IN THE COURT HOUSE.

That is Where the House of Representatives Will Meet at Noon.

The Republican Rumpers Raise the White Flag and Run.

They Will Hold a Consolation Meeting in a Top Story Room—Sanders and His Men Weaken.

Governor Toole's proclamation dropped into political gatherings yesterday afternoon like a bombshell. Apparently no one was looking for it. The surprise and satisfaction with which it was received by democrats was quite equal to the angry confusion that it caused in the camp of Republican conspirators. It was regarded on all sides as an admirably worded document that would go far towards settling the events of to-day. It was commended not only for its timely appearance, but for the temperate character of its composition and the plain, straightforward statement of facts. Even republicans were forced to admit that the proclamation as presented in the INDEPENDENT, accompanied by the mandamus of Chief Justice Blake, the opinions of ex-Secretary Walker and ex-Attorney-General Clayberg, carried an argument of unusual weight. A prominent republican state official said that the governor might be right in the matter. The only republican criticisims heard were that the poclamation was useless, and that there was no necessity for it. Just how much these criticisms are worth may be judged by the call issued for the republican representatives to meet in some place down town. While its contemporaries were quietly sleeping, the INDEPENDENT, with characteristic enterprise, issued an extra giving the first news of the proclamation. Within a short time after the signature of that document the news was on the street and the matter was under discussion. Groups of excited politicians were scattered about the hotel lobbies commending the governor's course and wondering what would come next. The general verdict was expressed by Major Maginnis, who said the proclamation was "good sense and good law." By a typographical error the hour called for the meeting of the legislature read 1 o'clock, Saturday. This should have read 12 o'clock, the hour named by the governor in the original proclamation.

Yesterday was a busy day with politicians. Early in the morning they scattered about in different places to consult with their leaders, returning to the hotels only for their meals. After the proclamation had been received the only event that caused any particular excitement occurred in the Cosmopolitan hotel about 7 o'clock. While the office was filled with people a pistol shot that sounded like an explosion of a cannon came from the bar room. Some one yelled "first blood" and the crowd went tumbling end over end through the green baize door into the bar room. The affair proved to be something of a sell. David M. Sutton had pulled out his handkerchief and with it a large army revolver. The revolver fell to the floor and went off with a bang. After this incident the crowd again returned to politics.

With few exceptions the members of the legislature are in town. Among the late republican arrivals are Senators-elect J. T. Armington, of Cascade, A. L. Babcock, of Yellowstone, and Representatives-elect A. C. Witter, Beaverhead, J. T. Philips, Missoula, A. F. Bray, of Silver Bow. The late democratic arrivals are Representatives-elect C. M. Crutchfield, Silvan Hughes and Frank Hollywood, of Deer Lodge; W. C. Whaley, of Jefferson; Patrick Carney, of Madison; Joseph Hogan, one of the Silver Bow members, who has come to take his seat. Capt. John Branagan and Capt. Oliver, of Butte, are two democrats who say that Gov. Toole's democracy is the kind that pleases them. Banker T. E. Collins and his brother Jerry Collins, of the Tribune, are down from Great Falls to watch the situation.

Editor W. H. Todd, of the Benton River Press, who arrived last evening, is an interested spectator of the political show.

Last evening more caucuses were held. The republicans gathered in the office of Capt. James H. Mills, United States collector of internal revenue. Their proceedings may be briefly summarized in the following announcement given forth for publication:

"To the members of the house of representatives: In accordance with the authority in me vested by law, the members of the house of representatives of the first legislative assembly of the state of Montana are hereby notified to meet in session at 12 o'clock noon this twenty-third day of November, A. D. 1889, in the north hall of the Iron block, situated on Main street between Lawrence street and Eleventh avenue.

E. A. KENNEY, State Auditor."

They decided upon A. C. Witter as speaker of the house.

This result of the conspiracy is generally regarded as a back-down. It destroys all fears of trouble at the court house to-day. The house of representatives of the first legislative body of the state of Montana will meet at high noon to-day at the court house in the room formerly used for that purpose. The galleries will be thrown open to the public. Sanders and his fellow conspirators may secure reserved seats upon application to Captain Jack Smith, chief usher.

Corridor Talk and Gossip.

The one absorbing topic in local circles yesterday was the political situation. "Such a state of affairs as now exists in Montana," remarked a democratic politician, "was never known in the annals of politics, and anything that may happen to morrow will not surprise me." Yesterday's trains brought in delegations from all parts of the state. About all the members-elect of the legislature are in the city, and three times as many prominent Montana people are "just in to see the fun." Whether it will be all fun remains to be seen. Democrats to a man are firm in their attitude, and do not propose to be bulldozed out of their rights. Gov. Toole's proclamation was received by them with great enthusiasm, and left no doubt that he would be well supported in his effort to do right. The republicans, as was expected, did not receive the proclamation with any degree of favor, but among themselves ridiculed the document as valueless and said any one of them could issue a proclamation that would have just as much force. "Why, if we want that court-house," remarked Marshal Irvin, "it only requires a little sand to get it." All indications on the republican side point to a conflict. Several of their number boasted yesterday they would send two senators to Washington at all hazards. The hotel corridors were rendered almost impassable by the clusters of politicians talking over the situation, but neither side seemed to have a definite idea as to what was going to be done. The only people who seemed to have no interest in anything except their own affairs, were aspirants for clerical and other positions. Little Sam Langhorne who, with a dozen other lads, wants to be page of the house, was a noticeable figure among the politicians. He is a rustler from "way-back," and if he doesn't get there, it will be no fault of his. He had his men spotted, and while his competitors were waiting an opportunity, he would break in on a conversation. He approached Mr. Penrose yesterday:

"Are you Mr. Penrose?"

"Yes."

"Well, my name is Sam Langhorne and I'm a candidate for page of the house."

"Well, you can have my watch and chain," said Mr. Penrose, jokingly, "but you can't buy my vote."

"Well, just remember that I'm a candidate.

"Is this Mr. Frank?"

"Yes," replied Mr. Penrose.

"Well, introduce me."

Mr. Penrose promised to do so and waited till Mr. Frank got through talking. Sammy was impatient, and saw several of his competitors near by waiting to get in their work, when the lad pulled Mr. Frank by the arm and introduced himself as he did to Mr. Penrose. The boy gained an audience with the Butte representative, who was well pleased with him, and the lad departed satisfied and continued his rustling among the crowd.

Captain Wyman is once more a candidate for sergeant-at-arms of the senate. "Miles Finlan, of Butte, has a sure thing on that position in the house and Billy Greene will be his assistant," were the opinions expressed early in the day. Finlan has the support of the Butte and Deer Lodge delegations. Lee Swords is making a canvass for the clerkship. Fred Gilbert, of Missoula, is again in the field for the enrolling and engrossing clerkship of the senate. A. K. Yerkes, who is probably the most popular democrat in Montana, and who is editor and proprietor of the Bozeman Chronicle, is in the city circulating among his friends with no other object in view than to be present in the interests of his sterling democratic paper, but a strong pressure is being brought to the rear to have him accept the chief clerkship of the house. A more competent selection could not be made, and if Mr. Yerkes will only say the word there is no doubt but that he will be the unanimous choice. Mr. McEvily, of the Western Union, wants to be enrolling and engrossing clerk of the senate, and so does James Stevens, of the defunct Missoula Item. Geo. T. Taylor, of Great Falls, is in the field for sergeant-at-arms of the council, and Attorney-General Haskell also has a candidate. Young Merrian, of Jefferson county, wants to be page in the house again with the republicans, and his sister, Miss Merrian, who is a democrat, would accept a clerkship. Harvey English is another candidate for a pageship.

Butte men tell a story on Bray. They say when his certificate of election came from the state board of canvassers, he was down town in his shirt-sleeves, rustling among the Chinese restaurants drumming up trade for his grocery store. He immediately broke away from the restaurants and moved his 200 pounds avoirdupois up Main street as fast as he could go. It is all the way up hill to Bray's store, and when he reached the place he was almost out of wind. He eagerly tore open the large envelope containing the worthless certificate and spread it out in front of him on a desk and then backed away about three feet, placed his thumbs under his suspenders, struck a dignified attitude and soliloquized, "Ahem, Hon. Mr. A. F. Bray." He invited every customer to gaze upon it, and a drink went with each gaze.

The talk about the speakership did not occasion much interest. To John R. Toole was conceded the speakership of the democratic house, but he refused to permit his name to be used, while A. C. Witter seems to be the most prominent name mentioned for the republican rump. Little or no interest is manifested in the struggle for president pro tempore of the senate. Both parties feel that they must first organize. Representative Courtenay, of Silver Bow, came over without his certificate yesterday, but he will have it in time this morning for organization.

The republicans up to a late hour last night had not decided upon what course to pursue, and appeared to be all at sea. During the evening they occupied themselves with discussing the governor's proclamation, which was given to the public through the medium of an INDEPENDENT extra, which was eagerly sought. The enterprise of THE INDEPENDENT in scooping its competitors was appreciated by all, and was another evidence that THE INDEPENDENT is the only source for all the news.

Dune McDonald, Montana's champion pugilist, was a conspicuous figure in republican councils last night. Dune was used to good advantage by Seligman et al. in Helena during the campaign, and they now want him again, but for what purpose is not known. It was hinted that Dune was to hire some men to "do up" a few of the Silver Bow members, but he would not consent to this. Dune and the warhorse held a conference last night in a dark recess of the Pittsburg block, and as soon as the consultation ended "Dune" had important business with Mr. Seligman. From the tenor of McDonald's conversation it was accertained he had to round up a number of other sluggers. It is evident that the two parties will organize to-day, and a large delegation from Butte will be on hand. Among the arrivals will be Lee Mantle and Thos. Couch, senatorial aspirants. Mr. Mantle will ride in the Pullman and Couch will occupy a seat in the day coach.

Hon. W. A. Clark was among the arrivals yesterday and was given a cordial reception by his many friends. Mr. Clark arrived from Arizona a few days ago and has decided that he cannot consistently attend the St. Louis silver convention. Henry L. Frank came in on the Manitoba train just back from Chicago, where he located the world's fair.

It is understood that at the democratic caucus held last night, the following officers were decided upon:

Speaker—C. P. Blakely, of Gallatin.

Chief clerk—Charles Pond, of Jefferson.

Sergeant-at-arms—Miles Finlan, of Butte.

The prominent candidates for the speakership were Mr. Blakely and Wm. Wallace, Jr. The fact that a Gallatin man was selected for that position is supposed to be the reason why A. K. Yerkes, of the same county, was not selected. William Green will undoubtedly be selected as assistant sergeant-at-arms.

Miles Finlan, who has been agreed upon as sergeant-at-arms, is a big, fat, jolly Irishman, who worked beside Marcus Daly in the mines of Nevada, when Mr. Daly was hammering a drill. He has never been in Helena before, though he has lived in Montana eleven years.

During the night nothing transpired to mar the descent of the beautiful as it softly fell on terra firma, as everybody retired early to be on deck early this morning. Henry Bratnober retired with calm assurance that he would be one of the senators, since he could not find any other republican who said he wanted to go to Washington.

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THE LEGISLATURE.

Senate.

County.	Name.	Politics.
Beaverhead	L. A. Brown	Rep.
Cascade	J. T. Armington	Rep.
Chotean	J. A. Baker	Dem.
Custer	R. G. Redd	Dem.
Dawson	W. S. Beckler	Dem.
Deer Lodge	W. M. Thornton	Dem.
Fergus	C. J. McNamara	Dem.
Gallatin	C. W. Hoffman	Dem.
Jefferson	Robert Fisher	Rep.
Lewis and Clarke	Cornelius Hedges	Rep.
Madison	Loren B. Olds	Rep.
Meagher	Wm. Parberry	Dem.
Missoula	M. E. Rutherford	Rep.
Park	Jas. S. Thompson	Rep.
Silver Bow	Dan J. Hennessy	Dem.
Yellowstone	Albert L. Babcock	Rep.

Total—Dems. 8; Reps., 8.

House.

County.	Name.	Politics.
Beaverhead	Robert T. Wing	Rep.
Beaverhead	Aaron C. Witter	Rep.
Cascade	E. D. Hastie	Rep.
Cascade	Chas. Lockray	Rep.
Chotean	J. M. Boardman	Rep.
Chotean	Samuel Mitchell	Rep.
Custer	Hugh C. Moran	Rep.
Custer	Chas. H. Loud	Rep.
Dawson	Martin Newcomer	Rep.
Deer Lodge	John M. Blair	Rep.
Deer Lodge	C. M. Crutchfield	Dem.
Deer Lodge	Silven Hughes	Dem.
Deer Lodge	R. G. Humber	Dem.
Deer Lodge	C. K. Hardenbrook	Dem.
Deer Lodge	Frank Hollywood	Dem.
Deer Lodge	J. R. Toole	Dem.
Fergus	John R. Barrows	Dem.
Fergus	John D. Waite	Rep.
Gallatin	C. P. Blakley	Dem.
Gallatin	D. P. McElwee	Dem.
Jefferson & Gallatin	W. C. Whaley	Dem.
Jefferson	J. C. Twohy	Dem.
Jefferson	Peter Breen	Dem.
Jefferson	Gus E. Pool	Dem.
Lewis and Clarke	Elizur Beach	Dem.
Lewis and Clarke	Alex F. Burns	Dem.
Lewis and Clarke	Harry C. Comly	Dem.
Lewis and Clarke	David A. Cory	Rep.
Lewis and Clarke	Anton M. Holter	Rep.
Lewis and Clarke	John Horsky	Rep.
Lewis and Clarke	R. H. Howey	Rep.
Lewis and Clarke	Wm. Wallace, Jr	Dem.
Madison	F. Harrington	Rep.
Madison	Patrick Carney	Dem.
Meagher	J. A. Woodson	Dem.
Meagher	E. H. Goodman	Rep.
Missoula	T. L. Greenough	Rep.
Missoula	J. T. Phillips	Rep.
Missoula	W. B. Harlan	Rep.
Missoula	F. G. Higgins	Dem.
Missoula	A. S. Blake	Rep.
Park	Chas. H. Stebbens	Rep.
Park	Chas. H. Eaton	Rep.
Silver Bow	Joseph K. Clark	Dem.
Silver Bow	Thomas F. Courtney	Dem.
Silver Bow	A. M. Day	Dem.
Silver Bow	A. M. Dussault	Dem.
Silver Bow	H. L. Frank	Dem.
Silver Bow	John W. Gilligan	Dem.
Silver Bow	Joseph Hogan	Dem.
Silver Bow	W. J. Penrose	Dem.
Silver Bow	Leopold F. Schmidt	Dem.
Silver Bow	H. F. Hoffman	Rep.
Yellowstone	William H. Norton	Rep.

Total—Dems., 29; Reps., 25.

The republican claimants from Silver Bow who were defeated by the canvass of the full vote of the county are A. F. Bray, P. R. Dolman, J. H. Monteath, Wm. H. Roberts and Wm. Thompson. There was a tie vote on joint representative for Deer Lodge and Beaverhead, which is yet to be settled.

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