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BISMARCK.

The Solid South Controls the Legislature,
 With the Farmers in the Majority
 in the House.

BISMARCK, Dak., Jan. 10.—Saturday, Sunday and Monday, the Sheridan House was alive with legislators, whose jaws never ceased to wag. The principal caucus was concerning the election of the presiding officers in both houses.

G. A. Mathews, of Brookings, a member of the capital commission and a lawyer of Brookings, succeeded in making a combination with the councilmen from the North, and was made president of the council to-day. Kingsbury, of Watertown, is clerk, while Dr. Collins, of Grand Forks, is chairman of the railroad committee and Alexander Hughes, the judiciary, Dodge, of Jamestown, leads the committee on charitable and penal institutions, while the South takes the appropriations, and the Black Hills the grain and warehouse business. Just what the "Hills" want with this latter committee, it is difficult to say. McCumber, of Wahpeton, is chairman of the committee on insurance. Lawler, Harstad and Galloway are democrats—five of the members are farmers, eleven are lawyers, while the balance are doctors and merchants. The council is a conservative body and is expected to clash a little with the House during the session. The average age in the council is 42 years.

THE HOUSE.

The House is composed of 48 members of which 31 are farmers, and the balance such riff-raff as merchants, attorneys, editors, and physicians. Monday the farmers held a caucus by themselves, and endeavored to make up a slate, but local pride, patriotism, and principle, prevented any united action. The Southern members afterwards met and agreed to compromise upon Mr. Crose, of Hyde county, for the speakership, and stand solid, the committee being suitably apportioned. The Northern members also gathered together and concluded to go solid for Mr. E. A. Williams, of Burleigh, for the same office.

At the opening of the House to-day Mr. Greene, of Mandan, offered the name of John A. Ely, of the Turtle Mountains, as the democratic candidate for the speakership; the member from Griggs, named Mr. Williams, while Prints, of Potter, called attention to Mr. Crose.

On the second ballot, not expecting that an election would take place so early in the day, seven good democrats stood by Mr. Ely, a few fell to Mr. Hubbard, and the balance to Messrs. Crose and Williams. Mr. Crose was found to be the speaker with a vote of twenty-five. Twenty-two votes was all the North could develop. These would have all fallen to the Burleigh member on the next ballot.

My impression is that the actual farmers will be the men most favored in the appointments. If this be the case, and our Northern agriculturalists are remembered on the committees, the balance of the house cannot complain. They are relieved from much responsibility, and as near as I can learn, will cheerfully aid the farmer in all needed legislation. Under the circumstances, however, if a northern member gets on the fag end of a bob tail committee, he has only to blame the fortunes of war. On general subjects the members are very harmonious. All the old war horses of the north (who were knocked out two years ago in the same manner), are gone, also the beligerents of the south, so that the members ought to be able to agree on measures of public utility. All in all, the session promises to be a good one, with less noise than in the past, and more business.

While Mr. Williams would have made the ablest speaker by virtue of long experience and quickness of perception, his defeat is not vital, and will soon be forgotten in the whirl of business. Mr. Harstad, of the council, is well spoken of by his fellow councilmen, while Mr. Sprague, of Steele, will be a very active worker, and one upon whom his constituents can safely rely.

TUESDAY.

Notwithstanding their defeat in the organization of the house, the solid eighteen from the North preserved their equanimity and made no futile struggles in the organization. It was a spectacle for gods and men to hear their sonorous voices electing the nominees of a caucus in which they were not allowed to participate. One of the democrats from the north pole stayed with the sectional caucus, thinking it to be a general one. Upon learning his mistake he retired, being informed by the chairman that he could linger—down stairs—and if he wanted anything he might "send up." Not to be out done in politeness he invited the solons from the tropics to call upon him at the Sheridan house if they desired any favors.

The second day of the session was occupied by the election of officers other than the speaker. No contest was made by the minority. Major Hamilton, of Grand Forks, was made assistant clerk, Flick, of Emmons, watchman; Cook, of Bismarck, chaplain, and a Cass county man doorkeeper in the gallery. This was not much of a division of patronage, but in the hope of electing Uncle John Russell, squatter governor, cheerfully acquiesced in the election.

In the afternoon the governor delivered his annual message. It is an able document and will bear reading. Governor Church was there, but his appointment had not been confirmed, and he was not sworn in. He is a contrast in appearance to his predecessor. The portrait in the supplement of last week's COURIER, is a correct one. He is a stout blonde, of medium height, and looks like a prosperous merchant, while Pierce is more like a dashing cavalry officer.

Among other interesting events of the day was the lotting for seats. Griggs was in hard luck and got the last number in the draw, but as there is just as good company in the undesirable seats as in the others it does not make much difference.

The president of the council is a dapper young lawyer of about 30, while our speaker is a rugged old farmer of 50, who can knock them all out. He is not used to presiding in legislatures, but he is getting along nicely. F. H. A.

The stockmen of the Mouse River country, with John McKelvey, president; J. E. Reed, secretary, and John Ely, treasurer, have organized, for the ensuing year. The company is to be known as the Mouse River Live Stock association.

The Argus alleges that the Valley City Times has succeeded in turning Supt. Thompson out of the Barnes county poor house, for drunkenness and disreputable conduct.

The Sioux Valley News, published at Carlton Lincoln county, by N. C. Nash, starts out with its fifteenth volume, as a neat nine column paper, giving a history of that thriving Dakota town, with fine cuts of the prominent business houses of the place.

John Roach, the great ship builder of New York died the fore part of the week.

The mechanical force of the COURIER takes advantage of the editor's absence, by publishing the following from the Valley City Times, of the 8th inst.

F. H. Adams, (it does not seem natural to tack the handle to, and load such a good fellow as Fred down with the empty "Hon.") was in the city to-day enroute to Bismarck. Mr. Adams said to a reporter of the Times, that he regarded the capital removal bill, to be one of the first to be introduced and that its introduction would be heralded as a scare to keep North Dakota aspirants for prominent places in either house very quiet, and by this means South Dakota would capture the plums. It is to be hoped that at North Dakota will not be "bluffed" by any such stuff. She has always held her own in scheming, if not in voting, and her representatives at the coming session should begin to lay wires for this object if strength fails in other directions.

Dakota Asking for More.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Petitions are coming in daily, from all parts of Dakota, for increased mail facilities in the territory, and Mr. Gifford is developing pedestrian qualities, by daily visits to the post office department. The growing business of the territory, has raised a demand for speedier and better facilities, especially along the star routes. That from Miles City, Montana, to Spearhead, Dakota, is the one on which the most energy is being expended, and an increase for this will be secured. It is further intended to increase the service from Spearfish to Camp Crook. Additional facilities and new routes are wanted in Mercer, McLean, Sargent and McHenry counties, in North Dakota. About ninety new post offices are wanted in the territory. Many of them are on lines of roads, which have been constructed during the past season.

The Wreck on the Coast.

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 9.—Later particulars from the wreck of the German ship Elizabeth, which went ashore yesterday on Virginia beach, fourteen miles south of Cape Henry, put the number of the crew at twenty-two, instead of fifteen, not a man of whom escaped. The bodies of the life saving crew of the ship's force, which were recovered, had on life preservers, and three more of the ship's crew without life preservers were picked up lower down the beach this morning. A body which has been identified as that of the captain, is among those rescued. On his person, was a photograph, marked Capt. F. Hilperstadt, and letters addressed to Harry Kaulmann, and several bills from Joseph Linnake & Co., Bremerhofen.

This evening the masts of the ship, were still standing, though the sea was breaking very heavily. Superintendent Payner, of the life saving service, will board her in the morning if possible. Not a word passed between the ship's crew and the life saving men when they boarded her, in their desperate attempt at rescue, and the cause of the wreck can never be positively known, although it is supposed that in attempting to make the capes of Virginia, under reefed sails sufficient allowance was not made for the strong currents which have caused several disastrous wrecks along the lower Virginia, and North Carolina coasts during the last few years.

Commissioners' Proceedings.

Annual meeting January 3rd, 1887. Present, Comrs. Cooper, Hogenon, Halvorson, Conant, and Moseley. Comr. Cooper presiding. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. On motion the old board of commissioners adjourned.

ROLLIN C. COOPER, Chairman.
 H. P. SMART, Clerk.
 New board then convened. Present, Messrs Cooper, Hogenon, Hemmingson, Conant and Moseley.

Upon motion by Comr. Hogenon, seconded by Comr. Conant, ordered that Comr. Cooper be chosen chairman for the ensuing year.

Upon motion ordered that the following bills be allowed, viz:
 Geo D Barnard & Co, election blanks..... \$33 35
 W S Hyde, janitor's salary etc.. 73 00
 T S Surimgard, road work, dist. No. 7..... 6 00

The official bond of Iver Jacobson as district attorney, has this day been approved by H. P. Smart as county clerk.

On motion ordered that the official bonds of Knud Thompson, as county treasurer and Rollef Berg, register of deeds, be approved.

The foregoing proceedings were read and approved.

ROLLIN C. COOPER, Chairman.
 H. P. SMART, County Clerk.

Upon motion the following bills were allowed, viz:
 Gull River Lumber Co, for coal, etc., \$190.97 in orders at the rate of 90c..... \$212 19
 Anton Enger, postage from July 1st, 1885, to Jan. 1, 1887..... 8 00
 Whidden Bros, bill of \$17.05, for lamps, oil, blankets, etc, at the rate of 90c..... 18 94
 H P Smart, express..... 5 25
 Dist court..... 75

Total..... \$6 00
 H P Smart, fourth quarter salary as county clerk..... 125 00
 John Syverson & Co, for sundry mdae..... 32 66
 Iver Jacobson, salary from Sept 31, to Dec 31, 1886, as dist atty. 125 00
 Iver Jacobson, legal blanks for use of county, 1885 and 1886, from Valley City Times..... 13 08
 From Mills, at Valley City..... 3 25
 From Fargo Argus..... 12 48

Total..... \$28 81
 Discount..... 3 09
 \$31 90

Iver Jacobson, fees paid Geo Sealer in case Territory vs Lahr & Miller, witness fees paid cash in advance, \$15.00, to be paid in orders at 90c..... 16 63
 M L Michaels, jailor's salary from Oct. 1st, '86, to Jan. 1, '87..... 78 00
 Geo B Clark, services as judge of probate, appointing additional commissioners..... 3 00

Nelson & Anderson, bridge material, Dist No 2..... 8 00
 M L Michaels, badges for deputy sheriffs, election day..... 2 20
 H P Smart, labor on assessment roll, year 1883..... \$35 00

H P Smart, time of deputy in canvassing legislative returns for year 1884..... 9 00
 H P Smart, time and expenses in canvassing legislative returns for year 1882..... 30 20
 Ole Halvorson, services as commissioner..... 11 40

H P Smart, time and expenses of deputy canvassing legislative

returns for year 1886..... 42 40
 On motion ordered that the road poll tax appearing against M. Zimmerman for year 1886, \$1.50, be abated.

On motion ordered that the official bonds of P. E. Nelson, judge of probate, Geo. F. Newell, coroner, and Paul J. Nelson, justice of the peace, be approved.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 10 a. m., Jan. 4, 1887.
 ROELIN C. COOPER, Chairman.
 ROLLEF BERG, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS.

Convened Jan. 4th, 1887, at 10 a. m., in accordance with adjournment.

Present, Comrs Cooper, Hogenon, Moseley, Conant and Hemmingson. Comr Cooper presiding.

Upon motion the official bond of M. L. Michaels is hereby approved.

Upon motion ordered that the taxes for the year 1886, on

Sec.	Tp.	R.	Acres.	Value.	Tax.
7	144	60	66	\$264	\$6 64
19	144	60	70	260	7 03
31	144	60	74	296	7 46

be abated. Also a refunding order be issued for the following taxes on:

Sec.	Tp.	R.	Acres.	Value.	Tax.
1	144	59	53	\$212	\$7 45
3	144	59	58	272	7 45
5	144	59	58	265	9 31
7	144	59	53	238	8 35
1	144	60	67	268	6 72
3	144	60	67	268	6 72
5	144	60	67	268	6 72

Also taxes for the year 1883, be abated on the following lots:

Lots 9 and 10, block 82, Coopers-	town.....	\$5 08
Lot 13, block 72, cooperstown.....		5 08

On motion ordered that bill or S. J. Tande, election day \$2.00; travel 40 cents be allowed.

On motion ordered that an abatement of personal property taxes for the year 1886, upon the valuation of \$1,600.00, be granted to J. A. McGuire—tax \$48.16; also his road poll tax \$1.50.

On motion ordered that the following personal property taxes be abated. S L Gunderson, Steele county, for the year 1884..... \$14 04
 Alfred Johnson, Steele county, for the year 1884..... 8 09
 P H and O C Nelson, Steele county for the year 1884..... 22 64
 G L Virgo, Steele county for the year 1885..... 3 70
 Chas Ornt, year 1885..... 4 93
 Wm Cook (road and school polls), 1884..... 2 50
 Wm John, year 1884..... 5 00
 Ole E Sanders, Steele county, year 1884..... 15 92

Homer Northrup, Steele county, year 1884..... 11 08

On motion ordered that T. C. Knapp's road poll tax be abated for year 1886, and an order be issued to him for his road overseer.

On motion ordered that the following abatements were made:

Jno Patten (John Paulson, personal property tax 1884, amt.....		\$9 52
Andrew Iverson, per property tax 1885, amt.....		2 50
Arnold Johnson (Oswold), Steele county, tax 1884, amt.....		6 45
G L Isralson, personal property tax of 1884, Steele county, amt.		8 15

Lot 19 and 20, Blk 20, Cooperstown, for 1883.....

Lot 7 to 12, Blk 27, Cooperstown, for 1883.....

Lot 10, Blk 40, Cooperstown for 1883.....

Lot 11, Blk 59, Cooperstown, for 1883.....

Lot 22, Blk 33, Cooperstown, for 1883.....

Lot 24, Blk 70, Cooperstown, for 1883.....

Lots 15 and 16, Blk 73, Cooperstown, or 1883.....

John K Thune, road poll for 1886, \$1.50.

M. D. Pichard, road and school polls for 1884, \$2.50.

On motion ordered an order be given H. A. Fenner for road work, \$1.50.

On motion ordered bill of M. Sutherland, \$24, was allowed.

On motion an order was to be given W. T. McCulloch, for road work, \$2.82

Also order be given to V. K. Anderson, for road work, \$1.50.

On motion ordered bill of Theo. F. Kerr, for fourth quarter's salary as superintendent of schools, \$87.50 be allowed.

On motion the following refunding orders were ordered issued, to-wit:

John Fiske, road poll, 1883-84-85, \$4.50.

Robert Martin, road poll for year 1886, \$1.50.

Motion made and accepted to adjourn to 1:30 p. m.

ROLLIN C. COOPER, Chairman.
 ROLLEF BERG, Clerk.

To the Farmers' Alliance.

GALLATIN, Dak., Jan. 11 1887.

Few seem to know the benefit of an Alliance, it is known in Minnesota, that the vote of the Alliance in that state, was 25,000. An Alliance is instructive, as well as beneficial. Members of this club, should take more interest in it, as lots of good may be derived from it after a little time, it cannot be all ac-

complished at once, but will take time. The ladies, both young and old, should be invited to take a part, and furnish music, and other amusements. There is plenty of time during the long winter hours, to have a meeting every two weeks, of enjoyment and pleasure.

They should keep impressed upon the minds of the members of the legislature, everything to make their wrongs righted, and for the benefit of the producer of his state, and that freight rates made lower, so that the farmer can market his grain.
 J. H. PATES,
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