is the new Northwestern station agent in Beemer, taking the place of George Heilman, who has occupied that position for the last ten years. Mr. Heilman has been promoted to the position of agent in Neligh.

The Farmers' Union Co-operative society has elected new officers as follows: President, Samuel Karlen; vice president, Clarence Fessler; secretary-treasurer, Stanley Herzinger; Mrs. Katherine Stahl Weltkamp, mother of C. C. Stahl, formerly of this place and now of Norfolk, died in Denver, Colo., Monday morning.

Guy V. Vandeberge and Miss Clara Risse were joined in marriage Wednesday in Omaha. The attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Miller of Clearwater. The contracting parties will establish their home on the farm, northeast of this city.

News has been received here of the death in Creston, Mo., of Charles Romberg, son of the late George Romberg, one of the first settlers of Cumming county. He was 35 years old. He was cashier of the State Bank of Creston, which he organized last spring.

Wyoming Land is Being Taken Fast by Settlers
Douglas, Wyo., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—The public domain is passing. The vacant lands of the federal government are rapidly going into private ownership and thousands of new settlers are each year swelling the population of this state and building new homes here. The land is beginning to yield a revenue to the state, is increasing the production of Wyoming and is resulting in changed conditions throughout this commonwealth.

A glance at the figures indicative of what the Douglas land office has done the last year illustrates how great the movement to Wyoming lands has been recently. At this office there were 1,960 entries during 1916. This has been by far the largest number of entries in a year in the history of this office, the largest previous number being 957, making the 1916 business over 100 per cent greater than the former high-water mark.

The section homestead bill, which is now a law, is expected to establish a new record during 1917.

Citizenship to Enter Into Contest for Office
Fairbury, Neb., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—Oscar M. Garnsey, the present republican district clerk, has refused to turn over his office to Charlie Hughes, the clerk-elect, asserting that the new incumbent is not qualified to fill the office by not being a citizen of the United States. Mr. Hughes, the democratic clerk-elect, was born in Canada and came to this country when 6 weeks of age. He never took out naturalizing papers. Garnsey, the present incumbent, alleged that he is not qualified on this account to hold the office.

Shumway Says Mineral Rights Must Be Saved

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, Dec. 30.—(Special.)—Reservation of sub-surface rights in the leasing of school lands is advocated by the new land commissioner, G. L. Shumway. He believes that there may come a time when oil will be discovered in Nebraska and he believes that the state should reserve its rights. He says:

Nebraska has practically no mineral laws, nothing that separates the surface and sub-surface rights on public lands. Yet, people who know oil business have their fingers on thousands of acres of titled real estate in the midst of which are many sections of state school land. Oil men are working over Scottsbluff, Sioux, Hayes and Sheridan counties. At least three large concerns are interested in western Nebraska, one is already drilling. One or more of these fields likely will prove productive. There are geological structures, and oil seep indications.

All future leases of school lands should reserve to the state the sub-surface rights. Prospector's leases should be allowed upon the payment of not less than \$100 for our year's privilege, or upon execution of a bond of \$2,000 that a well will be put down within a year to a depth of 2,000 feet unless commercial oil or gas is found at less depth.

The customary royalty charged by the state of Wyoming for operation on a single half section paid the school fund \$100,000 in one year, and is still paying thousands monthly into the state treasury. In addition to oil and gas there are potash beds, volcanic ash in extensive quantities, and trinitite beds. Usually clay beds are found beneath the roots of arborescences, and these will be needed to build substantial roads through the sand hill regions. It is hoped that these with the hope that a statute will be evolved, which mean much to the state.

Hotel Commissioner Saves Little Money

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, Dec. 30.—(Special.)—The hotel commission, through the business management of Colonel Phil Ackerman saved \$3,086.65 from the appropriation of \$11,800 made by the legislature.

Receipts of the office turned into the treasury were \$6,406. Total inspection were \$3,462 and fire escapes installed seventy-eight.

During the present biennium, less than one-fourth as many complaints were received as during the former biennium.

To Cut Ice by Electricity

Gothenburg, Neb., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—The Gothenburg Light and Power company will commence cutting ice on Lake Helen here next week for the Pacific Fruit Express company. The ice loading plant here is one of the largest in the west, and all the work will be done by electricity this year, even to the cutting of the ice which will be cut with an electric saw.

IMPROVED WAY TO DRAFT BILLS

Committee to Recommend Betterment in System Makes Report.

CENSOR FOR ALL MEASURES

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, Dec. 30.—(Special.)—The committee selected from members of the senate and house to recommend an improvement in the methods of introduction of bills and consideration of the same has finished its report and recommends several things of interest, as follows:

Before introduction in each house all bills shall be referred in this committee for examination in order to secure the following results:

Consolidation of duplicate bills.
Where the same bill is introduced in both senate and house to secure the printing of the two bills from the same form at a fair price.

Preparation of bills for the printer in accordance with the legislative rules of 1916, viz: Amended bills, when printed, shall show on their face the part of the old statute stricken out, the part retained and the new matter proposed.

Comparison of bills with existing constitution and statute in order that they may be put in the best legal form to harmonize therewith.

Revision of each bill as a whole, or any part thereof, in order to secure greater brevity and clearness.

No changes in any bill shall be made by the committee on revision except with the consent of the member or members introducing the bill.

Gothenburg Banks in Prosperous Condition

Gothenburg, Neb., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—That this part of the state is in a prosperous condition is shown by the bank statements which were turned into the comptroller of the currency on November 16. The total deposits of Gothenburg banks on November 16, 1916, show \$1,027,156.65. The Gothenburg State bank heads the list of all banks in Dawson county with deposits of \$468,377.49, the First National of Lexington being second and the First State of this city being third.

The deposits of the Gothenburg banks exceed the total deposits of any town on the Union Pacific railroad between Kearney and North Platte, on the Burlington between Grand Island and Alliance and on the Burlington High line between Holdrege and Sterling, Colo.

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