

SENATE AND HOUSE

Are Now on Speaking Terms With Each Other.

SITUATION STILL STRAINED,

And Next Week Will Witness The Supreme Test

OVER THE CONTESTED SEATS.

Democratic Resolution Looking to the Unseating of Getzendanner and Pierson, met by one from the Republican Side of the Senate to Unseat Kidd and Swear in His Opponent, and Another Declaring Ashby's Seat Vacant Pending a Settlement of the Contest--The Resolutions go Over Until To-day--Senator Scott Overwhelmed with Congratulations From All Parts of the Country.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 20--So far as legislation is concerned another obstacle was removed to-day by the formal recognition of the house by the senate, following upon the official recognition by the governor yesterday. The senate's recognition was in the form of an acknowledgment of the house's notification that it was organized and ready for business. The usual number of bills and resolutions were introduced in both houses, and to all outside appearances business was being done.

On the other hand, the strained situation due to contests over seats is not yet relieved. The exact majority on joint ballot is not yet determined, and during the next three or four days between now and the date of the senatorial election the supreme test will come.

The Democrats continue to claim that the hopes of electing their nominee, Mr. McGraw, are not dispelled, and the fact that the forces are still at work and the nomination of other candidates, but is still in Charleston, imply that they have not given up the fight.

Democrats Still Fighting. One evidence to-day was a Democratic resolution in the senate to unseat Getzendanner and Pierson, the two Republican senators. This was met by the introduction of a resolution by Mr. Kidd and another by Mr. Morris, and to declare Mr. Ashby's seat vacant pending the settlement of the contest.

This action is not a summary one, for the resolutions went over until to-morrow, when they will come up for discussion. It is not likely that the debate will be lengthy, as the senators do not appear to have any serious quarrels. While the Republicans have no fears that they will be deprived of their majority, they have no intention of yielding to any effort to deprive them of their rights. The members of the sub-committee to investigate the Taylor county case have gone to Gratton.

G. A. D.

MANY CONGRATULATIONS

From People in High Places Showered on Hon. N. B. Scott--Alleged Republican Newspaper Keeping Up Its Calumny--Caucus Absentees Will Support the Nominee.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 20--Everything is quiet here to-night, many of the delegates living at available points having gone home to spend Sunday, to return Monday morning prepared for the events of the coming week, which will be more interesting than any that have preceded them. Several who have been here from Wheeling have also departed, among them Senator Whitaker, Delegate McLeure, Messrs. B. Walker, Peterson, George Wise, H. C. Richards, Colonel Morris, Horkheimer and others, but they may return next week to witness the final senatorial contest. Mr. Scott left for Washington to-night on the special train, and will return on Monday. Mr. Scott was overwhelmed with telegrams of congratulation to-day from several scores of leading men representing all parts of the country, including many of the members of the administration at Washington, members of the national house and senate, and business acquaintances. The first reply was from Vice President Hobart, who wished him hearty congratulations on his good fight and notable victory.

A Flood of Congratulations. Mr. Joseph Spindel, of Wheeling, wired: "Four hundred working people of the Central glass works and forty of the Spindel Glass Company, congratulate our next senator."

Congressman M. E. Alexander, of New York, Colonel James D. Basky, of Virginia; Henry Baer, of Wheeling; Dr. A. Scherer, of Wheeling; Prof. John M. Birch, of Wheeling; Prof. J. H. Taylor, of Wheeling; Dr. H. Darrah, of Wheeling; and many others wired congratulatory wishes. Third Assistant Postmaster General Merrill wired his congratulations, as did Congressmen Doster and Dayton, ex-Congressman Walter Evans, and G. W. Wilson.

Senator Elinus says: "Accept my warmest congratulations on your nomination. Republicans have a conceded majority on joint ballot should promptly make your election certain. I trust that the Republican members will not fail to secure to the state the fruits of Republican victory."

A telegram from the law division of the Internal Revenue Bureau says: "Law division sends congratulatory wishes. His other telegrams are from Hon. Richard C. Kerens, of St. Louis; Mr. E. Bloch, of Wheeling; First Assistant Postmaster General Perry S. Heath; Senators W. E. Chandler, John M. Thurston, J. C. Pritchard and Charles E. Thomas.

A Unanimous Act. Great gratulation was manifested here to-day, by the publication of a double-columned statement in the Daily Herald this morning, which read as follows:

"On top. Another vote for expansion, (signed), 'N. B. S.'"

"The following telegram to President McKinley, from the Republican caucus, was published in the alleged Republican paper, which has been repeating such villainous abuse on Mr. Scott, and

was the subject of much glee among Democrats. It was doubtless sent out to other papers. I am able to state that the item was absolutely false. It was done to belittle the Republican caucus, for such telegram was never sent to the President, or any one else. Mr. Scott sent but one telegram last night in any way referring to the result of the caucus, and that dispatch conveyed the news to Mrs. Scott, in Washington.

False Stories About Absentees. All stories that the three absentees from last night's caucus will not support the nominee are false. Two of them have denied the report to-day, and declare that they will support heartily the nominee. The other, Mr. Ashby was confined at his home, about twenty miles from the city, with a severe cold.

Monday is likely to be an eventful day. It will be no one of the other house to-morrow, but the senate will convene to take action on the contest resolutions.

Among the arrivals here to-day was Mr. Taylor, of Wheeling. Mr. Moore is en route to Staunton, Virginia, and stopped over to view our aggregation of West Virginia statesmen.

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SOME MISAPPREHENSION

Growing Out of the Vote Cast For Judge Goff--Was Not an Active Candidate in Any Sense.

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Newspapers that involve Judge Goff in the contest, and other papers, do him wrong, for the movement is authorized to have been with his consent.

Governor Atkinson cheerfully yielded to the contest, and in a public address an eloquent tribute in his speech at the close of the caucus last night.

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THE LEGISLATURE.

Senate and House now in Working Order--Action Taken on the Matter of Contests for Senatorial Seats--Cases of Getzendanner and Pierson Referred to Committee.

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Resolutions were introduced appointing J. B. Newman, of Wayne, as assistant sergeant-at-arms; E. C. Frame, as general stenographer, and L. C. Loch as assistant clerk, all of which lie over one day.

Mr. Oseantoff offered resolutions relating to the facts that E. G. Pierson and H. C. Getzendanner accepted military commissions under the United States government, and declaring that they thereby became ineligible and forfeited their rights to seats in the senate. Referred to committee on privileges and elections.

Mr. White offered a resolution declaring that a contest is pending against Walter L. Ashby, senator from the Ninth district, and suspending Ashby from the seat of senator until the contest is settled. Mr. White also offered a resolution declaring that M. B. Morris, and not R. F. Kidd, was elected to represent the Fourth senatorial district, and that the seat of the latter should be vacated until the contest is settled.

Both resolutions lie over one day under the rules.

Senate Joint resolution No. 6 was of a similar character, and was referred to the committee on education.

Senator Elinus introduced a resolution to revise the school law of West Virginia. Under a suspension of the rules, house joint resolution No. 1, providing for a joint committee to notify the governor that the legislature is ready for business, was adopted.

Senator Whitaker was not present at roll-call, and was granted leave of absence until Tuesday. The chair announced the appointment of White and Lanham, Republicans, as additional members of the privileges and elections committee.

Senator Elinus, Democrat, called attention to the fact that the committee was composed of seven Republicans and two Democrats, while the house committee was three and four. Senator Cole was excused from serving on the committee, and the chair agreed to appoint a Democrat in his place.

The following appointments were announced by the chair: O. E. Darrell, of Upshur, committee clerk; S. S. Buzzard, of Morgan, door-keeper; J. W. Davis, of Preston, assistant secretary; S. W. Starke, of Kanawha, librarian; J. C. Campbell, of Kanawha, clerk; J. C. Campbell, and Joseph Dillard, of Wood, assistants.

Senator Elinus introduced a resolution amending the constitution as follows: Senate bill No. 1, by Smith, suspending the right of the state to sue in equity. By Farr, to protect the lives and health of persons employed in manufacturing establishments. By the chair, to amend the law relating to the execution of the law relating to the redemption of forfeited lands. By Farr, providing for the impeachment of county and district officers.

By Dotson, providing for the assessment of foreign building and loan associations.

HOUSE PROCEEDINGS. Contest Proceedings Instituted to Deprive Another Republican of His Seat--Ex-chief of Police McNeil Provided for.

The house of delegates was opened with prayer by Rev. Guy Crooks, of Clarksburg. Speaker McKinney announced the committee on education as follows: Bowman, Smoot, Knight, Long, Morrow, Mead, Carter, O'Brien, Talbot, Mansfield, Hunt, Cutright, Wright, Hill, Legge.

The chair announced committee clerks as follows: J. E. Sommerer, of Summers; B. H. Webb, of Kanawha; John C. Chapman, of Harrison; R. D. Helronomous, of Tucker; Fred. M. Solter, of Berkeley; Joseph D. Smith, of Jefferson; Burgess, of Wayne; B. E. Cav, of Cabell; Scott Love, of Marion; John Patton, of Kanawha, was appointed cloak room keeper; C. H. Smith, of Jefferson, assistant; A. N. Campbell, of Nicholas, librarian; and Ira Dempsey, of Fayette, a page.

Bills were introduced as follows: By Taylor, for the relief of the sureties on the bonds of Dr. Peyton. By Moore for the construction of walks along public highways. By Harnish, concerning the power of county courts in relation to roads and bridges. By Jarman, to amend the law relating to contagious diseases among domestic animals. By Bowman, providing for the conveyance of prisoners to the state penitentiary by officers therefrom. By Shumate, to establish a criminal court in Summers county.

The judiciary committee reported adversely on house bill 9, introduced by Mr. Bee, relating to the payment of fees of officers and witnesses, and house bill No. 11, introduced by the same gentleman, to amend the divorce law.

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