

CAUCUS MEN ARE CHOSEN

A Brief Session of Both Branches of the Legislature is Held. MESSAGE NOT SENT IN As Adjournment is Taken Just After Special Committees Are Named.

CHARLESTON, Jan. 13.—The West Virginia legislature met at noon today and being largely Republican in both branches, all the Republican caucus nominees went through, and the organization was effected as mapped out in the caucus last night. Much interest is manifested in the coming biennial message of Governor Dawson.

(By C. Brooks Smith.) CHARLESTON, Jan. 13.—Both houses of the legislature were called to order shortly after the noon hour today by Senator Kidd in the upper branch, and Delegate French Hayes, of Gilmer county, in the lower house, the two oldest members in point of service.

Both houses were opened with prayer and the usual program provided by law for the organization was carried out, including the formal resolutions customary.

In the Senate a communication from the secretary of state certifying the members elected and that they had been given certificates of election, was read and the new members were sworn in by Clerk Harris in blocks of four.

The Republican caucus nominees made last night were elected by the party vote of 23 to 7 throughout. White nominated L. J. Forman, of Grant county, for speaker, and McIntire nominated Senator Silver, of Berkeley, of the minority.

Forman cast his vote for Silver, and the latter returned the compliment.

John T. Harris, the Republican caucus nominee, was nominated by Senator Fisher, Democrat, and received every vote in the senate, thirty in all, an unusual compliment to his popularity and efficiency.

The minority nominees for sergeant-at-arms and door keeper were J. R. Evans, of Berkeley, and J. T. Hamner, of Ohio. J. T. Sims, of Fayette, was elected sergeant-at-arms and C. V. Gough, of Taylor, door keeper. They were the caucus nominees.

Notice of a contest and a protest against Senator J. L. Smith, Democrat, of Clay county, having a vote in the senate were made by Senator Baker, of Mercer, in behalf of A. W. Holmes.

Hazlett, White and Kidd were appointed to notify the house that the senate had completed its organization.

Ashburn, Blue and Fisher were appointed members of a joint committee to wait on the governor to notify him that the legislature was organized and ready to receive any communication from him.

Before the committee acted the house adjourned till tomorrow at 10 o'clock. Hence the governor's message will not be received till tomorrow.

The house adjournment was a slip up on the program agreed on. It was expected the message would be received today before adjournment was taken.

In the house the members were sworn in in blocks of five.

The Republican caucus nominees were elected.

The minority vote was for Septimus Hall for speaker, W. E. Byrne, of Charleston, for clerk, Robert Bland, of Logan county, for sergeant-at-arms, and Newton Zieckasoff, of Webster, for door keeper.

The Republicans elected the following in the house:

Speaker—James H. Strickling. Clerk—C. L. (Monty) Topping. Sergeant at Arms—J. S. S. Sutphin.

Doorkeeper—John Buckley.

The Democratic nominees were: Sep Hall, of Wetzel county, for speaker; W. E. Byrne, for clerk; and Will Sigafos, of Webster county, for sergeant at arms.

C. M. Hart, Roy Waugh and F. Hayes were appointed a committee to notify the senate of the organization of the house, and John T. Hayes, S. Robinson and Septimus Hall were appointed on a joint committee

TWENTY NINE BODIES TAKEN OUT OF MINE LAW MAKERS HAVE LOTS OF BATTLES

AGED WOMAN DEAD Mrs. Mary Miller Passes Away at the Home of Her Daughter.

Mrs. Mary Miller died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Shaktelord, on Terra-Cotta street Wednesday morning at 4 o'clock of diseases incident to old age. She was 85 years old. Her husband died a number of years ago. Benjamin Miller, who resides at Wilsonburg, is a son. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

Mrs. Miller was a daughter of Daniel Southworth, deceased, a pioneer resident of Clarksburg. Mrs. Miller was numbered among the old residents of Clarksburg, having resided here a number of years.

But All Are Friendly Over the Matter of Organizing the Two Branches.

(By Charles Brooks Smith.) CHARLESTON, Jan. 13.—The various contests incident to the organization of both houses of the legislature developed as pretty a lot of little fights as has been witnessed here for some years. With the exception of the senate clerkship and of course there was no one so foolish as to challenge John T. Harris to combat over that plum) there was an overwhelming uncertainty as to the outcome, which kept the wisest old owls of politics guessing and ballrooming round up till the very last. But withal, the contests were good-natured, and little bitter feeling was engendered. The scrap ended with all on speaking terms.

INSTALLED

With Public Ceremonies Are New Officers of Knights of the Macabees.

The newly elected officers of the local lodge of Knights of the Macabees were installed in their offices with public ceremonies witnessed by a number of guests and seventy-five members of the order in Traders hall Tuesday night. The installing officer was State Commander C. C. Showalter, of Parkersburg.

The new officers are: Past Commander and Physician—Dr. J. B. Payne. Commander—Robert McClung. Lieutenant Commander—C. L. Wright. Sergeant—H. A. Ryan. Record and Finance Keeper—J. A. McDonald. Chaplain—H. H. Davis. Master at Arms—Will Coffman. First Master of the Guard—O. D. McCloud. Second Master of the Guard—W. J. Davison. Sentinel—Leroy McClung. Picket—John Gill.

The Maccabee Band was on hand and rendered a pleasing program of music. After the installation a social session was held in which a luncheon was served and a number of excellent speeches made. At the lodge session preceding the installation nine candidates were elected to membership, one was initiated into the first degree and five into the second degree.

FLORENCE SHAKEN BY AN EARTHQUAKE

Also Venice and Milan and People Rush Out in Alarm.

FLORENCE, Italy, Jan. 13.—An earthquake shook occurred here, at Venice and Milan this morning. The people rushed from their houses in alarm. No damage was done.

SCHOONER ASHORE

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Jan. 13.—The steam schooner Sybil Marston went ashore in a storm last night near the surf of Santa Barbara county. No lives are reported lost.

LOWELL ELECTED

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 13.—The Harvard corporation today elected Prof. Abbott Lawrence Lowell to succeed President Elliott.

BRIEF SESSION

Of Court is Held by the Members of the County Court.

The county court held a brief session today. J. E. Sands et al. were exonerated on a lot valued at \$550 and an order to strike from the land books was entered.

Leo P. Caulfield was appointed a deputy to County Clerk W. Guy Tretick and he appeared and qualified.

Notice was given that a new bond would be asked at the March term of Reuben A. Douglass, administrator.

The saloon and anti-saloon controversy did not enter into the heart for the organization of the legislature; least ways, if it did, it was kept pretty deep underneath the surface. Neither side to this particular issue, which bids fair to become so intensely interesting, and probably so exciting, before the session is very far advanced, appeared to care to run the risk of making a show of strength in the preliminary contests. The Model Liquor License League, and its subsidiary organizations, were particularly scrupulous not to get mixed up in the fight over the organization of the house nor to get itself in a position where it might be suspected that it had an interest in who should fill the presiding chairs. The officers of neither the Anti-Saloon League nor the Model License League have appeared on the scene, except Theodore Alvord and T. M. Hare, the latter superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, nor will they put in appearance here until the legislature is organized and gets down to business. Not a single officer of the Model License League has reported here up-to-date.

My, but that John Nugent, State Labor Commissioner, or something like that, and one of Kanawha's representatives in the House, must have a mean disposition. Here he is wanting to abolish Uncle Sam Matthews's job. Uncle Sam is the state bank examiner. What Sam ever did to John to deserve this from him I don't know. I have heard it said that John thinks Sam put a spike in his candidacy for chief mine inspector. I don't think that is true; in fact, I know that it isn't. But anyway, John says the department is expensive; it should be abolished; and that it should be tacked on to the auditor's office as another branch of that official's business. To do that, of course, would require an extra appropriation for the auditor, for who ever heard of adding on a department unless a fat appropriation went along with the tacking? When the legislature declined to establish the office of insurance commissioner on the grounds that the state couldn't afford it, and thereupon added an insurance department to the auditor's office, making a \$5,000 appropriation for the first thing of the real, it was a mighty fine hair-splitting proceeding, and didn't save a sou nor increase the efficiency of the new bureau for that matter. The bank examiner's office costs the state very little; it is paid for and maintained by the state banks themselves. The law under which it operates was framed by the bankers who, appreciative of Examiner Mathews's efficient work, had his salary raised. Instead of abolishing the office the bankers would have it strengthened and improved. They would have, in the first place, two examiners instead of one, and the department would likely approve that change, too.

Of course, Mr. Matthews had a good deal to do with running the last Republican campaign, and that was no easy task. His office was in competent hands while he was away from it. Besides, some one has to run campaigns, and if that somebody's political skill is demanded by the party exigency, a little old thing like a public office shouldn't stand in the party's way of getting the use of that skill, you know. It has always been thus. It would be a nice party, indeed, which would reward a state chairman's successful services by abolishing his office, now, wouldn't it? Besides Uncle John Nugent has fared pretty well since he came over from Ohio. John and Sam should cease being naughty, naughty quarrelsome boys and harmonize. Successful politics is the science of compromise.

Mrs. James H. Morrison, of Wilsonburg, spent a few hours here Wednesday afternoon shopping.

Number of the Victims of the Mine Horror Ranges From 85 to 100.

BLUEFIELD, Jan. 13.—Rescue crews worked all night at the Lick Branch coal mine and at 9 o'clock today twenty-six bodies had been recovered. There is no change in the estimate of the dead, the number ranging from 85 to 100.

It is not likely that any more bodies will be brought to the surface until late this afternoon, although brattice and rescue crews will work all day and into the night.

West Virginia mine inspectors are arriving on every train. The company has ordered 80 caskets.

STURGISS WINS

His Big Suit in Federal Court of Appeals on Every Point.

MORGANTOWN, Jan. 13.—Word has been received here from Richmond, Va., to the effect that the judge of the court of appeals for the fourth district of the United States here has handed down their opinion in the case of George C. Sturgiss against Frank P. Corbin as trustee, deciding the case in favor of the plaintiff. A telegram received by G. Gilmour Sturgiss states that the plaintiff won every contested point, meaning that there is little possibility of the case being appealed.

As the result of the suit Mr. Sturgiss will receive a little over \$60,000 out of the fund held by Mr. Corbin representing the proceeds of the sale of the tin mill in South Abraton.

MASKED ROBBERS GAG AND ASSAULT

An Aged Trio and Then Rob Them of a Sum of Money.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 13.—After binding, gagging and assaulting Solomon Loughner, aged 80 years, and his two sisters, both of whom are between 70 and 80, six masked robbers last night ransacked the house, securing \$1,500 in cash. The three are in a serious condition today from the ill treatment. The Loughners live on a farm near Harrison City.

TILLMAN INQUIRES

Of Attorney General Bonaparte Whether a Suit Has been Brought.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 13.—Before going to the Senate chamber today Senator Tillman called Attorney General Bonaparte to the telephone and asked him whether he had brought suit against the Southern Oregon Company, which holds land grants for military roads from Roseburg to Coos Bay. This is the land composing over two million acres of which Tillman at one time contemplated purchasing fourteen hundred acres for himself, members of his family and others.

The attorney general was not able to answer off hand whether or not suit had been brought but said he would send Tillman a note on the subject. Tillman insisted that he would like to have an answer at the earliest possible moment.

BURTON ELECTED

As Successor to Senator Foraker by the Ohio State Assembly.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 13.—At the session of the general assembly of Ohio Lieutenant Governor Treadway today officially declared Congressman Burton successor to Senator Foraker in the United States Senate. The two houses met in joint session in the house. The journals of the session of the house of senate of yesterday were read, showing Burton had a majority of the votes cast. This was announced by Treadway with the declaration that Burton was elected. Burton immediately followed with a speech of acceptance.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 13.—Wheat 1.06, corn 61 1-2, oats 51 1-2.

EXPANSION IS CHECKED

At Local Manufacturing Plants Because of the Inadequate Water Works—Insurance Rates Exorbitant, and Proposed Building Depends Upon Outcome of Bond Issue.

Statements urging the speedy improvement of the city water works and the indorsement at the polls of the bond issue proposed for that purpose are still being received from leading business men and manufacturers of the city by the Clarksburg Board of Trade. All insist that the water works improvement is of vital consequence to the manufacturing interests and to secure the splendid industrial activity that awaits the city something must be done toward the improvement at the earliest practicable moment.

Several manufacturers have declared to Secretary Thorn, of the Board of Trade, that improvements and enlargements of their factories now planned or in contemplation, hinge upon the adoption of the bond issue.

"An official of the Hazel-Atlas Glass Company," said Mr. Thorn to the Telegram today, "told me that his company had planned extensive improvements at its plant in the West End, which would mean the bringing of many more glassworkers and other employes to Clarksburg but that actual work upon the same had been prevented solely on account of the water situation here. The company has additional land near its present factory for additions to its plant and the only hindrance to an expansion is the inadequate water supply."

Secretary Thorn has received the following letter from Charles S. Smiley, president of the Star Rig Reel & Supply Company, one of the busy industrial establishments of the city, in which the great inconvenience manufacturers experience because of an inadequate water system are pointed out, and the necessity for a betterment of the existing situation is emphasized. The letter follows:

Mr. A. K. Thorn, Secretary, Clarksburg Board of Trade, Clarksburg, W. Va.

Dear Sir—There is no more important question confronting the City of Clarksburg than the one of improved water and sewerage facilities.

The only practical and feasible way of immediately improving the present inadequate condition is by a bond issue. The Star Rig Reel & Supply Company, of which I am president, has, at the present writing, in buildings, equipment and material an investment of over one hundred thousand dollars upon which there is not a dollar's worth of insurance simply because of the fact that our water conditions are such that it makes it impossible to carry an insurance, due to the prohibitive rates of the insurance companies.

If we had an adequate supply of water all these difficulties would necessarily be removed and the city retain the valuable industries we already have here, and make it possible for the location of additional factories.

I have just received a communication from the South asking the removal of my factory, and offering a free site and taxes paid for five full years, besides paying the expense of removal.

Now I would much prefer to remain here because of the interests in real and personal property that myself and my company possess.

But, if the city of Clarksburg, through its citizens, will not awake up to the importance of immediate improvement as regards the city's supply of water we shall be under the necessity of taking these propositions, that come to us from time to time, for the removal of our factory, under serious consideration.

I am glad to know that the Board of Trade has approved the ordinance for a bond issue, and I sincerely hope that it will pass, so that we can get to work and better the conditions as they now exist, at the earliest possible moment.

Yours very truly, CHAS. S. SMILEY, President.

CLAIM REFUSED

In Case in Dayton's Court Outgrowth of Building of L. K. Railway.

PARKERSBURG, Jan. 13.—Judge Dayton in the United States court this morning handed down a decision in the case of Ida B. Jackson vs. H. C. Jackson, A. B. White, et al. The case was submitted at a previous term. The sum of \$20,000 was asked by the plaintiff. This claim was disallowed by the court. The case is the outgrowth of the promotion and building of the Little Kanawha railroad.

The grand jury has been charged by Judge Dayton and is now at work. Half a hundred indictments will be returned.

IN RIVER

Body of Miss Gower is Found Near Her Home at Luntz.

ELKINS, Jan. 13.—The body of Miss Fatsy Gower, daughter of John Gower, was found in the Middle Fork river, a short distance from her home at Luntz. Miss Gower was about 30 years old and had always lived with her parents at Luntz. Her father died only about a month ago. Ill health caused her to commit suicide.

MERCHANT PRINCE

Of Tunnelton, A. J. Bonafield, Dies After a Nervous Breakdown.

TUNNELTON, Jan. 13.—Arnold J. Bonafield is dead. He suffered a nervous collapse a few days ago. He was the oldest citizen and long known as "the merchant prince" of Tunnelton. He was born in Princeton county, near here, on June 13, 1818, and from the time of his reaching the age of business activity to the present time, he has been prominently identified with the business, agricultural and industrial development of this section of the state. He organized and has been the president of the Tunnelton Bank since its origin in 1862, and vice-president of the Manufacturers Coal & Coke Company, which operates coal interests at Victoria, this county. He was local agent here for the Mercantile Coal Company and also for the Kingwood Gas, Coal & Iron Company.

MEETS THURSDAY.

CHARLESTON, Jan. 13.—The special legislative committee investigating the committee will meet Thursday morning at 10 o'clock in the governor's reception room to prepare its final report to the legislature.

FUNERAL OF MISS WILLIAMS

The funeral of Miss Anna Williams, the young woman who died in a local hospital Tuesday, was held in the Holy Cross cemetery.