

PAST WEEK IN THE LEGISLATURE HAD SOME JOY FOR THE MEMBERS

Sergeant-at-Arms DeHart Pulls Off a Stunt at the Expense of Senator Donlan—The Beau of the House Is Representative Hiram Rodgers of Deer Lodge County.

Helena, Feb. 25.—(Special).—Colonel Jake DeHart, sergeant-at-arms of the house, has a prominent, protruding funny nose, and some of the incidents at the capitol tickle him through and through. Recently the house adopted a rule to admit persons to the floor by card. The purpose of this was to confine lobbyists to the corridors and halls. Each member was given a stack of cards and told to supply his friends.

Last Thursday, when time to enforce the rule arrived, Mr. DeHart explained to the speaker that he had six doors and four doorkeepers, and asked for instructions. He was told to postpone the enforcement for a day until he could get men to hold the doors. Friday morning, bright and early, every door was guarded and everyone that entered was passed upon. Colonel DeHart was curious to know what man entitled to the floor would be first to feel the heavy hand of the new rule and, therefore, when the crowd began to assemble he stood near the speaker's stand, from where he could get the lay of the land, and watched the doors. Soon after he took his stand I saw him throw his head back and break into a regular horse laugh, and, following it, I saw, at the front door, Senator Ed Donlan, the velvet-footed statesman of Missoula, in serious but no less conversation with one of the newly placed doorkeepers. The leader of the senate had been held up by the officer and was explaining his position.

The happiest man in Helena yesterday was Senator Conroy, who has voted for T. M. Swindlehurst every day since the legislature convened. His candidate had three votes—all given by good democrats—that day. He smiled, chewed his cigar a little harder and faster, and there was joy in his heart. Mr. Conroy's loyalty to Mr. Swindlehurst is the Damon and Pythias kind.

Hiram Rodgers, one of the wits of the house, has become an institution of the joint assembly. By sticking to one tone of voice in answering the roll call and voting for "The Honorable-Thomas-H. Carter," he has attracted more attention than any other man in the house. The galleries love him for his cuteness and unique diversion. The other day, when he arose, there appeared in his throat a frog, and when he said his little piece—"The Honorable-Thomas-H. Carter," he was out of tune and his old friends roared at his expense.

A senate page tells a good story on Hiram. The legislature had convened for the session, Mr. Rodgers was wandering about the walls, admiring the pictures on the walls, the masonry and architecture, when he decided to go from the house to the senate. Thirty minutes later he met the page, in the rear of the senate chamber, and asked him where he would find the senate. He had gone clear by the place he sought and was lost in a multitude of committee rooms.

Senator George is the proud father of senate bill No. 1, the reappointment measure, and his pocketbook is suffering in consequence. Cigars, drinks and pig dinners. These are on the program. The newspaper boys and fellow solons have enjoyed his liberality. But the most enjoyable part of it is the soft, sweet smile that nestles about the mouth of the senator from Yellowstone. When he strolls alone, up and down the Helena hills, the smile keeps him company. If you meet him at the capitol, on the street, in the hotel, or anywhere else he greets you with a smile that will not come off. Some time soon Mr. George is going to give a pig supper. Roast pig and the good things that go with it will be served.

The legislators are on the home stretch. They must complete their work next week. Thursday is the last day they draw pay and very few of them will remain after the ghost ceases to walk. Montana solons are not unlike the solons of other states in this respect. The surest and quickest way to adjourn a legislature is to stop the per diem. One can have a jolly time in Helena so long as his rocks last but whenever he shows a lemon the cloven hoof of the Helena hog appears. Therefore, after next Thursday, members of the legislature will be as scarce in this city as democrats in Montana in 1912 if the majority of the joint assembly fails to elect a senator before adjourning.

This has been a lifeless week. The untimely death of Mrs. W. G. Conrad cast a gloom over the capitol. Three days passed without any sort of excitement. At the end of that time the warring elements were farther apart than ever before. The Walsh supporters and the anti-Walsh men glare at each other, and swear that they will stick to the last ditch. The lightning rod carriers claim that if Walsh and Conrad would get out of the way some "good democrat" would be elected inside of 24 hours. The "good democrat" would be the man doing the talking.

The fourth biennial banquet of the Eighth legislative assembly was held

Chinese Kiddies Are Good



Group of Typical Chinese Children in the United States.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 25.—(Special).—Score one for the heathen Chinese. His children are the best behaved in America. At least this is shown by the records of the juvenile court of this city. American "kiddies" are holy terrors compared to the mild-mannered young Celestial and it is a rare occurrence when one of the latter is brought to book.

Of all the races with which the juvenile court has to deal, the young Chinese show the least devilry. This is true despite the fact that the Chinese live in the most closely congested sections of the city, where crime is supposed to thrive and where juvenile delinquency is fostered. The court report shows that the congested districts do not furnish so many cases for correction as more thinly populated parts of the city.

Chief Probation Officer Teuscher accounts for the good behavior of the Chinese children because parental restraint is more common in Chinese families than with Americans and other races. He says it would be a good thing if many Americans learned a lesson from the Chinese in this regard and allowed their children less opportunity to run wild. He believes this would greatly reduce the work of the juvenile court.

South Portland, which has a large foreign population, contributes a generous share of cases to the court, but Young America must bear the odium of a large number of arrests. The Chinese, however, come off with flying colors, the black marks against the race being very few.

As a matter of fact, children shown in the picture and most of the other Chinese of the city are Americans, having been born in this country, and are accordingly entitled to all the rights of citizens as soon as they reach legal age. Chinese parents are very proud of their children and take great care in their training and education.

Missoula Mercantile Company goes out of existence—the directors.

Kalispell concern files articles.

Naive letter written by Hartman.

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Wheeler of Silver Bow, Woody, Total, 20.

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Scattering—For Lieutenant Governor Allen—Senators Burlingame, McCone and Sykes and Representatives Bell, Moore of Valley, Nelson, Higgins, Tolman.

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VOTE ON LORIMER ENDS ABRUPTLY

BALLOT IS STARTED, BUT, OWING TO OBJECTIONS, IS ONCE MORE POSTPONED

Washington, Feb. 25.—So anxious are the senators supporting Senator Lorimer for a vote to be taken on his case in the senate that late today Senator Bailey threatened to meet any filibuster that might be made against such a vote with another against appropriation bills.

The Texas senator's statement was made in connection with a general discussion growing out of Senator Burrows' effort to prevail upon the senate to proceed with the consideration of the Lorimer matter. It was after 3:20 o'clock when Senator McCumber concluded his address on reciprocity, and an hour and a half remained before enloges on the late Representatives Lovering and Tirrell could be proceeded with.

The Lorimer resolution was laid before the senate, but no one was prepared to speak on it. Senators Stone, Crawford and Owen, all of whom desired to be heard, pleaded for a postponement. Mr. Burrows insisted there must be either a vote or a speech.

Vote Started. No one responding, the vice president proceeded to direct a vote. The eyes had been sounded and the noise called for when there were signs of much disturbance on the part of numerous senators.

Mr. Crawford shouted, "I object." When reminded that an objection could not prevent a vote, he announced that he was ready to proceed with a speech notwithstanding he was ill. He said he did not want to be "whipped into service."

Senator Stone moved to adjourn, but the motion was voted down. Yielding to the pleadings of the unprepared speakers, Mr. Burrows moved to lay the resolution aside. Mr. Bailey was not pleased with the suggestion. He said there could not be before the senate any matter of higher importance than that involving the seat of a senator, adding there was an evident purpose of filibuster.

Evidently referring to the November elections and to the prospect of tariff legislation, he said the people of the country had ordered congress to do "certain things," and if necessary to do those things, he would not object to coming back to Washington.

After a further exchange of remarks, Mr. Burrows decided not to press Mr. Crawford to proceed and the question went over.

Lower Court Reversed.

Helena, Feb. 25.—(Special).—In an opinion handed down today the supreme court reverses the judgment of the lower court in Ferguson county in the case of Stephen Sutor, who was found guilty of the murder of Thomas Burke, a miner, and sentenced to the penitentiary for life. The crime was committed June 28 last, and the evidence against Sutor was entirely circumstantial. The supreme court says that most of the circumstances are as consistent with the notion that Sutor is innocent as they are with the hypothesis that he is guilty and that the evidence is insufficient to sustain a conviction. Sutor is to be given a new trial.

Cut in Ore Rate.

Wallace, Feb. 25.—(Special).—Official announcement of the cut in the ore carrying rate from Murray to Eganville, terminus of the Idaho Northern, branch of the O. W. R. & N. company, was made today by General Agent Abe Wyman. The cut will be effective March 5, and reduces the charge for ore from \$2.50 per ton to \$1. The cut is made for the purpose of stimulating shipments and developing work in the north side mines, many of which are in condition, or nearly so, to send out regular consignments to the smelters. The cut means a saving of about \$70 a car to the miner, a very considerable item.

Snow in Plains.

Plains, Feb. 25.—(Special).—This morning the ground was covered with four inches of snow, the first that has fallen this month. For several weeks the weather has been exceedingly fine. This snow is just what is needed for the wheat fields as they have been bare since Christmas.

Bills Pass House.

The following bills passed the house on third reading today:

S. B. 66 by Meyer, codifying the coal laws of Montana, repealing some of the statute laws at present and enacting others.

S. B. 35 by Leighton, providing for the organization of counties hereafter created.

H. J. M. 5 by Vaughan, praying con-

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Record of the Balloting. Table with columns for Candidate, Total, and other statistics.

Country Life Suggestions



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Mr. Quitty and Higgins and Donlan and Leary were paired. Mr. McQuitty has been ill at his room for several days. Mr. Higgins was kind enough to pair with him. Mr. Donlan had been excused but Mr. Leary volunteered to pair with him. This broadness of spirit caused a little ripple of applause.

Representative Johnson of Lewis and Clark explained his vote by saying: "I cast my vote for our next United States senator, W. G. Conrad." In response Mr. Holman said: "I am from Missouri; he will have to show me."

When Vaughan voted for Carter republicans clapped their hands.

The Conrad forces held a class meeting at the Helena hotel last night and agreed to believe that everything looks well.

H. E. C. BRYANT.

DIES IN NOME. Nome, Feb. 25.—Colonel L. L. Sawyer, one of the most prominent men in Nome, died today of pneumonia, aged about 75 years. He won his military title in a Connecticut regiment during the civil war and is said to have been prominent in politics in that state before he came to Alaska.