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LEADERS ARE LEFT.

George Lamb and Bert Hall Turned Down in Great Shape,

And Stanford Newel and Bob Jamison Put Up as Chairmen.

Republican Congressional Aspirants Have All Their Own Way,

Otherwise the State Committee Meeting Passes Uneventfully.

The meeting of the Republican state central committee at the Windsor yesterday passed off quietly, and without a visible protest or break of any kind. The reasons for this unexpected harmony were evident to the most casual observer. There were too many candidates for congressional nominations next year present to allow any one to secure any considerable advantage. The appointment of congressional committees in the Fourth and Fifth districts were the only ones over which there was any difference of opinion, and in these two those shining lights of Capt. S. P. Snider's campaign, George W. Lamb, of St Paul, and A. H. Hall, of Hennepin, were gently turned down, and Stanford Newel and Robert Jamison were made the heads of the two bodies. Both Hall and Lamb were given places on the committees, but they failed to secure the chairmanships they so much coveted.

JOEL P. HEATWOLE

The early morning hours around the hotels were utilized to the utmost by the various aspirants for congressional honors. Hon. Allen J. Greer, of Wabasha, did not arrive in the city until morning, but he went right to work and was soon almost as solid as his friend, the senator from Winona. The St. Cloud men were wide awake and M. D. Taylor, the member of the state committee from that district, who is accused of casting longing eyes toward the congressional nomination, lost no time in pushing the claims of his friend Benson for the chairmanship. The Third district was looked after by Ex-Congressman D. S. Hall, who pilloried his friend and manager, H. I. Simons, of Glencoe, around and duly impressed the committeemen with the fact that a reappointment of Mr. Simons would not only be in order but was also demanded. In the Seventh and Second district appointments little interest was taken, many of the politicians being willing to concede that these two districts were more than likely to be found in the Alliance column next year. In the Fourth district the chairmanship was taken away from George W. Lamb and given to Stanford Newel, while the political partners of Lamb were given their old places. There was a great deal of feeling manifested over this, and the first battle in the contest for the Republican congressional nomination in this district was fought. The result leaves the thing about a stand-off. The Lamb crowd has the committee and the other fellows the chairmanship.

Davis Bixby

J. M. DIMENT

The meeting was called to order about half past 10 o'clock by Chairman Joel P. Heatwole in his blandest manner. All the members of the committee were present except Hon. J. H. Ackerman, of Carver, and A. D. Stephens, of Polk. The names of those on hand follow: Joel P. Heatwole, chairman, of Northfield; C. B. Buckman, of Morrison; D. M. Clough, of Hennepin; J. A. Tawney, of Winona; A. J. Greer, Wabasha; Tams Bixby, of Goodhue; W. J. Freaney, Ramsey; J. M. Rowley, of Olmsted; John Goodnow, of Minneapolis; W. B. Parsons, Dodge Center; George Knudson, St. James; M. D. Taylor, of Stearns; W. W. Rich, of Lyon; R. E. Thompson, Fillmore; John B. Sutphin, St. Louis; A. T. Koerner, Meeker; John Hutton, Cottonwood; G. C. Winchester, Warren; J. J. Howe, Crow Wing; F. E. Kenaston, Wilkin.

A. S. Crossfield

In addition to the committeemen there were a host of well-known Republican leaders and workers present from all parts of the state. Among these were: G. S. Pease, Senator C. S. Guderion and E. L. Cutler, of Anoka; George W. Marchant, Ex-Gov. Pillsbury, A. H. Hall, Ole Ragnos, S. J. Brierly, and many other Minneapolitans; Hon. Basil Smout and F. W. Temple, of Faribault; Col. Soren Listoe, C. E. Severance, D. F. Reese, Col. A. R. Kiefer, Henry Johns, E. H. Ozmun, Col. Samuel Lowenstein, Maj. John Espy, Hon. F. C. Stevens, and John Niemo, represented St. Paul, and W. C. Whiteman, of Ortonville; L. P. Hunt, of Mankato were a portion of the representatives from the outside districts.

M. P. Allen

The meeting was no sooner called to order than the results of the lengthy conferences that had been held during the previous twenty-four hours were made apparent. These talks convinced the members of the committee that any attempt to fix the place for the holding of the next convention, regulating the number of delegates, or any radical moves would not be tolerated. As one of the visitors expressed it, "There were too many men present who were after congressional nominations to permit anything to be done." The first move on the checker board after Editor Heatwole sat down was made by Senator Tawney, of Winona, who offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this committee that the only matter of interest to the Republican party of the state demanding attention at the present time is the matter of the arrangement of congressional committees in the several new congressional districts of the state, made necessary by the recent reapportionment, and the matter of co-operation with the state league in the organization of the party throughout the state, and that all other business of the committee should be deferred until a subsequent committee meeting.

The effect of this resolution was at once seen and the statement made that under it nothing would be done. It was manifestly the desire of the majority to limit the meeting in this way, and Senator Tawney stated that he thought it unwise to discuss questions months in advance of the time they should be settled. Such questions, Mr. Tawney thought, were the schemes for fixing the number of delegates to the convention, the place for holding it as well as plans for the enlargement of the state committee. These remarks struck the committeemen very favorably, and the resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote.

This simplified matters to a great extent, and M. D. Taylor started the ball rolling in the direction he desired it to go by moving that the members of the committee be divided in sub-committees, the members from each congressional district to compose a separate committee for the purpose of selecting new congressional committees. This was amended to allow the members of the old congressional committees to participate in the deliberations of the sub-committee and then adopted. A recess for half an hour was taken to allow the committees time to do their work.

The Fifth and Sixth district committeemen asked for more time on account of the absence of Senator Clough and J. J. Howe. The committee finally got together again and the new committees were announced. The old congressional committeemen were reappointed as far as they went, some being placed in different districts. The First district committee suffered the least change, only one man being added, P. C. Bailey, of Waseca county, the latter county being the only addition or change in the district. The members of the sub-committees for the Fourth and Fifth districts disregarded the action of the Anoka convention in making a double-headed committee, designating Geo. Lamb, of Ramsey, and A. H. Hall, of Hennepin, as chairmen, placing Stanford Newel and Robert Jamison in their places. The committees as reported, ed by the sub-committees of the state organization follow:

NEWEL AND HIS SMILE.

First District—J. M. Dement, chairman, Owatona, Steele county; L. D. Baird, Austin, Mower; H. A. Hanson, Albert Lea, Freeborn; L. H. Keely, Rochester, Olmsted; W. B. Anderson, Winona, Winona; H. J. Whitman, Wabasha, Wabasha; J. F. Potter, La Crescent, Houston; Edward Johnston, Lanesboro, Fillmore; George B. Arnold, Kasson, Dodge; P. C. Bailey, Waseca, Waseca.

Second District—A. Blanchard, chairman, New Ulm, Brown; C. L. Benedict, Mankato, Blue Earth; R. H. Jefferson, Windom, Cottonwood; J. H. Sprout, Blue Earth City, Faribault; H. A. Funk, Jackson, Jackson; J. F. Jacobson, Madison, Lac qui Parle; John McKenzie, Lake Benton, Lincoln; F. S. Brown, Tracy, Lyon; John Peterson, St. Peter, Nicollet; J. R. Jones, Worthington, Nobles; J. W. Mirrick, Fairmont, Martin; R. H. Whitney, Slayton, Murray; V. L. James, Pipestone, Pipestone; John Kelley, Luverne, Rock; J. W. Segur, St. James, Watonwan; John Swenson, Canby, Yellow Medicine; Dr. W. D. Flinn, Redwood Falls, Redwood.

Third District—H. L. Simons, chairman, Glencoe, McLeod; A. Knoblauch, Carver, Carver; Dr. T. E. Bissell, Litchfield, Meeker; G. T. McMullen, Shakopee, Scott; A. W. Stockton, Shakopee, Scott; G. H. Nixon, Hector, Renville; Theodore Seebach, Red Wing, Goodhue; William Hodgson, Hastings, Dakota; C. Bisson, Henderson, Sibley; R. R. Turritson, Le Sueur Center, Le Sueur.

Fourth District—Stanford Newel, St. Paul, chairman; A. R. Kiefer, M. D. Munn, George W. Lamb, F. A. Johnson, D. F. Reese, Charles Wallblom, Louis Niemo, H. W. McCool, of Ramsey; J. G. Wilson, August Neuber, Ole Erickson, Washington; C. E. Williams, Kanabec; August Anderson Chisago; S. C. Johnson, Chisago.

Fifth District—Robert Jamison, chairman; A. H. Hall, W. R. Morris, Ole Rognas, S. L. Breasley, Andrew J. Smith, George Boyd, J. A. Peterson, D. F. Simpson. The first five are the members of the old committee.

Sixth District—C. S. Benson, St. Cloud, chairman, Stearns; H. C. Nelson, Two Harbors, Lake county; W. M. Fuller, Little Falls, Morrison; J. F. Locke, Pillsbury, Todd; John McKinley, Duluth, St. Louis; John Frater, Brainerd, Crow Wing; G. A. Whiting, Wadena, Wadena; C. M. Buck, Howard Lake, Wright; H. A. Castle, Elk River, Sherburne; J. E. Metzer, Pine City, Pine; G. W. McComber, Anoka, Anoka; R. C. Dunn, Princeton, Mille Lacs; J. A. Markham, Aitkin, Aitkin; Wade Blaker, Grand Rapids, Itasca; W. P. Allen, Cloquet, Carlton; G. T. Rice, Rice's Point, Benton; S. A. Phillips, Grand Marais, Cook; Fred Krios, Butler, Beltrami; Thomas Neary, Gull River, Cass; F. C. Rice, Park Rapids, Hubbard.

Seventh District—H. W. Donaldson, chairman, Kittson; H. L. Meighland, Marshall; Fleex Fourman, Polk; D. C. Lichtburn, Norman; C. A. Nye, Clay; M. D. Converse, Becker; B. N. Johnson, Otter Tail; R. A. Phelps, Wilkin; Ole Canestorp, Grant; C. T. Gunderson, Douglas; A. L. Crossfield, Traverse; R. C. Stevens, Stevens; W. C. Whiteman, Big Stone; F. M. Eddy, Pope; J. C. Thorpe, Kandiyohi; S. H. Hudson, Swift.

The new committees were confirmed without opposition, the only objection being made by some of the leaders who thought the committees in the Sixth and Seventh districts rather unwieldly. John Goodnow, of Hennepin, created a little breeze by moving that the committees just appointed be instructed to call congressional conventions for the purpose of electing delegates to the national convention. Mr. Greer, of Wabasha, and Senator Tawney, of Winona, opposed this, claiming that the state central committee had no authority to do anything of the kind. Both these embryo congressional candidates desired that the new committees be informed that the state committee was acting under the authority of the national committee, in fact by instruction, and the Winona man amended Mr. Goodnow's motion, notifying the new bodies that they had been named "pursuant to instructions of the national committee." The Hennepin member accepted the amendment and the resolution was adopted. This ended the morning's work, and a recess until 1:30 in the afternoon was taken.

Afternoon Meeting.

After receiving the reports of the Fifth and Sixth districts the committee went into executive session to receive the reports of the officers of the state league of Republican clubs. Mr. Goodnow told how he had progressed in the work of organizing the state. The organization of the executive committee had been perfected so that there is now one active man in each county looking after the interest of the League. Each committeeman has been asked to appoint active men in each polling precinct with a view of bringing the league as near the people as possible. This report was received and adopted.

A LESSON TO JONES.

Republican Yarn of a Conversation With Gov. David B. Hill.

Would Forfeit His Seat in the Senate to Shut Out the Bolter.

Flower's Election Also Used to Make an Interesting Fake Go.

Clarkson Tells How Elkins Led the Harrison Forces in 1888.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The Mail and Express Washington special says: Gov. and Senator David B. Hill proposes to overcome the objection filed against his taking his seat here by conveying back into the treasury the salary which as United States senator he would be entitled to up to the time he leaves the governorship of New York. In a private conversation Gov. Hill told a confidential personal friend that he was remaining in the governor's chair to teach a bolting Democrat a lesson which he would not forget—that he would rather be kept out of the seat awaiting him in the senate during the entire six years to which he was elected than permit Lieut. Gov. Jones, a bolter and a traitor to his party, to occupy the governor's chair for thirty minutes, much less the thirty days he would have occupied it had Hill taken his seat when congress convened. Gov. Hill assured his friend that the election of Roswell P. Flower as governor of New York was a Hill victory from the ground up; that the nomination was directed by his friends, and that it meant a solid delegation in the national nominating convention for him. After a long and frank conversation with Gov. Hill, the gentleman assures your correspondent that Hill will surely be the next nominee for the presidency and that Mr. Cleveland is already relegated to the past. Mr. Hill says that he will have the South almost solid for him in the convention, while a majority of the West will support him, and that New York state will stand as one man for David B. Hill.

WHY HE CHOSE ELKINS.

Clarkson Gives Harrison's Supposed Reasons.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Chairman James S. Clarkson, of the Republican national committee, this morning gave what he alleged to be President Harrison's reasons for the appointment of Stephen B. Elkins as secretary of war. The story as given by Mr. Clarkson negatives the stories that have been printed about Mr. Elkins having been a Blaine man and that he consulted the secretary before he accepted that place.

"Elkins has been a Harrison man since before the nomination of the president," said Mr. Clarkson, "and had he at that time had a permanent residence he would have been one of the original members of the cabinet. Contrary to the popular belief, Elkins led the Harrison forces at the convention, and he was the brains, energy and electricity of Mr. Harrison's supporters, and he carried with him the promise made by Mr. Harrison. This may look a bit queer, but it is true, nevertheless. Mr. Elkins is one of my warmest personal friends, and I know what I am talking about. I don't say that he did not consult Blaine before he accepted the nomination, but I should like to wager a good deal that he did not. He is now a settled resident of an influential state, and, being a strong adherent of the president, it was natural that he should be named."

Among the most notable men who either took an active part in the secret deliberations today or awaited the results in the corridors were J. S. Clarkson, of Iowa, chairman of the national committee and president of the national league of clubs; ex-Congressman A. L. Conger, Ohio member of the national committee; ex-United States Senators Sabin, of Minnesota, and Spooner, of Wisconsin; A. M. Jones, chairman of the Illinois state committee, and Sergeant-at-Arms Meek, of the national house of representatives.

Among the matters discussed at the secret sessions were the preparation and circulation of political literature, and the disbursement of league funds from Chicago, as well as from New York. The latter could not be finally adopted by the meeting of today, but it is said to be probable that the plan will be adopted. The representatives of the Western clubs expressed themselves as desirous of making their clubs more of a factor in the work of the National league. The work has heretofore been entirely controlled in the East. It was desired to have Western funds distributed from headquarters in Chicago.

The result of the discussion on political literature was that Mr. Clarkson was authorized to appoint a committee to prepare such literature for distribution as should deal particularly with the arguments advanced by the various farmers' organizations and all who do not hold orthodox Republican views. Besides the president of the national league, Gen. Clarkson, and vice president of the league, Johnson Brignam, of Cedar Rapids, Io., the following presidents of state leagues were in attendance: Mathew Reynolds, St. Louis; Warren J. Squires, Toledo, O.; W. S. Taylor, Indianapolis; John T. Kelly, Milwaukee; J. Bailey, Baileyville, Kan.; J. W. Lansing, Lincoln, Neb.; W. W. Tracy, Springfield, Ill. and E. P. Allen, Ypsilanti, Mich. Secretaries of state leagues: Baoadley Slaughter, Omaha; J. W. Butterfield, Topeka; A. J. Lester, Springfield, Ill.; Otto Gresham, Indianapolis and C. N. Junkin, Fairfield; Io. Members of the national league convention: Joseph M. Pierce, St. Louis, Mo.; John L. Webster, Omaha; J. C. Edwards, Peoria and E. C. Little, Abilene, Kan.

DENIES AND AFFIRMS.

Col. Conger, of Ohio, Is a Cute Joker.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—A. L. Conger, Republican committeeman from Ohio, this morning denied the story sent out from Minneapolis that the national committee would select the candidate and that the convention would have nothing to do with the nomination. "That was a joke," said Mr. Conger laughing. "What I did say was that the national committee had nothing to do but elect the nominee. Of course it would be foolish for me to say that the convention would have nothing to do with naming the candidate, But Blaine will be the nominee, just the same. He will write no letter of acceptance before the convention, and the only letter he will write will be one of acceptance after he is nominated."

Col. Conger had a lengthy interview with Emmons Blaine at the Grand Pacific this morning. Mr. Blaine has just returned from Washington, and his long talk with Mr. Conger this morning is significant, but Mr. Conger said Mr. Blaine simply called on business. Just the same, the two had a chat with Gen. Russell A. Alger, of Michigan, who also arrived this morning.

LOUISIANA FACTIONS.

Regular Ticket Completed and Antis Denounced.

BATON ROUGE, La., Dec. 19.—The Democratic state convention was called to order at 11 a. m. The committee on resolutions submitted their report, which was adopted. The platform refers to the victory of the Democracy in the congressional elections, regarding it as a prospect of victory in the presidential election; denounces the bolt of the antis as threatening to again subject the state to African rule, expresses the friendship of the Democracy for the farmer and laborer, pledges them relief when in full control of the government and urges the abandonment of the third party policy; asks the continuance of federal aid for the Mississippi river; reaffirms opposition to monopoly and class legislation; denounces the attempt to misuse election machinery at the state election in April and instructs the new state central committee, for the appointment of which it provides, to take measures to prevent such misuse; lays the responsibility for failure to settle the lottery question by white primaries on the antis; empowers the new state central committee to use every effort to bring about a settlement by such means at some time in the future.

The convention then nominated candidates for state officers.

The ticket complete is as follows: Governor, S. D. McEnery, of Ouachita; lieutenant governor, Robert C. Wickliffe, of West Feliciana; secretary of state, L. F. T. Mason, of Concordia; treasurer, Gabriel Montegue, of Terrebonne; superintendent of public education, J. V. Calhoun, of Orleans; attorney general, W. E. Sutherlin, of De Soto; auditor, O. B. Steele, of Union.

WOODS, THE PARTISAN.

Judges and Lawyers Disgusted With His Appointment.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—The Times this morning prints the following: Lawyers and judges in this city were quietly conferring all day yesterday over the nomination of Judge Woods, of Indiana, as judge of the United States circuit court. Quite a number called on Judge Gresham, of the circuit bench, to ascertain his views, but that gentleman was reticent. That he was astonished and disgusted was apparent to every caller. He could scarcely realize that such a nomination had been made, and to some of his intimate friends he is said to have expressed himself as much displeased with the president's choice.

One admirer of Judge Gresham, of considerable prominence, a man whose voice was heard in the national Republican convention in Chicago in 1888 said: "I have reason to believe that Judge Gresham will never serve on the circuit bench with Judge Woods. He will resign first. Should the Indiana man be confirmed, Judge Gresham will take it as a personal insult from the president and the Republican party, and in case Harrison is renominated he will quit the bench, and, perhaps, before that event becomes possible."

JUDGE BLODGETT TO QUIT.

The Illinois Jurist Will Enter the Insurance Field.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Pre ident Harrison will probably be called on to fill the vacancy on the federal district court bench for Northern Illinois, as well as that left vacant by the promotion of Judge Woods, of Indiana.

"It has been suggested to me by gentlemen interested in a projected life insurance company that I could have the presidency of the company if the project went through," said Judge Blodgett today, "and I have decided to accept the proposition, provided sufficient money is raised to organize the company. Nothing has as yet been definitely decided upon, and it is merely in the air, as it were, that the company will be organized. If it is organized and everything is satisfactory to me, I shall resign from the bench to accept the position, as I have told the gentlemen who are talking about this new company." The name of the new company with which the judge is said to be willing to cast his fortunes is the Illinois Insurance company, which was recently organized with a capital stock of $1,000,000 and incorporated by a number of well known and wealthy men, so that there seems to be little doubt that it will soon begin business with Judge Blodgett at its head.

HOUSE BLOWN OVER.

One Person Killed, and Others Got a Close Call.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—The residence occupied by a family named Krenz was blown over by the wind this morning, and Mrs. Krenz, her daughters Amanda and Dottie, her son Otto and three workmen were buried in the ruins. One workman was killed, and the other two probably fatally injured. Mrs. Krenz and her daughters sustained a number of bruises. The boy escaped unhurt. The house was standing on scantlings, having been raised to allow another story to be built on the ground floor.

IN A VICIOUS HUMOR.

Opposition Makes the Whisky Trust Very Mad.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—The whisky trust having failed in its efforts to induce some of the leading rectifiers of Toledo, Baltimore and Milwaukee to buy out the trust on its own terms, has sent its agents into the territory of the stubborn firms with instructions to sell whisky direct to the retailers at such low prices as will make the business unprofitable. The fight promises to be severe and of long duration, as the firms outside the trust are determined to maintain their independence.

A Mysterious Incident.

GOSPORT, Ind., Dec. 19.—Miss Cora Allen, who lives near here and who mysteriously disappeared Thursday night, was found today, nearly frozen, in a cave. She can gave no explanation, and the family think that they were all chloroformed Thursday night and the girl taken away to the cave. A discarded lover is suspected of having a hand in it.

Republicans Hopeful.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 19.—There is great activity now among Republicans, and in view of the dissensions in the Democratic party, they consider their chances good for success in case they nominate a state ticket.

MR. MILLS DECLINES.

The War Horse of Tariff Reform Wants no Second Place,

But May Yet Be Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Letters of the Speaker and the Texan on Committee Assignments.

Mr. Crisp Has a Hard Row to Hoe in Making Up His List.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—It is quite certain that pressure is being brought to bear upon the speaker, by persons not heretofore identified with Mr. Mills' aspirations, to cause his appointment to the chairmanship of the ways and means committee. As far as can be learned, the speaker has not yet committed himself to the appointment of any member to this chairmanship and as Mr. Mills' reply to his tender is couched in such terms as to warrant the assumption that he would not reject the place, the entire matter appears to be still subject to harmonious agreement. The speaker today said that he expected to be able to announce the committee appointments when the house meets next Wednssday. Following is the text of the correspondence between Speaker Crisp and Representative Mills in regard to the latter's committee service:

Speaker's Room, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., Dec. 18, 1891—Hon. R. Q. Mills, City—My Dear Sir: Having been too much engaged to call on you, and being now about to enter on the work of constituting the house committees, I drop you a line to know if it would be agreeable and acceptable to you to be appointed second on the committee on ways and means, and in addition to such assignment to be appointed chairman of the committee on commerce, or chairman of the committee on postoffices and post roads, or chairman of some committee whose work is less laborious than commerce or postoffices. Would be glad to have a reply at your earliest convenience, as I desire to make up and announce the committees in a few days. With great respect, I am sincerely yours, CHARLES F. CRISP.

Declined Without Thanks.

House of Representatives, Washington, Dec. 19, 1891. Hon. Charles F. Crisp, Speaker House of Representatives—My Dear Sir: I have received your letter of the 18th inst., asking me "if it would be agreeable or acceptable" to me to be appointed second on the committee on ways and means, and in addition to such assignment to be appointed chairman of the committee on commerce or chairman of the committee on postoffices and post roads, or chairman of some committee whose work is less laborious than commerce or postoffices.

Having been a member of the committee on ways and means for ten years and chairman in the Fiftieth congress, the reasons which have in your judgment rendered my appointment as chairman unwise would disqualify me for service in any other place on that committee, and it would not be sincere to say that it would be agreeable to accept your tender.

I leave to you, without any suggestion from me, to make such other assignment as you in the discharge of your official duty may determine. Yours truly, R. Q. MILLS.

A report was current today among Mr. Mills' friends that Gov. Hill and other New York politicians, alarmed by the sentiment aroused over the reported intention of the speaker not to place his old chairmanship at the disposal of Mr. Mills, had sent an envoy to Washington to present to Mr. Crisp their arguments why it would be bad party policy to thus treat the former leader of the majority in the house. It was also said that this envoy was no less a personage than ex-Secretary Whitney. Mr. Crisp and his friends express the opinion that no such person can be found in the city.

A HARD ROW TO HOE.

Mr. Crisp Cannot Possibly Please Everobody.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19. — Speaker Crisp's plan to put Northern men at the head of the ways and means and appropriation committees is meeting with considerable opposition. The effort at the displacement of one of the proposed chairmen seems to be directed more against Mr. Holman than against Mr. Springer, although it must be acknowledged that the friends of Mr. Mills were candidly asserting that he would not only be offered the chairmanship of the ways and means committee, but he would accept it.

It was said that Mr. Mills had been offered the chairmanship under a pledge that he would not submit any general tariff bill, and this fact alone tended somewhat to discount the story. No foundation could be found for the story, and, indeed, it was denied most emphatically by those who are known to be in the speaker's counsel. They say that Mr. Crisp had not deviated from his original intention in regard to these chairmanships.

At least two prominent Southern senators labored for some time with the speaker yesterday morning, in order to induce him to appoint two Northern men, but their visit was not sufficient to induce the speaker to change his mind. Another interesting development in the situation yesterday was the the presence in Washington of ex-Representative Collins, of Massachusetts. Mr. Collins is understood to have told the speaker that it would be ruinous to the Democratic party in New England and throughout the East if any free silver legislation passed the house at this session.

There is no question but that the New England Democrats in congress feel that not only their election, but the continual success of the party in their section depends upon the absence of any silver legislation during this session. The feeling against the passing of a silver bill is growing in the house, and it is doubtful whether one would be passed if it were to be reported. A plan is now being formulated and quietly discussed among the members, which, if it meets with favor, will be introduced with the end in view of practically disposing of the entire silver question.

CHANGING THE RULES.

First Appearance of the New Committee.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—It being understood that there would be but a short session of the house this morning, the attendance of members was very small. The committee on rules held a brief meeting and determined to report to the house a rule empowering the speaker to appoint the committees of the last house with the following changes: The membership of the committees on ways and means is increased from 13 to 15 members; the quadro-centennial committee from 9 to 11 members; the committee on Indian depredations claims to be dispensed with.

The journal having been read and approved, on motion of Mr. McMillin, of Tennessee, a concurrent resolution was agreed to, providing for a holiday recess from Wednesday, 23d inst., until Tuesday, 5th proximo. Mr. McMillin, from the committee on rules, reported the rule designating the committees of the house and the membership thereof. He made a brief statement in explanation of the report. The membership of the committee on ways and means was increased from thirteen to fifteen. The reason for this was the fact that since the number had been fixed at thirteen there had been a large increase in the membership of the house. The committee on quadro-centennial had been increased from nine to eleven, and a similar increase had been made in the committee on immigration. The committee on Indian depredation claims had been abolished for the reason that at the last congress a law had been passed submitting these claims to the courts. The committee on commerce had been changed to the committee on interstate and foreign commerce.

The method of designating the chairman of any committee was changed in this: Formerly in the event of death of a chairman the second member succeeded to the office. This was changed by giving the appointment of the chairman to the speaker.

Mr. Springer, of Illinois, suggested that the designation of the quadro-centennial committee should be changed to the committee on the Columbian exposition. Mr. McMillin jocularly remarked that it might be called the committee on the Chicago exposition; but he had no objection to the change proposed; and the change was agreed to. The report was then adopted.

Mr. Enloe, of Tennessee, offered a resolution for the appointment of a special committee of five members to inquire into the charges made against the commissioner of pensions. Referred to the committee on rules.

Mr. Chipman, of Michigan, announced the death of his colleague, Melbourne H. Ford, and in respect to the memory of the deceased the house adjourned until Wednesday with the understanding that on that day no business shall be transacted except that referring to the recess, resolution and to the announcement of committees by the speaker.

DUNNELL FOR SANBORN.

The Ex-Congressman Puts in a Word for Walter.

Special to the Globe.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Hon. Mark H. Dunnell, of Owatonna, who represented the First Minnesota district in congress for fourteen years, until Capt. Harries secured the seat, is here at the National hotel for the winter with his wife. Said he: "We just arrived a week ago, and I haven't talked politics with any one. I saw the president and verbally ratified my recommendation of Walter H. Sanborn as United States circuit judge yesterday. No intimations are made by the president about the judicial appointments, where they will go or when they will be announced. The entire Minnesota delegation last winter, all Republicans, recommended Sanborn, and those of that delegation who are now in congress are strongly supporting him. I think the Alliance movement is on the wane in Southern Minnesota, and that the presidential election will bring the great mass of voters to the Republican and Democratic columns."

ARBITRATION TREATY.

Extension of Time for Ratification Desired.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The Brazil minister has formally notified the secretary of state of the desire of his government for an extension of the time for the exchange of ratifications of the arbitration treaty formulated by the international American conference. This treaty has lapsed by reason of the failure to fully exchange ratifications within the specified limit of time. Other South American countries have also expressed a desire for an extension of the period of ratification and the proposition is warmly indorsed by this government. The president advocated such a course in his recent message to congress. The extension of time can be secured only by the concurrence of all the countries concerned, and the diplomatic agents of this government are now striving for that object.

SEAL ARBITRATORS

Named and Awaiting Completion of Details.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The president and secretary of state have held several consultations recently in regard to the seal fisheries. An agreement having been reached with the British government as to the basis of arbitration, all that now remains to complete the convention is an agreement as to the arbitrators. This, too, has practically been done, so far as the number and powers of the arbitrators are concerned, and it is confidently expected that their appointment and the terms of arbitration will be officially announced in a few days. The nominations have been made and wait only the concurrence of the governments interested.

G. A. R. Statue of Grant.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The Grant memorial committee of the G. A. R. has decided to employ A. S. Simons, of Maine, the sculptor, to complete the statue of Gen. Grant to be placed in the United States capitol building. The work is to be finished and the statue placed in position by June 8, 1894. It is to be of fine Italian marble, and will cost $10,000. The statue is the gift of the Grand army.

Will Oppose Woods.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The Post tomorrow will publish an interview with Senator Voorhees in which he says that all the Democratic senators have agreed to assist him in preventing the confirmation of Judge Woods, of Indiana, as a circuit judge, on the ground that his action in the Dudley "blocks of five" case proved him unfit for a judicial position.

New National Park.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The commission to appraise land to be taken for the national park in the District of Columbia today made its report to the court. The total amount of the awards is $1,105,957, which, with $240,000 already paid, aggregates $1,350,000. The amount of the appropriation for this purpose is $1,200,000.

The New Silver Pieces.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Mr. Leech, director of the mint, who has just returned from a visit to the mint at Philadelphia, says that arrangements have been perfected for the striking of half-dollar, quarter-dollar and 10-cent silver pieces of the new designs at Philadelphia, San Francisco and New Orleans, beginning on the 2d prox.

Pierre's Public Building.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Senator Kyle is to introduce a bill providing for the purchase of a site and the erection of a public building at Pierre, S. D. An appropriation of $150,000 is asked for. The bill will be presented Monday.

BLUE COATS ON GUARD

The Steam and Street Railway Row at West Superior Becoming Serious.

Cars Purposely Ditched at a Crossing by the Eastern Minnesota.

The Chief of Police Arrests the Foreman, Engineer and Fireman.

An Injunction Against the City--Further Serious Trouble Expected.

Special to the Globe.

WEST SUPERIOR, Wis., Dec. 19.—The fight between the street railway and the railroads on Ritchie avenue took a new turn today, and all night squads of men and police guarded the crossing, and rumors of trouble were about the city. In the morning the Northern Pacific acceded to the terms of the street railway to maintain crossings on the two tracks already in. Yesterday the Eastern Minnesota announced the recall of its agreement with the road, and attempted to put a third track across the street, tearing up the paving blocks and street railway tracks. Chief of Police Paden ordered the work stopped on the ground that the road had no permit to tear up the paving. Yardmaster Brennan and a laborer were arrested, but released on bail. This afternoon the street railway company prepared to make the crossing of the Eastern Minnesota, and at 2 o'clock a gang of thirty men, headed by President Norvell, went out. A permit from the board of public works was shown Chief Paden, who was about to interfere, and the work was commenced. In less than five minutes a switch engine came down

At Terrific Speed

and was ditched. Afterwards it was pulled on, and a box car was ditched directly at the spot where the crossing was to be made. No sooner had this been done than another engine with fifteen cars came tearing down on the main track and stopped directly on the crossing. Chief Paden stepped up and gave the engineer five minutes to remove the cars from the crossing. When the time had expired they were still there. Fireman Brown, Engineer McCarthy and Fireman Ryan were placed under arrest. In the evening the Eastern Minnesota swore out an injunction restraining the city and the street railway from preventing its interference with them in constructing and operating the track. Thus the matter stands. It is expected that during the night an attempt will be made to forcibly lay the track. Police are stationed at the crossing and great excitement prevails.

The Injunction Unheeded.

President Norvall, of the street railway, tonight telegraphed President Alexander, of the Eastern Minnesota, repeating the terms on which he proposed to make the crossing. No reply was received. Forces of men are gathering, and it is thought an attempt will will be made to remove the obstruction on the street under the police protection. It is thought the railroad has secured no service on the city, for Mayor Patteson, President Matchett, of the council, and City Clerk Dargis are out of the city, and the Injunctions were served on the chief of police and Deputy City Clerk Rawley. The street railway company will not heed the order.

HE WANTED LIGHT.

An Escaped Maniac Makes a Lively Sensation.

CHATFIELD, Dec 19.—Thomas O. Stenson was committed to the Rochester insane asylum four years ago for a mild form of insanity. He was a religious maniac. Some time ago he was released by the institution, pronounced cured. Recently he has showed desperate signs of returning insanity, and one day this week his brother took him and started for Rochester, and when part way there received word from the doctors that they would not receive him, except upon commitment of the judge of probate. He started back to Preston with him, and at St. Charles the insane man made his escape. He was found yesterday near here in a farm house. He had tried to kill a widow woman, but failed. He was completely stripped of his clothing and had smashed the house nearly to pieces. He is constantly saying, "I am preparing to go to heaven and I want to take plenty of light with me." The officers, including the probate judge, came here yesterday. He was pronounced insane and is now at at the asylum.

SATISFIED WITH HARRIES.

The Freeborn County Alliance Nails a Lie.

Special to the Globe.

ALBERT LEA, Minn., Dec. 19.—The annual meeting of the County Alliance was held today, over sixty delegates and members being present. Officers for the ensuing year and delegates to the state convention were elected. A resolution was adopted repudiating and denouncing as false the statement of the Winona Republican and other Republican papers that the Freeborn County Alliance was dissatisfied with Congressman Harries because he participated in the Democratic caucus of the house on organization. It recited the fact that he had reserved that right, having pledged the Alliance that he would not participate in any caucus on legislative business, and that they believe he will faithfully maintain his obligation. The meeting proved that the Alliance in this county not only holds its own, but is steadily gaining.

THE MAZUE TRIAL.

It Will Not Get to the Jury Before Monday.

Special to the Globe.

BUFFALO, Minn., Dec. 19.—At 7:30 last evening ex-County Attorney Culkin, attorney for the defense, opened the case for the defendant and talked one hour and forty-five minutes, telling the jury what he intended to prove—that the boy was not in the vicinity of the scene of the murder at the time it was committed; also that he is not over sixteen years old. The case will not be given to the jury before Monday evening. The case has created more interest in this county than any that has ever been tried, owing to the fact that, while the majority feel that the boy is guilty, it will be hard to convince the jury of that fact. Already over thirty witnesses have been examined, and before the jury gets the case the number will be, perhaps, forty or fifty.

CLARKSON'S APPEAL.

Democratic Victory in Iowa Is His Nightmare.

DES MOINES, Io., Dec. 19.—Chairman J. S. Clarkson, of the national Republican committee, is ready to drop prohibition, and is urging his friends in Iowa to free the party in this state from a load he thinks too heavy for it. Before he left for Chicago last night Mr. Clarkson said in an interview there was no hope of the Republicans winning in Iowa so long as they clung to the unpopular issue of prohibition. "The great thing next year is the national campaign," said Mr. Clarkson, "and Iowa Republicans should not allow any local issue to be the cause of the state being lost to the national ticket."

Very Loose Bookkeeping.

Special to the Globe.

ELK POINT, S. D., Dec. 19.—The official investigation of the records of Union county reveals some interesting facts. An ex-treasurer is behind several thousand, while