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REPEALING FRANCHISES.

Hanna's Street Railway Enterprises Get a Black Eye From Combine. Columbus, Jan. 5.—The feature of the day was the passage in the house, as its first measure, and by a unanimous vote of the combine, of the bill repealing the law for the franchise to street railways. This repealing bill was introduced by Representative Bromley of Cleveland, who is one of the Republican opponents of Hanna.

Bromley spoke for his bill. Mr. Boxwell replied and charged Bromley with using this bill for defense and buncle at this time. Bromley said he voted for the 50-year franchise law in the last legislature, and was sorry for it, but he did not then understand the measure, and was induced to support it by Senator Foraker, who was there at that time. The debate became general, and it was freely charged by members in their speeches that Senator Hanna was at the state house two years ago, and was there at that time. The debate became general, and it was freely charged by members in their speeches that Senator Hanna was at the state house two years ago, and was there at that time.

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Question of Fusion or No Fusion Kept Quiet in Kansas. Topeka, Kan., Jan. 5.—The two days conference of the leaders of the Populist party in this state began here this afternoon. The greatest secrecy is maintained in regard to the proceedings, but it is known that the question of fusion or no fusion was taken up for discussion, and that no definite action was taken. The matter of a special session of the legislature is also an important number on the programme of the meeting.

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The Populist committee refused tonight to make any statement regarding the proposal of the Democrats, and will decide the matter tomorrow.

SOCIAL DEMOCRACY.

Debs' Party Propose to Take an Active Interest in All Elections. Terre Haute, Ind., Jan. 5.—E. V. Debs has left for a trip through the south in behalf of the social democracy. Afterward he will go to Kansas for several weeks. He has an engagement to occupy the Rev. Thomas Dixon's pulpit in Topeka, Kan., on the 17th, and in every state in which an election will be held this year the social democrats will have a delegation in the field.

WOMEN IN THE PLOT.

Active Interest Taken By Wives of the Legislators. Columbus, O., Jan. 5.—The Hanna men laugh at the attempt to secure indictments against certain workers, and say that the men who are spending the money are the ones who raise the cry about bribery. The cry of the opposition has been that "Hannaism" and "boodle" during the contest.

POPULIST FACTIONS.

No Agreement or Arrangements For a National Convention. Dallas, Tex., Jan. 5.—At the solicitation of a number of members of the national organization committee, as well as the national committee, the People's party, Chairman Milton Park of the national organization committee submitted by telegraph to Chairman Marston a proposition that if Butler would call the national committee to meet with the national organization committee, the St. Louis meeting in January would be postponed until after the national convention, and that he would submit to them by referendum the question of the meeting, time and place.

SENATOR BRICE'S ADVICE.

Ineffective to Move the Three Gold Democrats in the Combine. Columbus, O., Jan. 5.—The scenes at the Nell House and the Great Southern today were continued with increased bitterness and counter charges, but no change was believed to have been made at either headquarters.

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Cleveland, O., Jan. 5.—A special from Marysville, O., the home of Representative Griffith, says: "The people here are wild, and threats of violence are made against Representative Griffith. Two Klu Klux men from Columbus, while here, narrowly escaped violence at the hands of angry Republicans. A mass meeting of the Democratic party was held for tonight to take action in the matter."

REPUBLICAN REBELLION.

No Prospect of Settling Differences in Maryland. Annapolis, Md., Jan. 5.—The split in the ranks of the Republicans of the house of delegates, which appeared last night, was continued today, with the result that the house was compelled to adjourn until tomorrow, without having organized, and there seems to be an immediate prospect of a settlement of the difficulty.

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