ARE FOR KERENS

REPUBLICANS WILL NOMINATE HIM FOR SENATORSHIP.

IT MAY BE BY ACCLAMATION

SOME OPPOSITION AMONG SENATORS AT PRESENT.

House Members Practically Unanimous for the St. Louis Man—Small Boom for Gardiner Lathrop—Caucus To-morrow Night.

JEFFERSON CITY, MO., Jan. 10.—(Special.) A Republican caucus to decide who shall receive the complimentary vote of the minority in the legislature for the United States senatorship will be held Thursday night. Mr. Mueller, of St. Charles, chairman of the house caucus, and Mr. Busche, of St. Louis, chairman of the senate caucus, have so decided.

RICHARD C. KERENS,
Probable Republican Nominee for the United States Senatorship.

There seems to be no doubt that Richard C. Kerens, of St. Louis, at present the national Republican committeeman for Missouri, will receive the compliment. The sentiment of the house Republicans seems to be a unit for Kerens. There appears to be some opposition to the Republican leader among the senators at present, but it is predicted that this will fade away before the caucus, and that Mr. Kerens will receive the nomination for the senatorship by acclamation.

No one seems willing to enter the race against Kerens. It is said that a friend of Congressman Bartholdt made a systematic canvass of the house, but could develop no support for Mr. Bartholdt, and it is understood that his name will not be presented to the caucus. A small-sized boom from some unknown source has appeared for Gardiner Lathrop, of Kansas City. The Republican house members from Kansas City, however, say they do not believe Mr. Lathrop knows he is talked of for the senatorial nomination, and do not believe he is seeking the honor. Both Mr. Mann and Judge Hawthorne are for Kerens.

"I don't know how Mr. Lathrop's name came to be mentioned," said Judge Hawthorne, to-day. "I am friendly to Mr. Lathrop and his nomination would be an honor to Kansas City, but I don't think he desires the nomination, and I think he is too good and thorough a Republican to do anything that might serve to create division and dissension in the party. I am positive that the talk about Mr. Lathrop as a candidate comes from a source inimical to Republican interests in Missouri. I don't think that Mr. Lathrop's name is being used with his knowledge and consent.

"Mr. Kerens will undoubtedly be the Republican nominee. He has given plentifully of his time and money and talents to the advancement of Republicanism in Missouri. He is a great organizer. He is the Republican leader in Missouri to-day. He is close to President McKinley. The Republicans of Missouri must not let their position of adherence to the administration be mistaken.

"It is a small reward, indeed, for the services which Mr. Kerens has performed for the party of this state to give him the nomination for senator from Missouri. The Republican party of Missouri cannot afford to harbor factional division. Because a man stands out to the fore in his Republicanism he should be encouraged rather than turned down to make a place for a man less experienced in leadership. I don't think it possible that a small spirit of jealousy can defeat Mr. Kerens."

The facts of the matter are that the opposition to Mr. Kerens comes principally from outside of the legislature. It comes from former Filley affiliates and from enemies of Webster Davis, who is known to be the friend of Mr. Kerens. Mr. Davis is sending letters and telegrams to his friends in the legislature urging them to stand by Mr. Kerens. Malignant enemies of the secretary—mugwumps and Democrats—are trying to make capital out of this fact.

Samuel Aydelott, of Warren, who was honored with the Republican vote for the speakership of the house, says: "So far as I know, there will not be any opposition to Mr. Kerens. I have always been a friend of Mr. Kerens, and I think he will go in unanimously."

Rudolph W. Mueller, chairman of the house caucus—"As conditions now exist, I am for Mr. Kerens. He seems to be the choice of the Republicans of the state."

Charles F. Pope, of Gasconade—"I prefer Kerens. I think he'll be the nominee."

Seth M. Young, of Caldwell—"It looks like Kerens, but I believe it would be better for the party if some other Republican should be selected."

Walter Jones, of Howell—"I think that Mr. Kerens will be the nominee."

W. A. Hubbard, of Barry—"I am for R. C. Kerens, first, last and all the time."

Dr. G. A. Gregson, of Benton—"Kerens is the best material we've got. He stands close to the administration."

Peter J. Scott, of Sullivan—"I have no objection to Kerens. Any good Republican would suit me."

S. M. Pickler, of Adair—"I think the nomination of Kerens will be practically unanimous. Have heard of no opposition to him in the house."

W. V. Hauber, of Worth—"I shall vote for Mr. Kerens. I feel very friendly toward him."

Dr. J. B. Stewart, of Moniteau—"There appears to be no opposition to Kerens."

J. T. James, St. Louis—"It is my opinion that Mr. Kerens will receive the nomination unanimously."

Samuel O'Fallon, of Holt—"I have heard of no candidate to oppose Kerens."

Lee B. Woods, of Mercer—"There's no question that Mr. Kerens will receive the compliment. I believe that the best interests of the party will be served by nominating Mr. Kerens for United States senator; it ought to be made unanimous."

W. M. Spears, of Stone—"I am for Kerens."

W. H. Booth, of Dallas—"Kerens being the national committeeman, it would not look well to turn him down. We are all for the administration in Southwest Missouri."

Thus it appears that the house Republicans are practically solid for Mr. Kerens. The opposition, if any, will come from the senate Republicans. In the house there are fifty-eight Republicans and in the senate there are but nine, so the opposition, even if solid, could not make great inroads upon Mr. Kerens' forces. But the senators are not united, and those who are for some candidate other than Mr. Kerens are by no means bitter in their opposition to Kerens. They have a personal preference, some them; that is all.

For instance, Senator Matthews, of St. Louis, while not an opponent of Mr. Kerens, pays a high tribute to Mr. Lathrop, of Kansas City. He says: "I am in favor of tendering to Gardiner Lathrop the compliment of his party. He is a rising young Republican, a man of brilliant promise. I am not opposing Mr. Kerens, and I don't know that Mr. Lathrop would accept the nomination, but I admire him. He is my personal preference. I look upon Mr. Lathrop as one of the brightest young men in the state."

Senator James M. Rollins, of St. Louis—"There is quite a sentiment in the senate in opposition to Mr. Kerens. It does not come from personal antipathy, but from a disposition not to recognize either the Kerens or the Filley faction. But I do not know whom I shall vote for. I may vote for Mr. Kerens."

Senator Busche, of St. Louis, is another who has a personal choice. "I am for ex-Senator John Kennish, of Holt county," he said, to-night. "Not because I have anything against Mr. Kerens, but because I consider Mr. Kennish the ablest man who presses shoe leather against the soil of Missouri."

Senator Schweickardt, of St. Louis, favors the nomination of Mr. Kerens, as does also Senator Martin, of St. Louis.

"There is no doubt that Mr. Kerens will be the nominee," said Mr. Martin. "I would not be surprised if he got it unanimously."

Small interest centers in the Democratic caucus to be held Monday night, for the reason that it will be a mere ratification of the choice of Senator Francis M. Cockrell. There will, of course, be no opposition. The senatorial election takes place Tuesday.

HILLIARD JOHNSON.

WILL DISCUSS EXPANSION.

House Sets Aside January 18 Upon Which Paris Treaty Will Be the Subject.

JEFFERSON CITY, Jan. 10.—(Special.) The Democrats of the house are anti-expansionists. By a vote of 61 to 56 the house to-day refused to table a resolution against the annexation of the Philippines introduced by Hamilton, Democrat, of Daviess. The resolution was made a special order for Wednesday, January 18, at 2 o'clock. All the Republicans and one Democrat, J. Raleigh Nicholson, of Cass, voted to table the resolution, which read as follows:

"Whereas, The Philippine islands are remote tropical islands peopled with semi-barbaric races, where climatic conditions forbid enterprise; the people aliens, who, on account of racial interests and traditions, cannot be equipped for the discharge of the high duties of American citizenship; and,

"Whereas, The acquisition of said islands would involve this government in entangling alliances with foreign countries, imperil the Monroe doctrine, menace the peace and tranquillity of the country and require an increase of the navy and a large standing army, with increased burdens of taxation; and,

"Whereas, We believe that such a policy would have a tendency toward imperialism, and that a large standing army would endanger the liberties of the people.

"Resolved, That the house of representatives of the Fortieth general assembly is opposed to the annexation of said islands."

Walter Jones, Republican, of Howell, at once moved to lay the resolution on the table. A half dozen Republicans seconded the motion. After it was voted down, Lee, Democrat, of Carter, moved that the members "be given a chance to air their views on imperialism," and the matter went over until next Wednesday.

To put the Democrats on record, Leonidas B. Woods, Republican, of Mercer, then introduced this resolution, as embodying the Republican position:

"Whereas, The yoke of tyranny which bound the Filipinos to Spain was effectually severed when Admiral Dewey, with American ships and American seamen, sank the Spanish fleet to the bottom of Manila bay; and,

"Whereas, The United States government thereby assumed a sacred obligation to the struggling natives of the Philippine islands to guarantee to them freedom from oppression and to give to them the benefits of liberty and the quickening influences of a Christian civilization; and,

"Whereas, The treaty of Paris, now before the senate of the United States for ratification, is a document of first importance in securing these ends; be it

"Resolved, That it is the sense of the house of representatives of the Fortieth general assembly of Missouri that the said treaty of Paris should be speedily ratified."

Mr. Woods' resolution was made a special order for 3 o'clock of Wednesday week, which will be a field day for the Philippines.

GOOD PROSPECT FOR A ROW.

Clamor for Jobs May Make the Revising Session One of Discord and Turbulence.

JEFFERSON CITY, MO., Jan. 10.—(Special.) The army of applicants, the dearth of positions and Speaker Ward's determination to reward only his friends promise to make a whole lot of trouble in the house. Lee, Whitecotton, Hall and Knelsley are in rebellion, and are not careful to conceal a desire for a fight. The revision session, when peace, quiet and work should be the order, gives promise of a turbulent uproar among the Democrats. The members are clamoring for an army of clerks, so that yearning constituents may be satisfied. It is said, however, that the house committee on clerical force will recommend only 120 clerks, or thirty fewer than the senate has. Now the scheme is to turn down the report of the committee and leave the matter of clerical force to a secret Democratic caucus. In that case every Democratic member would probably get a clerk. It is said that Speaker Ward is desirous of keeping down the force in order to make a show of economy, but the members who are in rebellion say that their constituents are more desirous of clerkships than of economical legislation.

HOUSE INDORSES IT.

Unanimously Adopts a Resolution Approving Louisiana Purchase Exposition Scheme.

JEFFERSON CITY, MO., Jan. 10.—(Special.) The house this morning indorsed the proposed celebration in St. Louis in 1903 of the centennial of the Louisiana purchase. The resolution introduced by Pickler, of Adair, and adopted unanimously is as follows:

"Resolved, By the members of the house of the Fortieth general assembly of the state of Missouri, that we send greeting to the Louisiana purchase convention at St. Louis, and that we heartily indorse the proposed celebration in 1903 at the metropolis of Missouri. And we believe that the state will, at the proper time, do its whole duty in assisting to make this centennial exposition the grandest event of the kind in the history of our country."

ST. LOUIS LEXOW COMMITTEE

Lieutenant Governor Bolte Guards Carefully Against a Real Investigation.

JEFFERSON CITY, MO., Jan. 10.—(Special.) Lieutenant Governor Bolte to-day announced the committee on the St. Louis Lexow as follows: Senators Major, of Pike; Walker, of St. Charles; Hohenschild, of Phelps; Matthews, of St. Louis; Burkhead, of Douglas, and Childers, of Hickory. Burkhead and Matthews are the Republican minority members. The four Democrats will be enabed to present the desired Democratic campaign document. The refusal of the senate to make the committee non-partisan in its composition will take away from the investigation any semblance which it had of intention for fairness.

Executive Mansion Reception.

JEFFERSON CITY, MO., Jan. 10.—(Special.) Governor and Mrs. Lon V. Stephens tendered an informal reception to-night to the senators, representatives and state officers. The governor's mansion was thrown open to the public and hundreds of visitors were greeted by the governor and Mrs. Stephens. Mrs. Stephens was assisted by the wives of some of the state officers. There was music during the evening and refreshments.

To Give Democrats Control.

JEFFERSON CITY, MO., Jan. 10.—(Special.) The Democratic machine is trying to gain control of the registration in Republican cities. H. M. Rubey, Democrat, of Macon, introduced a bill in the house to-day providing for a constitutional amendment placing all registration under control of the general assembly.

George Noel, of Jackson, was unable to be present at the house to-day on account of illness.

Highway Commission Proposed.

JEFFERSON CITY, MO., Jan. 10.—(Special.) An effort will be made to create a "highway commission," to be composed of three members, appointed by the governor, confirmed by the senate, terms of office six years. The duty of the board will be to look after the construction and maintenance of good roads in the state.

REGULAR SESSION

KANSAS' NEW LEGISLATURE MET IN TOPEKA YESTERDAY.

ORGANIZED AND ADJOURNED

POPS RULE THE SENATE AND REPUBLICANS THE HOUSE.

Each Party's Slate Goes Through Without Opposition—Special Session Committees Stand in Senate—House Committees Not Named.

TOPEKA, Jan. 10.—(Special.) The Kansas legislature convened in regular biennial session to-day, but nothing was done outside of organizing and listening to Governor Stanley's message.

In the senate, Lieutenant Governor Richter and the Republican minority permitted the Populist majority to select the officers and employes, name the committees and put the machine in working order. The Republican majority in the house took the reins in its hands and effected an organization, without any obstruction on the part of the Pop minority. The committees as formed at the special session were allowed to stand in the senate. Speaker Osborn announced no committees in the house to-day, and to-night said he would not until Saturday.

The message of the governor was listened to with keen interest. He handled state affairs in the way that delighted the Republicans, and did not offend the Populist members. He sounded the keynote of the Republican policy regarding the extra session just closed, and when that portion was read there was applause on the Republican side. The Republicans all declared that it was refreshing to hear a cheerful, hopeful and dignified message from a Kansas governor once more. Many Populist members admitted that it was a fitting document for Kansas in these days of prosperity.

It is not likely that the legislature will get down to solid business before the first of next week. The best of feeling now exists between the Populist senate and the Republican house, and unless something unforeseen turns up to strain the relations between the two bodies much good will be accomplished at the present session.

The house was called to order exactly at noon by Secretary of State George Clark, and prayer was offered by Colonel Allen Buckner, the new chaplain. The secretary of state read the list of members to whom certificates of election had been issued, and they were sworn in in blocks of forty. Associate Justice Johnson administered the oath.

Brooke, of Shawnee, in compliance with caucus instructions, nominated Major J. B. Remington, of Miami, for temporary speaker. The major was elected unanimously and Seaton, Henley and Burkholder were appointed as a committee to escort the major to the chair. The major thanked the house for the honor conferred on him. Charles Lobdell, of Lane, was named as temporary clerk.

Brock then nominated Judge S. J. Osborn, of Saline, for speaker, and Jaquins, of Cowley, representing the Populist minority, placed Clem Fairchild's name before the house for the same position. A roll call was taken and Osborn received 91 votes and Fairchild 32. Each candidate voted for the other. Osborn was declared elected, and McKeever, Seaton and Fairchild were appointed to escort him to the front.

In taking the chair, Judge Osborn made a brief speech, in which he poured a few hot shots into the Populists. He thanked the members for the honor of his election, and said he accepted the responsibility, knowing full well the weight of it. He asked the support of the members in maintaining order and urged the members to perform their duties in a dignified and impartial manner and for the best interests of the people.

He then referred to the extra session of the legislature just closed, and concluded: "That session was called and conducted by the last Populist administration on earth. There was no emergency and the necessity for it was conceived in remorse, born of grief and died without hope. Its promoters gave themselves one more mortal wound, and on January 9 they died. I believe in being kind to the dead. May an all-wise Providence have mercy on their souls. About $30,000 was taken out of the treasury to pay for that session, and yet the Populists left a large number of deficiencies for us to provide for. Let us handle the affairs of the state in a more businesslike manner and act in a way that is upright and honorable."

These remarks were greeted with loud applause from the Republican side.

Fairchild, of Kingman, replied rather sarcastically in placing Ed Jaquins before the house as the minority candidate for speaker pro tem. After Benefiel, of Montgomery, had been nominated by the Republicans, Fairchild proposed Jaquins' name and said: "If, perchance, our candidate should take the chair during the deliberations of this body at any time, he would not prove himself a braggart and would act like a gentleman."

Benefiel got 90 votes and Jaquins 28. Benefiel was declared elected.

At this juncture, Gregory, of Osage, asked that Rev. Mr. John Bright be invited to sing that good old song, "Good-by, Pop Party, Good-by," but the house wanted to push the work of organization and the song remained unsung.

Charles Lobdell was elected chief clerk, receiving 87 votes to 27 for Chase, of Johnson.

W. A. Thompson, the Republican caucus nominee for sergeant-at-arms, was elected to that position over J. M. Dunsmore, Pop. Each carried his full party vote.

C. F. Hostetler, of Cloud, was elected docket clerk; Mrs. Liebe D. Schaum, of Douglas, postmistress, and Chaplain Lewis, of Marion, assistant postmaster.

After the governor's message was read, a resolution was adopted authorizing the sergeant-at-arms to have 1,000 copies printed for distribution. The speaker was also authorized by motion to apportion the message and refer the various subjects covered to the appropriate committees.

The house then adjourned until to-morrow.

FIRST SENATE SESSION.

Populist Caucus Nominees Elected and Installed and Governor's Message Read.

TOPEKA, Jan. 10.—(Special.) Just as the hands of the clock above his stand pointed to the noon hour to-day Harry E. Richter, the new lieutenant governor of Kansas, called the senate, in regular session, to order. Nine senators were absent. Rev. Dr. L. Blakesley offered prayer.

Senator Anderson, of Shawnee, was chosen as temporary secretary and the senate proceeded to elect its permanent officers. The Populist caucus slate went through without attention. All of the nominees were elected unanimously except Householder, for president pro tem, that gentleman voting for Senator Hessin. The Republicans made no contest. The full list follows:

J. W. Morphy, of Topeka, secretary; M. A. Householder, president pro tem; D. Gassoway, Columbus, sergeant-at-arms; T. H. Gallagher, Springdale, assistant sergeant-at-arms; A. A. George, Erie, assistant secretary of state; Rev. Mr. G. W. Stinger, Mound Valley, chaplain; V. W. Moore, Coffeyville, docket clerk; L. D. Fuller, Pratt, assistant docket clerk; A. D. Gilpin, Lincoln, journal clerk; H. B. Wallace, Salina, and P. P. Mercer, Lincoln, assistant journal clerks; Sol Long, Grenola, reading clerk; V. P. James, Beloit, doorkeeper; W. H. Grove, Winfield; H. C. Sanger, Walnut; R. W. Holmes, Somerset; R. C. Widdicombe, Kansas City; W. L. Shopper, Fulton, assistant doorkeepers; Ursel Finch, Harper, postmaster; F. C. Johnson, Phillipsburg, docket clerk; Andy Swigart, Eldorado, assistant docket clerk; Augusta Hayes, Kansas City, stenographer; J. D. Schooley, Clay Center, guard to cloakroom; I. H. Wood, Larned, assistant; H. H. Bolson, Harris; T. W. Gannoway, Pratt; C. W. Grigsby, Clay Center; C. F. Russell, Hillsdale; Henry Davis, Topeka, janitors; Guy Benson, Chelsea; J. A. Lupfer, Larned; K. Scott, Oberlin; Charles Kennedy, Fredonia; Robert Widdicombe, Kansas City; Mark Hern, Brazilton, pages; Nellie Forney, Belle Plaine, telephone clerk.

The Populists also created a new position, to give Charles A. Taylor, who yesterday lost his place as assistant state auditor. He is designated the senate bookkeeper. The Pops allowed the Republicans one place, assistant stenographer, to which Mrs. Edith Gregg was chosen.

Senator King introduced resolution No. 1, providing for the readoption of the rules of the last session. The resolution passed.

On motion of Senator Lupfer, a committee consisting of Lupfer and Hessin was appointed to act with a committee of three from the house to inform the governor of the organization of the legislature. The organization of the senate was also messaged to the house.

The hours of meeting of the senate were fixed at 10 a. m. and 3 p. m.

A committee consisting of senators Lewelling, Householder, Farrelly, Stocks and Lamb was appointed on revision of rules.

Governor Stanley's message was read in full in the senate this afternoon, covering about three-quarters of an hour. The message was generally liked and it was applauded by the Republican members. Senator Householder, one of the Populist leaders in the senate, said: "If he had left out the reference to the special session and one or two other matters he spoke of I would call it a Pop message. As it is it is a quasi-Pop document. It is all right and I believe Stanley is going to be a good governor."

BOY OFFICE SEEKERS.

Scramble for Places as Pages Was the Liveliest of All the Kansas Contests.

TOPEKA, KAS., Jan. 10.—(Special.) The Republican caucus this forenoon settled one of the liveliest scrambles for office that has been witnessed in Kansas in recent years. It was the fight of the thirty-five young boys for places as pages in the house. For the past week these boys have been camping on the trail of the members and making life a burden to them. One member said he had never been pestered so much before in his life.

The Republicans caucused at 10 o'clock and it took an hour and a half to elect the pages.

The successful candidates were: Sam Benefiel, Bliss Botsford, Carl Osborn, Harry Wheatley, Alvis Tallman, Charles Avery, Will Burkholder, R. A. Roberts, Elmer Link. Link is a colored boy of Topeka, the first one that ever held the position in the house.

The Pop house members caucused this morning and fixed up this list of honor to vote for upon organization:

Speaker, Clem Fairchild, of Kingman; speaker pro tem, Ed Jaquins, of Cowley; chief clerk, Charles Johnson, Cowley; sergeant at arms, J. M. Dunsmore, Neosho; chaplain, William Ireland, Shawnee; doorkeeper, W. E. Pettingill, Osage.

WARRANTS HELD UP.

State Auditor Cole Intends to Take No Chances on Special Session Expenses.

TOPEKA, Jan. 10.—(Special.) State Auditor Cole declined to audit all warrants presented to-day which were drawn to pay the expense of the extra session of the legislature. There is a question as to the constitutionality of that body, and, to be on the safe side, Cole decided to wait until Attorney General Godard could look up the matter.

House Officers Name Assistants.

TOPEKA, Jan. 10.—(Special.) Sergeant-at-Arms Thompson to-day appointed the following assistant sergeants-at-arms, subject to the approval of the house: J. H. McFarland, Lincoln; Syl Dixon, Sumner; A. C. Hilligoss, Labette; George Davis, Jefferson; C. H. Chandler, Harvey; R. F. Thorne, Linn; C. E. Botkin, Sumner; G. M. Eagle, Shawnee.

Chief Clerk Lobdell appointed George E. Tucker, of Greenwood, as journal clerk.

Peter Pyle, of Smith, was appointed first assistant doorkeeper by Doorkeeper Johnson.

Only Twenty-two Old House Members.

TOPEKA, Jan. 10.—(Special.) There are only twenty-two members in the new house who sat in the extra session. Thirteen of them are Republicans and nine fusionists. The Republicans are: Seaton, Henley, Brooke, McKeever, Smith, of Brown; Moore, Polson, Harris, Burkholder, Longley, Millar, Seaver, Geissler. The fusionists are: Goodno, Loomis, Jaquins, Gillispie, Fairchild, Wright, Ravenscraft, Lawson and Marks.

Best Chairmanship for Henley.

TOPEKA, Jan. 10.—(Special.) Speaker Osborn will name A. Henley, of Douglas, as chairman of the house ways and means committee. Mr. Henley is one of the leading manufacturers of the state and is a sound and conservative business man. His selection as the head of this important committee is received with great satisfaction.

State Printing Caucus.

TOPEKA, Jan. 10.—(Special.) The Republican caucus to nominate a state printer will probably be held Thursday night. The members of the legislature left the selection of the date to the four candidates, and they practically decided to-night to pull the fight off Thursday night.

Penitentiary Wardenship.

TOPEKA, Jan. 10.—(Special.) D. W. Naill, of Dickinson, and George Case, of Jewell, both announced to-night that they would not be candidates for warden of the penitentiary. Both will indorse Skinner, of Cowley. This places Skinner in the easy seat.

House 3 to 1 Republican.

TOPEKA, Jan. 10.—(Special.) The Republicans have ninety-three members of the house this time and the fusionists thirty-two. In 1897 the Pops had seventy-eight and the Republicans forty-seven.

New Missouri Corporations.

JEFFERSON CITY, MO., Jan. 10.—(Special.) Secretary of State Leseuer to-day issued certificates of incorporation to the following companies: Thayer-Moore Brokerage Company, of Kansas City, Mo.; capital stock, $50,000. Incorporators: Lysander R. Moore, William M. Reid, Norton Thayer, Lysander R. Moore, Jr., Charles S. Wheeler and T. F. Rice, of Chicago. The corporation is formed to loan and to borrow money; to buy and to sell securities, and to do all business pertaining to a real estate, loan and investment company.

Topekans Go to Costa Rica.

TOPEKA, Jan. 10.—(Special.) A party of Topeka men left the city last night for Costa Rica and they expect to be gone at least four months. The men are George Lescher, W. F. Bond and J. F. White. They are all carpenters and have been employed by the company in which F. O. Popenoe, of Topeka, is interested to build a stamp mill and some houses on the property of the company. The company is operating several large mines.

Horse Thief Dug His Way Out.

SOLOMON, KAS., Jan. 10.—(Special.) The Solomon jail failed to hold a horse thief last night. One from Newton was put in with two pairs of handcuffs on. During the night he dug out and escaped. Two of the robbers of the Rock Island depot last week were captured at Beloit last night, and will be brought back for trial. Another is in jail at Abilene.

Don't Want Hanna Reinstated.

TOPEKA, Jan. 10.—(Special.) A delegation of the constituents of Senator Hanna who do not want him reinstated by the senate, reached Topeka to-day to oppose his recognition by the senate. They declare his resignation was tendered and accepted in good faith.

Dead of Starvation in Havana.

HAVANA, Jan. 10.—A boy 12 years of age was found dead of starvation on Delmonte streeet this morning. Corporal Harter, of Company A, Tenth regiment, found the body on the stones, with some candles at its head, placed there by strangers' hands.

Stead's Peace Crusade Indorsed.

LONDON, Jan. 10.—William T. Stead, editor of the Review of Reviews, received to-day from Lyman J. Gage, United States secretary of the treasury, and President Barrows, of Oberlin college, letters indorsing his peace crusade.

Spanish Gunboats Sail for Home.

KINGSTON, JAMAICA, Jan. 10.—The Spanish gunboat fleet, consisting of four vessels, is coaling here and will sail for Spain to-day via the island of Martinique.

OKLAHOMA SOLONS

FIFTH ASSEMBLY CONVENED YESTERDAY AT GUTHRIE.

WORK ALREADY UNDER WAY

REPUBLICAN SLATES GO THROUGH IN BOTH HOUSES.

Adjournment Taken Until To-morrow Without Waiting for Governor Barnes' Message—McCredie Chooses Leading Committee Chairmen.

GUTHRIE, O. T., Jan. 10.—(Special.) Both houses of the Fifth legislative assembly of Oklahoma convened to-day at 2 o'clock. All the members were present, and work commenced immediately, no time being wasted on preliminaries. The lobbies were crowded with spectators, who manifested intense interest in the proceedings. The decorations consisted in each chamber of a large American flag just back of the presiding officer's desk, in the center of which was a large picture of President McKinley. Several of the senators were remembered by their friends, who had placed on their desks beautiful bouquets.

Representative Merten called the house to order. Dr. McElrath placed in nomination the caucus nominee, "Gristmill" Jones, as temporary speaker. He was escorted to the chair by McElrath and introduced by Merten.

Rev. Mr. C. W. Sherwood, of Union City, invoked divine guidance. Judge Stevens was selected as temporary secretary. A committee was appointed to examine the credentials of the members, a recess of twenty minutes being taken to give them time to act. No irregularities were found and the report was accepted. Chief Justice Burford then administered the oath of office.

"Tom" Reid was placed in nomination as permanent speaker. J. C. Walls, of Cleveland, was nominated by the fusionists. The vote was 17 to 2 in favor of Reid. Seven fusionists refused to vote. The minority did not make any other nomination. Speaker Reid thanked the members for the honor, and suggested that many reforms were needed, and it was expected of the Republicans to enact good laws and repeal the obnoxious ones.

The house caucus met in adjourned session this morning at 10 o'clock, and made the following nominations, which were ratified in open session this afternoon: First assistant clerk, Harry Gilstrap; second and third assistants, Charles Seeley and J. W. Riggs, respectively; chief engrossing and enrolling clerk, Thomas H. Soward; assistant, E. S. Thrall; assistant sergeant-at-arms, P. F. Tyler; chaplain, E. R. Rankin, of Logan. Janitors, John Ewing and Albert Drake. Pages, George Billings, Percy Welch, Charley Furrow, Harry Pentecost, of Guthrie; Rollin Watkins, of Woods; Robert McElrath, of Enid.

Merten, McElrath and Ballard were named by the chair a committee of three to act with a similar committee from the senate to notify the governor they were ready to receive any communication he might have to transmit. Adjournment was then taken until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

A. J. Biddison was chosen temporary chairman, and O. G. Palmer, temporary clerk, of the senate. A committee on credentials composed of Senators Havens, Hutto and Garrison was appointed. Chaplain Nicholas delivered a fervent and eloquent prayer. The roll was called, and Secretary Jenkins then administered the oaths. Hugh McCredie was nominated by the Republicans, and Sid Clarke by the minority. The vote was 8 to 5. McCredie promised to rule impartially and admonished his colleagues to center their efforts for the best interests of the territory. All of the caucus nominees were elected. Senators Britt, Winkler, Magness and President McCredie, on motion, were appointed on joint rules to act with a like committee from the house. Senators Biddison, Huston and Bellamy were named as the committee to inform Governor Barnes that an organization had been perfected.

It is unofficially stated to-night that President McCredie will name Dr. Winkler chairman of the committee on public lands and buildings; Brett, chairman on railroads; Biddison, judiciary, and Havens, ways and means.

SENATE REVISING COMMITTEE

Lieutenant Governor Bolte Appoints Six Democrats and One Lone Republican.

JEFFERSON CITY, Jan. 10.—(Special.) Representative Hall, of Saline, formally notified the senate to-day that the house had appointed a committee of fifteen on plan for revising the statutes and requested, on behalf of the house, that the senate appoint a similar committee. Senator Dowell, of Lewis, introduced a resolution calling for the appointment of a committee of seven senators to act with the house committee. The president of the senate appointed the following:

Dowell, Democrat, of Lewis; Clay, Democrat, of St. Francois; Morton, Democrat, of Ray; Wilson, Democrat, of Platte; Haynes, Democrat, of Buchanan; Anderson, Democrat, of Boone; Mott, Republican, of St. Louis.

These two committees were appointed by President of the Senate Bolte:

On accounts—Vandiver, Whaley, Davisson.

On joint rules—Lyons, Wilson, Farris, Fields and Busche.

Senator Mott, Republican, of St. Louis, introduced a resolution, which prevailed, to replace the tattered semblance of "Old Glory," which now flaps above the capitol by a brand new flag.

ICE BRIDGE AT NIAGARA.

Natural Wonders Caused by Freezing of Waterfall's Spray—Ice Palace Under Way.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Jan. 10.—To-day the ice bridge that formed below the Horseshoe fall and opposite the American fall yesterday is very firm and in fine condition, and as its growth is constant, when once formed, it will probably remain for some time. It is one of the most marvelous and beautiful spectacles witnessed at Niagara. The sight from Falls' View, where the Michigan Central trains stop, overlooking the falls and the ice bridge, with the rocky walls of the gorge hung with gigantic stalactites, is particularly grand and picturesque. The news of the formation of the bridge is bringing crowds of visitors to the falls, many from a long distance.

The citizens of Niagara Falls commenced to-day the construction of the ice palace. It will be open January 21 and close in March. It promises to be something quite unique in the history and exposition of winter sport and scenes.

25 PER CENT DISCOUNT
—ON—
Art Goods

In our Inventory Sale, this week only, our entire stock of rare and beautiful Art Wares will be offered at 25 per cent off regular marked prices. This offer includes:

Royal Vienna Vases,
Bric-a-Brac,
Austrian Glass,
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Porcelains,
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This stock was unusually complete after our holiday trade, and offers now unquestioned bargains in this class of goods.

Jaccard's Kansas City
1032 MAIN ST.

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We close all of our stores to-day—will be open Thursday morning 8 o'clock.

We are overrun with trade and must close to straighten out orders.

Robert Keith Furniture & Carpet Co.

Keith's.

In connection with our Carpets and Rugs we put on sale Thursday morning at 1221 and 1223 Main street, Mattings, Linoleums, Oil Cloths, etc. We have thousands of rolls to close out.

Remember!

that the Furniture Sale will continue (from Thursday morning) at 415 and 417 Delaware street, and the sale of Carpets, Rugs, Mattings, Linoleums, etc., will go on at 1221 and 1223 Main street (beginning at 8 o'clock Thursday morning).

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Our January Sale of Muslin Underwear

BEGINS
Thursday, January 12th.

Muslin Underwear as you would have it made at home. The material best suited for the purpose, the sizes ample and stinted in no way.

John Taylor.

A CORRECTION.

An error in yesterday's advertisement was responsible for the statement that gas bills could be paid to-day and the discount secured. To get the discount all bills must be paid by or on the tenth of each month.

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