

STORM BREWING IN THE SENATE

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Everlasting Poll Tax Problem Now
Nearing Solution With Rep. Davis.
H. B. 72 on the Tapis.

Unless the fine wires are cut before
Monday, the quiet senate session this
afternoon is a prelude to a stormy bat-
tle when next the upper house is called
together.

The consolidation matter is a special
order for 10 o'clock Monday
morning, there being no session to-
morrow on account of the trip to Log-
an. Senator Bullen and Senator
Park are scheduled to lead the senate
fight, while the present alignment
indicates that consolidation will win
by a few votes, in the senate, and will
be defeated by more than a vote in the
house, as it will take a two-thirds
vote to win. This is because the
consolidation bill contemplates a
constitutional amendment.

This afternoon the calendar consists
of four bills ready for passage. In ad-
dition to which a large number of
committee reports were filed, guaran-
teeing a full calendar for the next ses-
sion, after the consolidation fight
clears away. The bills up for passage
are B. X. Smith, S. B. 88, appropriat-
ing \$5,000 to Lafayette children who
were injured while on duty as a deputy
sheriff quelling a Bingham riot; Ra-
band's S. B. 91, appropriating \$25,000
for roads in Utah; Gardner's S. B. 121,
reimbursing the Strawberry Valley
Water Users' association for excess
fees paid in filing articles of incorpora-
tion. The refund amounts to \$470.

The final bill is an important one,
which seems to be destined to rank as
a pioneer practical capitol building
plan. It is Williams' bill, H. B. 124,
authorizing a prize for capitol building
plans and specifications. The contest
is to remain open only till Jan. 1, 1908,
and the building is to be planned to
cost \$1,000,000. It has been favorably
reported by the committee and stands
some show of passing.

IN MEMORY OF TAFT.

A life-size portrait of Hon. John Taft
will be hung on the wall of the house
of representatives, immediately above
the desk formerly occupied by Mr.
Taft. The portrait was prepared by a
photographer of this city and tendered
to the house, and on motion of Kuchler
the house today unanimously voted to
hang the picture in the Taft representa-
tive's dressing room. The portrait of
the session, as a token of respect and hon-
or to the deceased member.

POLL TAX BILL.

Should Representative Davis' house
bill 72, which is coming up on special
order at 3 o'clock this afternoon, be-
come a law, the everlastingly vexatious
problem of poll tax would take a long
step towards solution. Heretofore, it
has been the rule that poll taxes could
be paid either in cash or by work. Any
man not wishing to do the work him-
self, could hire the work done for him
at a less figure than the tax by paying
cash for the work. In many cases the
party working out the tax resented the
tax as a holiday and would gladly for-
feit with pick and shovel to enjoy for 12
hours association with his fellows. The
result is that the roads receive prac-
tically no benefit. Another thing, it is
generally conceded that it costs fully
one-half the amount of the taxes to col-
lect them. And yet another important
point is, it is difficult to experience
in reaching employees of large corpora-
tions.

Davis' bill provides that the tax shall
be paid in cash; that the amount of the
tax shall be \$2.50 instead of \$3, as her-
etofore, and that corporations shall be
responsible for the poll taxes of their
employees, and further, that the whole
amount of the taxes shall be expended
on the roads.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

The committee on manufactures and
commerce submitted a favorable re-
port on H. B. 261, by Sutton, providing
for the abolishment of the dry measure
in selling commodities.

The committee on labor favorably
reported on H. B. 231, by Croft, regu-
lating employment of children in all
classes of industry, with a slight
amendment.

The committee on manufactures and
commerce reported unfavorably on H.
B. 85, by Kuchler, requiring that all
prison made goods be plainly marked
as such.

MENINGITIS IN PROVO.

Health Officer Writes Reporting Seven
Cases in Garden City.

Health Officer J. H. Sleater, M. D.,
of Provo, has written the state board
of health stating the presence in Provo
of seven cases of meningitis and two
deaths; that he has instituted a care-
ful quarantine, and also inspected the
public schools, impressing upon the
public mind the necessity of cleanli-
ness both as to persons and person.

Hood's Pills

Act on the liver and bowels, cure bil-
iousness, constipation, morning and
sick headache, break up colds, relieve
uncomfortable fullness after dinner.
Painless cathartic. 25c.

Peptiron
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Ironize the blood, tone
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ficial in nervousness and anemia. Cho-
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sizes: 50c. and \$1. Druggists or mail.
C. I. HOOD CO., Lowell, Mass.

SOPHOMORE TEAM WINS BIG DEBATE

The Sophomore debating team of
the University of Utah today defeated
the junior team in a championship
contest. The sophomores, for more
than half an hour after the arguments
were finished, held a rousing cheer
practise in honor of their team, and
the juniors made a desperate counter
effort to outstep them to show that
in this department at least they ex-
celled.

The debate was the final one of a
class series for a cup valued at \$50,
and a cash prize of \$50. The seniors
and freshmen were counted out in
the preliminaries by the rivals in to-
day's meeting, and the debate brought
out an assembly room packed to the
doors with interested spectators.

The question was, "Resolved, That
the powers of the president should be
curtailed by the election of a minist-
ry responsible directly to Congress." The
winning team, composed of E. A. Mor-
gan and Wallace Calder, defended the
negative, while the junior team com-
prised of E. A. Morgan and Wallace
Calder, spoke for the affirmative.
Following the announcement of the
results of the debate, the relative merits
of the American and English forms of
government.

A committee of faculty members and
friends of the university acted as
judges. They were Prof. Marshall,
Prof. Benson, Prof. Gibson, Atty. Rich-
ardson, W. Young and Atty. Stephen L.
Richards. Following the announce-
ment of the winners, President Stayer
Richards of the student body presented
to President Joseph Barlow of the
Sophomore class the handsome trophy,
and to the members of the team the
prize money, which he announced was
raised by Prof. Byron Cummings. Mr.
Barlow responded with a brief speech
thanking the team for their good work,
and the student body for its interest in
debating.

Today next there will be another
general assembly in honor of the foot-
ball team, at which the swimmers will
be presented. Tonight an informal re-
ception will be held in the kindergarten
building, at which the guests will be
faculty members, the legislature, state
officials, members of the board of re-
gents, members of the alumni associa-
tion and city officials.

LAFAYETTE LEADS.

School Report Shows This Institution's
Attendance to be 97 Per Cent.

The report of the city schools for the
fifth month ending Feb. 15, has been
prepared by Miss Myrtle Kelly, clerk of
Supt. Christensen, and shows a total en-
rollment in all the schools of 15,114 pupils.
Of these 25 are colored children. There
were 1,184 cases of tardiness during the
month and the average percentage of
punctuality was 97.1 per cent. The Jordan
school holds the record for the month
with 98.2 per cent. The average percent-
age of tardiness during the month was
1.8 per cent. The Lafayette school
leads in that respect, its average atten-
dance being 97 per cent. The report also
shows 24 cases of truancy during the
month and the average number of pupils
per teacher is 29, exclusive of the high
school.

HE GOT NO DAMAGES.

Wrongfully Accused of Stealing a Suit
He is Non-Suited.

Judge Lewis today granted defendant's
motion for non-suit in the case of H. N.
Lieberthal against Max Daniels and dis-
missed the action. Lieberthal sued for \$5,
000 damages for alleged false arrest and
imprisonment. It was alleged that on
April 2, 1906, Daniels had him arrested
upon charge of stealing a suit of clothes
valued at \$100 from his place of business
where Lieberthal was employed. At the
time Lieberthal was charged and he then
fled a damage suit against Daniels, which was disposed of
by a jury verdict in favor of Lieberthal
and been submitted to the court and jury.

FRIENDS SEND FOR HIM.

George Rasmussen, Would-be Suicide,
Will Return to Old Home.

George Rasmussen, the man who re-
cently attempted to commit suicide
near Beck's hot springs, by cutting his
throat, will soon be on his way to the
home of his brother, at Bertrand, Neb.
Since the attempt at suicide, Chief
Sheets has held Rasmussen in the city
jail without lodging charges against him,
and this afternoon a message was
received from Nebraska enclosing \$50
to pay for a ticket back home. It is
thought that Rasmussen is mentally
unbalanced.

HEARING BEGINS THIS AFTERNOON

Preliminary Investigation of the
Charges Against Heads of Po-
lice Department Opens.

SIGNIFICANT WHISPERING.

County Attorney Says He is Tired of
"Dilly Dallying"—Further De-
lay is Eliminated.

The preliminary examination of Chief
George Sheets of the police department,
Captain George R. Raleigh, William
Newton, and others charged with con-
spiracy will commence at 2 o'clock this
afternoon. The hearing will be con-
ducted before Judge J. J. Whitaker in
the civil division of the city court. The
decision was reached this morning after
the defendants had entered pleas of
"not guilty" to the charges laid against
them by Alexander McWhirter, one of
the victims of the famous \$10,000 swin-
dle, said to have taken place in this
city last fall. The formalities in Judge
Whitaker's court were not done quick-
ly; whispered conversations and follow-
ing conversations, delays and confere-
nces marked the proceedings. Chief Sheets
and Detective Raleigh arrived at the
building some few minutes before 10
o'clock, the hour set for pleading. They
were accompanied by Atty. S. Thur-
man and George Christensen, their legal
representatives. Mr. Christensen re-
presented Chief Sheets when the lat-
ter entered his plea of "not guilty," com-
pounding a felony. A few minutes
later William Newton bustled into the
court room and took a seat at the press
table, where he engaged the attention
with a report of Chief Sheets and Cap-
tain Raleigh took seats on a rear bench
where they talked with their attorneys
in a low voice.

"WHISPERING" GOES ON.

County Atty. Willard Hanson was
in the court room promptly at 10
o'clock and, according to reports, Atty.
Christensen who appears to have the
defense in charge so far went into the
private office of Judge Whitaker, where
he had some confidential conversations.
This performance was repeated over
and over again. During a conversation
with Mr. Christensen, Mr. Hanson
said he was anxious to have the trial
begin at once. "I am tired of this dilly-
dallying and want this case to come up
at once," Mr. Christensen said he, too,
was anxious to have it come on at once.
He then explained to the court that he
had transferred somewhere else again.
If there are any more delays, the bench
warrants issued and bring the de-
fendants to a hearing before Judge
Whitaker this afternoon, continued the
county attorney. Atty. Hanson's audi-
ble remark made by Mr. Christen-
sen.

BOTH SIDES READY.

After more whispering, Mr. Chris-
tensen stated to Judge Whitaker
that he was ready to enter a plea for
the three defendants present. He then
entered his plea of "not guilty" and an-
nounced that the defense was ready
to have a preliminary hearing this
afternoon. "The state is ready and
can have witnesses here by 2 o'clock,"
answered Mr. Hanson. "I will have
a stenographer here also." This ended
the proceedings. Mr. Newton, after
listening to the talk between the at-
torneys turned around to a friend and
with a smile on his face asked, "Where
I am at? I don't know whether this
is Bishop's court or Whitaker's or one
in Murray." While the members of
the police department remained silent
during the hearing, Mr. Newton talked
and joked with his friends. He has
a lot of things which the county
attorney himself, says he does not be-
lieve he connected with this affair
at all. James H. Dole, Jr., Atty. Vil-
lam Parrott, "Nick" Ross and the
other defendants were not present.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Bank Clearings—Today's local bank
clearings amounted to \$982,376.63 as
against \$819,935.02 the same day last
year.

More Snow Due—The entire coun-
try west of the one hundred and fifth
meridian is covered by a low baromet-
ric area, so that rain or snow or both
are expected tonight and tomorrow.
The commonwealth precipitation east
of the Rocky mountains yesterday.

Seventh Ward Benefit—Wednesday
evening, March 6, a Columbia party
or Sunday school cantata will be given
for the benefit of the children of the
Seventh ward Sunday school by 60
children, under the direction of
Miss Mable Cooper. The success of
this event is assured from the defec-
tiveness of the participants in Columbia's
Party have had a special and thor-
ough training in the choruses, etc.,
for the past few weeks. Special fea-
tures of this attraction are vocal num-
bers by Miss Millie Williams, instrumental
selections by Gordon Garrett, solo by
Ashley Wallace, humorous recitations
and monologues by Kenneth Bourne,
recitation by Kenneth Bourne, recita-
tion by Miss Clara Callister.

EVIDENCE IN REBUTTAL
IN STROTHERS CASE.

Culpeper, Va., March 1.—Common-
wealth's Atty. Keith today began the
presentation of his rebuttal evidence in
his attempt to shatter the plea of
justification advanced by the defense
for James and Philip Strother, on trial
here for the murder of Wm. P. Bywaters,
their brother-in-law. The defense
has called as a witness Dr. Shelf, one of
the physicians who attended Mrs. Viola
Bywaters, who was declared by the at-
torney to have been the victim of a
criminal operation performed in Wash-
ington at the instance of Bywaters.

Although the names of the witnesses
for the rebuttal have not been an-
nounced, they will be called mainly to
show that when Bywaters married Vi-
ola Strother he made full preparation for
the commonwealth's case. It was de-
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HORSE THIEVES CAUGHT.

Smart Work by Officers Lands Two
Bad Men in Jail.

A complaint charging grand larceny will
be drawn up today by county attor-
ney against Chief Bradford and City
Bellevue, who were arrested last night
at Murray by Officers Golding and Burt.
after an exciting chase from Salt Lake
to Murray. Bradford has been in the
jail since he was arrested. The records
disclosed the fact that on Jan. 15,
he was given 30 days for the theft of
a horse. This morning he was charged
with stealing a team of valuable horses
from 14 daughters at 35 east Fourth
street. The horses were stolen from a
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Wichita, Kan., March 1.—North-
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No. 12 ran into an open switch at
Oklahoma, this morning and was
wrecked. Fireman William Davis of
Oklahoma was killed and the engineer
and several passengers were injured.

OIL REFINERY ON FIRE.

Pittsburg, March 1.—Fire at the plant
of the Canfield Refining company at Cora-
opolis today for a time threatened de-
struction to the entire works. Burning
in large tanks containing oil and ben-
zine. Prompt work, however, confined the
flames to one tank, which, with its con-
tents, was entirely consumed.

CALIFORNIA'S POPULATION.

San Francisco, March 1.—A remark-
able condition as regards population is
shown by statistics gathered by the Cal-
ifornia Promotional committee within 60-mile
radii of the two largest cities of the state,
as compared with the balance of the
state. In securing the data, the commit-
tee has used the figures of city clerks,
postmasters, commercial organizations
and county assessors. According to the
best estimates California had on Jan. 1,
1907, a population of 2,217,891. Of this 1,187,
000 reside within 60 miles of San Fran-
cisco and Los Angeles.

AFTERNOON ON EXCHANGE.

This afternoon's sales of the regular
call of the Mining Exchange were:
Daily Judges—15 at 11.00.
Black Jack—500 at 6.00.
Columbia—100 at 5.00.
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duties connected with this position
were formerly performed by Earl L. Bous-
ford, who was appointed acting assis-
tant superintendent to succeed Mr. Roth
at Ogden some time ago. The appoint-
ment is effective at once and is an-
nounced in circular form over the sig-
natures of W. E. Costello, superintendent,
and E. N. Rotsford, assistant super-
intendent. Mr. Canady is an old
employee of the Oregon Short Line, and
greatly liked by its officials. He has
been general inspector for two years,
having charge of signal tests, etc., and
was for a long time hamperer, conduct-
ing tests of technical knowledge, candi-
dates for positions, etc. His experi-
ence in practical and technical railroad-
ing makes him an ideal trainmaster.

WRECK ON ROCK ISLAND.

Fireman Killed, Engineer and Several
Passengers Injured.

Wichita, Kan., March 1.—North-
west Rock Island passenger train
No. 12 ran into an open switch at
Oklahoma, this morning and was
wrecked. Fireman William Davis of
Oklahoma was killed and the engineer
and several passengers were injured.

OIL REFINERY ON FIRE.

Pittsburg, March 1.—Fire at the plant
of the Canfield Refining company at Cora-
opolis today for a time threatened de-
struction to the entire works. Burning
in large tanks containing oil and ben-
zine. Prompt work, however, confined the
flames to one tank, which, with its con-
tents, was entirely consumed.

CALIFORNIA'S POPULATION.

San Francisco, March