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PROMPTLY BOLTED.

First Event of the Montana Legislative Session.

DEMOCRATS WALK OUT OF MEETING.

Republicans Proceed to Business, Elect a Temporary Speaker and Adjourn to Await Reinforcements—Future Prospects—Triangular Trouble in Nebraska and Colorado—Three Parties Who Don't Know "Where They Are At"—A Fine Lot of Legislative Rows Indicated—Mixed Politics in California.

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 3.—Yesterday was the date for the meeting of the Montana legislature. There was trouble in the organization of the house. Under the law the state auditor is the official who is required to call the roll of the house. Before proceeding he announced that, while Hamilton, Democrat, of Choteau, held a regular certificate of election, he was aware of the existence of a writ of mandate issued by the supreme court, which adjudged Hamilton's certificate as false. As Leech, who would be benefited by the supreme court's decision, had not presented to him any evidence of his election he said he had determined to omit both the names of Hamilton and Leech from the roll.

Hamilton Fails to Get a Seat.

When the members were sworn Hamilton advanced to the bar to take the oath with his certificate in hand, but the auditor would not administer it and threatened to call in the United States marshal to remove him. The Democrats sprang to their feet and warned the auditor to be careful, and for a moment a conflict was imminent, but Hamilton did not insist and the other members were sworn in. With Hamilton eliminated and Davidson, a Democratic member, on the sick list, the house stood twenty-five Democrats, twenty-five Republicans and three Populists. Two of the Populists went over to the Republicans and one to the Democrats, giving the Democrats 26 votes and the Republicans 27.

Twenty-Six Members Bolt.

The auditor then called for nominations for temporary speaker. This was resented by the Democrats who claimed that the statutes provide that the oldest member of the house shall do that duty. Then, assuming that the Democrats were carrying out a scheme, the Democrats with only twenty-seven members—not a quorum as the whole membership is fifty-five. The Republicans, however, went right on sawing wood and elected Populist Matthews temporary speaker, a temporary clerk and sergeant-at-arms and then adjourned until 5 p. m. today.

Expect to Have Leech on Hand.

The Republicans expect that Leech will be on hand by that hour with a certificate that can be used to seat him. The senate was organized without trouble by the Democrats, who have a majority of two in that body. The committees were appointed to notify the governor and house that they were ready for business. There is much indignation expressed by the Democrats at the action of Auditor Cook in refusing to recognize the certificate of election of Hamilton. Cook says he had an embarrassment of evidence and adopted what he thought was the best and fairest course under the circumstances.

The Democratic Programme.

The Democratic members of the house were in caucus all the afternoon, but what they concluded to do is not known. It is probable that they will have Hamilton sworn in by a justice of the peace at noon and with Davidson and one Populist organize a house of twenty-eight members, just a majority. The Democratic senators announce that they stand ready to recognize such a body.

COMBINES ARE IN ORDER.

An Interesting Political Situation in the Nebraska Legislature.

OMAHA, Jan. 3.—Today at Lincoln opened one of the prettiest three cornered fights ever witnessed in a legislative session. Neither of the three parties has sufficient strength to organize either house of the Nebraska state assembly without the assistance of the other two, and thus far no plan of fusion combination has been presented that meets the approval of the parties interested. It seems quite probable, however, that the Democrats and independents may get together before tonight. In addition to the election of United States senator to succeed Senator Paddock the legislature will be called upon to deal with important railroad legislation and other matters of vital interest to the state.

The House the Key of the Situation.

For these reasons comes the importance of controlling the organization of the house that constitutes the body as the party holding the organization can control the legislation. It was suggested Sunday night that the anti-monopoly members of the legislature, irrespective of party, organize the body and let the senatorial fight take care of itself. One of the peculiar features is the situation in Knox county. By a decision of the supreme court rendered Saturday a Republican will be sent to the house from that county instead of an independent. To accomplish this it is necessary to serve the court's writ on the county clerk of Knox county.

A County Clerk on the Run.

When the bailiff reached Niobrara, the county seat, on Saturday evening he found the county clerk, an Independent, had been warned of his coming and had decamped. The bailiff is now chasing the fugitive clerk from place to place in order to obtain service on him. But it is too late to comply with the court's order and have the Republican member present at the opening session. Unless the combination last mentioned is made effective the house and senate will probably spend the week getting organized.

NATIONAL POLITICAL GOSSIP.

Reflection on What May Happen as to an Extra Session.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The recent conference between the president-elect and Speaker Crisp was expected to result in some authorized announcement on the subject of an extra session. While these anticipations have not been realized, as

Speaker Crisp has studiously refrained from giving out any statement as to what passed between Cleveland and himself, something in the nature of a statement on "good authority" is passed around among the Democratic leaders. This runs to the effect that while no final decision will be made on the question of an extra session of congress until February, by which time the cabinet of President-elect Cleveland will probably have been selected, the probabilities are decidedly against an extra session of congress before next autumn.

May Depend on a House Committee.

Cleveland, it is said, has said to Democratic leaders in congress that he will call congress together in special session. He also told them, it is reported, that it would not be convoked before autumn unless the financial situation and the condition of the treasury made it absolutely imperative that congress should meet in the spring to provide the government the necessary amount of revenue to meet its expenses. Very soon after the holiday recess the sub-committee of the house committee on ways and means, appointed to investigate the condition of the treasury, will begin its work. On the result of its investigation may possibly depend the time at which congress is called together.

Looks Well for an Early Extra.

A conclusion on the part of the majority of the sub-committee that there will be an actual deficit in the treasury unless additional revenue is raised might induce Cleveland, it is thought, to alter his views with reference to an extra session in the spring, but no other consideration that will bring about such a result is now foreseen. It is the opinion of some of the leading Democrats in the house that the investigation will show that the treasury receipts and expenditures are very nearly equal at present and that there is grave reason to fear an excess of the latter in the coming fiscal year.

An Easy Way of Solution.

It is because of a possibility of a close approximation between revenues and expenditures that some serious attention is being paid by Democratic members to the proposition to increase the whisky tax. This would be an easy method of raising additional money and Springer and his associates will take it under advisement if the result of their investigation discloses a call for more revenue.

THERE ARE TWO OF A KIND.

Colorado's Legislature Blessed with an Embarrassment of Parties.

DENVER, Jan. 3.—Indications are that the Colorado legislature will not organize without a big row. The Republicans have a small majority in the house, but the Populists and Democrats have been hustling and claim that they will organize the body when it is called to order tomorrow. They claim to have secured the pledges of two Republicans to aid them.

The Fun Centers in the Senate.

The great interest, however, will center in the organization of the senate. Of the thirty-five members fifteen are Republicans, twelve are Populists and eight Democrats, the latter holding the balance of power, which—in this particular case—may mean something beyond mere obstruction. There are all sorts of rumors of combinations. One is that the Republicans, despairing of any accessions of strength from the Populists, will act with the straight-out Democrats in organizing the upper house.

Indications Are for Hot Winds.

Some overtures to this effect, it is stated, have been made by Republican leaders, but as only a few of the Democratic senators are in the city their inclinations are not known. From all appearances the probability is that there will be three separate caucuses and hot times in the dignified body from the moment it meets.

Gov. Flower's Ship of State.

ALBANY, Jan. 3.—Governor Flower was at the executive chamber all yesterday morning. About noon an immense floral piece eight feet long, representing the ship of state, and named the "Empire State" was placed upon the governor's desk. From the mast heads floated two streamers one bearing the words, "I don't give a damn for votes," the other the words "No debt, no cholera." It was a gift from James Oliver, of New York city, the sergeant-at-arms of the Democratic national committee.

The Successor of Felton in Doubt.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 3.—W. W. Foote, Democrat, has withdrawn from the senatorial contest. He and his chief supporters declare in favor of Stephen M. White, the only other Democrat in the field. This does not insure the election of White to succeed Charles N. Felton, Republican, for the reason that the legislature stands thus: Democrats, 30; Republicans, 53; Populists, 8. The latter declare that they will vote for their own man, Catos, of San Francisco.

The Stockbridge-Luce Contest.

LANSING, Mich., Jan. 3.—Several of the candidates for United States senator have arrived and established their headquarters. Foremost among them are Senator Stockbridge, who hopes to succeed himself, and ex-Governor Cyrus W. Luce. Both candidates are confident of winning the fight, but if some of the Republicans bolt the caucus which will be held today one of the many dark horses will, it is thought, stand a show for the place.

Minnesota Statesman.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 3.—The house Republicans caucused yesterday and nominated candidates for speaker, etc. The house will be organized by the Republicans, but in the senate they have only the same number as the Democrats and Populists combined, with two doubtful men who voted with the Alliance two years ago. Hence the combine may organize the senate. Senator Davis' re-election is sure.

Osborne Takes the Oath.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Jan. 3.—Osborne took the oath as governor before the chief justice yesterday, and is now the governor of the state acknowledged by all parties.

Tennessee Legislature.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 3.—The legislature assembled yesterday. Ralph Davis, of Shelby county, was chosen speaker of the house.

"I used Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup in my family and found its work marvelous." No household is complete without it. Chas. Schobert, 23 Norris St., Balt., Md.

ABBREVIATED TELEGRAMS.

Thomas Quinlan attempted to murder Father Lawler while the latter was saying mass at St. Thomas Aquinas church, Philadelphia. He was soon overpowered and found to be insane. He created quite a panic in the church.

An exploding saw mill boiler at Oakdale, near Lima, O., killed Frank Smith and Lon F. Miller, injured several other people and blew the building to kindling wood.

Gustav Nyberg, aged 70, went to the city cemetery at Salt Lake City and, lying on the grave of his daughter, cut his throat. His body was found next morning. The infidelity of his wife unbalanced his mind.

A riot at Port Chester, N. Y., which began with a whack with a dead turkey over a Dane's bread basket, ended with 100 men engaged and twenty citizens nursing broken heads. It is hard to find a resident of the town who hasn't a black eye. The turkey with which the row was begun was a New Year bird won at a raffle.

One of the oldest of British noblemen is the duke of Northumberland, who is nearly 90. He has been a member of five cabinets, and sat in parliament twenty years before he succeeded to his title.

Thornton Stringfellow, of Jacksonville, Fla., caught his wife and Editor C. H. Pratt in flagrante delicto and shot Pratt to death on the spot. He has just been acquitted amid the cheers of the audience.

Hannah Sjonellin, of Chicago, deserted by her husband to whom she was married Jan. 1, 1892, celebrated the first anniversary of her wedding by committing suicide.

Sir William and Lady Gordon Cumpling have planned another visit to this country.

A Frenchman whose name is Denis is writing General Boulanger's biography.

At Sand Mountain, Ala., at a dance a step was started because a male dancer stepped on a lady's train. When peace was restored Ed and Luke Carter, cousins, were found dead and Dr. Bailey fatally injured.

George Meserve, a well-known Adirondack driver, who for several years has been in Troy, N. Y., will go to Washington as coachman for President Cleveland.

"Spoke" Hicks, a negro boy of 4 years, dropped dead while playing quietly at his parent's home. So far as can be found there is absolutely no cause for his death.

A St. Louis butcher caught a man stealing an overcoat and locked him up in the ice chest while a policeman was sent for. When released the thief was almost frozen to death.

Just as the bells and horns and other ear-splitting devices were announcing the arrival of 1893 at Chicago, Michael Schmidt, who was celebrating with a revolver, managed to put a bullet into John Scanlan. Schmidt didn't mean to do it, but Scanlan died all the same.

A St. Louis joker celebrated the New Year by turning in a number of fire alarms. A dozen or more were sent in one after another, the fire department becoming badly "rattled."

Because of a lovers' quarrel, as it is supposed, Harry Woodrow, of Newton, La., placed a loaded pistol to each side of his head and pulled both triggers. He is dead.

THE MARKETS.

New York Live Stock.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.
Live Stock: Cattle—Trading very slow for all grades and values. Prime per 100 lbs. poorest to best native steers, \$3.80-\$3.30 per 100 lbs; bulls and dry cows, \$1.50-\$3.50. Sheep and Lambs—Trading very dull and common to medium grade lambs fully 1 1/2c per 100 lbs. lower. Sheep, \$3.00-\$3.50 per 100 lbs; lambs, \$3.00-\$3.25. Hogs—Market firm; live hogs, \$6.00-\$7.00 per 100 lbs.
Other markets all closed and no quotations in consequence.

The Local Markets.

GRAIN, ETC.
Wheat—90¢-92¢.
Corn—45¢-46¢.
Rye—76¢-81¢.
Oats—53¢-54¢.
Bran—85¢ per cwt.
Shipstuffs—\$1.00 per cwt.
Hay—Timothy, \$8.10; upland, \$8.10; slough \$6.25; baled, \$11.00-\$12.50.

PRODUCE.
Butter—Pair to choice, 24c; creamery 30c.
Eggs Fresh, 20c; packed, 15c.
Poultry—Chickens, 10¢-12¢; turkeys 12¢-14c; ducks, 12¢; geese, 10c.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES.
Apples—\$1.25-\$2.75 per bushel.
Potatoes—\$2.00 per cwt.
Onions—\$0.25 per cwt.
Turnips—42¢-50¢.

COAL.
Hard—7 1/2¢-7.5¢.
Soft—2 1/2¢-3.0¢.

LIVE STOCK.

Cattle—Butchers pay for corn fed steers \$4.25-4.50; cows and heifers, 3.75-4.00; calves 40¢-45¢.
Hogs—4c.
Sheep—42¢.

LUMBER.

Common boards \$18.
Joist Scantling and timber, 12 to 16 feet, \$11.
Every additional foot in length 50 cents.
X A X Shingles \$2.75.
Lath \$2.50.
Fencing 12 to 16 feet \$16.
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