

DEMOCRATS AND PROGRESSIVES TO CONTROL THE NEXT SENATE

Sentiment Will Be Largely For New Ideas--Deadlocks Numerous. Amendment Asking Direct Election Has Good Outlook For Success.

By JAMES A. EDGERTON. ONE of the fathers—which one does not matter here—compared the United States senate to a saucer in which it was then the fashion to cool one's coffee.

gether this may be done, which would mean Warren's defeat. The Republicans control the Idaho legislature and have already re-elected Senator Borah, but are deadlocked over a successor to Senator K. I. Perky, appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Heyburn.



JOHN W. WEEKS OF MASSACHUSETTS.

supreme court, to be affected by a popular movement. Yet that it is so affected in time is proved by the changing character of the body during the past few years.

Democrats In Control.

The new senate will be still more progressive. In politics it will be Democratic by an uncomfortably narrow margin. That in itself will be a revolution, but more significant still is the prospect that the progressive element of the Democracy will control.

All the new senators are not yet elected. On Jan. 23 there were something like seven deadlocks in as many state legislatures, involving eight or nine senatorships.

In Illinois there are two senators to elect. No party has a majority in the legislature, the progressives holding the balance of power. The Democrats have more votes than the regular Republicans and lack but a few of a majority on joint ballot.

The New Hampshire deadlock resembles that in Illinois, in so far as party divisions are concerned. The Democrats lack a majority, but are more numerous than the Republicans.

A Bunch of Deadlocks.

In Wyoming Senator Francis E. Warren is a candidate for re-election and on the face of the returns seems to have a fragile margin of one or two in the legislature.



GEORGE W. NORRIS OF NEBRASKA.

the senatorial elections of that year. If horrible examples of scandals bred by the old system are needed to help along the new those deadlocked states certainly furnish all the necessary arguments.

Of the holdover senators there are thirty Democrats, thirty Republicans and one Progressive, Poindexter of Washington. Of the new ones already elected or certain to be elected there are eighteen Democrats and nine Republicans.

Of the nine still listed as doubtful the Democrats are practically certain to elect in Delaware, which will raise their total to forty-nine, thus giving them a majority of two.

There is already one outright Progressive senator and a chance to elect

another in New Hampshire or Illinois. It must be remembered, however, that many of the senators classed as Republicans are progressive in principle, among whom may be mentioned Works, California; Borah, Idaho; Cummins and Kenyon, Iowa; Bristow, Kansas; Sterling, South Dakota; Clapp, Minnesota; Norris, Nebraska; Gronna, North Dakota, and La Follette, Wisconsin.

The old senators who have been re-elected are as follows: Democrats—John H. Bankhead, Alabama; A. O. Bacon, Georgia, now alternating with Gallinger as president pro tem; F. M. Simmons, North Carolina; R. L. Owen, Oklahoma; B. R. Tillman, North Carolina, and Thomas S. Martin, Virginia, present minority leader.

The new senators so far elected follow, with a line about each: John F. Shafroth, Democrat, Colorado, has been governor for four years and prior to that time was a representative in congress.



LE BARON B. COLT OF RHODE ISLAND.

the election was tainted with fraud. Charles S. Thomas, Democrat, Colorado, is already sworn in to fill a vacancy. He is a Denver lawyer, formerly governor and was once temporary chairman of a national convention.

Literally a Big Man.

Ollie M. James, Democrat, Kentucky, is now in the house. James will be the biggest man in the senate, both horizontally and in displacement. He may not be the baldest, but his dome will be among the far shingling. J. Thomas Heflin once told Ollie that a postoffice in Arkansas had been named for him and got the Kentuckian quite puffed up until J. Thomas explained that the postoffice was Bald Knob. James is a Bryan man, was a lawyer for Governor Goebel, refused a vice presidential nomination and was permanent chairman of the Baltimore convention.

Joseph E. Ransdell, Democrat, Louisiana, is also a house member and has been for several years president of the national rivers and harbors congress. Edwin C. Burleigh, Republican, Maine, has been congressman and governor and in the old days was known as the head of the state Republican machine.

James K. Vardaman, Democrat, Mississippi, was formerly governor and attracted national attention by his championship of white supremacy. He was beaten twice for the senate before finally attaining the goal. George W. Norris, Republican, Nebraska, has been a house insurgent leader and was formerly a prosecuting attorney and district judge.

William Hughes, Democrat, New Jersey, was known as the labor member of congress. He was a member of the ways and means committee, but resigned to beat James Smith, Jr., for the senate. Morris Sheppard, Democrat, Texas, who succeeds Senator Bailey, is a young man and an orator. Le Baron B. Colt, Republican, Rhode Island, has long been a United States circuit judge. Thomas J. Walsh, Democrat, Montana; Key Pittman, Democrat, Nevada, and Harry Lane, Democrat, Oregon, are not much known in national politics, but this defect may be remedied in due season.

SCIENTIFIC, ELECTRICAL AND OTHERWISE.

Amundsen's proposed North Polar journey has been postponed for a year, at the suggestion of the Norwegian government, seconded by Prof. Nansen, in order to give the staff more time for thorough training in oceanography, the subject to which the expedition will devote principal attention.

New York Erects Twelve Thousand Buildings—During the past year some twelve thousand structures of various kinds were erected in New York. Were they all dwellings for single families, the sum of \$207,000,000 expended would furnish sufficient homes for a city of about 60,000 people.

At Meadi, a suburb of Cairo, is a sun-power plant of unusual interest. It consists of five reflectors, each 204 feet long, whose cross-section is in the form of a parabola, with the generator units at the focus. The last-named are of zinc, built of rectangular sections 14 inches wide.

Twenty-seven Years' Progress in Incandescent Lighting—An English electrical magazine publishes an interesting diagram showing the progressive reductions in the cost of the incandescent electric light which have taken place since 1885. The improvement has been twofold: in the increasing efficiency and life of the lamp, and in the reduction in the cost of current.

The Essential Feature of the Diesel Engine—In the course of a paper recently read by him at Berlin, Dr. Diesel denied that the essential feature of the Diesel process was the auto-ignition of the fuel. He stated that motors in which the auto-ignition of the fuel took place were in use before the Diesel process came into being; indeed, he had never laid a claim to auto-ignition in any of his patents.

Blackening Tan Leather—To blacken tan leather it should be first rubbed with a ten per cent. solution of tannic acid. Let this solution dry thoroughly, when a ten per cent. solution of iron sulphate should be applied. This gives an intense black, is easily applied and is harmless to the operator.

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WHAT IS PROFANITY? Some progress seems to have been made by the Clean Language League in its efforts to curtail the use of profane speech and ribald adjective in public places. A good service has at least been performed by calling attention to what is manifestly indefensible in the common intercourse of men; but the crusade has already brought the officers of this association to a demand for a definition—What is profanity?

All the sisters, cousins and aunts of a noted admiral of English song were horrified by his use of the big D—, even upon the high seas where admirals ruled, for these susceptible relatives assigned the adjective to the realm of profane speech; yet, if this be prescribed, then will hundreds of thousands of men rise in excited protest against an elimination of what they deem the most forceful, elastic and expressive adjective in their lexicon. Indeed, the definition of what is profanity may prove as recalcitrant as the perplexing query, "What is beer?" or the more cryptic one, "When is a trolley car full?"

to complete a description of a base hit at a ball game or give a verbal index of the sensation of slipping on a banana peel. The events do not synchronize. Moreover, there were no ladies around when the Father of his Country spoke to his recreant subaltern, and women are always in attendance at a baseball match or looking on when a man sprawls upon the sidewalk. There are differences and distinctions the subtle mind will appreciate.

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GROWING WAYMART BIDS YOU WELCOME

The hustling little borough of Waymart, located on the Honesdale branch of the Delaware and Hudson railroad, at the base of the Moosic mountains, is growing rapidly. There is only one house vacant in that village and it is one of the best built houses, there, too. It contains eight rooms and is a store and dwelling combined. Can be used for two families. The property is located in the center of the town and is directly opposite the postoffice. It would make an ideal place for almost any kind of business.

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