

## HARMONY PREVAILS AT SIXTEENTH ASSEMBLY

**BOTH HOUSES STRONGLY REPUBLICAN; J. E. EDWARDS OF ROSEBUD ELECTED PRESIDENT PRO TEM OF THE SENATE AND O. W. BELDEN OF FERGUS SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE; MUCH IMPORTANT LEGISLATION PENDING.**

Harmony was the leading feature of the opening of the Sixteenth legislative assembly, which commenced its labors Monday. There was not a ripple on the political sea to disturb the legislative waters. Both the senate and house, which are strongly republican, got down to business immediately, the senate by electing John E. Edwards of Rosebud county president pro tem and republican floor leader, and the house through the selection of Oliver W. Belden of Fergus county as speaker and Ronald Higgins of Missoula as speaker pro tem and the republican floor leader.

A strong friendly contest was conducted for the speakership with Mr. Higgins and Mr. Belden, both veterans of the fifteenth session, as contestants in the republican caucus, which met Sunday night. The first vote resulted in Belden receiving 28, Higgins 22, Fred L. Gibson of Park county 7 and C. A. Rasmussen of Glendive 6. On the second ballot the latter two dropped out and the vote resulted Belden 35 and Higgins 29. In the senate there was no opposition in the caucus to Senator Edwards for president pro tem. Considerable rivalry existed over the minor positions and appointments as caucus nominees for attaches for both houses.

W. B. Shoemaker of Glasgow was chosen assistant sergeant at arms in the senate. The only nominee of the democrats in the senate was Judge Parker for president pro tem. He will be the democratic floor leader. The sessions of the senate were short the first few days, adjournment being taken early Monday and Wednesday out of respect to the memory of the late Theodore Roosevelt.

The house adjourned soon after organizing Monday in memory of Roosevelt and as committees are yet to be appointed got but little business disposed of this week. Governor Stewart read his biennial message to both houses in joint session Tuesday at 11 o'clock.

The opening session of the house was marked by the filing of a contest by William E. Carroll, F. C. Fluent, Joanna S. Griggs, H. J. Grimes, Charles S. Henderson, James M. Hinkle, Edward B. Howell, Charles S. Warren, republican candidates for the legislature in Silver Bow county, who were defeated on the face of the returns, against the successful democratic aspirants Charles Boulware, Arthur V. Corry, John J. Foley, Jerry J. Harrington, Dan M. Kelly, Don B. King, William Myer and E. T. Moonney, charging gross and apparent frauds in the election returns in Butte, it being charged that hundreds of absent voters' names were illegally voted. The only seats not contested are those of W. F. Dunn, editor of the Butte Bulletin, elected on the democratic ticket, and Sam Treloar and George Scott, elected on the republican ticket.

This contest has been referred to a committee composed of E. H. Cooney of Cascade county, Washington J. McCormick of Missoula county, Moz Silverman of Lewis and Clark county, N. H. Fuller of Custer county, John R. Middleton of Rosebud county, W. M. Black of Toole county, Hugh Broderick of Broadwater county, M. J. Sullivan of Jefferson county, James Stewart of Meagher county and Sam J. Crouch of Gallatin county.

M. Sektan of Valley county has been named a member of the committee on house employees, of which J. W. Roberts of Cascade county is the chairman. Dudley Jones of Phillips county, James Griffin of Blaine county and Hugh Broderick of Broadwater county are members of the same committee.

Speaker Belden appointed the committees on banking, insurance, judiciary and rules Wednesday. None of the Valley county members were named on these committees.

Both houses passed resolutions upon the death of Theodore Roosevelt and the senate adopted resolutions upon the death of former Senator Anin and the house upon the death of Captain Orville Anderson, an attaché of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth sessions.

The house has arranged for the appointment of a committee to draft a measure for the reconstruction aid of soldiers and sailors.

Some idea of the legislation that will take up the time of the legislature is given by the notices that are introduced. They cover new counties, educational matters, taxation, court reforms, additions to the supreme court, normal schools, licensing of boxing, and exemptions of mortgages. This is but a small range of the subjects, however, that will be discussed and legislated upon during the present session.

The general impression prevails among the old timers that there will be more bills introduced and passed at this session than ever in the history of a Montana legislature.

Senate committees as announced by the committee on committees, the first named in each instance chairman of his committee, follow:

**Counties and Towns**—Donlan, Haley, Junod, Clay, Wood, Ellingson, Arnold, Slattery, Pauline.

**Mines and Mining**—Gnose, Burlingame, Clary, Galloway, Burgess, Parker, Page.

**Libraries**—Parker, Cooper, Anderson.

**Public Buildings**—Ellingson, Smith, Lewis, Cooper, Lowe, Donlan, Healey.

**Finance and Claims**—Kinney, Haley, Edwards, Heron, Larson, Clark, Conley, Burla, White.

**Taxation**—Williams, Taylor, Kinney, Booth, Lewis, O'Shea, Arnold.

**Horticulture**—Cone, Lepthold, Donlan, Pauline, Arnold.

**Labor and Capital**—Lewis, Cooper, Smith, Burgess, Lowe, Page, O'Shea.

**Public Morals**—Slayton, Ellingson, Leuthold, Anderson, Lowe, McKay, Burgess.

**Dairies and Dairying**—Leuthold, Anderson, Lowe, McKay, Burgess.

**Mileage**—Clark, Lowe, Page.

**Railroad and Transportation**—Booth, Larson, Long, Cooper, Taylor, Edwards, Healey, Galloway, Clark.

**Irrigation and Water Rights**—Featherly, Craig, Heron, Cone, Ellingson, Page, Slattery, Healey, Arnold.

**Judiciary**—Burlingame, Booth, Slattery, Williams, Smith, Lewis, Galloway, Parker, Morris.

**Agriculture**—McCone, Leuthold, Lowe, Featherly, Anderson, Healey, McKay, White, Clark.

**Stockraising and Grazing**—Haley, Heron, Taylor, McCone, Slattery, Featherly, Junod, Williams, Burla.

**Federal Relations**—Craig, Slayton, Leuthold, Burgess, Kinney.

**Fairs and Expositions**—Smith, Burgess, Gnose, Slayton, McKay.

**Fiss and Game**—Pauline, Burlingame, Wood, Page, Foster, Cone, Healey.

**Sanitary Affairs**—Long, Clay, and Clark.

**Corporations Other Than Municipal**—Foster, Booth, Wood, Haley, Gnose.

**Public Lands**—Leuthold, Slayton, Ellingson, Featherly, Foster, White, Morris.

**Insurance**—Slattery, Burlingame, Junod, Taylor, Connelly, Morris, White.

**Immigration**—Lowe, McCone, Cone, McKay, Larson.

**Printing**—White, Booth, Anderson.

**Military Affairs**—Cooper, Pauline, Donlan, Long, O'Shea.

**Engrossed Bills**—Arnold, Williams, Burla.

**Compensation**—Connelly, Edwards, Long, Clark, White.

**Enrolled Bills**—Taylor, Craig, O'Shea.

**Education**—Anderson, Long, Smith, Junod, Clay, Slattery, Burla.

**Banks and Banking**—Woods, Gnose, Edwards, McCone, Craig, Connelly, Foster, Morris, O'Shea, Burla.

**Roads and Highways and Bridges**—Junod, Haley, Foster, Connelly, Lewis, Featherly, Gnose, Pauline, Cone.

**Elections and Privileges**—Clay, Kinney, Heron, Williams, Morris.

**Judicial Districts**—Larson, Wood, Taylor, Craig, Galloway.

**Rules**—Edwards, Heron, Parker.

**Leuthold, Burgess, Kinney.**

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## MANY CHANGES IN COUNTY OFFICES

**Newly Elected Officers Take Charge Jan. 6th and Appoint New Force of Deputies and Clerks.—Auditor Opens Office.**

The offices of clerk and recorder, and county assessor of Valley county changed hands Monday morning when C. W. Kampfer was checked in as county clerk and H. O. Gamas as county assessor. The balance of the officers were either hold-overs or were re-elected to their former positions, with the exception of C. H. Pippin of Saco, who was elected county commissioner in place of Julius Warner of Hinsdale, who was elected commissioner two years ago to fill the unexpired term of C. W. Baylor.

C. W. Kampfer, clerk and recorder, has appointed Mrs. Esther E. Kampfer chief deputy and reception clerk; J. F. Hoffman and A. J. Dorr deputies, and J. O. Hauge, Ethel Powell, Mrs. O. W. Clark, Miss Dora Schultz, Miss Lulu Barnhart, William Boyles, as clerks, and Miss Grace Cutting as index clerk.

Horace Gamas, county assessor, has appointed former County Assessor B. H. Cottrell and John J. Grizz as deputies and Mrs. Blanche Phillips, clerk. Sheriff C. W. Powell who was re-elected has re-appointed H. H. Seelye

and Jack Teal as regular deputies and H. H. Beebe of Opheim and Frank McPherson of Nashua as special deputies.

H. G. Wolking, our newly-elected county auditor, has already opened his offices and has the work nicely started. He has appointed as chief clerk Miss Margaret McGovern. The county auditor's offices are in the rooms formerly occupied by the exemption board in the extreme north-eastern corner of the county.

The other offices remain unchanged and no other changes have been made in clerks or deputies to date. County Treasurer T. M. Patten does not finish his term until March, when C. F. Turner, the newly-elected treasurer, will take over the office. The county commissioners organized Monday and Peter A. West of Glasgow was re-elected chairman of the board.

**SUNFLOWER ART CLUB.** A most pleasant afternoon was spent on Wednesday by the members of the Sunflower Art club at the home of Mrs. R. H. Comport.

This was the first meeting of the organization since the recent epidemic. The usual business meeting was held, with the president, Mrs. C. E. Peterson, in the chair, after which Mrs. F. D. Alvord read a splendid article entitled "When Our Boys Come Marching Home."

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess after Mrs. C. D. Borton. The guests of the afternoon were Mrs. J. E. Arnot and Mrs. Hoppen.

## SHOW AMERICAN SPIRIT

News dispatches from Helena the first of the week tell of the efforts being made there by D. C. Dorman, of Minot, N. D. to "herd" seventeen members of the house and three senators, claimed to have been elected by the Nonpartisan league, and vote them "as one man" for measures proposed by Mr. Dorman and President of the league.

Twenty members of the legislature who professed to hold a Nonparty caucus with Dorman and went into the caucuses of their respective parties, while of those claimed as the personal property of Mr. Dorman, finally agreed to meet with him and discuss the legislation which he demands on the condition that they be in no way bound to follow his dictates.

Dorman came out with an open letter, which we publish in another column, to those who he claimed as his own and demanded that they lay all other matters whatsoever aside; that they participate in no debates in the upper and lower houses of the legislature, but that they meet in caucuses with him frequently—every evening, perhaps, there do their debating and when they returned to legislative sessions the following day, they vote "as one man" for the measures favored by the caucus. Dorman went further than that in issuing his orders. He told them they must not associate with other members of either house, but only with the men elected by the Nonpartisan league; that they should not spend their evenings or their time in recreation or enjoying themselves socially; except as they could enjoy each other's company in the caucuses called by him in his room or offices.

The penalty for disobedience to these orders was described by Mr. Dorman in his published proclamation. If any member did not do just exactly as ordered, Dorman said his office in Great Falls would publish to 25,000 members of the Nonpartisan league in Montana, the story of the betrayal and unfaithfulness of the member so refusing.

Against these orders, which were freely circulated in Helena the first day of the session, the seventeen members of the house and three senators rebelled. They would not attend the Dorman called caucuses.

These are the members of the "little group of wilful men" who refused to follow Dorman's printed instructions: Senator John MacKay of Sanders county. Senator F. A. Long of Lincoln county. Senator J. W. Anderson of Richland county.

Representatives James Griffin of Blaine; E. M. Maynor of Dawson; J. H. McAfee of Flathead; M. W. Penwell of Gallatin; Jasper Haaland of Hill; James Hunter of Musselshell; Dudley Jones of Phillips; J. Earl Jones of Richland; W. F. Dunn of Silver Bow; R. C. Arnold, James Mead and M. Sektan of Valley, and E. T. Eaton of Yellowstone.

It will be noted that the three representatives from Valley county are counted among those to whom Dorman issued his orders, and to their credit be it said, they were among the first to refuse to go into his caucuses.

The members of the legislature who have thus refused to be called from their duties, put every other interest aside, and be herded like sheep by the Townley boss, are to be congratulated on their stand and the spirit of true Americanism which they have shown in thus refusing to become the vassals of a political autocracy with headquarters on the sixth floor of the Filfillen block, St. Paul. For these men to go to Helena with the idea of disassociating themselves from every other interest in the state and "putting all else aside" except the dreamy program of Townley and Dorman, would be a betrayal of trust such as the state of Montana has seldom if ever known.

The interests of all the people in this state are identical and the interests of all members of the legislature are thus the same. The representatives from the large cities of this state will undoubtedly be found fully as willing to vote and work for any reasonable measure to benefit the agricultural classes as will those elected with a Townley endorsement. The action of Dorman in issuing such orders is colossal impudence. The stand taken by those whom he sought to make his automatons will meet with the approval of the true American voters of Montana, and Valley county is proud that its three representatives repudiated the dictates of Dewey Dorman of Anarchist Island, N. D.

## THEODORE ROOSEVELT ANSWERS LAST CALL

**END COMES TO GREAT AMERICAN PEACEFULLY PASSES FROM SLEEP OF LIFE TO SLEEP OF DEATH; MONTANA LOSES FRIEND.**

Colonel Theodore Roosevelt died in his sleep Monday at his home on Sagamore Hill, Oyster Bay, N. Y. Death is believed to have been due to rheumatism which affected his heart.

The colonel suffered a severe attack of rheumatism and sciatica on New Year's day, but none believed that his illness would likely prove fatal. The former president sat up most of Sunday and retired at 11 o'clock Monday night.

The exact time of death was 4:15 a. m., as nearly as can be determined, for there was no person at his bedside at the moment he passed away. A minute or two before, his attendant, James Amos, the young negro who had been in the employ of the colonel ever since he left the White House, noticed that the patient was breathing heavily in his sleep and went to call a nurse. When he returned with her, the former president was dead. Mrs. Roosevelt was immediately summoned.

Announcement that pulmonary embolism was the cause of Colonel Roosevelt's death was made by W. Emelen Roosevelt, quoting Dr. Hartwell.

**Messages of Condolence.** Cable messages and telegrams of condolence, not only from fellow countrymen of high and low degree, but from distinguished citizens of many nations, began pouring into Oyster Bay by the hundred. All express heartfelt grief at the passing of a great man and deepest sympathy for Mrs. Roosevelt, always devoted to her distinguished husband, and one of his most trusted advisers. The widow is bearing up bravely under the shock of his sudden death, coming so soon after that of her youngest son, Lieutenant Quentin Roosevelt, who lost his life in a battle with a German last July.

The death of Colonel Roosevelt is believed by the physicians who attended him to have been hastened by grief over Quentin's death, coupled with anxiety over the serious wounds suffered by Captain Archie Roosevelt, while fighting in France.

**Proud of His Soldier Sons.** He was proud of his soldier sons and their heroism, but he was a devoted father and he grieved for the one who gave his life for his country as well as for the other who was wounded. He hid his suffering from the world, however, in the hope that he might set an example for other fathers and mothers who had given their sons to the nation.

To the last Colonel Roosevelt had been preaching Americanism and few realized that his health had been shattered. It was believed that the rugged constitution which had stood him in such good stead through so many years of "strenuous" life would not fail him and that he would regain his usual health. His messages of late, however, had been delivered through the medium of editorials or public statements instead of as addresses.

**Hard to Realize It.** Even to his neighbors in Oyster Bay it seemed impossible that life had ended so suddenly for the rough rider hero of Spanish war days; the statesman who, as governor of New York and president, had yielded the "big stick" so fearlessly; the big game hunter of tropical jungles, the citizen who preached preparedness long before his country entered the world conflict.

Apparently neither Colonel Roosevelt nor his wife had any foreboding that death would soon still his active mind and body. It was only the day before that Mrs. Roosevelt sent a letter to Charles Stewart Davison, chairman of the general citizens' committee appointed to welcome returning soldiers in New York, announcing that the colonel would accept the honorary chairmanship of the committee.

**Rheumatism.** "The rheumatism has invaded Col. Roosevelt's right hand," wrote Mrs. Roosevelt, "so he wants me to write that he has telegraphed his acceptance. This note is to assure you that he will be at your service by spring."

It was 4:15 in the morning that the former president died in his sleep, painlessly, the result of inflammatory rheumatism.

"Put out the light, please," were the former president's last words. They were addressed to his personal attendant, Jas. Amos, a young negro, who had been in his service since he left

the White House and who was sitting at the foot of his bed.

The End. Some time later Amos noticed that the president was breathing heavily and became alarmed. He left the room to call the nurse who had been summoned from Oyster Bay the day before. When they returned Colonel Roosevelt had breathed his last. They called Mrs. Roosevelt, the only member of the family who was at home. There had been a family gathering on Christmas day, but as no alarm was felt over the colonel's condition, the children who were able to spend the holiday with their parents, had gone to different parts of the country.

**GOD'S ACRES RECEIVES ILLUSTRIOUS TENANT**

The body of Theodore Roosevelt was laid at rest Wednesday.

It was committed to earth at 1:43 p. m. in a family cemetery lot overlooking Long Island sound.

Sixty persons attended the services at the home, where the reciter of Christ church read the ninety-first Psalm and offered prayer.

The morning's snowstorm gave way to brilliant sunshine as the automobile cortege started from Sagamore Hill to the church. Thousands of persons viewed the procession.

Mrs. Roosevelt, sharing her husband's antipathy to funeral ceremony, decided not to attend the church services nor to join the procession to the cemetery. She bade good-bye to the body of her companion in the house where they lived for many years. Only the Rough Riders' floral tribute relieved the plainness of the casket as it was lowered to its final resting place. Two Rough Rider battle flags were taken back to the trophy room at Sagamore Hill, where the colonel's family will prize them as a memento of his part in the Spanish-American war.

## TRESSLER HEADS REPUBLICAN ORGANIZATION

**Malta Man Is Elected Chairman of Republican State Central Committee.**

At the meeting of the executive committee of the Republican State Central Committee held at Helena last Saturday, John A. Tressler, a prominent attorney and republican, of Malta, was chosen state chairman to succeed the late O. M. Harvey of Livingston.



John A. Tressler, Chairman Republican State Central Committee.

Mr. Tressler has been prominent in republican politics for years and has a host of warm friends who congratulate him on his election.

Mr. Tressler left Malta the fore part of the week for Chicago to attend the national convention, acting for Hon. T. A. Marlow of Helena, who is confined to his home with a broken arm.

City Manager Harvey Booth advises us that the municipal skating rink just north of the new high school building has been flooded and will be kept in shape during the balance of the winter by the city.



J. E. EDWARDS, President Pro tem of the Senate.