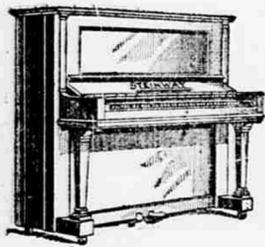




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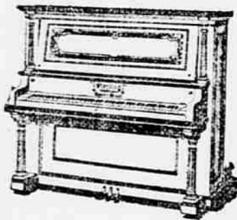


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SPEAKER MAY BE MADE TO-MORROW

Illinois Republican Legislators Will Meet in Last General Caucus.

FINAL DECISION IS POSSIBLE.

Gathering in Chicago Will Wait for Deneen's Declaration and Bandwagon Movement Will Follow.

"On to Chicago" is the war cry of the Republican members of the Illinois Legislature. The lobby of the Great Northern Hotel to-morrow will be the scene of the last general caucus of the legislators preceding the meeting of the General Assembly on January 4.

There seems to be every indication that on the morrow the Sphinx will speak, that is to say, that there will emanate from the gubernatorial sanctum a definite declaration as to whom the incoming administration will favor for the speakership. All of the candidates who have been in the field, as well as what practically will be the entire membership of the Republican side of the House, will be present. When the announcement is given out authoritatively that Governor Deneen and his friends will favor a certain candidate, there will be a wild scramble of members elect to get into the bandwagon.

Mr. Deneen, it has been said, probably would hold open house in Chicago during the next week, with the intention of receiving the half dozen aspirants for the gavel, to give them a chance to make a demonstration of the forces behind their booms and to declare their attitude toward the policies of legislation that the new administration is bound to favor, in accordance with the planks of the Republican State platform.

Additional statements, which have emanated from the particular friends of the new State officials in Chicago, would have it believed that as yet the Deneen forces have not been aligned behind any of the candidates and that it is yet possible for a Cook County member to be chosen by the Republican caucus.

TRAUTMANN IN THE LEAD.

Other sources of information, equally reliable, intimate that when all the arguments have been made and a balance is struck of the wishes of the members of the House, that one will be wedged against the other and that Governor-elect Deneen will make his declaration in favor of the candidate, who has demonstrated the greatest personal strength, provided that the possible policy of the Speaker would not interfere with the position that the new Governor is bound to take toward new legislation.

In view of the developments of the week, it is the opinion of friends of Representative Trautmann of East St. Louis and freely stated that the selection of the candidate from St. Clair County is as nearly assured as possible. Mr. Trautmann left East St. Louis for Chicago last night, and will again occupy his headquarters at the Great Northern Hotel, after an absence of two weeks from the metropolis.

While Governor-elect Deneen and Chairman West of the State Committee were absent from the city, the speakership contest has lapsed and there has been little doing. Consequently, Representative Trautmann has not been around the headquarters since the general round-up of two weeks ago.

Friends of the Southern Illinois candidate lay great stress on the turn of events within the last week or two. The Chicago crowd, under what was tantamount to an agreement to abide by the decision of the State leaders, have kept mighty quiet and have had nothing to say for or against any of the candidates. The friends of Mr. Deneen, those of his personal allies, have likewise kept silence, waiting for the word of release from the existing powers.

The most important development was the tacit agreement as reported from Springfield as a result of the conference between Mr. Trautmann and certain of the State leaders that all opposition on the part of Governor Yates and his friends would be withdrawn from the East St. Louis man, under the proviso that no exterminating measures would be taken by the organization, which would then control the House, toward the allies of the retiring executive. It is understood that Judge Sherman, who becomes the new Lieutenant Governor, stands as political sponsor for Mr. Trautmann in this agreement, and guarantees that the provisions will be carried out, in addition to the personal assurance of Mr. Trautmann that impartial treatment is to be given each and every member, both as to recognition in committee appointments and in the progress of legislation.

TO TRY TO UNITE FACTIONS.

It is conceded by other candidates for the speakership, outside of Mr. Trautmann, that they are simply in the running because there is a possibility that enough pressure can be brought to bear on the organization in control of the State machinery to prevent the selection of the Southern Illinois Representative. With the exception of Representative Arnold of Galveston, who heretofore has been designated as the distinctive "Yates" candidate, each of them have stated that the logic and political aspect of the situation pointed to the selection of Trautmann and that they were willing to step out of the way whenever the proper time came. All through their position has been tantamount to a declaration that Trautmann was their second choice.

Representative Arnold, who stood by the Yates organization of the last House at all of the critical stages of the game and who, with his colleague, Representative Chipfield of Canton, failed to join with the Sherman forces, notwithstanding the

neighborly relations which existed between their legislative districts, is still in the field, and has stated that his further continuance as a contestant depends entirely on the personal wishes of Governor-elect Deneen and Governor Yates.

The consensus of opinion among those who have a good line on the condition of affairs would indicate that Mr. Deneen has allowed the jockeying for position to reach the point where he is absolutely safe in making a decision, which will not bring on himself and his friends the prejudice of the many conflicting elements in Illinois Republican politics. In that respect he is given credit for playing the part of a most astute politician.

When the die is finally cast it will be with the hope that a united front will be presented, and that in one component mass will be congregated the Deneen, Yates, Lowden, Sherman, Hopkins, Cannon, Hamlin and, not the least of all, the Chilton forces, which, in bitter opposition not longer than six months since, threatened the disruption of the Republican party in Illinois.

If Mr. Deneen realized this aspiration he will have accomplished a feat which has never before been performed in the north politics. There is a chance that by doing so he will have won a temporary victory, but not far below the surface there is promise of a smoldering flame that will break into a devastating conflagration before many weeks of the campaigning session have passed into legislative and political history.

REPADACHES FROM COLDS.

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SPARKS SET FIRE TO WEEDS.

Engines Called Out to Extinguish Blaze Near Orphans' Asylum.

Sparks from a chimney, it is believed, set fire to weeds and grass around the greenhouse at St. Joseph's Orphans' Asylum, Kansas street and Minnesota avenue, about 5 o'clock last night. The blaze was discovered by a boy who was passing the institution. He ran into the asylum and getting the key to the fire-alarm box which is kept there, summoned the department. Engines Nos. 21 and 22 responded and the fire was easily extinguished without having caused any damage. But few of the children in the institution knew of the blaze, and there was no excitement among them, as the first word came distance away from the main structure.

Repairing of Fine Watches and Jewelry a specialty. F. W. Dresten, Seventh and Pine.

William R. Newell Lectures.

William R. Newell of Moody Church, Chicago, and teacher of the Union Bible classes in several cities, lectured at the Washington and Compton Avenue Presbyterian Church last night to a large congregation. The service was especially well attended by members of the class held two years ago by Mr. Newell.

Manicure sets, military hair brushes, razors and strops. Koken Barbers Supply Co., No. 92 Market street.

Larceny of Revolver Charged.

Ben Moskowitz, 16 years old, living at No. 232 Cass avenue, a clerk at the Union Loan Company, No. 148 Market street, was arrested last night on suspicion of having stolen a revolver from his employers. It is said that he took the revolver to Dan's loan office on Franklin avenue and sold it. The revolver was recovered.

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GOOD DEMAND FOR FRUITS.

Extra Quality of Mistletoe Causes Many Calls for Christmas Decoration Which Cannot Be Supplied.

Union Market Dealers at the close of business last night, were getting 17 cents a pound for turkeys, but several predicted that the price may be 18 cents before 6 o'clock to-night.

The price is about the same as last year. There will be plenty of the birds to supply the demand, although the warm weather has resulted in much of the stock being discarded as unfit for use. One dealer said that by to-morrow even another cent may be added to the price. Chickens range at 12 1/2 to 17 cents a pound, broilers bringing the top price. Wild turkeys are quoted at 20 cents, with peewee chickens at 12 1/2 each.

Beef meat is 30 cents a pound, and deer saddles 25 cents. Mallard ducks are on the counters at 45 cents each, and teal at 25 cents or three for 41. Quail are 35 cents each, or 47 1/2 a dozen. Turkeys are quoted at 17 1/2 cents a pound and tame duck at 14 cents.

Cranberries, a necessary product for the turkey dinner on Christmas, are higher this year than ever, the best stock selling at 15 cents or two quarts for a quarter. Some, however, are offered at 10 cents. For a half a peck of sweet potatoes, the dealers at the market quote their prices as uniform, ask 25 cents.

Fruits are about normal in price, selected apples selling at three for 25 cents, of course there are some much cheaper. Oranges range in price from 17 to 20 cents, at exclusive quality of Florida being offered at 14 cents. Celery ranges in price from 5 to 7 cents a bunch, according to quality. The best lettuce retails at 15 cents a head. Radishes are 10 cents a bunch, and young onions and 10 cents. Cauliflower is ranging from 15 to 25 cents a head.

On the other hand, holly is not of such good quality, but is plentiful. The berries are not so red as last year, but are not so green. It is going at 10 cents a bunch. Immortelle is selling for 10 cents a small bunch, and 90 cents for the largest. Needle pine brings 25 cents a bunch and excellent wreaths are on the market for 18 or 20 for 25 cents.

Stationery for Xmas Gifts. Paper and envelopes in fancy boxes. Engrossed Calling Cards, Novelties, etc. 50 CALLING CARDS \$1.50 and up. BOX WRITING PAPER \$1.00 to \$3.00. CHRISTMAS CARDS \$1.00 to \$3.00. 1500 CALLING CARDS \$1.00 to \$3.00. MERMOLD & JACQUARD'S. Broadway and Locust. Write for New Illustrated Catalogue.

PATTERSON JURY SPENDS NIGHT IN DELIBERATION.

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filed back into the juryroom after dinner there was silence throughout the great building, and a gloom seemed to fall over the waiting crowd.

"CROWD IMPATIENT.

As the hours dragged on and no report came from the jury room the crowd in the building and in the street became impatient. At one time a small company of the men in the corridors broke into song.

Miss Patterson leaved this sign of excitement, and her nerves are said to have rebelled at the indication that anyone could be gay, when a question of such moment was under consideration.

Miss Patterson spent an anxious evening in the Criminal Courts building, awaiting the result of the deliberations of the twelve men, who shortly after noon to-day were sent to a jury room to decide whether she should be branded as the woman who fired the shot that killed Caesar Young, or liberated to join her family.

She had expected a speedy verdict, and had even packed her belongings and left them in the cell, which has been her home for several months, but evening came and the jury went to dinner and returned to their deliberation with no sign of what their verdict would be.

The suspense of the early days of the trial when Prosecutor Rand put complete chains of circumstantial evidence against her returned, although outwardly Miss Patterson seemed to maintain the same quiet demeanor that has characterized her from the beginning.

As the afternoon passed into evening, various rumors were spread about the Criminal Courts building as to doings in the jury room.

"The jury stands ten to two for acquittal," was one of the reports.

"One man is holding out," was another. Some had the hardihood to name the juror upon whose refusal to acquit hangs so much for the former actress.

GREAT INTEREST.

The great interest, which the trial of Nan Patterson attracts has never been evidenced in a more pronounced way than this afternoon and evening.

Excluded from the corridors of the court building this afternoon, several scores of visitors stood outside the main entrance in the sleet and snow in the cold night at last night for the word that the jury had at last returned.

As she was led from the court, after the jury retired, she witnessed a marriage ceremony between two prisoners, and congratulated them. For a moment her face brightened, as though she had forgotten her own troubles, but soon after resumed her look of sad calm. While she was in the Tombs this afternoon she opened numerous telegrams and letters from relatives and friends, congratulating her upon

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- 1 dozen 24-inch Double Damask Napkins and 2x3-yard Double Damask Table Cloth to match; regular price \$8.00; to-day, \$6.00
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- Better Linen Sets at reduced prices in proportion to the above.
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- 20-inch Hemstitched and Hand-Drawnwork Lunch Cloths; pretty designs; regularly \$2.00; now \$1.65
- 18-inch Tenebrife Centerpieces; handsome patterns; round or square; regular price \$2.25; to-day, \$1.85
- 24-inch Tenebrife Centerpieces; round or square; regular price \$7.00; to-day, \$5.50
- 18-inch Torchon Lace Centerpieces; regular price \$1.50; to-day, \$1.10
- 20-inch Handmade Torchon Lace Centerpieces; regular price \$1.65; for, \$1.25
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90x100-inch Bedspreads, for double beds, with pillow shams to match; regular \$45.00; for, \$35.00

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Official Stenographer of Clayton Circuit Court and Miss O'Neill of St. Louis Married.

Alexander J. Getter known as "Jimmy" Jones of Clayton and Miss Agnes C. O'Neill of St. Louis were married in the parlors of the Clayton Hotel, of which Jones is the owner, yesterday morning by County Judge Fred L. Kerth.

The intended marriage was kept a secret and no one outside of Recorder Wetzel, who issued the license, and Judge Kerth knew of their plans and they were not apprised until sent for by Jones immediately before the ceremony. As Jones was supposed to have been a confirmed bachelor, no one even suspected his intentions.

Jones is the official stenographer of the Clayton Circuit Court. His wife has been his assistant for the last three years and transcribed nearly all his notes during that time. She is also an expert stenographer and assisted in reporting the famous Harrington trial and wrote the transcript in that case. Mrs. Jones lived at No. 212 North Channing avenue.

Jones is 44 years old, and a well-known character in St. Louis and St. Louis County. He came to the United States from Ireland twenty years ago, and since then has had a varied career. Beginning as a keeper of a ward in a New York insane asylum, he has worked up until he has been admitted to the bar as a lawyer. In the interim, he has managed prize fights, been the postmaster of municipal clerk of Hot Springs, sold typewriters, speculated in real estate, written several books of considerable literary merit and was a composer of jokes for Lew Dockstader.

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