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ANOTHER SENSATION

Sprung by Lindsay of Dawson
Who Adjures Republicans
to Remain Steadfast.

CLARK LEADS THE RACE

Gains Votes from Conrad—Candidates
Dropping Out—Grand Jury to Report This Afternoon.

Special to The Gazette.

Helena, Jan. 24.—Representative Wm. Lindsay of Dawson county furnished the sensation of the day in the joint session at noon, when his name was called. Lindsay is one of the fifteen republicans in the legislature, and to head off a rumored break of the republicans to W. A. Clark for United States senator he spoke for thirty minutes in explanation of his vote, charging that it was common talk that certain republicans had been purchased. "Republicans, although in the minority, will be held to strict accountability," he declared dramatically, "and if they allow themselves to be swerved a hair's breadth from the path of duty they will be branded as political outcasts and social pariahs as well."

The ballot then proceeded without incident, the only feature being the increase of Clark's vote by accessions from Conrad, it being the first time that Conrad's ranks had been invaded by that candidate. The number of candidates voted for today was the smallest since the session opened.

The result was: Clark, 88; Conrad, 31; Cornelius Hedges (rep.), 15; Maj. Martin Maginnis, 6; Dr. Fox, 2.

The grand jury appointed to investigate the bribery charges is expected to report at 3 p. m. today. The report will be accompanied by no indictments and will be regarded by the Clark men as a vindication of their man.

The Clark forces claim that they will wind up the fight this week and that they will have republican votes if necessary to use them.

CLARK WILL WIN.

A Forecast of the Senatorial Fight as It Appeared Last Night.
Editorial Correspondence.

Helena, Jan. 23.—Clark's election, with or without republican votes, appears to be only a matter of a few days. And the indications are tonight that he will receive no assistance from the republicans; all the information I can gather on this subject is to the effect that the fifteen members will vote for a party man to the end. They honored Cornelius Hedges of this city with a vote today and tomorrow will compliment G. H. Grubb of Flathead county, a candidate for associate justice of the supreme court on the McKinley ticket two years ago. Then the republicans will probably return to Marshall, but if the contest lasts several days they are likely to compliment other party leaders throughout the state.

Clark got 86 votes today, gaining Senator Hannah of Sweet Grass county, who has been voting for Fox, and Representative More of Meagher, who had been supporting Hartman. There were only eight scattering democratic votes, divided between Maginnis and Fox, and it is claimed that six of these will ultimately go to Clark. That would make him 42 and if he ever reaches those figures his election is a foregone conclusion. It is an open secret that it is now difficult to hold some of the Conrad men in line and the necessary votes to elect Clark will very likely come from that source. The Daly men would break away from Conrad in a minute if they dared to do so and vote for most anyone but Joe Toole, democrat or republican, but they are afraid to do it. If they did the weak Conrad supporters would get into the Clark band wagon and fill it up with the required 48 in no time. So Conrad, it will be seen, has the Dalys bottled up, but still the Great Falls man has no show of being elected.

Few people deny that Clark is using money corruptly, but his democratic adherents and a few Helena republicans say he should be elected in spite of that fact. And he will be, too, unless some grand coup is accomplished, which must even be a bigger thing than the bribery charges on the first day of the session. The Clark sentiment seems to be rampant. It is universal in Helena and you also get it from men from all quarters of the state, but it is from democrats. The Dalys have not yet given up the fight, but say they have done all they

can and can't help it if Clark is elected; that the senatorship is for sale and he has the money to buy it.

This is the situation as accurately as it can be described tonight. Clark and his chief lieutenants wear an air of supreme confidence and the Daly men admit that they have done all they can do to beat him. No one seems to know or care when the grand jury will report and the impression seems to be general that it will not hurt anybody when it does. Clark's election, I confidently believe, will occur before the week is out, and I also believe the republicans will stand by their party to the end.
E. L. B.

CLARK CONTINUES TO GAIN.

J. K. Toole Sends Letter to His Supporters
Withdrawing His Name.

Helena, Jan. 21.—The joint ballot for United States senator today resulted in some more surprises for the anti-Clark forces, the Butte man recording a further increase. Three votes went to him for the first time, Metlen of Beaverhead, who has been voting for Toole; Johnson of Carbon, who has been voting for Hartman and Fox alternately, and Parker of Granite, who has been voting for Mantle. One of Clark's supporters, Walsh, was absent today, otherwise his total vote would have been thirty-four. J. K. Toole sent a letter to each of the senators and representatives, who have been supporting him withdrawing his name. His friends respected his wishes and voted accordingly. The republican vote went to T. C. Marshall. There were five absentees, four in the house and one in the senate. The vote resulted: Clark, 83; Conrad, 33; Marshall, 14; Maginnis, 5; Fox, 3; Hartman, 1; total, 89; necessary to a choice, 45.

The vote in both houses was as follows: Conrad—Senate, 7; house, 26; total, 33.

Clark—Senate, 8; house, 25; total, 33.

Marshall—Senate, 5; house, 9; total, 14.

Fox—Senate, 2; house, 1; total, 3.

Maginnis—Senate, 1; house, 4; total, 5.

Hartman—House, 1.

SENATORIAL BALLOT.

Clark Leads the Race with Conrad Close on His Heels.

Helena, Jan. 23.—W. A. Clark today gained two votes in the balloting for United States senator. Senator Hannah of Sweet Grass and Representative More of Meagher being the new accessions to the ranks of the Butte man's followers. Both gentlemen preceded the casting of their votes with short speeches, Senator Hannah's being rather interrupted by the music from outside the legislative halls, furnished by the McPhee company band. The republican strength was thrown to Cornelius Hedges.

In all there were 92 votes cast, requiring 47 to elect. There were two absentees, Garr and Moran, both of whom have been voting for Conrad. The vote was as follows:

Clark—Senate, 9; house, 27; total, 36.

Conrad—Senate, 7; house, 26; total, 33.

Hedges—Senate, 5; house, 9; total, 14.

Maginnis—Senate, 2; house, 4; total, 6.

Fox—Senate, 1; house, 1; total, 2.

Blake—House, 1.

THEY TALKED BOUNTIES.

House Committee Heard Views of Stockmen.

One of the most important committee meetings held during this session of the legislature was that of Friday of the house committee on agriculture and stockraising, when the bounty question was discussed by the committee and a number of cattle and sheepmen who were called in to express their views. There was a variance of views expressed, hardly any two agreeing exactly as to what legislation should be enacted. All agreed, however, that there were evils in the present law, especially in the manner of preventing frauds, that needed correction.

As it was agreed that no law could be passed unless the cattle and sheepmen could agree the committee decided by way of a test to let the twenty cattle and sheepmen present take a ballot to ascertain their preference. Upon the proposition to increase the wolf bounty from \$8 to \$5 there was an agreement, but the vote upon the matter of reducing the coyote bounty resulted in a decision to leave the law as it is, \$3. Thirteen of the twenty voted to leave it as it is, while five voted to reduce it to \$2.50 and the other two to cut it to \$2.

The matter of providing revenue to meet bounty claims was discussed, the stock interests seemingly being disposed to accept an increase of the tax upon live stock. The bounty problem, especially the means of raising revenue, is one of the complicated matters before the law-makers.

General Miller's expedition has landed on Guimera Island, three miles from Hells without opposition, General Otis cables from Manila.

STILL GRINDS AWAY

The State Legislators Introduce
Bills Galore But None Are
Passed Yet.

SALARY BILL AGAIN

Comes Up—Woman's Suffrage Bill to Be Introduced—Disposition of the
Boodle Determined Upon.

Friday—In the Senate.

The senate this morning considered one bill in committee of the whole, that of Connolly regulating the assignment of wages and after a debate that has been about the liveliest of the session voted to indefinitely postpone action.

Bills were introduced as follows:
By Hobson, fixing the salaries of county officers and deputies.

By Anderson, registering land titles, the Torrens land law.

By Stanton, abolishing the office of supreme court reporter, also providing for vacating platted lands in incorporated cities; also amending laws as to the attendance and examination of witnesses in matters of bribery and corruption; also relating to pleadings in civil actions.

Hannah gave notice of a bill changing the law as to the printing of ballots and throwing more safeguards in the way of secrecy around voting.

Campbell gave notice of a bill punishing those who steal rides upon the cars. Riddell of a bill regulating the compensation of executors.

Meyers a bill relating to education. Worden of a joint memorial to congress asking the opening of a part of the Flathead reservation.

Hobson's bill relating to the salaries of county officers is very similar in some respects to the famous salary bill of two years ago that "died a bornin."

It fixes the compensations of officers in the counties as follows, the classes being given in their regular order, from one to eight with the exception of auditor, which is only provided for counties up to and including the third class: Sheriff \$3,000; \$3,000; \$3,000; \$2,500; \$2,400; \$2,000; \$1,800; \$1,500. District clerk, \$2,500; \$2,000; \$2,000; \$1,800; \$1,400; \$1,400; \$1,200; \$1,000; \$1,000; \$1,000. County clerk, \$2,500; \$2,000; \$2,000; \$2,000; \$1,800; \$1,800; \$1,500; \$1,400. Treasurer, \$2,800; \$2,500; \$2,500; \$2,000; \$2,000; \$1,800; \$1,600; \$1,400; \$1,400. Attorney, \$2,500; \$2,000; \$2,000; \$1,600; \$1,600; \$1,400; \$1,200; \$1,000. Assessor, \$2,000; \$2,000; \$1,800; \$1,800; \$1,800; \$1,600; \$1,200; \$900. Auditor, \$1,800; \$1,500; \$1,200. Superintendent of schools, \$1,800; \$1,500; \$1,200; \$1,200; \$1,200; \$900; \$700; \$600.

In committee of the whole the senate this afternoon passed Clark's bill as to alias summonses, Whiteside's admitting veterans of the Spanish and Mexican war to soldiers home and Tierney's bill relating to the arid land commission.

S. B.—fellow servant bill, and Clark's bill relating to changing county seats were referred back to the general file.

The committee arose and the senate after accepting the report passed finally Norris' bill relating to chattel mortgages and a substitute for Cullen's bill in regard to registration of votes, after

which adjournment was taken until Saturday forenoon.

In the House.

In the house an effort was made to employ two more female clerks, Miss Maguire of Butte and Miss Kelly of Broadwater county. Burke of Silver Bow opposed it and said enough clerks were hired for the present and upon his motion the matter was indefinitely postponed.

Hedges bill relating to stock breaking into enclosures surrounded by legal fence was recommitteed. The judiciary committee reported with a recommendation the title be amended and as amended be printed.

Watson's bill relating to the erection of pulp and paper mills and the exemption of the same from taxation was reported unconstitutional and indefinitely postponed.

Fitzpatrick's, allowing fourth-class counties auditors, was recommended printed.

Introduced: By Lindsay—For the dividing of counties into districts and the election of county commissioners from said districts.

By C. F. Kelly—Relating to the appointment of special constables.

By Walsh—to provide for the collection and disbursement of taxes upon insurance companies.

By Lewis—A bill relating to appeals from the decision of the board of medical examiners.

By Normoyle—Relating to the salaries and fees of officers, particularly to the office of clerk of the district court.

By Hedges—Relating to the registration of land titles (Torrens bill).

By Stephens—To provide an assistant for registrar of the state land office, fix the salary and designate the fund from which it is to be paid.

Saturday—In the Senate.

The senate today passed one bill and listened to the introduction of several, including a joint memorial, and then adjourned until Monday at 11 a. m.

The committee on towns and counties reported favorably senate bill 24 to repeal the \$1 fee exacted by county treasurers in issuing county licenses, also senate bill 16, requiring county officials' bonds to be examined at least once every six months.

Sergeant-at-Arms Ponsford made a return upon the process issued in the Geiger-Whiteside contest informing the senate that he had served the summons and that the county clerk had returned with him, bringing the ballots.

Bills were introduced as follows: By Campbell, making it a misdemeanor to trespass upon a railroad train without a ticket or transportation unless an employee of said road; by Myers, changing the amount of the general school levy; by Hannah, relating to the manner and form of printing the official ballot; by Worden, a joint memorial asking that a part of the Flathead reservation be thrown open to settlement. Senator Meyers' bill proposes to change the present law as to the general school levy. The law at present permits the county commissioners in making a general levy to place it as high as 5 mills. The proposed bill will reduce it to 3 mills and make certain provisions that will more generally equalize the levy, requiring school districts to pay more of their proportion than at present.

Notices of bills were given as follows: By Mahon, relating to the further protection of fish, fur bearing animals and game; also, relating to imposition of special road tax; by Cullen, dividing counties into districts, and providing for the election of county commissioners; by Whiteside, amending the constitution as to the legislative department; also, relating to the dis-

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