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ON VERGE OF STRIFE

Goebel Contest in Kentucky Reaches Most Serious Stage.

BOTH SIDES ARE DETERMINED

Prospect of Ultimate Settlement in United States Courts.

TROOPS MAY BE CALLED OUT

Special From a Staff Correspondent.

FRANKFORT, Ky., January 11.—It is impossible for any student of the present condition of affairs in the blue grass state to avoid arriving at the conclusion that Kentucky is apparently on the verge of civil war.

The strange fact is presented that William Goebel, who admits that he was defeated by William S. Taylor for the governorship at the November election, and who did not want to enter the present fight, is now seeking by every means in his power to unseat the lawfully elected governor.

A word of explanation as to how Mr. Goebel became engaged in this controversy will not be out of place. Previous to the decision of the election commissioners, the majority of whom gave the certificate of election to the present governor, William S. Taylor, it is said to have repeatedly stated both publicly and privately that he would abide by the decision of the election board.

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Action of the Committee. A few days later a meeting of the democratic state central committee was held and a resolution adopted that the election returns must be canvassed in the legislature, and requesting Mr. Goebel to take charge of the whole business.

May Call for Federal Troops. Governor Taylor declined, when asked for an expression of his opinion as to the outlook, to say anything for publication, but some of those who are very close to him say that in the event of riot the state executive will not hesitate to call on President Harrison for Federal troops.

Some Other Goebel Tactics. Instances have also been known where when a republican senator was about to close his speech, but has not yet heard a word of what the other man had said, having been meanwhile in a cloak room, would rush in, take his place hurriedly and as soon as the other had taken his seat, cry out, "I object," when he did not know what he was objecting to.

The Rule Without Legal Backing. The new rule provides for a joint session, for which there is no warrant in law. It prescribes the manner in which the pending contest shall be considered and in its passage the senate seeks to confer

dictatorial powers upon the speaker of the house, who is one of Goebel's men. Under this rule the speaker may, at his discretion, call a joint session of the two houses, and a quorum of the whole number of senators and representatives is required to constitute a quorum of the joint assembly.

There are 138 members of the two houses, and it is not unlikely that a quorum might assemble and without the presence of a majority of each of the two houses, which, according to the constitution, may be settled by both houses in the manner prescribed by law.

Under our American parliamentary system the senate and house are distinctive parts of the legislative branch of the government. For one house to attempt to surrender its functions to the other house is unheard of in our history.

This rule is undoubtedly destructive of the independent character of the separate houses of the general assembly, and as such is revolutionary in the extreme. It is also grossly partisan and manifestly unfair and revolutionary in its tendency.

Effect on National Politics. There is one important public question upon which democrats and republicans are alike agreed and that is the actions of Senator Goebel have placed the democrats in a hopeless minority so far as concerns the next presidential election, and rendered it certain that the electoral vote of the state will be cast for President McKinley.

It is stated by Goebel's intention to send a solid Bryan delegation to the next democratic national convention, although it is believed most of his own followers prefer Van Wyck of New York.

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The Goebellites are also claiming that soldiers were called out in Louisville, Lexington and Covington by Governor Taylor when there was no necessity for so doing, and that this fact kept many voters from voting at the polls.

While, as already stated, Governor Taylor is being urged to stand firm and not to be ousted from the office by the Goebellites and while he can, it is said, set all the armed support in the state against the Goebellites, and so disposed to stand up for their rights, are opposed to the shotgun policy, and they believe that the claims of the Goebellites on the overturning of the state government can be defeated without a recourse to arms.

Republicans Ready to Act. Many of the leaders who take this view of the situation have been in frequent consultation during the past few days, and it is announced on authority that they have reached the conclusion that there is enough law in existence as laid down by the judges of the United States Supreme Court to prevent William Goebel from becoming governor of Kentucky through usurpation.

At the proper time, said one of these leaders, "the proper move will be made by former governor William O. Bradley, to whom are being referred the names of other prominent citizens who are willing to stand up for their rights, are opposed to the shotgun policy, and they believe that the claims of the Goebellites on the overturning of the state government can be defeated without a recourse to arms."

Based on 14th Amendment. This injunction will be taken out in the United States court before Judge Taft, and will be based upon the fourteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which says that "all persons born or naturalized in the United States are subject to the jurisdiction thereof and citizens of the United States and of the states wherein they reside. No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

On the prominent attorneys who are in consultation with former Governor Bradley on the matter yesterday said today that it had been decided to head William Goebel off by the use of the fourteenth amendment as set forth in that part of the fourteenth amendment which says that "no state shall deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law."

It is a well-established fact that office and property rights in this country are property rights which must be protected, and which a person cannot be deprived of without due process of law, and which the courts are bound to protect.

The Constitution says that the depriving of property rights cannot be done without due process of law. Due process of law means by the judiciary and not by the legislature. Therefore the present attempts of the Goebellites are clearly unconstitutional, and the law provides for an attempt to deprive a person of property rights being stopped by an injunction applied for before the judge of the United States circuit court in enforcing the mandates of his court.

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A PROPOSED RAID

Canada May Be Invaded in the Spring.

PLANS OF IRISH ORGANIZATIONS

Old Feuds in the Different Societies Now Healed.

VIEW FROM THE INSIDE

Special Correspondence of The Evening Star.

NEW YORK, January 10, 1900. Following up the recent reports of intended "Boers" raids on the Canadian border, your correspondent has had an interesting talk with a gentleman in regard to the activity of the Irish residents of this country in the direction of reviving their attempt to invade Canada.

The gentleman, who must be nameless in this connection, is a military man, who has served with distinction in the civil war, who stands high in the councils of the Clan-na-Gael and who is suspected of being one of its military chiefs.

The trend of the conversation seemed to leave no doubt that there is a serious movement on foot among Irish-Americans for the invasion of Canada. The gentleman referred to says emphatically that the Boers never more serious or determined in their history, recognizing to the fullest extent that at last has come that difficulty to England which has been longed for ever by the Irish.

The first capture of British troops by the Boers, it is said, was effected by a wing of the Irish Brigade, commanded by the late Major-General John Bull-McBride, who is now idolized by his numerous friends in this city.

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TOWN COUNCIL MEETS. Falls Church Officials Indorse Proposed High School Course.

FALLS CHURCH, Va., January 10, 1900. The town council met Monday night at the council rooms, when Councilman Gould, DuPont and Gibson were appointed a committee to co-operate with a like committee from the Village Improvement Society to ascertain the cost of sinking an artesian well and to locate the same.

Councilman Ellison submitted a report of committee on examination of the grading of the school grounds in the work in the Falls Church, which was accepted by the council as a substantial compliance with the decree of the circuit court. A substitute offered by Councilman DuPont that the work was unsatisfactory to the council, was defeated. It was voted that consideration be deferred to a meeting to be held Friday.

A communication from the school board was received requesting the indorsement by the council of the establishment of a high school course in the Falls Church, and an increase of ten cents on the \$100 to maintain same. Councilman Gibson submitted a resolution to suspend the plan proposed by the board is by an increase in the rate of taxation, does hereby approve and indorse the request of the school board for authority to raise the rate of tax ten cents on the \$100 for the purpose stated in the proposed amendment.

After considerable discussion the action on the resolution was deferred until Friday night. Councilman A. M. Smith of the second ward tendered his resignation as a member, and Mr. M. M. Erwin was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy. The council voted to act on the subject of the proposed act requiring the county board of supervisors to open a new road from Falls Church to the subject of the proposed act from itinerant merchants, book agents, etc., reported a number of ordinances in regard to the matter, and consideration was postponed to Friday night.

The public graded school opened Monday morning. Prof. Heaton, principal, in charge, and Miss L. Hoffman, presented to the church was present and made an address to the pupils. Mr. G. W. Hawthorn, clerk of the school board, on behalf of the pupils in the principal's presence, presented to the church a handsome watch chain. It was announced that the arrangement for the last year, which was with pleasure to the remaining five months of the term, as suggested by the school board, will be maintained at once. The high school will be substituted for the people approve of the school board, which the school board for a slight increase in the rate of taxes.

IMPOUNDING OF DOGS. Number Impounded During the Past Five Months.

Mr. H. C. McLean, the deputy health officer of the District, has transmitted to the Commissioners a statement showing the number of dogs impounded here during the last five months of the past year. During August 478 were impounded, of which 578 were destroyed, that number not having been redeemed by their owners or sold. During September 625 were impounded and 624 were killed. During October 482 were impounded and 421 killed. In November 578 were impounded and 512 killed, while during the last month, when the epidemic of rabid dogs was in progress, 578 were impounded and 512 killed. In total for the five months of 2,583 impounded and 3,010 killed, but 528 being redeemed. Poundmaster Elstein stated today that his force now captures on an average of seventy dogs a day, the average daily catch having dropped about 20 per cent during the past few days.

Lady Alice Montagu Dead. Lady Alice Montagu, sister of the Duke of Manchester, died Wednesday at Davos-Platz, a health resort in Switzerland.



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