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OPPOSITION TO LONG WILL VANISH AS THE WATERY MISTS BEFORE THE RISING SUN

LONG-STANLEY.

The Combine Wins in the Organization, Hands Down.

Monday afternoon in the house caucus the Long-Stanley slate went through almost without opposition. Pringle's vote for speaker was 66 and Barker's 22. The Pringle move was a success from the very start. The tide set that way from the start and even Senator Burton's earnest pleas for morality in politics could not check or divert it.

Once in the saddle the combine forces proceeded to fill the various subordinate places of the house, riding over the opposition as though they were not aware of their presence. Geo. Hayden, of Nemaha county, was chairman and J. B. Adams of Butler, secretary of the caucus. Rep. J. M. Nation of this county secured the floor and moved that the caucus proceed to the nomination of a speaker, speaker pro tem, chief clerk, sergeant at arms, chaplain, chief doorkeeper and ten pages and no more.

The motion carried. The roll was then called on the vote for speaker with the result as given above. This, the Third District, gave all its eleven votes to Pringle. C. D. Jones, of Norton, was nominated speaker pro tem, W. P. Mason, of Neosho, for chief clerk, received 71 votes. Steve Cave, of Haskell, was nominated sergeant at arms by acclamation and J. H. McFarland, of Lincoln, was also nominated for chief doorkeeper. Rev. Pyle, the blind preacher, was nominated for chaplain. Ten pages were then selected and the caucus adjourned. That leaves no pie for the Burton-Curtis crowd.

The Governor's Message.

We are in receipt, by the courtesy of H. J. Bone, of a copy of Governor Bailey's message. The message is a plain common sense, matter of fact statement of present conditions in the state with recommendations for needed legislation in some lines. He commends the administration of his predecessor and speaks in the highest terms of the work done by the various boards and earnestly recommends the furtherance of their good work. He recommends more stringent inspection of cattle shipped in from the Territory and asks a careful consideration of the law proposed by the state board.

He recommends liberal appropriations for the maintenance of our three educational institutions and also recommends that a small matriculation fee be charged each student, more especially those coming from other states. He likewise indorses the recommendation that the salary of the state Supt. of Public Instruction be raised to \$2500 the same as received by the other state officers. The needs of our charitable institutions are placed before the legislature, and liberal action recommended. He recommends some changes in the parole system of dealing with convicts, urging that the system be based on merit and credits allowed the prisoner by the penitentiary

NEW COURT HOUSE.

Col. Carpenter writes down from Topeka that Representative Jas. Nation is about to introduce a bill in the Kansas house to allow our county commissioners to build a court house without submitting the matter to a vote of the people. We presume Mr. Nation does not expect to live in this county any more.

authorities instead of outside influence.

He also recommends that Oklahoma be notified to make speedy arrangements to take care of her own prisoners. He earnestly recommends ample appropriations to establish a system of fire protection at the soldier's home near Dodge City. He recommends careful consideration of the report of the tax commission and shows up some of the evils of our taxation system that should be corrected. He recommends such additional appropriations for the exposition at St. Louis in 1904 as may be necessary to enable Kansas to assume her place of proper eminence at this exposition.

The above recommendations and many others of a practical nature make up the message. It is a pure business document void of any effort at embellishment or display, couched in plain language and not to be misunderstood by anyone.

Governor Bailey.

At noon, Monday, Gov. Stanley turned over the state government to his successor, W. J. Bailey. Mr. Bailey made a strong and impressive inaugural address to the five thousand people present. Gov. Bailey is a man of power and push and is in favor of law and the right. He will make a good governor and one of the kind that does things.

Morton Albaugh.

Mort Albaugh, as he is familiarly called, has been cussed and abused as a machine man, all over the state by the fellows who are on the other side of the proposition, and his talent for politics belittled, but those who have watched his political career for the last few years must give him credit for a great deal of shrewdness in campaign work. That he has most successfully conducted the last three state campaigns, no one can deny. During the heat of the campaign when others are losing their heads and allowing their enthusiasm to run away with their judgment, Mort is always cool and conservative, and his prediction of results have always been surprisingly accurate.

A very recent example of that is seen in his prediction weeks ago, soon after Mr. Pringle came out, that he would have 64 votes in the caucus, a prediction to which he has steadfastly clung, has been strangely verified. Notwithstanding the mighty efforts that were made to break the ranks, Pringle got the 64 votes, and picked up two more. Mort Albaugh's strength seems to lie in his intimate knowledge of men and his slavish attention to details in organization. He gets right down to the political machine in every county and township in the state and knows that the work required is being done by somebody.

He trusts men and rarely makes a mistake in his confidence. He seems to read them like a book. Mort Albaugh is one of the greatest political leaders Kansas has produced.

Died at His Post.

An engineer on the Knoxville & Ohio railroad while passing through a cut in a mountain was struck in the head by a falling rock from the mountain above and instantly killed. His fireman knew nothing of the accident and the train sped on its way with the hand of a dead man at the throttle. At the next station the train did not stop and the fireman knew something was wrong. He went over to the engineer's side and found him dead with a wound in the head. The train was stopped and the body removed.

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New Year's Eve.

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The oldest son is now home from college and is engineer of the mine of which his father is general superintendent, while his oldest sister has completed a musical course and is giving lessons in music to the young people of the community. The cozy cottage has given place to the modern home with all its conveniences and comforts and an air of quiet contentment pervades the surroundings. The supper is over and the presents from the tree have been distributed with the usual good feeling and the family sit around the cheerful grate laughing and chatting in a homelike way, forming, indeed, a model family. At length John asks his daughter May for some music. She steps lightly to the piano and soon her rich, sweet voice fills the room with its soft melody and all other sounds are stilled.

The music awakens in the father's heart a train of reflections and thoughts he would keep out on this night but they will not down and the tears of mingled joy and sadness are seen to trickle down his cheeks. After the music John speaks. "Children," he said, "I had thought not to allow a sorrowful word to be spoken to-night nor an act that might mar the blissful happiness of the night. But the sweet music has wrought on my emotions that I cannot force from my mind a tragedy of the day, the discussion of which I had intended should have no place around our happy fireside to night."

"But as the pleasures of the evening are about over, I will relate to you the fearful story. The time and occasion may enforce on your minds the moral lesson to be drawn and it may not be amiss after all, at the close of the old year, to draw a lesson from the mistakes of others in the years past that we may be strengthened

ed in our resolves to lead purer and nobler lives in the year about to dawn. You all remember the Duntons, who once lived in such splendor on the corner below, and how you looked with envy on the fine clothes and jewelry of the children.

"Their father was proprietor of the gorgeous saloon and gaming hall on Tenth street. It was there of a Saturday night after the week's labors were ended the miners were wont to assemble and spend the night and most of Sunday in boisterous merrymaking and drunken carousals and spend their hard earned money at the gaming tables. For a time he was prosperous and his money gave him influence and standing in the community, but his evil associations and the growing indulgence in strong drink blunted his sensibilities and dulled his brain until his wealth melted away and he was obliged to give up his elegant home and prosperous business and seek a humble home for his family in the tenement district and run a low drinking hole in the poorer quarter.

"This evening James Dunton, the once haughty man of wealth, is a suicide. His oldest son fills a felon's cell in the state penitentiary, the second is a fugitive from justice and yesterday his young daughter, the pride of his depraved heart, eloped with a dissolute, heartless gambler who had recently deserted his wife and children in another state. The blow was more than even poor, degraded James Dunton could stand and this evening just as the twilight was stealing on he took his poor, worthless life with his own hand, and Mrs. Dunton is left a feeble, broken down old woman, bowed with her many years of sorrow, without husband or children, alone in the world, without home or friends, a pitiable object of charity.

"Poor woman, I remember her, a bright, joyous, young woman full of mirth and sunshine and how the old church bell rang out a merry peal when she married James Dunton and the people all said what an appropriate match. She knew the business James was following but, poor girl, she craved position and wealth and this is what she has come to at last. Let us draw the veil of charity over her life. Thoughtless, she knew not what she was doing. In the morning of the glad New Year, my dear wife, you and Mary go to her poor hovel and give her all the consolation you can and see that her immediate wants are provided for, and I will see that the mortal remains of the once proud and haughty James Dunton are given decent burial while arrangement will be made to provide for the heart broken widow."

There was no more merrymaking after this recital by the father and soon the children filed quietly off to their rooms, and John Hotten and wife were sitting alone by their fire, each wrapped in meditation and busy with his own thoughts. It was John who first broke the silence. "My dear wife," he said, "I was thinking as we sit here alone with our children all at home, well and happy, of the great pleasure and satisfaction they have been to us and how lonely this house would seem without them."

"For twelve years the annual return of this night has been an occasion looked forward to by us and the children with the keenest anticipation. Each annual return of the happy new year has brought with it renewed joys and pleasures. We surely have been blessed beyond anything we deserved. But amidst my pleasant contemplation of the joys of the years that are past, the thought arose to my mind that this is likely to be the last New Year's eve we will ever celebrate as one undivided family. Soon our dear Mary will leave the old home to cast her lot in the city with the one she has chosen for a life companion.

"And let us hope she has made no mistake in her selection, but that the coming years may add happiness to her life as it has to ours. Then, in the natural course of events, as the years roll around, the other children will leave us and in a few more years we will be left alone as we started. These, to me, are solemn thoughts and fill my heart with sorrow." "Yes, John, I have frequently thought on the same line, and as Mary's marriage approaches, many times I am forced to suspend my work for the blinding tears that will arise. But John, we have this consolation, we have trained our children as best we could and tried to instill into their minds the idea of right and wrong and I feel that our efforts have not been in vain and that they will not disappoint us in our fond expectations for them when they go out to build homes for themselves."

"Yes, my dear wife, we have reasons to be proud of our little family and thankful to the Giver of all good for the many blessings that have been showered upon us. My only ambition now is to see our children happily located and know that they are going to be an honor to the family name and able and willing to so live that the world may be bettered by their lives."

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