

## THE SENATE COMBINE

Proposes to Dethrone Burnquist Under Name of Progressivism and May Be Successful.

Would Take From Lieutenant Governor Much of His Power—Special Correspondence.

St. Paul, Dec. 31.—Less than three weeks ago the possible landing of the official scalp of Henry Rines of Mora, who has been picked for speaker of the house, had the boards. Now the dethronement of Lieutenant Governor J. A. A. Burnquist, the presiding officer of the senate, is threatened and the question is can it be done. His undoing is planned in a proposition to take away from the presiding officer the time honored right of naming the standing committees and placing the same in the hands of a committee on committees. Senator George Sullivan of Stillwater is said to be behind the idea and he bases the scheme on the latest in things progressive. He and those behind the plan claim enough votes to pull it off and, speaking from a fair knowledge of the whole thing, Sullivan and his lieutenants are not making any idle boast. It is about the nearest game concocted in years and the only thing that will kill it off is publicity. That such is having its effect is shown now, as at least three senators claimed to have been signed up by the combine have since denied any connection. Lieutenant Governor Burnquist plainly shows that he is aware of the seriousness of the situation, as his entire time is now being given over to wrestling away from the combine the advantage they have gained under cover of the quiet of the past week and the holidays.

The word progressive and its meaning as applied to politics and men connected with the political game is much in dispute, but in the absence of a Webster one could hardly put Senator Sullivan in the progressive column, yet progressivism is the keynote of his argument in backing the scheme to take away from the presiding officer his time honored prerogative of naming the standing committees. Senator Sullivan, I am told, has been so convincing that he has brought practically all the Democratic members of the senate around to his way of thinking and they, it is said, have signed up for the new order of things. Add to this Senator Sullivan's Republican friends in the upper house and you have the thirty-seven members necessary to bring the change about. One man power, Senator Sullivan argues, is not in line with the new idea, and possibly he is right. Yet it would sound better if it came from some one else. Burnquist, I get it, has not been taking into his confidence those higher up in the makeup of the committees, hence the opposition. Then there is the failure to gain control of the house—so all around what is at the bottom of it all is not hard to guess.

One would hardly think in this day of publicity and in an era of progressivism that the complete sewing up of a majority of a legislative body with a membership of sixty-two could be accomplished, but such comes pretty near the case. Last week thirty-four of the senators were practically signed up on a proposition to take away from the presiding officer his time honored right. Three others were about ready to come over and it was only a sudden springing of the story a few days ago that held them back. Now others, I am told, are preparing to get from under. Only twice in the history of the state senate has the dethronement of the presiding officer been accomplished and the present move in that direction might get through. Friends of Mr. Burnquist have pointed out to him that if the move does prevail he will be the beneficiary as far as future political preferment is concerned, but the St. Paul man is more anxious to throttle the scheme now than to wait for what it might bring him later.

A presidential preference primary, reorganization of the state departments, reapportionment, reform in judicial procedure and state control of securities will be features of the forthcoming message of Governor Eberhart to the legislature. Those, however, who have been hoping that the executive will take a stand on the initiative and referendum, the recall and other advanced progressive ideas will be disappointed. His excellency will have nothing to do with any of them. Governor Eberhart has spent some time figuring out what he would recommend to the legislature for its consideration and his labors in addition to those features named resulted in the following: "Blue Sky" law, which is state control of securities, public utilities commission, workmen's compensation law, revision of laws pertaining to woman and child labor, rural betterment, prevention of

crime and social and civic centers. His excellency says he intends to strive for the recognition of each and its enactment into law.

Women's pensions, a much discussed scheme these days, will have a part in the executive message, but Governor Eberhart says he will not make any recommendations along this line except to discuss the question. He thinks the problem can be solved in some other way. As to the initiative and referendum, Governor Eberhart holds that the two are matters which are not sufficiently ripe for any serious consideration on his part, hence his silence on the question. If such bills are passed he may sign them, but he will not recommend them.

Recommendations galore will confront the two houses of the legislature when they meet and principal among them will be those just announced by State Auditor S. G. Iverson. He wants all laws carrying standing appropriations repealed and each department made to come before the lawmaking body and ask for what it needs. He says the standing appropriations are out of date and should be wiped off the slate. He also wants the old law permitting state leases of iron ore lands put back on the books. State leases were taken off the market six years ago and as a result the monopoly created in the case of those holding such has not been to the interest of the state.

One thing that may be gratifying to the taxpayers of the state is the announcement by Mr. Iverson that if the legislature is economical the tax levy for revenue purposes for the next two years may be reduced to one mill. The maximum for the past two years has been one and nine-tenths mills. Four years ago as the result of some extraordinary receipts the story was sent broadcast that Minnesota would soon be a state without a tax levy. It was published in magazines throughout the country and Governor Eberhart and the other executive officers were lauded in consequence. The state tax, however, still prevails and the prospects are that it will continue. This year State Treasurer Smith has borrowed fully \$1,000,000 to tide the state over its lean period and the end is not yet. The trouble with the tax levy is that it is not fixed on a basis of what the state actually needs, but what it can squeeze through on until after election. In the meantime the local banks supply the deficit at so much per.

Governor Eberhart as a rule has a monopoly of those things which advertise and at the same time are without a comeback in the shape of public and political annoyances, but Secretary of State Schmahl beat him to it last week. Mr. Schmahl wrote a letter to Miss Helen Gould of New York city congratulating her, in the name of the people of the state of Minnesota, on her approaching marriage and the answer is a nicely worded autograph letter. As Miss Helen is a world advertised celebrity her letter and that of Mr. Schmahl's naturally brought both much nice publicity.

The annual custom of giving the chief executive a present was a missing feature of the Christmas festivities at the state capitol this year. The gift giving stunt was also called off in a number of the other departments. The reason for the calling off of the annual touch was the heavy assessment made on the boys during the campaign. In the case of some it represented nearly a month's salary and this was thought sufficient. A year ago Governor Eberhart was presented with a costly silver tea set and the assessment as made then was protested by a number of employes. In the case of one official an emphatic "no" met those who called for a donation and the men active in making the collection then vowed that they would never attempt a similar stunt again.

Frank Minnette of Stearns county in the house and possibly a Duluth member in the senate will father the public utilities commission bill, the passage of which will be recommended by Governor Eberhart in his message. The Wisconsin idea will prevail in each, as the law in force there is nearer to home and its benefits have been more far-reaching. In the consideration of this proposed commission the cities will probably be the most active, as they are vitally concerned. The commission as proposed has the endorsement of both the Democratic and Republican state central committees and their standard bearers.

War is being made on Kelsey Chase, state bank superintendent, and H. M. Bracken, secretary of the state board of health, but it is hardly likely that the opposition will prevail in the case of either. Both were heavy contributors to the state campaign fund and while it is hardly proper to suggest such as the power behind the throne let me tell you it counts. Both are considered good officials and the fight being made on them is credited to

## JOINT INSTALLATION

Princeton Masonic and Eastern Star Lodges Install Their Officers for the Ensuing Year.

Installation Ceremonies Are Followed by an Excellent Supper and a Most Enjoyable Dance.

A joint installation of the officers of the local Eastern Star and Masonic lodges was held in the hall of the organizations on Friday evening. Mrs. Mary C. Taylor of Minneapolis, grand secretary of the order of Eastern Star, installed the officers of Kedron chapter and the ceremony was a very impressive one. Those installed were as follows:

Frances S. Cooney, W. M.; Ira G. Stanley, W. A.; Christine Rines, A. M.; Georgia Keith, secretary; Eva Jack, treasurer; Grace Stanley, conductress; Evelyn Keith, associate conductress; Anna Sadley, Ada; Angenette Bigelow, Ruth; Mattie Mallette, Esther; Flora Neely, Electa; Lizzie Fox, warden; C. A. Jack, sentinel; Isabella Carleton, chaplain; Grace Rogers, marshal, Annie Ewing, organist.

The officers of the Masonic lodge installed were: M. M. Stroeter, W. M.; Henry Plaas, S. W.; Dr. A. D. McRae, J. W.; J. C. Herdiska, treasurer; Rufus P. Morton, secretary; L. E. Fox, tyler; C. A. Caley, senior deacon; P. J. Wikeen, junior deacon.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies a nice supper, prepared by Mrs. Mallette, was served in the adjoining hall and the remainder of the evening was given over to dancing. Music of an exceptionally fine quality was discoursed by the Princeton orchestra and the evening proved to be one of much enjoyment.

## OPINIONS OF EDITORS

**And the Oculist Diamonds.**  
If we could see ourselves as the oculist sees us we would all wear glasses.—Carlton Vidette.

**But How Does Bryan Know?**  
Bryan says the democrats will keep their pledges. That the tariff will really be revised downward. That's all right.—Madison Independent Press.

**Harder to Please Every Day.**  
A Duluth man recently locked his wife in the house and his doing so is the ground on which his wife now seeks a divorce. In Superior a woman asks legal separation because her husband locked her out of the house. Verily, the women are getting harder to please every day.—Carlton Vidette.

**Both Tarr'd With Same Stick.**  
The disgusting Johnson-Cameron wedding has renewed the demand for a law preventing the intermarriage of whites and blacks. No doubt Jack Johnson is as good as the woman he married, but such unions are repugnant to decent society and contrary to "the eternal fitness of things."—Zumbrota News.

**Dunn's Suggestions Always Practical.**  
One of the most practical legislative suggestions which has been made is that the state guarantee all bonds issued by counties for good roads purposes. In this way the bonds themselves would be made safe and marketable and the consequent reduction of interest would be hundreds of thousands of dollars annually.—Wadena Pioneer-Journal.

**William is a Wonder!**  
Any of you fellows who are laboring under the impression that Bryan isn't to be the high card in the Wilson administration, better take another guess if you expect to get in touch with the facts. William will know more and dictate more about the coming democratic administration than any dozen men you can pick in the United States.—Stillwater Gazette.

jealous rivals. Dr. Bracken was under fire two years ago but managed to get by.

The revenue that will accrue to the state from all sources during the next three years is estimated at nearly \$24,000,000. The disbursements will be about \$23,000,000, which will leave nearly \$1,000,000 for the coming legislature to spend.

THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN.

## DYNAMITERS GUILTY

Jury in Conspiracy Plots Finds Thirty-Eight Men Guilty on All Counts Brought by Government.

Sentences Ranging From Seven Years to a Year and a Day in Federal Prison Are Imposed.

At 10 o'clock last Saturday morning the jury in the dynamite conspiracy case, in which 40 labor union officials were involved, returned its verdict to Judge Anderson in federal court at Indianapolis. Thirty-eight of the men were found guilty of complicity in the McNamara dynamite plots and two, Herman G. Seiffert of Milwaukee and Daniel Buckley of Davenport, were acquitted. Frank M. Ryan, president of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, was among those convicted. He, with others, was accused of using the union's funds to destroy the property of contractors who refused to recognize the organization. Chas. N. Beum of Minneapolis and Fred J. Mooney of Duluth were also among those found guilty. After the verdict of the jury, finding 38 guilty on all the counts charged, was read, the judge adjourned court until 10 o'clock on Monday morning and the prisoners, each handcuffed to two deputy marshals, were marched through the streets to the Marion county jail, where they were confined.

On Monday the prisoners were taken into court and sentences varying from seven years' imprisonment in the federal prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., to one year and a day, as well as suspended sentences, were imposed. Ryan received the heaviest sentence, seven years; eight were sentenced to six years, two to four years, 12 to three years, four to two years, and the remainder, with the exception of six who were given their liberty upon suspended sentences to one year and a day. Ortie McMahigal, confessed dynamiter, was not sentenced at this time. After sentencing the men Judge Anderson read a statement in which he said: "The evidence shows some of the defendants to be guilty of murder but, as they are not charged here with that crime, the court cannot punish them for it." The judge also reviewed the case and said, among other things: "The evidence discloses an appalling list of crimes in addition to those charged in the indictments. These crimes were all committed in the name of organized labor. I will not believe organized labor approves of such practices." The trial of the defendants consumed about three months. Attorneys for the convicted men intend taking an appeal to the United States circuit court of appeals.

**Ernest Sellhorn Visits Princeton.**  
Ernest H. Sellhorn, manager of the Red Cliff Brick & Coal company, is spending the holidays with relatives and friends here. Mr. Sellhorn has a lucrative position and likes the country where he has made his home. The company by which he is employed runs a force of 180 men, some of whom work in the lignite pits. Twenty-five thousand tons of this coal is mined by the company every year. Red Cliff is but a few miles from Medicine Hat, where the cold waves used to come from, but the inhabitants entered protest against the meteorological station which for years was maintained there upon the grounds of misrepresentation and, in consequence, the Canadian government ordered that the weather instruments be dumped into the Saskatchewan river; and since then no cold waves have come from Medicine Hat. Ernest tells us that there is no snow on the ground at Red Cliff and that the Saskatchewan river has not yet frozen over. Medicine Hatters say it is the most remarkable winter they have ever witnessed.

**Unclaimed Letters.**  
List of letters remaining unclaimed at the Princeton postoffice on December 30: Caroline Maering (foreign), Mrs. S. Johnson, L. J. Belanger, Mr. Edward Butler, Miss Bertha A. Benson, Mr. Otto Davis, Mr. Ernest Lu Duke, Mrs. Caroline Duster. Please call for advertised letters, which are held only fifteen days from date.  
L. S. Briggs, P. M.

**Saloons Have No Paying Tellers.**  
Mr. Morgan is not the only private banker free from any sort of supervision. Drop into most any saloon near the industrial section of any city and watch the receiving and paying tellers do business.—Duluth News Tribune.

**Congregational Services.**  
Sunday, January 5—Morning worship at 10:30; subject, "The Root of Knowledge and Love;" prelude, offertory and postlude; anthem by choir. Mrs. H. C. Cooney, director; Mrs. Benj. Soule, organist. Sunday school at 12 m. Evening service at 7:30, subject, "Soul Growth;" music by orchestra and Young People's choir.  
The pastor will preach in the Oak Grove school house on Monday evening, January 6.

address as Zimmerman, Sherburne county. When John realized the outcome of his error he telegraphed his fiancée to proceed post haste to Minneapolis, where he met her, and they secured a marriage license and were united in wedlock. They will reside on a farm near Zimmerman.

## Died While Attending Church.

Mrs. Mary A. Laderoute, mother of T. S. Corteau of Greenbush, died in a pew while attending mass at the Holy Rosary church in Minneapolis on Sunday, December 22. Even the officiating priest was not aware that a member of his congregation had gone from the sound of his voice until those near her realized what had happened, and the word was passed to the altar.

The priest quietly announced that a woman, whose identity at that time was unknown, had passed away, and the congregation was requested to walk past her in the hope that she might be recognized. No one, however, knew her and the coroner was summoned, who declared the cause of death to be heart failure and directed that the body be removed to the Gleason undertaking establishment.

Her identity was not learned until six hours after her death, when her son-in-law, E. B. Fournier, of 2413 Fifteenth avenue south, went to look for her. On this way to the church a woman stopped him and asked whether he was seeking an elderly woman. Upon replying in the affirmative the woman directed him to the undertaking rooms. Mrs. Laderoute was 66 years of age.

Her remains were taken to Osseo last Thursday and interred beside those of her husband, and her son, T. S. Corteau, was among those who attended the obsequies. Mrs. Laderoute was well known to a number of Greenbush people.

## Noise Marked Its Arrival.

The blowing of whistles and ringing of church bells ushered in the new year "on schedule time"—the whistles apparently vying with each other in the production of discord and noise. The roller mill whistle, with Joe Craig, Jr., at the rope, and the power house hooter, manipulated by Jim Johnson, fought a veritable duel—the din was terrific. Several people jumped from their beds, thinking the end of the world was at hand—that Gabriel had made a mistake and brought into requisition whistles instead of the proverbial trumpet. Others ran forth into the night to look for a holocaust, and there were those who, hearing the church bells ringing, hastened to the religious edifices. For a while pandemonium reigned supreme, and then the new year settled down to pursue the uneven tenor of its way.

## Aged Baldwin Resident Dead.

Chas. J. Lawson died at the home of his son-in-law, J. Bengtson, in the town of Baldwin, Sherburne county, on Christmas day, aged 83 years. Funeral services were conducted at the home on Friday afternoon by Rev. Service of the Princeton Methodist church, and the remains were conveyed to Barstow, Ill., deceased's former home, for interment. Mr. Lawson was born in Sweden and had lived in Baldwin about 10 months. He is survived by one son and two daughters.

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## STARTING 1913 RIGHT

Serenus P. Skahen and Loretta Welch Are Married at Church of Incarnation, Minneapolis.

Harry Beckman and Anna Armitage and Victor Eckland and Mary Reifer Also Wedded.

Serenus Paul Skahen and Miss Loretta Welch were united in marriage yesterday morning, January 1, at 11 o'clock, in the Church of the Incarnation, Minneapolis, by Rev. J. M. Cleary. Many relatives and friends of the contracting parties were present at the ceremonies, which were particularly impressive. The groom was attended by his uncle, P. L. O'Reilly, and the bride by her sister, Miss Nellie Welch. The parents of both the bride and the groom were among those in attendance.

From the church the bridal party was conveyed to the home of the bride's parents, 2633 Blaisdell avenue, where, in the prettily decorated dining room a wedding breakfast was served to a large number of guests. The presents received by the young people were numerous and among them were many beautiful and costly articles.

Serenus P. Skahen is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Skahen of Princeton and, in addition to being associated with his father in the banking business, is engaged in the practice of law. He is a graduate of St. Thomas college and of the University of Minnesota law school, and is a young man of sterling qualities who is bound to make a success in the world. His fair bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel E. Welch of Minneapolis, her father being a veteran conductor on the Milwaukee road. She is a young lady of many accomplishments and a great favorite in her circle of acquaintances. It is unnecessary to say that she will be heartily welcomed to Princeton. The Union congratulates Mr. and Mrs. Skahen and wishes them happiness throughout life.

After a short bridal trip to points of interest in the east, Mr. and Mrs. Skahen will return to Princeton and be at home to their friends on or about February 1.

## Beckman-Armitage.

Harry L. Beckman and Miss Anna H. Armitage were married at high noon on Tuesday in Holy Trinity Episcopal church, Minneapolis. Only a few of the immediate relatives were present at the ceremony, including Dr. and Mrs. T. L. Armitage of Princeton, parents of the bride, and the father and sister of the groom. Rev. Stanley Kilburn conducted the service which made the young people man and wife. Following the ceremony a wedding dinner was served in a private dining room at the Nicollet hotel.

On Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Beckman left for Noblesville, Ind., where the groom is manager of a drug establishment.

The bride was raised in Princeton and attended the public schools of this village. She is a young lady worthy of a good husband and has doubtless found one in the person of Mr. Beckman, who at one time was a pharmacist in his father-in-law's store in Princeton. The Union congratulates Mr. and Mrs. Beckman upon their choice of one another and extends its very best wishes for their future happiness.

## Eckland-Reifer.

Victor Eckland was married to Miss Mary Reifer on December 21 at the Congregational parsonage by Rev. J. O. Fisher. Henry Eckland attended the groom and Hilda Wilson the bride. The bride wore a dress of pale blue messaline silk and the bridesmaid one of white embroidery, and they carried bouquets of carnations. A reception was held at the home of the groom's mother on the north side on Sunday. The bride and groom received many presents and the guests wished them a long and happy life.

## Baselt-Seth.

Elmer Baselt, son of Mrs. Samuel Miller of Princeton, was married on Christmas day at Little Falls to Miss Minnie Seth of Swanville. Mr. Baselt is engineer at the Excelsior mill at Swanville and his bride a popular young lady of that place. The young people received many presents from friends in various parts of the country. The Union extends its congratulations.