

IT WAS DAZZLING IN ITS BRILLIANCY

There Were Splendid Decorations At the
Inaugural Ball.

COST THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS.

The Predominating Color Was Yellow—The Flower of the
Philippines Strongly in Evidence—Ten
Thousand Electric Lights.

Washington, March 5.—The inaugural ball last night in the pension building will long be remembered as the most brilliant function of its kind in the history of the United States. The immense building was thronged with visitors and the scene presented was dazzling.

The decorations of the ball room had yellow for their predominating tone. No cumbersome effect of light or color were in evidence, but on all sides stretched a wavy rippling canopy of yellow bunting that covered the walls and skylight, and was broken only where the line of the president's balcony at the west end stood out in bold relief. Myriads of yellow electric bulbs glowed and blinked like fireflies in the garlands of green that entwined the scores of pillars supporting the galleries and shone out from the stars and bars of the big American shields which in the midst of the clusters of American flags, hung high up in the center of each side of the immense crowded hall.

This scene of decoration with yellow as the all predominating color was a radical departure from the decorative plan of the last inaugural ball. Then three great floral bells, studded with colored lights were the prominent feature of the work. This year the soft color effected by the broad expanse of golden color, everywhere was in sharp and favorable contrast. The subdued yellow glow from the thousands of frosted electric bulbs, made the great hall as bright as midday. The big fountain in the center of the hall had a billowy mass of purple bougainvillea, the flower of the Philippines. In the midst rose tall palms and ferns, burying scores of light blossoms and around the border fringed with the white spire were placed gilded urns of growing plants and flowers. In the extreme west of the hall stood the president's balcony, decorated with groups of Roman wreaths and clouds of American beauty roses, bound with colored ribbons. Above the executive's stand flashed a big shield of hand embroidered silk, topped with a fine stuffed specimen of the great American eagle. Down at the eastern end was a big stand erected for the musicians. It comprised an upper and lower story, the former for the stringed orchestra and the latter for the accommodation of the big inaugural chorus and the brass band. Back of the singers and musicians was a gilded sounding board, which threw the strains to all parts of the big hall. In front hung a beautiful design symbolic of the muse of melody, in the shape of a giant green lyre with strings of purple ribbon, and on either

side crossed musical instruments; on the left a lute and trumpet, and on the right a guitar and pipe, all fashioned of green leucothe, with strings of purple. The balustrades and archways presented a brilliant scene. No less than 76 stars formed each of 11 frosted globes were set between the arches of the ground floor and shone radiant through a network of greens against a background glistening with powdered glass. Suspended beneath each star and below drape festoons of smilax were electric bulbs tipped with a yellow globe. The gilt pillars were surrounded in vines and greens and above the bright circles of light that crowned them, were placed invisible boxes of growing tulips, daffodils, azaleas and jonquils. In the second balcony the same scene of decoration was laid out, except that in lieu of the stars were hung electric lights in clusters of three, covered with soft, yellow transparent paper and producing a beautiful effect. Back under the balconies on the ground and second floors wreaths of green were hung at regular intervals, backed by loops of vines and smilax. Seventy-six additional posts had been placed on top of the balcony, each one surmounted by a glowing bulb of light. Between them and bordering the railing of the balcony all the way around were boxes of cut and growing flowers in great profusion of color.

Two endless chains of light studded with green below the balconies, looped and swung completely around the immense hall, each loop-end having a hive of brilliant yellow globes, each trailing streamer alive with tiny glow lights. Off to the side on the second balcony were the president's and vice-president's rooms, the diplomats' room and 40 other rooms appropriately embellished for public reception and promenade. The president's room was draped entirely in white, and made beautiful with pink ribbons, with orchids and greens. The other rooms held to the all-pervading yellow, decorated with ferns and smilax. In the diplomatic room the flags of all nations were clustered and intertwined and lent a brilliant background for the gorgeous uniforms and regalia of diplomatic officials. Alongside the main building had been built a large dining room, decorated with red and white, and decorated with greens.

The expense of the decorations entire is set down at about \$40,000. The floral and electric decorations alone came to nearly \$20,000, there being no less than 10,000 electric lights involved in the illumination.

ment as to money contributed for campaign purposes placed the sum at only \$20,000; that Senator Clark throughout the state campaign paid the personal and living expenses of every member of the democratic state committee; that Mr. Clark spent \$60,000 in Silver Bow county, \$20,000 in Cascade county, \$7,500 in Dawson county, to elect Senator Cullen and \$5,000 in each of the following counties: Granite, Jefferson, Broadwater, Beaverhead and Madison.

It is reported on good authority that Charles Clark, the son of Senator-elect Clark, is one of those opposed to his father's admission to the senate, father and son having fallen out. The explanation offered for this is that Charles Clark, who is a very wealthy mine owner in his own right, has been won over to the cause of the Standard Oil or Amalgamated Copper interests, which may make him president of the Amalgamated Copper company.

DEATH OF SENATOR COURTNEY

Silver Bow Senator Dies at Helena of
Pneumonia.

Special Dispatch to the Bee:
Helena, March 4.—Senator Thomas F. Courtney of Silver Bow county, died at St. John's hospital tonight, at 9:55 o'clock, after a very brief illness, of pneumonia.

Senator Courtney was born in Pottsville, Pa., in 1856. He came to Butte in 1880, worked in various mines and finally opened a grocery store which today is one of the biggest in Butte.

REVIEW OF THE WEEK

Large Amount Of Business
Transacted.

MANY BILLS PASSED

The Session Will Come To a Close
Thursday By Constitutional
Limitation.

Many important bills were considered by the seventh legislative assembly during the week, and next week will see the wind up of all legislation and the adjournment of what has in some respects been a notable legislative session, says the Helena Herald.

The developments in the senatorial fight during the week lent interest to the contest despite the enforced deadlock and next week will see no abatement of interest in the balloting. For three days the struggle over senate bill No. 87 overshadowed the senatorial contest.

Yesterday the house spent the day in strife over bill No. 87, and the senate held four sessions, anticipating that the measure would be returned, with the endorsement of the lower house, that it might be immediately sent to the governor.

Early in the week Representative Stull entered in a vigorous protest when the report of the insane asylum investigating committee was submitted, but his colleagues thought the committee had given the charges preferred by Mr. Stull full consideration and was inclined to abide by its report.

Senator Stanton's meat and milk inspection bill, prescribing sanitary rules and requirements for dairies and meat markets, as well as requiring the inspection of food products, in cities of 5,000 people and over, was passed by the senate and sent to the lower branch. The house committee to which the bill was referred, reported it back with the recommendation that it pass and the Hedges bill and one other postponement. The bill is now on general orders.

Summary disposition was made of Representative Donaldson's bill proposing that all executions take place at the penitentiary at Deer Lodge instead of at the county seat of the county where the crime was committed. The bill passed the house and the senate disposed of it by a decisive vote. The impression in the senate, inspired by legal advices from the barrister members of that body, was that the law would be inoperative as the prison officials had a contract running until 1903, and it would not be possible for the legislature to legislate a new clause into this contract or enforce any new condition that was not named in the original instrument.

The senate passed the bill creating the twelfth judicial district of Chouteau and Valley counties and the same day appointed J. W. Tattan, of Fort Benton, as a judge. A caucus of democratic members of the senate was held during the noon recess on Monday to determine whether they would confirm Judge Tattan's appointment. The meeting decided to stand by the action of the governor.

In both houses of the legislature a joint concurrent resolution was introduced calling upon the state board of education to investigate the advisability of consolidating the various state institutions at one place and submit a report at the succeeding session of the legislature.

Two bills were introduced by the appropriations committee on Monday appropriating more than \$1,100,000 with which to run all branches of the state government, and the state institutions for two years to come, and the senate on Wednesday killed senate bill No. 110, relating to injunctions, designed to repeal house bill No. 132, of the sixth legislative assembly.

Senator Hoffman's bill giving a bounty of one cent per pound for every pound of sugar manufactured from native Montana beets, was passed. Senator Hoffman declared that a company with a large capital was contemplating the erection of a \$400,000 if the bill passed. The measure carries with it no appropriation, but merely gives assurance that the bounty will be paid.

Representative Kilgallon's bill providing for an additional county attorney in Silver Bow county was passed on Wednesday, as well as a bill directing the investment of money derived from the sale of agricultural college lands.

Two important bills were introduced in the senate Thursday. The first was presented by Senator Hoffman, creating a forestry, game and fish commission. The bill provides for a commission of three members to be appointed by the governor to serve without compensation except per diem and mileage for the actual time employed, and the selection by the commission of a chief game warden at a salary of \$1,800, and deputy wardens at \$1,000 per year. The bill also makes many changes in the game laws and imposes a tax of \$2 upon resident hunters, and a tax of \$10 upon non-resident hunters.

The committee on public buildings

HARRISON NOMINATED

Again For Mayor of the City
Of Chicago.

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP

Of All Public Utilities Is The Main
Plank of The City's
Platform.

Chicago, March 5.—Carter H. Harrison was today placed in nomination for mayor of Chicago for the third time by the democratic city convention. The platform adopted strongly favors ultimate municipal ownership of all public utilities.

GREAT NORTHERN ICE SUPPLY

Is About All Stored at Points Along
the Line.

The ice contractors for the Great Northern are putting on the finishing touches of their contracts for the Kalispell division. Besides filling all ice houses here 1,000 tons have been carefully stored at Marion for emergency cases.

But few people have any idea of immense amount of ice which is used upon a railway line. From reliable sources it is learned that over 18,000 tons have been placed in ice houses by contractors along the line of the western divisions.

This is said to be a large increase over that stored during previous years and is made necessary owing to increased passenger traffic and the expected heavy travel during the coming summer of home-seekers, tourists and parties journeying to the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo.

MINISTER POWELL'S BIG BLOWOUT

Celebrates His New Lease of Official
Life.

Port Au Prince, Hayti, March 5.—United States Minister Powell yesterday held a brilliant reception and ball in honor of the inauguration of President McKinley.

presented a bill providing for the submission to the popular vote of the people of a constitutional amendment increasing the tax levy to enable the state to acquire its own insane asylum. The amount is limited to \$300,000 and is to be raised by an annual tax levy of one-tenth of one mill on the assessed valuation of the state, if the amendment carries.

Yesterday the bill legalizing the Cascade county bond issue, made to pay for a building site for a new court house and two new bridges across the Missouri river, was passed. The senate passed reapportionment bill and the measure authorizing the county commissioners to procure stationery and printing for county officers, also received the required number of votes in the senate.

The Faust road bill prescribing a uniform system of road government was passed after considerable opposition. The bill completely revised the road laws of the state and repeals existing conflicting statutes.

Senator Connolly's bill creating the office of state mine inspector, was also passed, but not until an amendment had been made by Senator Hoffman, requiring that the inspector be a graduate of a recognized mining school. Sheep inspectors under Senator Anderson's bill, will in the future receive \$8 per day and have more latitude than in the past. The conference committee of either house on the senate amendment to the Wood lien law bill, reported with the recommendation that the senate amendment be not concurred in. The report was adopted and the senate will doubtless pass the bill as it originally passed the house.

A similar committee appointed to consider the senate amendment to the Berkin bill, providing a disposition for the famous \$30,000, also reported in favor of tabling the senate amendment. The amendment sought to place the money in the general fund. The original bill called for its transfer to the school fund. The bill as first passed the house will pass the senate. It will give some relief to every school district in the state. Of the total Silver Bow county will receive \$6,000, and Lewis and Clarke county \$3,000.

The Kilgallon license bill was amended in the senate early in the week and the three senate amendments have been concurred in by the house and the bill will be transmitted to the governor. The first amendment made by the senate excluded social clubs from the provisions; the second reduces the tax on oleomargarine from three to one cent per pound, and the third makes the bill so into effect 60 days from date.

GETTING READY TO ELECT CARTER

Republicans Say They Have Enough Votes
To Do It.

PRES. HIGGINS' PECULIAR ACTION

The Change Of Venue Bill May Not Get Through On
Account Of It.—Senator Courtney To Be
Buried In Butte.

Special to the Bee:

Helena, March 5.—There were no developments in the vote for senator today. The ballot resulted as follows: Carter 32; Frank 24; Conrad 16; Cooper 9; Maginnis 8; Toole 1. A motion to take a second ballot was defeated by the republicans and labor men. The republicans will hold a caucus this evening, and will endeavor to complete arrangements for the election of Carter tomorrow, or on the following day. Some of the republicans say that they have enough fusion votes already with the independent democrats to elect Carter. There is little probability of the fusionists getting together tonight in caucus.

The senate concurred in the house amendments to senate bill No. 87 late yesterday afternoon. There occurred a hitch in the senate over the bill

this morning. Under the rules the president must appoint a special enrolling committee to examine bills before they can be signed by him. He appointed on that committee this morning three enemies of the bill, and although the senate protested, he held to his right. It is possible that the bill will be held up until the end of the session. The bill provides that the litigants may take a change of venue from the courts alleged to be prejudiced.

Senator Thomas F. Courtney of Silver Bow county died last night of pneumonia. His body will be taken to Butte tomorrow. It is expected that both houses will adjourn this afternoon out of respect to his memory.

The senate yesterday afternoon killed the Richardson-Dixon fellow servant bill.

THE FRESHETS CAUSING DELAY

In Running Time of Great Northern
Passenger Trains.

During the past week all east bound trains have been delayed several hours owing to the heavy rain falls which have caused lands slides and done much damage to tracks in Washington.

Freight has also been greatly delayed, in fact it is said that all movements of freight have been stopped through the damaged locality for a number of days.

All mail was transferred to the Northern Pacific for its rush eastward and the passengers have been transferred at the point of trouble near Moose Center, Wash.

A MYSTERIOUS CASE OF SUICIDE

Man With Money in Bank Tries to
Kill Himself.

Butte, March 5.—Charles Lewis, with a bank account of \$3,000, attempted suicide today by shooting himself twice in the head, the last bullet entering his skull near the temple, passing through the other side. He still lives. Domestic infelicities is supposed to be the cause, but the tragedy is veiled in mystery. Lewis is still conscious but refuses to talk, evading with jests questions put to him by Rev. Dr. Settle.

A NEW KALISPELL COMPANY

With a Capital Stock of Ten Thousand
and Dollars.

Special dispatch to the Bee:
Helena, March 5.—The Kalispell Warehouse and Storage company was incorporated today by Thomas C. Hand, Arthur J. Burns and Thomas Clifford, with a capital stock of \$10,000. The company will carry on buying and selling and storage business.

APPOINTMENT OF STATE EXAMINER

... B. Hudnall of Helena Gets the
Plum.

Special Dispatch to the Bee:
Helena, March 5.—Governor Toole today appointed W. B. Hudnall of Helena, state examiner.

THE KELLOGG CASE IS STILL ON

Special Dispatch to the Bee:
Helena, March 5.—The Kellogg case is still on, but will probably go to the jury Wednesday.

AUSTRIANS HAD A HOT OLD TIME

Free For All Fight In the Austrian
Reichstrath.

Vienna, March 5.—Fists were again prominent in today's session of the reichstrath. Sezech, radical of Zavorcha, started the uproar by insisting on making a speech in the Czech language, and the fighting and noise became terrific. The combatants were separated and the sitting of the house was suspended.

A REAR END COLLISION AT ROSBURG

Engineer Badly Hurt, Cars Telescoped
and Engine Damaged.

Rosburg, Ore., March 5.—Two south bound freight trains had rear end collision at Riddles this morning. Engineer Rocky Willis of Albany, was seriously injured. Several freight cars were telescoped and the engine badly damaged. The accident was due to a heavy fog.

THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY PRESENT

First Annual Cattle Growers' Convention Held.

Denver, March 5.—About 350 delegates were present when the first annual convention of the American Cattle Growers' association was called to order today. The entire territory west of the Missouri river is represented.

THEY ARE GOING TO BARCELONA

Where They Will Fight a French
Duel.

Madrid, March 5.—DeRoude and Marcel-Habert have arrived here from Barcelona. They intend to proceed to Barcelona in view of the proposed duel between DeRoude and Andre Buffet, the Paris agent of the Duke Orleans.

NOMINATIONS ARE CONFIRMED

Washington, March 5.—Morgan today introduced a resolution declaring the Clayton-Bulwer treaty abrogated. It went over until tomorrow. The senate confirmed all cabinet nominations.

PORTER DENIES IT.

Will Not Resign His Post at Paris.
Paris Rumors that Horace Porter, United States ambassador here intends relinquishing his post and returning to America are denied at the embassy.

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THIS SOUNDS LIKE A FAKE

Reported Split In The Clark
Family.

CHARLEY AND W. A.

Said To Have Quarreled.—Charley To
Be Made President Of The
Amalgamated.

A Washington dispatch to the Minneapolis Journal under date of March 2, says:

Senator-elect W. A. Clark of Montana will not be permitted to take his seat in the upper branch of the federal government if the allegations contained in a protest filed with Senator W. A. Chandler of New Hampshire, and which will be presented to the senate March 4, are proved. This protest has been filed by N. R. Knapp of Helena, representing the labor party out there, and by interests prominently identified with the Standard Oil company.

It is alleged that Mr. Clark's personal contribution in the recent state election was between \$250,000 and \$300,000, whereas his sworn state-