

LIVE POLITICAL TOPICS.

The Scheme to Seat Watson is Laughed at as a Bluff by Sensible Men.

The Democratic and Republican Senators to Meet for a Social Discussion.

A Good Story on ex-Candidate Watson—Nothing Done by the House at Yesterday's Session.

The exposure of the republican conspiracy to organize the senate by seating Watson instead of McNamara created something of a sensation in political circles yesterday. Democrats ridiculed a plot so audacious and wicked, and republicans who knew that it was under consideration wondered how the affair ever got out. No one was prepared to say that the INDEPENDENT'S account of it was anything but a truthful detail of a deep laid scheme. It demoralized the chief conspirators, who had hoped to spring the plot without warning. That notice of the coming bid should be given was entirely unexpected. As a republican remarked yesterday, it will have the effect of taking the wind out of the whole affair. It is generally believed that it is an awkward attempt at bluff. No sensible man can think for an instant that the conspirators would ever try to carry out a defiance of the law so gigantic as this. The consequences following the execution of a plot like this would deter any man of ordinary intelligence from attempting it. The conspirators are contemplating a movement of some kind, for he has very little to be gained by the execution of a plot like this. The republicans would elect two United States senators within four days. Just how this will be done is not known. It is certain they can never organize the senate without a violation of law. Men who will carry out the scheme as published yesterday will not hesitate at any crime to further their interests.

A good story is told about Mr. Watson, who is still in town waiting like Mr. Mcawber for "something to turn up." During the campaign he made a canvass through even the remote portions of Fergus county. He did not travel in a coach and four nor on horseback, but in a light carriage behind a spirited horse. In one of his trips he went into the country about the Little Snowy mountains. After exhaustive efforts in convincing the stray voters in that sparsely settled country that he was the man to represent the county, Mr. Watson fearing that his majority would not be large enough decided to continue his campaign in the unknown land. The result of this energetic move was that Mr. Watson-like to be seated. Watson got beyond the landmarks and was lost. He wandered about for several days until one day his lingering eyes found a log cabin surrounded by a barb wire fence. There is no record of the time taken by the horse in reaching the fence, but even less time was consumed by Mr. Watson in getting out of the carriage to hitch his horse. Right here his ignorance of horsemanship became most painfully apparent. Instead of placing the halter over the bridle he first removed the bridle, and then the trouble came. The homesick horse now waited for an investigation. Before Mr. Watson could think the animal started away from him. Portions of the conveyance were afterward found in three distinct counties, though the horse finally found his way home. Left alone, Mr. Watson climbed over the barb wire fence to seek the hospitality of the cabin, but he found a weird and evny silence about the whole place. Not even a dog could be found. After spending a night in the place Mr. Watson started on the return trip. When he returned home his friends thought that another Rip Van Winkle had come down from the mountains. Of course, the laugh was on Mr. Watson during the rest of the campaign. Senator McNamara heard of the affair and generously offered to take Watson around with him for a joint discussion of matters. The offer was declined, for Mr. Watson, being an ex-nepaper man, was in the habit of declining favors. He preferred to take a rest and finish the campaign in Helena.

The republican senators met again yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. After the roll call and reading of minutes Senator Babcock moved to adjourn until 10 o'clock today. After seconding the motion Senator Hedges said: "It is humiliating in the last degree to think that perhaps at this very moment the congress of the United States is being called to order; or proceeding to organize, when in the senate, where for the first time two seats have been prepared for the representatives of the equal sovereign state of Montana, and both are vacant. When every interest of every citizen is not only languishing for neglect, but suffering in peril, there seems to be nothing for us to do under the constitution but to adjourn day to day and see this neglect go on and this peril accumulate. It seems as if the time was fast approaching, if not already at hand, when the people would assert its reserved sovereignty to compel those who have been commissioned to discharge public trusts to perform their duties or resign the positions that they refuse to occupy."

"Yes, that's our programme," remarked a member of the rump yesterday, referring to the scheme of the republicans to unseat Senator McNamara; as printed in the Monday INDEPENDENT. "You hit the nail on the head," he continued, "and we will show you that we are going to carry it out." When questioned relative to the above statement the attorney-general said, "Well, my boy, you haven't heard any member of the senate say that, I'll wager, and if so, you can go to lecturing there is nothing in it. I'm not in this muddle and don't want to be, but there will be a conference of the senators to-day and I have no doubt that all will be well and this chaotic state of affairs will soon find its climax."

The most important event among the rumps yesterday was the arrival in Helena of "Cholly" Jones. This is Bernard's greeter, and most cordial was the greeting accorded "Cholly". This is the young man of Butte who assisted in procuring affidavits for Sanders & Co., and who a few weeks ago was in the toils for placing a young girl in a bag; but he came out all right owing, it is said, to the poorly constructed law covering that offense. "Cholly" wanted a hack all by himself last night to go out to the Hotel Broadwater. He did not fail to let anyone know his intentions who happened within half a block of him, as he shouted to several cabmen. "I'm going to get loaded and have a — of a time," he said to a friend, and he wanted a hack or nothing. The motor was not rich enough for him.

By mutual arrangement the democratic and republican senators will meet for a social conference this forenoon. It will not be a meeting of the senate, but a gathering of men to discuss the situation and suggest measures looking toward a settlement of the unfortunate dead-lock.

The house of representatives met yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. No quorum being present a recess of fifteen minutes was taken. A quorum having been found the session was read and corrected. Upon the report of Mr. Penrose the house was then adjourned until this morning at 10

o'clock. It is expected that the tunnel project matter will come up for further discussion at this morning's session. A caucus of the house was held immediately after adjournment last evening.

THE RUMP HOUSE.

After their rest over Sunday the rumps waded through the mud down Main street yesterday afternoon, tramped up the stairs and through the long hall into their dreary room. Witter, fresh and smiling, let the gavel drop at 2 o'clock. Chief Clerk Webster called the roll but there was no quorum. Witter asked the members to wait a few minutes for the absentees. The door opened with a bang and a small boy strode up the aisle, hat on head, and handed a message to the clerk. The boy's disregard of their dignity caused some of the rumps to gape at him with astonishment. The message was for a democratic representative and none of that kind being in such company, a rump shouted: "You're in the wrong house. The boy hurried out, and Rev. Webb who has consented to pray for the rumps delivered a short prayer to which they listened with bowed heads. The sergeant-at-arms had in the meantime been on the outside hunting up the absent members. Horsky was the first one to put in an appearance, and the others soon followed. There were about ten spectators present. Bernard, Seligman, Sanders and the rest of the crowd were not on hand. Les Mantle soon came in and took a seat by the sergeant-at-arms for a few minutes and chatted with that officer. Senator Brown, of Beaverhead, was the next visitor. He remained but a short while. Before he left he stepped over to the rump and whispered something in his ear which caused that individual to smile in a way which seemed to indicate he was well pleased with the senator's remarks.

After prayer Witter went through the order of business until Goodwin, of Meagher, moved that the house go into committee of the whole. This was done for the purpose of considering the rules, which is about all they have done so far in the committee of the whole. Whenever this is done Clerk Webster has an opportunity to go to sleep if he wants to, for he has very little to do. Thompson, of Silver Bow, presided over the committee, and makes a good chairman, but he seems nervous about something. When they got through with the rules Cory moved a recess of fifteen minutes. Most of the rumps put in the time by smoking, for Witter insists on no smoking while the house is in session. After the recess the first thing done was to unanimously tender the Journal Publishing company a vote of thanks for two thousand letter heads. These had been distributed around on the desks and practiced on by the rumps during the afternoon.

Cory then moved that when they adjourn it be to meet in their new rooms in the granite block at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Thompson wanted the hour changed to 10 this morning. If the senate should organize, he said, they ought to be in session to receive anything that might be sent to them from the senate. If the rumps were not in session at the same time it might cause delay. His amendment prevailed and the rumps proceeded to the election of an enrolling and engrossing clerk. Before the vote was taken the name of Miss E. Evans was withdrawn and the place was then given to W. M. Cook.

Holter asked that the committee appointed to wait on the senate be discharged. Thompson opposed any such action, and the committee were not discharged. Holter withdrawing his motion.

FEEDING THE HORSE.

George A. Martin Tells How Best to Care for a Useful Animal.

George A. Martin, in his valuable little book on "The Family Horse," devotes one chapter to the all important subject of feeding the animal. In this attention is called to the fact that the horse has relatively the smallest stomach in proportion to its bulk and weight of any domestic animal. The entire anatomy and physiology of its digestive apparatus show that the food of the horse should be nutritious in quality, supplied often and in comparatively small quantities. The food, of whatever kind, must be of good quality, sound and wholesome; but beyond this no specific rules can be laid down for general application. The nature and character of the food must vary with the size and constitution of the horse, the climate and season and the amount of work required.

Oats are pre-eminently the grain for horses if only one kind of grain is fed. Oats ought to be at least three months old before they are fed. Many feeders now have their corn ground even for young horses, to insure their being perfectly digested. Timothy hay or alfalfa with oats may be regarded in this country as a standard feed for horses. Corn, when fed to horses, should be combined with nitrogenous foods. When fed in the form of the meal it ought to be mixed with several times its own bulk of cut hay or other coarse food. If alone, corn meal becomes impacted in the stomach and causes colic. Whole bran is a valuable feed for horses either in form of warm mash or mixed with ground oats, corn or barley. Corn fodder, if bright and well cured, is a better feed than is generally supposed when cut up and mixed with nitrogenous material. Carrots, fed a few times a week, will improve the system and assist digestion, as do parsnips and wurtzel.

The harder the work and the colder the weather the greater proportion of carbohydrates is required in the food. In the stables of one of the street railroads of Chicago, where thousands of horses are kept, the food consists of ground oats and corn cut hay. The latter is dampened sufficiently to make the meal adhere to it, and the whole is mixed together. In warm weather the ground feed consists of two parts of oats and one of corn. In winter there is an equal proportion of each. Many advantages are gained by crushing the grain and cutting the hay and straw.

Every horse owner should keep on hand linseed meal or a quantity of flaxseed and feed it to the animal whenever he shows signs of constipation. This has a large percentage of mucous forming material and exerts a soothing effect on the stomach.

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Jefferson Davis Very Weak. NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 1.—Jefferson Davis is very weak and cannot take nourishment, but his physician thinks he is somewhat better than last night.

THE HATFIELD-McCOY FEUD.

The Fire-Eaters in Kentucky Preparing to Enter Upon a Wholesale Slaughter.

Secret Service Detectives Driven Out of the Country Tell a Terrible Story.

Judges Compelled to Close Their Courts and Resign Their Commissions—A Reign of Terror.

The famous Hatfield-McCoy feud that has terrorized the law-abiding citizens of eastern Kentucky has broken out afresh, and another wholesale slaughter is looked for at any moment, says a Cincinnati special to the St. Louis Republic.

The information reached this city to-day through government secret service detectives who were driven out of the commonwealth by the notorious Hatfield gang. The detectives were in consultation all day with the United States authorities at Covington, across the river, and left last night to hold another conference with Gen. Buckner.

The stories as told by the government officials are almost incredible. Judges were driven from the bench, prosecutors threatened with death, and other high officials compelled to resign in order to avoid prosecuting members of the gang now in custody. The news brought by the government officers is the first reliable news that has been furnished for many months.

Last Saturday the court of appeals of Kentucky decided that one of the Hatfields must hang. Since the decision of the court there are signs of another outbreak among the outlaws of eastern Kentucky. Judge Lilly of Estel county is afraid to take direct routes to the court in his district for fear of being ambushed by some of the people who have threatened to take his life on more than one occasion. The judge is now holding court in Whitesburg, in Letcher county. In order to escape the danger he sent over 150 miles out of his way to reach that place. The commonwealth's attorney, Mr. Marrs, has also been threatened with death if he did any prosecuting, and a few days ago he tendered his resignation as commonwealth's attorney in open court, but the judge declined to receive it.

Judge Lilly was afraid to hold court in Knott county, and he declined to elect a special judge to take his place. The judge also declined to go to Harlan county to hold court, owing to the numerous threats that have been made against him. A special judge was elected by the Knott county crowd broke up the court with a general fight. This is only a sample of the condition of affairs in that section of the state.

Said one of the first reliable news that has been furnished for many months. The decision in the Hatfield case probably means more trouble. They are confined in jail at Pikeville, and the bar declined to receive them from the jail. In fact, a crowd of their friends came in from the country and inspected the Pikeville jail with a view of rescuing them. They have had several consultations about breaking open the jail, and it is believed that they have abandoned the idea and will seek to rescue the prisoners from the sheriff when he takes them to the penitentiary, where they have been sentenced for life.

The persons referred to as having been sentenced for life are Valentine Hatfield, Dick Wayburn and Plyant Wayburn, convicted in the Pike county circuit court for the murder of Tolbert McCoy, Judge Fryor, who delivered the opinion in the case in the court of appeals, for the same crime. The inside history of the feud, the convicted men, Valentine Hatfield, Dick Wayburn and Plyant Wayburn, were sentenced to the penitentiary for life for killing Tolbert McCoy. It seems a personal difficulty originated between three of the McCoy boys and one Ellison Hatfield, brother of Valentine Hatfield, in which Hatfield was cut with a knife and died from the effects of the wound. After the fight, the McCoy boys and one Plyant Hatfield and placed in the custody of Tolbert and Joseph Hatfield, two justices of the peace in Pike county. These officers of the law, all related to the men killed, thought it proper to carry the McCoy boys to the county seat and guard and the prosecution to have with them a guard to protect their prisoners against any attack that might be made against them by the Hatfields who had remained behind. They had not gone many miles in the direction of Pikeville when they were overtaken by Valentine Hatfield, one of the accused.

Ellis Hatfield and others, who, according to their own statements, resisted the law, were forced, but as a matter of public convenience thought they should be tried in the district where the killing took place. Valentine Hatfield was also a justice of the peace in Virginia in a district near the Kentucky border. The officers in charge surrendered the McCoy boys to the Virginia justice of the peace, who, in conjunction with a posse of armed men, returned with their unfortunate young prisoners that they might have them tried in the civil district bordering on the Virginia line. These parties had not gone far on their return before they were joined by a man named Gus Hatfield and his squad of men, among them the two Mayborns, who are sons-in-law of Valentine Hatfield. The squad of men were armed with guns when they met the Kentucky justices, who had been divested of their jurisdiction by the Virginia justice, and after proceeding to the residence of old Jerry Hatfield, the party divided, a rump of the three, and in this condition carried them to the residence of Rev. Anderson Hatfield, where they took dinner. While at the house Ellison Hatfield stepped aside, and told all of Hatfield's friends to form a line, and the prisoners were taken across the boundary line of Kentucky and confined in a school house in Virginia. There they were guarded by the militia and other armed men, who claim that there was no criminal intent on their part and on the witness stand claimed that they would protect them from injury by others.

They kept them in the school-room until they heard of the death of Ellison Hatfield, who had been stabbed by one of the McCoy boys, and then the claim for human blood began to be made. Tolbert McCoy was 24 years of age, a farmer, McCoy D and Randall McCoy 15. In the meantime they permitted the mother of the boys to visit them, and this old lady, seeing that human law was powerless to save her boys, on benedict knees implored the interposition of divine providence for the protection of her offspring from the brutal revivers of the militia men, and Valentine Hatfield, in mockery of her fervent appeals, required her, using the language of the witness, to make less noise and leave.

When they took these boys to the Kentucky side of the river, the Mayborns being along with the armed force, and reaching a suitable place for their murderous intentions, surrounded their victims as they claim for the purpose of having a "shoot-out match," and cocking their guns held the top of the smaller boy's head off, shot Tolbert fifteen times and killed him on the spot. The Hatfield crowd are threatening now that the prisoners will never see the inside of the penitentiary, and there is a probability that the sheriff will have to call upon the governor for soldiers to land them there. The consultation of the government officers was for the purpose of securing aid in transferring the prisoners to the penitentiary.

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