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ON THE PACIFIC BILL.

The House to Decide Its Fate Today.

EACH SIDE CLAIMS VICTORY.

The Gigantic Interests at Stake, and the Excitement as to the Final Decision—Both Sides Making Polls of the Members of Congress and Their Votes—Cuba to Come Before the Senate Today—Senators Mills and Davis to Speak on the Question.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—The fate of the Pacific railroad funding bill, which was debated three days in the house last week, will be called tomorrow, when the measure, with the pending amendments, will come to a vote by the special order under which the house is proceeding. The bill involves the settlement of the $112,000,000 of indebtedness of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific on the basis of an extension of over eighty years at 2 per cent., with an annual extinguishment payment on the principal at the rate of $365,000 for the first ten years; $580,000 for the second ten years, and $750,000 for the remaining years. It involves as the alternative of its defeat the probable defeat of the foreclosure of the government's lien and sale of the property.

This is the culmination of the struggle which has gone on in congress for a dozen years, to secure some sort of an adjustment of the Pacific railroad indebtedness on the basis of an extension, as it has been apparent for a long period that the roads would default when the bonds matured. The interests at stake are gigantic ,and the friends of the bill are straining every nerve. The opponents of the measure are also active, and the result is awaited with intense interest. Each side tonight claims it will be victorious tomorrow. Both sides have made polls of the members upon which they base their claims.

Before the final vote is taken on the bill, the Bell and Harrison substitutes, both of which are pending, will be voted upon. The former provides that the Union Pacific and Central Pacific will discharge the first mortgage indebtedness of $61,000,000 so as to advance the government's lien to a mortgage, and that then the government will agree to an extension of the debt at a low rate of interest. The Harrison substitute provides for the creation of a commission, consisting of the secretary of the treasury, secretary of the interior and attorney general, for the settlement of the debt on the basis of what is fair to the roads and just to the government.

After the funding bill is disposed of the house will proceed with the consideration of appropriation bills until Saturday, which will be given up to eulogies on the life, character and public services of ex-Speaker Crisp.

The Indian and military appropriation bills are on the calendar, and before they are disposed of the agricultural bill will be brought up.

IN THE SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—The course of the senate this week will depend largely upon whether the Pacific roads funding bill passes the house and whether Senator Cameron will call up his Cuban resolutions. Mr. Cameron's friends expect that he will be in his seat Monday and that when he returns he will indicate his desires as to the resolutions on the Cuban question. If he decides to press the resolutions there will be a determined effort to aid him in this direction., but in any event there are liable to be a few speeches on Cuba. Senator Mills has announced his purpose to address the senate on the question tomorrow and it is understood that Senator Davis is preparing a Cuban speech.

The Pettigrew free homestead bill is expected to reach a vote Monday or Tuesday, and it is to be followed by the Pacific railroad bill if the latter bill passes the house. Senator Cullom, who will have charge of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, said today that he expected to be able to report that measure by the middle of the week, and that he would ask the senate to consider it as soon as reported.

FOR THE INAUGURATION.

Applications Pouring In for Places in the Grand Parade—Preparations for the Ball.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—The arrangements for the inauguration of President-elect McKinley are progressing in a manner very satisfactory to the committee having them in charge, and it is believed that the decorations, illuminations and ceremonies incident to this event will at least equal in beauty and impressiveness those of any former inauguration. A large number of committees, composed of prominent citizens, each having in charge a single feature, are working in perfect accord, and the results so far attained give assurance of complete success. All of the money asked for by the executive committee has been contributed and a number of contracts have already been let.

At a meeting of the executive committee, Chairman Wright, of the committee on public comfort, reported that he would be able to furnish lodgings for 100,000 people if necessary. He had already registered 9,100 places where meals may be obtained, and 171 windows and a number of balconies from which the parade may be witnessed.

Gen. Clay, from the committee on military organization, reported that there would be in the parade one entire division from Pennsylvania, consisting of the governor and his staff, division and brigade commanders and their staffs, three regiments of ten companies each, twelve regiments of eight companies each, one battalion of four companies, one separate company, three troops of cavalry, two companies of naval militia, in all 8,630 men. Maryland will send her entire national guard, and large bodies of troops are expected from New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Rhode Island, Massachusetts and other states.

The cadets from the United States military academy at West Point and the United States naval academy at Annapolis will also be in line, as well as a large number of crack military organizations from different parts of the country. Applications from any civic societies and clubs for positions are being received, and this feature of the parade will no doubt be unusually fine.

The inaugural ball promises to be an exceptionally brilliant affair. The decorations will be very elaborate, and all of the appointments of a high order. The contract for the banquet was let to Carl G. Essner, of Philadelphia, after a spirited competition among caterers in the East. A military band of sixty-five pieces and an orchestra of 125 pieces will furnish music from separate stands at the east and north fronts.

The committee of civic organizations contemplates the erection of information booths all along the line of the parade and in the business portions of the city, to be manned by the members of the Washington high school cadets. The Washington Light Infantry Veteran Association has tendered its services to the committee to do escort duty during the inaugural week. The usual reductions in railroad rates from all parts of the country are expected.

THE CABINET SLATE.

Sherman to Be Secretary of State, Hanna to Take His Place as Senator.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 10.—The opinion among those who claim to know is that Senator Sherman will be offered and will accept the secretaryship of state in McKinley's cabinet, and that Mr. Hanna will not be one of the cabinet advisers of the next president. It is believed to be certain that Mr. Hanna would be appointed as the successor of Mr. Sherman in the senate, a place which he very much prefers to any portfolio which the president-elect could offer him. Inasmuch as the senatorial appointment would have to be made by Gov. Bushnell, the arrangement herein suggested is said to indicate the friendly feeling which Senator-elect Foraker has for the president-elect and for the chairman of the national committee. Regarding the selection of Cornelius N. Bliss, of New York, for secretary of the navy, it is said that Mr. Bliss has been offered the place, but that he deferred acceptance until he could ascertain whether he could arrange his business affairs so as to permit of his taking it.

Gen. Alger, of Michigan, is counted as certain to be the secretary of war.

One Who Does Not Want Office.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10. — Senator Proctor of Vermont has returned from Cleveland, where he was in consultation yesterday with President-elect McKinley. The senator refused to discuss for publication the object of his visit, as he says his conference with Major McKinley was entirely confidential. Mr. Proctor, however, felt free to say for himself that it has been known that he personally did not want and would not accept, a cabinet position or any other office.

CHEERED AT THE CHURCH.

Three Boys Cheer the President-Elect at Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 10.—President elect McKinley remained at the home of Col. Herrick today. This morning, in company with Mr. and Mrs. Herrick, he attended services at the old stone church. There was a large congregation present. The pastor prayed for divine blessing upon the president-elect and those who were to compose his administration. As Major McKinley was about to leave the church an amusing incident occurred. After he had taken his seat in the carriage, three small boys ranged themselves in line before the carriage door. The president-elect bowed and smiled and was about to say a pleasant word to the youngsters when one of them, evidently by pre-arrangement, cried: "Three cheers for McKinley." The cheers were given with a hearty good will, while the assembled bystanders clapped their hands and the president-elect's face was wreathed in smiles.

Mr. and Mrs. McKinley will return to their home in Canton tomorrow afternoon.

THE OREGON SENATORSHIP.

Mitchell's Opponents Have Not Yet Named Their Candidates.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 10.—The nineteenth biennial session of the legislature will meet at noon tomorrow. The contest for United States senator to succeed Mr. Mitchell overshadows everything else here tonight. A call for a caucus was issued today, and it was given out tonight at Mitchell headquarters that forty-three signatures had been secured. It is claimed by the Mitchell men that they have pledges enough to obtain the forty-six votes necessary to an election.

The opposition to Mitchell have put forward no candidate and at present will give out no figures. It is unlikely that the anti-Mitchell men will go into caucus, and the strength of the two factions cannot be measured until a vote is taken.

The Arkansas Legislature.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Jan. 10.—The thirty-first biennial session of the Arkansas legislature will assemble tomorrow. There are strong contests for the speakership of the house and for secretary of the senate, there being five candidates for the former and three for the latter place. The first business will be the inauguration of D. W. Jones as governor. The ceremonies will be simple. The legislature will on the second Tuesday after its assembling, elect a United States senator to succeed J. K. Jones. As Senator Jones has no opposition, the election excites no interest.

The California Senatorship.

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 10.—The partisans of Senator Perkins now claim a victory for him Tuesday on the first ballot for United States senator. The illness of State Senators Moultrie, Shanahan and Burnett will reduce the number necessary to a choice from 61 to less than 60, and as sixty members are bound by their caucus pledges there seems little reason to doubt that the claims are correct, even if Messrs. Burnett and Shanahan should recover sufficiently to be present. The absence of Moultrie seems at this time unavoidable.

In Senator Dubois' Favor.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 10.—It is understood that the committee on privileges and elections of the house will report in favor of the sitting members from Bingham county. They are for Dubois, and such action will be distinctly favorable to the senator.

DEBS' IDEA OF LABORERS.

Says They Can Be Hired to Shoot Their Fellows.

DENVER, Jan. 10.—Eugene V. Debs, the labor leader, arrived in this city this morning. He is here to make a series of addresses in aid of the Leadville striking miners. He spoke this morning at the Broadway temple, Rev. Myron W. Reed's church, and this afternoon before the trades assembly. His address in the assembly was of a socialistic character. He urged all friends of union labor to support the Leadville strike. He denied that union labor was in favor of fighting, for he said men who will not vote right cannot be depended upon to fight right. He predicted that in a war of capital against labor plenty of laboring men could be hired for 75 cents a day to shoot their fellows.

Gas Instead of Opium.

OAKLAND, Jan. 10.—Albert Miller, who with his mother, Matilda Miller, and his brother, John Miller, is confined in the city prison awaiting the investigation of a burglary charge, made a determined attempt to kill himself in his cell last night. He blew out the gas and stood over the jet until he became unconscious and fell. The fall attracted the jailer's attention. He was speedily revived. All of the Millers are morphine fiends, and to the fact that he has been deprived of the drug since his arrest is ascribed his desire to die.

Found His Wife Dead.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 10.—A Commercial Tribune special from Shakertown, Ky., says: William Divine, a highly respected farmer, returned to his home near here last night, after an absence of several hours, and found his young wife dead on the floor, her two infant children lying on her breast, crying bitterly, finger marks on her throat, her clothing and all the furniture disordered, and other signs of a struggle. He ran and gave the alarm. A hunt for the murderer all last night has been without result.

Steel Works Resume.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Jan. 10.—The Johnstown company's steel works, after a six weeks' shut-down, will resume tomorrow. The Cambria rail mill, No. 1, and the scrap mill will resume work this week, giving employment to many idle men.

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FROM A CUBAN PRISON.

Three Americans Swear Allegiance to Spain's Queen.

TO GAIN THEIR LIBERTY.

They Went to Join the Patriots, but Fell in With the Spaniards—They Made Their Escape, but Were Retaken and Moved From Prison to Prison—Havana en Fete as a Mark of Respect to a Departing Spanish Grandee—Maximo Gomez Said to Have Informed the Cuban Junta That the Patriots Are Demoralized.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 10.—A thrilling story is told of the Cuban revolution by a party that arrived from Havana today. Last September three men started for Cuba to join the forces of the belligerents, and arrived on September 21. They fell in with Jose Ruiz, a Cuban patriot, and a companion, who volunteered to guide them to a retreat occupied by the Cuban commanders. They headed for the Pinar del Rio district, and when near Mariel, in the Guanajay district, were surprised by a body of about fifty Spaniards. They were taken prisoners and searched, and, finding papers confirming their suspicions of Ruiz, the officers held a consultation and decided to kill all the prisoners. The conversation was carried on in Spanish, but Ruiz interpreted their remarks for his friends.

Recognizing the desperate situation in which they were placed, the five men decided to risk their lives in an effort to escape rather than to wait and be shot. During the night Maguire rolled over to Ruiz and the young Cuban used his teeth with such success that he soon had Maguire's hand loose. Maguire then took a knife and liberated his companions. It was dark, but the moon shed light sufficient to illuminate the ground for some distance. With a rush the five men ran to the spot where they saw some machetes and guns. They armed themselves, each with a machete, revolver and belts full of ammunition. As they were getting away the Spaniards fired a volley after their escaping prisoners. Ruiz's companion fell shot through the heart, and one of the others had his right arm perforated by a ball.

The four succeeded in outdistancing their pursuers, but were compelled to make their way further into the mountainous regions of Pinar del Rio, and after a wearisome journey they arrived in the region of San Cristobal. A few days afterward they were recaptured by a band of Spanish patrollers. Their hands were tied behind their backs and they were compelled to march for a distance of over ten miles, when they were thrown into a prison.

The next day they were forced to march again until late in the afternoon, when they were put in another prison, and so they were marched from prison to prison until Havana was reached. Here they were thrown into a well-guarded prison, where they were separated.

On December 3 three Americans were brought before some commanding officer whose name they did not learn, but it is presumed by them that it was Gen. Weyler. They were told that Reiz the young Cuban, had committed suicide by shooting himself with a revolver which he had snatched from one of the guards. The three men said nothing but they discredited the suicide story and were firmly convinced that the young Cuban had been executed.

The three Americans were offered their liberty and passage home if they signed a paper swearing allegiance to the queen of Spain, and promising on oath to do all they could against the Cuban cause in the United States. This they agreed to do and were liberated.

A Demonstration of Sympathy.

HAVANA, Jan. 10.—There was a notable demonstration of sympathy for the Marquis of Apezetugia today, on the occasion of his departure for Spain. The marquis embarked at 4 o'clock. Capt. Gen. Weyler, on account of the immense crowds, made his way to and from the wharf of La Machia from the marine palace on foot.

Upon the arrival of Gen. Weyler at the wharf the band played the royal march and the crowd cheered for Spain, for Gen. Weyler and for the marquis. The military governor, Generals Ahumada and Prats, the generals of artillery and of the engineers, the government secretary, the Marquis Palmerada and governor Perru, with the national committee of defense, the chiefs and directors of the political parties, the mayor, bade farewell to the marquis after he had gone on board.

There were three steamers accompanying the San Augustine out of the harbor, one of them having on board the battalion of volunteer artillery, and nine tugboats, all of the vessels being decorated with banners and having on board bands of music and being crowded with people of all classes shooting off fire crackers. This flotilla accompanied the San Augustine far outside the harbor.

The Marquis of Apezetugia is accompanied to Spain by his family.

What Is Said in Madrid.

MADRID, Jan. 10.—The Epoca officially confirms the report that Maximo Gomez has informed the Cuban junta in the United States that the insurgents are demoralized, their supply of munitions of war being exhausted, and that they are unable to continue the struggle.

The Correspondenzia Espana asserts that Maximo Gomez, the insurgent leader, is disposed to negotiate for peace.

MORE SPANISH HORRORS.

One of Weyler's Victories Proves to Be a Defeat.

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—A special to the World from Tampa, Fla., says: A school boy of 10 years was killed in Gunabacoa on Thursday evening by a Spanish patrol because he refused to hurrah for Spain. The lad smiled when the soldiers asked him to hurrah, not comprehending what they wanted. They cursed him as a "Cuban whelp," butchered him and left the body in the street.

In the fields surrounding the city dogs have been seen eating human flesh and gnawing human bones. More than 500 people have moved from Gunabacoa within ten days.

Another large pit with dead bodies in it was discovered on Thursday near Gunabacoa in thick underbrush. Decomposition was too far advanced to permit recognition of the bodies. It is supposed these victims of Spanish blood-thirstiness belonged to the poorer class of the suburbs, as many have been reported missing lately.

Antonio Roginy, a native Cuban forced to leave home, as the police were after him on suspicion, has arrived here. He says the raid at Caobillias called a Spanish victory was a great Cuban success. The town was garrisoned by 500 Spaniards, who had three cannon. Before daylight on Wednesday the Cuban insurgents, under Maj. Sorres, seized the outposts and almost captured the entire place before the Spaniards knew what was going on. The cannon in one block house was turned on the Spanish, and they retreated to the entrenchments. Maj. Sorres threw part of his force in the rear of the Spaniards and routed them. The Cubans did not pursue; they were after the spoils and supplies. The Spaniards had managed to spike one cannon, but the Cubans took the other two with them, as well as the complete outfit, including a large supply of ammunition.

MANUFACTURING EVIDENCE

Startling Assertion by the Counsel of Ivory, of the So-Called Dynamite Conspiracy.

LONDON, Jan. 10.—Former Assistant District Attorney McIntyre, of New York, who resigned that position to come here to conduct the defense of Edward J. Ivory, charged with complicity with P. J. Tynan in a dynamite conspiracy, was interviewed today. Mr. McIntyre says he has been engaged all day ever since his arrival with Ivory's counsel. He asserts his conviction that certain officials are manufacturing evidence in the case to advance their interests.

Mr. McIntyre says he is satisfied that a few years ago Jones, the informer, undertook for a large sum to furnish Scotland Yard with evidence. Failing at that time to do so, he is now swearing against Ivory, says Mr. McIntyre, in order to fulfill his promise.

"Several of Ivory's or Bell's main witnesses have preceded me by steamer," proceeded Mr. McIntyre, "and are now secreted in London. They will prove that while he was in America Jones advocated such infamous measures against England that the lodge expelled him.

"I find evidence here of a determination to convict Bell, or Ivory, at any cost. I learn that every favor is to be extended by the English bar and that I may be allowed to plead, and at any rate to cross-examine Jones. This is the first time that such favor has been extended in a quarter of a century. I shall see Ivory on Monday and shall also confer with his counsel."

BRITAIN'S NEW CRUISER.

The Terrible Shows a Speed of 22½ Knots an Hour.

LONDON, Jan. 10.—H. M. S. Terrible, the new first-class cruiser, had her trial over a twenty-three mile course off the Cornish coast on Saturday. The speed developed showed an average of twenty-two and one-half knots an hour, beating, it is claimed, the record of every war vessel afloat. The Terrible was launched at Glasgow in 1895, and she is equipped with forty-eight boilers of the Belleville water-tube type. This great ship is built of sheathed steel and is of 14,000 tons displacement. Her length is 500 feet and her beam 71 feet, while the maximum draught is 27 feet. She has two screw propellors and is provided with an indicated horse-power of 25,000.

She is rated as a protected cruiser, the armored deck extending over the whole length of the ship. In its thickest part it is four inches and tapers to three inches at the end. Her coal capacity is 3,000 tons, the armored deck being arranged with minutely subdivided coal bunkers. The complement of officers and men provided for is 840.

The twin screws are each three-bladed, 19 feet 6 inches in diameter. Both screws rotate inward, which is the reverse of the ordinary practice. The engines are vertical, three stage, compound type, with four cranks, there being two low-pressure cylinders. The stroke is four feet.

Her armament consists of two 9 2-10-inch, twelve 4-inch quick-firing guns, sixteen 12-pounders, twelve 3-pounders, nine machine guns, two light guns for a boat and forty-one torpedo tubes.

The speed of the United States cruiser Columbia on her trial trip was 22 8-10 knots an hour.

WELCOME SIGNS OF PEACE.

Balfour Speaks of the Great Troubles of a Year Ago.

MANCHESTER, Jan. 9.—Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, M. P. for the East division of Manchester, first lord of the treasury and Conservative leader in the house of commons, addressed a mass meeting here today congratulated his constituents upon the change on the face of public affairs since he addressed them on the same day in 1896, when he pointed out that the heart of every citizen of the empire was filled with anxiety at the unexpected troubles which at the "twinkling of an eye beset the country from every quarter," the United States, the Transvaal and Germany. Continuing, Mr. Balfour said: "I am glad to say the clouds are now dissipated."

Referring to the insinuations that the Irish political prisoners were released in return for Irish support of the land bill, Mr. Balfour said the first a member of the cabinet heard of the matter was a statement of Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, chancellor of the exchequer, announcing their intended release.

PLANNED ANOTHER MASSACRE.

Appeal to the People of Europe to Depose the Sultan.

BRUSSELS, Jan. 10.—The Turkish Reform League has issued from Brussels an appeal to the people of Europe, declaring that the sultan has planned a massacre to take place during the approaching ramazan fasts, and imploring the powers to interfere, depose the sultan and proclaim Reichad Effendi, younger brother of the sultan and heir presumptive, his successor, with a council of state made up of equal numbers of Moslems, Christians and Europeans.

Rumors of Massacre Denied.

LONDON, Jan. 10.—A dispatch from Constantinople to the Standard says rumors of a massacre of Christians at Trebizond, which originated by the statement that an Italian gunboat had been ordered thither, are untrue. It appears that an Italian subject named Marani was secretly shipped to Trebizond for exile to Erzeroum. The Italian ambassador demanded his immediate return to Constantinople for proper trial, and threatened to send gunboats till the porte gave a written promise of compliance. The incident has caused a sensation at Constantinople, on account of the belief that Italy was backed by the powers.

To Be Archbishop Keane.

ROME, Jan. 10.—It is now certain that Bishop Keane, formerly of Washington, D. C., will be nominated as bishop assistant at the pontifical throne, although the nomination has not yet been officially made. The pope will also nominate him as a titular archbishop and canon of the patriarchial basilica and adviser to some Roman congregation. Hence Bishop Keane will make his stay here in order to render services to the Vatican in American religious matters.

Ellen Terry Too Dowdy.

PARIS, Jan. 10.—It is reported that the Casino at Monte Carlo recently refused admission to Ellen Terry on the ground that she was too ill dressed.

Paris Is Getting Prudish.

PARIS, Jan. 10.—Cardinal Richard has forbidden the priests of his diocese to attend dramatic performances.

Money Says Nothing of Cuba.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Senator-elect Money returned here from Cuba today. Mr. Money made a flying trip to the island with the object of ascertaining for himself the condition of affairs there. He has been away since the day before Christmas. He has steadfastly refused to talk for publication about his trip, and tonight begged to be excused from seeing newspaper men.

The Situation in the Philippines.

MADRID, Jan. 10.—Official advices from Manilla state that the situation there is greatly improved and that the rebels do not dare to approach the capital.

It is reported that 6,000 insurgents, while trying to cross the isthmus of Novelta, of the province of Cavite, were repulsed with heavy losses.

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CLINE TO BE SPEAKER

Solon T. Williams and James Ross Give Up the Fight.

FUSIONISTS TO CAUCUS TODAY.

King County Asks for Eight Places in the House—All the Lawmakers Assembled and Ready for the Opening of the Legislature This Morning—The Candidates for the Senatorship Also on the Ground, With Many Friends Actively at Work for Them—Populists Have So Many Candidates That They Are Embarrassed—Threats to Blacklist Any Populist Who Votes for Turner or Squire.

OLYMPIA, Jan. 10.—Special.—A crowd of politicians, senators and members of the house of representatives filled the lobby of the Hotel Olympia tonight for over three hours. The roster of the legislature is practically complete, and everything is in readiness for the assembling of the legislature tomorrow. Tonight Congressman-elect W. C. Jones, of Spokane; H. J. Sniveley, C. H. Hagan, Senator R. C. Washburn and Lieut. Gov. F. H. Luce, of Davenport, arrived.

Mr. Sniveley at once became at home in the Turner camp and is an active worker in the interest of the Spokane candidate for the senatorship. Partisans of all the aspirants for Squire's seat are actively at work and the struggle for supremacy between the forces has, at last, begun in earnest.

Fusion members of the house will meet in caucus at the capitol tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Charles E. Cline, of Whatcom, will be elected speaker without opposition, Solon T. Williams and James Ross having practically given up the fight. Mr. Williams made no especial effort to capture the prize, and will not oppose the election of Cline. The same is true of Ross, who might have made a formidable candidate had he desired to make the race. Mr. Cline will be the unanimous selection of the Populists.

Nearly all work done today has been for the purpose of deciding upon the employes of the house. The number of applications for clerkships has been extraordinarily large, and members have carried in their pockets a vast number of cards of those who sought places in the house. King county will ask for eight places in the house, the delegation having indorsed the following in a caucus tonight:

J. M. Page for enrolling clerk.
Mrs. M. A. Balderson, assistant enrolling clerk.
Mrs. Bertha Venen, journal clerk.
Lee Smith, assistant postmaster.
Mrs. H. Nida, assistant enrolling clerk.
Mrs. M. A. Stewart, engrossing clerk.
A. R. Bell, messenger.
C. H. Guiberson, of Kent, watchman.

In the distribution of offices in the house the Populists will have at least three-fourths. They have a large working majority, and will be guided by the good old Jacksonian rule that to the victors belong the spoils.

Nearly all of the places will be filled from those who have been indorsed by the various delegations.

Pierce county will ask that Sam Holloway, an old school Populist, be appointed janitor, and Miss Fay Fuller enrolling clerk.

The committee clerkships will be filled later. S. P. Caruse, of Clallam, will be the chief clerk of the house. J. C. Clayton, of San Juan, is slated for assistant chief clerk, and C. H. Scott, of Seattle, may be sergeant-at-arms. Gill Roby, of Whitman, will be supported by Eastern Washington members for reading clerk.

The Populist leaders in the house today gave it out that the Republican members could claim no recognition in the matter of offices. This was received by the Republicans as a notice that they were not wanted in the caucus tomorrow, and it is probable that they will take no part in the organization of the house as far as the caucus is concerned. A proposition advanced by a King county Populist member to give the Republicans one or more places, was promptly sat down upon.

Interest in the senatorial controversy will be centered in the Populist wing of the fusion party, for here the inevitable battle must be fought to a conclusion. The Populist leaders realize this fully and are daily devoting the greater part of their time in efforts to bring order out of the chaos that exists in the Populist party wing of the fusionists.

The great question before the Populists is how to eliminate all of their fifteen or twenty candidates save two or three without disrupting their organization. Many of the prominent Populist members of the house insist that only a Populist party man can be elected to Squire's seat, but when they are asked how they will be able to effect the elimination of the host of candidates who are in the field, no reply is received. The Populists know the danger they are in; they realize and admit the possibility for the success of one or the other of the Silver Republican candidates unless they get together and settle their differences peaceably. Most of them claim that this will certainly be done.

The discussion of these perplexing questions has brought out the fine distinction between Populists that was often heard before the Ellensburg convention but which after the campaign opened were lost sight of. The line is now frequently drawn between the middle-of-the-road fellows and those who are not "radical" in their views. The ultra-Populists will demand the election of one of their number as a condition indispensable to the perpetuation of the fusion movement. The progressive Populists will endeavor to unite the party on a Populist candidate for the senatorship but will not stand out against a silver Republican in case he is satisfactory.

The more radical Populists declare that any man who votes for either Squire or Turner will henceforth and forever be blacklisted. A prominent eastern Washington Populist, who has been a member of the organization since its inception in Washington, and who has edited a number of Populists papers in the state, declared today to the Post-Intelligencer correspondent that any Populist member of the legislature who voted for Squire or Turner might as well sign his political death warrant and never again ask for preference or prominence in the Populist party. Such arguments as this are continually used to force the weak-kneed or recalcitrant men in line for a distinctively Populist candidate.

Clark Davis, of Seattle, arrived yesterday afternoon and has secured rooms at the Olympia. Mr. Davis is one of the men in the People's party who has been mentioned as available senatorial timber. He has received offers of support from a number of members-elect of the legislature, not only in King county, but from other sections of the state. He has not entered upon an aggressive campaign, but believes that his chances are fairly good. He is said to be the second choice of a large number of members of the legislature.

Senator C. M. Easterday, of Tacoma, is in Olympia. Mr. Easterday was numbered among the staunch supporters of George Turner four years ago, but in