

BROWN IS CHOSEN

Kingman Man Democratic Nominee for Speaker.

Three Ballots Necessary to Make a Choice.

REPUBLICANS ACT.

W. P. Lambertson, of Brown, Is Speaker Pro Tem.

Earl Akers Is the Choice for Chief Clerk.

At a Democratic caucus held Monday afternoon in the Throop hotel, W. L. Brown, of Kingman county, was named as the minority candidate for speaker of the house.



W. L. Brown of Kingman, Democratic Caucus Nominee for Speaker.

Brown was selected as the minority choice for speaker on the third ballot. On the first ballot Masterman of Deatur, Williams of Logan, Feder of Harton, Brown of Kingman, and Orr of Atchison, were named for committee appointments by the caucus.

The caucus was very harmonious and the caucus finally adopted resolutions favoring a committee on committees, and taking away the powers of the speaker. The minority members nominated a committee on committees which includes one member from each congressional district.

The caucus was in session more than three hours and after a session of three hours the caucus was converted into a late feast of the Democratic brethren. There were 54 votes in the caucus. Speaking of the meeting, W. L. Brown, the nominee for speaker, said: "Our caucus was a very harmonious affair. We are not making predictions at this time, but we feel that we have some excellent team work and will transcend some business before the session closes."

The Republican Selections. At the house caucus held Monday afternoon, after the election of Judge G. H. Buckman of Winfield as speaker, the following organization was completed: Speaker Protem—W. P. Lambertson of Brown. Chief Clerk—Earl Akers of Stafford. Assistant Chief Clerk—Earl Douglas of Gray. Postmistress—Mrs. Della Sayre of Topeka.

In the contest for speaker pro tem, W. T. Wetack and Charles Kerr, both of Montgomery county, were candidates for the place. They received about twenty-five votes of the caucus between them.

For doorkeeper Capt. W. P. Wilcox of Topeka was nominated over C. E. Hathaway of Pottawatomie county, W. T. Purdum of Shawnee and B. V. Wheeler of Norton.

J. W. Anderson of Wichita was nominated chairman of the caucus. J. A. Kemwick of Topeka and Rev. E. P. Clemmons of Ellsworth.

The aftermath of the hard and bitter fight for speaker does not indicate that the fight will be carried further than the caucus. "We are for you now, judge," called out Davis of Kiowa, who led the Stone fight, when the judge was talking to the house after he had been nominated and expressed a possible doubt that he be elected the next day.

Judge Buckman was greatly pleased and gratified over the result of the house caucus. "I am very grateful," he said, "for this nomination and the honor and responsibility it brings with it. I will take the speaker's chair without a single promise, except that given to a little boy in Hutchinson to be a page. In my pillbox I shall know the party of the caucus, but be guided alone by fairness. I made no active canvass for this place; my friends made the fight for me, and I am sure grateful to them."

It is generally believed that the Winfield lawyer will find the speaker's chair a round in the ladder to his goal on the supreme bench.

Robert Stone, the defeated candidate, naturally felt pretty badly over the result of the caucus. He had claimed forty votes the night before as pledged to him and felt that he would have received them in a secret ballot. He wanted a secret ballot simply and solely because of the fight of the Odd Fellows. Mr. Stone felt that his defeat left a mark against his good name because of the bitterness of the fight. But this is not so. Many Odd Fellows in the house voted for Mr. Stone and have received the state stipend by Mr. Stone said, after the caucus: "My defeat means more to me than the defeat of an ambition. It means that the unfair fight that has been

ALSO RED-HEADED

Bailey, Insurance Man, Intimates Stubbs Is Like Nero.

"Goes About Talking While Kansas Is Burning."

LESS COMPENSATION.

Rate Reduction Will Cut Local Writers' Profit.

"Away From Politics" Cry at Insurance Men's Banquet.

"Nero strummed a harp while Rome was burning. Nero was red-headed. Other red-heads go about talking while Kansas is burning." In these remarks, George A. Bailey, a local insurance man, at a banquet given last night for the insurance men at the Elks hall, referred to Governor Stubbs. He intimated that the executive was responsible for the reduction of the insurance rates which would result in a cut in the local insurance writers' commission.

The sentiment of all the speeches was that the insurance men had been made a tool of petty politicians too long and that if the law decided that it was a business of public use, as legal decision indicated, it should have legislative protection. In this connection, D. R. Hite, a local attorney, in a speech on "Authorized Companies and Agents," advocated that the insurance men's banding together to pass a bill prohibiting any insurance company from doing business in any state with whose laws it did not comply. This measure, he said, would prevent competition with companies operating outside of the state and paying no taxes on premiums, and thus enabling them to cut rates beyond the competition of local concerns.

C. G. Blakely, president of the Kansas State Fire Insurance association, who presided, supplemented this idea by urging the enactment of a stronger local and state organization which is now only three years old and numbers about sixty members.

The story of the national association was told by Clifford Jones of Kansas City, vice president of the national association. He said that one man, Robert Brandon of Denver, fifteen years ago, after months of discouraging work, with very little co-operation at first, secured about fifty members, but last year at the annual national association meeting at Chicago over 400 were present. He also said that as the insurance business was a profession as that of medicine and needed protection, a bill should be passed requiring certain qualifications for local agents so that every Tom, Dick and Harry couldn't get into the business just to help out a special agent's report.

Mr. Bailey's talk was extemporaneous, as he had not expected to make an address and was in opposition to a talk made by Judge Singleton of Chicago. The latter appeared to have thought that Kansas legislation was working for the ultimate good of the cause.

"I am sorry I can not agree with Judge Singleton. I can not believe that the measures taken in Kansas will be for the ultimate good of the companies, policy taker or property owner. We are facing the lowering of agents compensation, if not voluntarily by the companies then from legislation. Within the last three years in Kansas the net loss on total premiums has been sixty-two per cent with an expenditure of nearly forty per cent. It is time that the insurance business is taken out of the hands of petty politicians with whom it has been a football. Romance says that Nero strummed a harp while Rome was burning. And other red-heads go about talking while Kansas is burning."

The inference is that politicians (all the red-heads) have reduced insurance rates and therefore deserve another term of office.

In speaking of the legislative side of the insurance business, Mr. Hite said in part: "Remedy against cut-rate companies must be sought in laws controlling the rights of the corporations. The consent of modern legislation is that insurance business is charged as a public use. If the state determines the regulations of the business it should provide protection for the fire insurance companies outside of Kansas are incorporated in the state of New York. If a bill should be passed so that a New York company by its own incorporation in this state just for an example, unless that New York company complied with the laws of our state as to rates, etc.

"As to the local agent: A law might be passed that no outside company could do business, except through its local agent. "Again, if a New York company, by its own incorporation in this state, does not comply with the law, the overhead writing would be done away with." Mr. Van Vleet, secretary of the Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance company, spoke in favor of the careful, intelligent agent, who uses great judgment in writing insurance and steers his company clear of too great risks and other "reefs." He said that he thought those present were such agents.

Isaac S. Lewis, superintendent of insurance, and Governor Stubbs were scheduled to speak, but were not present.

Curtis Bailey and others of the local association had charge of the banquet. It was an impromptu affair given to get the insurance men together and to increase interest in organization. Over 100 were present.

These heard congratulatory telegrams from A. W. Neal, of Cleveland, O., president of the national association, and from H. H. Durbin, secretary. C. T. Blakely is president of the Kansas state association. S. T. Bailey is secretary and treasurer.

STANDARD PAYS A FINE.

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HORSE DOCTORS HERE.

State Veterinary Medical Association Is in Session in Topeka.

The seventh annual meeting of the Kansas Veterinary Medical Association is being held at the city hall today.

The program for today follows: 10:30 A. M. TUESDAY. Roll call. Reading minutes of previous meeting. Communications, correspondence, etc. Treasurer's report. Preliminary report of executive board. Adjournment.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 2 P. M. Address of welcome—L. D. Graham, Topeka.

President's annual address—Dr. O. O. Wolf, Ottawa. Announcement of candidates for membership. "Arecoline"—Dr. D. M. Campbell, Chicago.

"Epizootic Stomatitis"—Dr. F. W. Caldwell, Atchison. "Infectious Anemia"—Dr. T. E. McCoy, Cawker City.

Case Reports—Dr. K. Knisley. Report of executive board. Balloting on applicants for membership. Appointment of committees.

Officers of the association are: President—Dr. O. O. Wolf, Ottawa. '98, C. V. C. Franklin II, Chicago. Vice-presidents—Dr. W. H. Richards, Emporia; Dr. C. L. Lyon, Dr. F. W. Caldwell, Atchison; '07, K. S. A. C. Atchison I.

Executive board—Dr. E. W. Conrad, Sabetha, Ill; '10, K. C. W. C. Nemeth, Dr. Gulliford, Kansas City, Ill; '10, U. S. V. C. Wyandotte II, Dr. J. F. Clay, Clay Center; '07, K. C. C. Hempl, Dr. Burton Rogers, Manhattan; '09, Ames, Riley V.

Washington, Jan. 10.—The senate committee on the judiciary has reached a decision to report favorably the sub-committee resolution authorizing an amendment to the constitution providing for the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people.

The controversy in the committee turned on the question as to whether the state or the federal government should supervise the elections. The subcommittee's provision directs that the time, place and manner of holding elections shall be prescribed by the state legislature.

Senators Depew and Nelson both offered amendments giving congress the power to regulate, but the southern senators opposed these provisions as most prejudicial to the interests of their constituents.

The two amendments were similar, but Mr. Depew's went farther than Mr. Nelson's in the matter of prescribing the qualifications of electors. Both were voted down 8 to 3.

While greatly encouraged over the progress made, the advocates of the change, which would take the election of senators from the state legislatures and place them in the hands of the people, are by no means sanguine of immediate success. There is strong opposition in the senate to the provision and it is expected the measure will die with the congress. Never before has a favorable report on a similar measure been received from the judiciary committee.

Toltec Rite Notice. There will be a special communication in Egyptian hall at Masonic Temple Wednesday night at 8 o'clock sharp. Business of the importance. Full attendance desired.

L. M. PENWELL, Knight Com. CORA W. WELSH, Sec

Wednesday Special

Silk Soap, 8 bars 25c; box \$3.40. White Russian, 8 bars.....25c box.....\$3.25. Ben Hur, 7 bars 25c; box \$3.45. Fairly, 7 bars 25c; box.....\$3.50. Hubbard Squash, 3 for.....25c. Barrel Salt, car, bal. \$1.10.

Sack Salt, 5 c sacks, 5c. Sack Salt, 2-10 c sacks, 35c. Sack Salt, 5-10 sacks.....25c. Sack Salt, 5-10 sacks.....25c.

5 gal. can Sorghum.....\$2.50. 5 gal. can Sweet Cider.....\$1.00. 5 gal. can Cider Vinegar.....\$1.10. 5 gal. Keg Kraut.....\$2.15.

Farmers who are unable to reach our market on Special Sale Day, may make reservations by phone or mail.

COPE'S City Market House 2nd and Kansas Ave

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 10.—The Standard Oil company has paid into the federal court here \$23,766. The fine assessed against it for accepting rebates. This is the first fine ever collected by the government since the prosecution under the anti-rebate law were begun. The company was indicted by the

AN INCREASE IN EUROPEAN VISIBLE SUPPLY IS REPORTED.

Barish News Also Is Cabled From Argentine.

CORN TAKES A SPURT

And Carries the Provision Market Up With It.

Cattle Steady to Slow; Hogs Five Cents Lower.

Chicago, Jan. 10.—WHEAT—An increase in European visible supply tended to lower the price of wheat here today. Furthermore, the foreign crop summary was unusually favorable. Sentiment was generally bullish, but in view of the assurance that a heavy Argentine crop was in order, an Argentine cable report of the weather there fine for the movement of wheat was opened 3/16% down to 1 1/2% higher. May started at 1.01 1/2, declined to 1 1/4% and rallied to 1 1/4%.

Predictions of rain or snow tonight in the southwest caused a weakness. The close was steady, however, with March at 1.01 1/2, a net decline of 3/16%.

Corn suddenly took a big spurt of activity, buying becoming brisk on the comparatively light country accepting orders to buy at 6c. May opened 1/4% up to 59 1/2, declined to 59 1/4% and rose to 59 1/2%.

A cablegram from Argentina declared three quarters of the crop there lost, down. The market was steady, however, held the market at 59 1/2% a net advance of 1/4%.

Corn strength kept in a narrow rut despite the upward movement in the market to a sixteen cent lower at 34 1/2% sold at 34 1/2%.

PROVISIONS—Provisions at the outset were easy on account of a drop in hog corn. First sales advanced materially with the upward movement in the market, but later, May options going to 19 1/2% and 10.10% to 10.30% for lard, Cash, 8 1/2%.

Chicago Grain Market. Open High Low Close. WHEAT—1014-1011 1009 1011-1014. MAY.....94 1/2-95 1/2 96 94 1/2-95 1/2. JULY.....96 95 1/2 94 1/2 95 1/2. COIN.....96 95 1/2 94 1/2 95 1/2.

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Chicago Produce Market. BUTTER—Market unchanged, 25 1/2-26 1/2. Choice, 26 1/2-27 1/2. No. 1, 26 1/2-27 1/2. No. 2, 26 1/2-27 1/2. No. 3, 26 1/2-27 1/2. No. 4, 26 1/2-27 1/2.

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Large Sweet Navel Oranges, 150 to box; doz. 20c; box.....\$2.25.

Uneda Biscuit, 3 packages for.....10c.

N. B. C. Graham Crackers, 2 packages.....15c.

25 oz. can (25c size).....15c.

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