

OUR SPRINGFIELD LETTER.

What of Cullom? Springfield, Jan. 23.—The belief that Senator Cullom is to go into the McKinley cabinet has gained strength here within the past few days. An intimate friend of the senator said to the writer to-day: "The announcement of Mr. Cullom's selection will be made through the press within the next few days." The new conditions that would be brought about in Illinois by the selection of Cullom for the cabinet has caused a stir among the lawmakers. Already there is talk of his successor in the senate. In this connection I will dare to make a prediction: If Cullom goes into the cabinet either Tanner or Hitt will go to the senate in his place. Tanner does not want the seat himself. Left to his own wishes, he would sooner be governor for the full term of four years. But his friends will urge him to go to the senate. Mrs. Tanner is also said to be using her influence in the same direction. At the same time, if the prospective vacancy occurs, Mr. Hitt will not be without strong support. His conduct during the scramble for Senator Palmer's seat won him many friends. With Tanner and Hitt the only candidates the contest would be very close.

Going to Inauguration. Gov. John R. Tanner is going to Washington to witness the inauguration of William McKinley, and he is going in style befitting the chief executive of Illinois. James R. B. Van Cleave is arranging one part of the trip, and the governor is lying awake nights trying to map out the rest of the display. Mr. Van Cleave is just picking out the places where the governor and his party are going to eat and sleep, but the governor is trying to figure out the party itself. For Gov. Tanner is going to Washington attended by his full staff of newly appointed colonels. He is working hard to make up his mind as to who shall form his personal staff, so that the men selected will have time to procure their uniforms and wear them a couple of times. The party will go in special cars, which are now being prepared for the trip.

More Pomp Than Power. It is customary for the governor to appoint one member of his staff from each congressional district. Some time ago the governor sent word to the leaders of the various districts and asked them to submit to him the names of men whom they would like to see covered with gold braid. The position is little sought after by the practical politicians. There is no salary attached. So they generally give it to some influential man in the party, who cares more for pomp than power. The aggregation of "colonels" will be published by next week. They were to have been appointed this week, but there have been some political complications that will have to be explained before the governor can make up his mind to appoint the list he has about prepared. The governor wants to make the best show of any of the western governors at the inauguration, and he feels that to be "entirely in line" he must have his personal staff and have its members dressed in made-to-order uniforms.

Recess for Adj.-General. While Mr. Tanner himself is silent upon the subject, it is generally understood that he intends to make his personal staff out of politicians. Almost all of Mr. Altgeld's colonels were men who could carry their primaries and who would not hesitate any longer to don the runiforms and gold braid for a political scrimmage than they would when there was a chance to appear in the parade. Mr. Tanner feels that his colonels should come up to the mark of those of the Altgeld regime, so he is studying the lists of politicians in each of the congressional districts to pick out men who will make a good background for him at Washington and who, when that occasion is over, can take a hand in bringing in delegations. It is the general opinion that Gen. Rees will be the adjutant-general of the Tanner administration, and that the governor is going to consult him concerning his staff. The appointment of the Cook county colonels will probably be delayed. Mr. Tanner wants the politicians to know whether they are going to fight or make up before he begins parceling out the honors to Chicagoans.

Got Me-d in the Scramble. It has developed that there will have to be some tall explaining done between Henry L. Hertz, William Lorimer and Dr. Jamieson before these three become political bedfellows again. Mr. Hertz wants to know something, Mr. Jamieson wants to know something and Mr. Lorimer wants to know something. It has been agreed that before there is a final rupture the "big three" will meet in Chicago and try to make the needed explanations. It was learned today that Henry L. Hertz did not know that the members of the legislature controlled by Tanner were working for the success of Congressman Hitt, while the Cook county men were working for Lorimer.

Senator Charles Crawford of Chicago was in the Hitt deal, as was Representative Fred Bane. They were also on Lorimer's steering committee. Lorimer and Hertz intend to make Dr. Jamieson tell why they were on the Lorimer steering committee and in favor of Hitt at the session.

ILLINOIS NEWSLETS.

RECORD OF MINOR DOINGS OF THE WEEK.

Seven Days' Happenings Condensed—Social, Religious, Political, Criminal, Obituary and Miscellaneous Events from Every Section of the State. The first robin of 1897 has been seen in Dixon. The business houses of Washington, Ill., will close at 8 o'clock p. m. Coles county, Ill., people want Horace S. Clark appointed to the Mexican mission. State Treasurer Hertz has given a bond of \$500,000, with Springfield financiers as sureties. The return of the Rock Island to Atchison has been postponed again, this time until May 1. A church for deaf mutes has been established at Jacksonville, Ill., with Rev. Frank Read as pastor. It is more than likely that there will be a congressional reapportionment attempted in Illinois this winter. A school teacher at Scotola has an eye to business. He watered his orders on the treasury by raising them from \$40 to \$50. Five families from Illinois have settled on land six miles south of Washington, Ga., and about 40 more families are expected. Judges T. Borkwalter and J. G. Thompson are candidates for the circuit bench from Danville. The former is now on the bench. The town council of Washington, Tazewell county, has adopted an ordinance requiring railroad companies to erect gates at crossings. Mrs. George Hunter, of Eureka, Ill., has received a deed for 640 acres of land, worth \$50,000, in Logan county. It came from her parents. The state will be asked to contribute toward paying for the paving of two blocks around the campus of the University of Illinois at Urbana. In Ottawa recently two young men brought in nearly 25,000 sparrow heads and received checks on the county treasurer for a little less than \$50. Ipava people are having the same experience Rushville had in reference to electric lights. The town board thinks they are paying too high for them. Three times within a few weeks Galeaburg young ladies have been knocked down by toughs. The last was Miss Anna Peterson Wednesday morning. Dr. James H. Wallace died in the act of administering to a patient at Monmouth, Ill., Tuesday night. He was connected with the Monmouth Gazette. Representative Schubert will prepare a convict labor bill providing for the manufacture by convicts of free text books for the public schools of this state. Charles Dickens, a nephew of the famous novelist, is an engineer on the Illinois Central railroad. He is a son of Augustus Dickens, a younger brother of the novelist, and was born in Chicago. A farm paper of Chicago offered a prize for the best acre of corn raised in Illinois in 1896, whereupon a Menard man comes up smiling with affidavits of a yield of 131 bushels and 34 pounds upon one acre. The Retail Coal Dealers' Association of Illinois and Wisconsin enjoyed a social session at the Hotel Bishop, Aurora, Tuesday, and did not neglect a single thing except to raise the price of their commodity. Charles E. George, a Chicago attorney, was sentenced to the penitentiary for swindling a client, a woman for whom he procured \$150 in the settlement of a case and generously gave her \$2, retaining the remainder as his fee. Rev. Mr. Bankson of Blue Mound, Macon county, was an applicant for the position of chaplain of the Soldiers' Home at Quincy, but, upon learning that the position was only worth \$260 a year, he withdrew his application in disgust. Several weeks ago old Mr. and Mrs. William Byron of Aurora, Ill., discouraged over and tired of the dissolute habits of their 17-year-old grandson, Richard Walsh, turned the young man from their door and bade him shift for himself. Richard departed vowing vengeance. Saturday night he returned, set his grandfather's chicken coop afire and when the flames had a good start, walked down town and asked a policeman to arrest him, as he wanted to go to the reform school. C. L. Sparks, a colored debater of the University of Chicago, has been forced off the faculty because Sparks had numerous conditions in his work and consequently by a ruling of the faculty he could not rightfully participate in the debate. Sparks as yet will not discuss the matter, but his confidential friends say he was displaced purely on account of his color; also that he will protest the ruling of the oratorical association. Men of southern birth are said to have had a hand in retiring Sparks. In one section of Woodland Township, Fulton county, an epidemic of poisoning domestic animals is raging. There is a terrible feud among the people, and this wholesale poisoning is its expression. It is a condition of terror and is most disgraceful to our boasted civilization. The Iroquois County News tells of the smallest pair of horses on earth, which were on exhibition at Watseka last week. They were Arabians, owned by J. S. Ware of Springfield, stand about 23 inches high and weigh respectively 26 and 45 pounds.

ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE

REPORTED BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT. January 18. In the house to-day the two senate bills making appropriations to pay the employes and to defray the incidental expenses of the present general assembly were advanced to third reading. Mr. Miller offered a resolution, which was adopted, authorizing the speaker to appoint twenty committee clerks at the per diem allowed by law. Mr. Merriman offered the following, which was also adopted: Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by the speaker of this house, whose duty it shall be to inquire into the condition of the executive mansion and grounds, and also of the executive office and rooms, and report to this house what repairs and furnishings, if any, are required in the same, and also what appropriations, if any, are needed. In the senate the following bills were introduced: By Mr. Mahoney—Providing for the protection of the homesteads of alien widows and orphans. Under the present law the homesteads of aliens revert back to the state. By Mr. Landrigan—Asking for an appropriation of \$100 for the expenses of county institutes, instead of \$50. January 19. Springfield, Ill., Jan. 19.—Both houses of the legislature went through the motions of electing a United States senator. The democrats and populists cast their full party strength for John P. Altgeld, the nominee of the democratic caucus, but the republicans simply cast a single vote for each of the candidates angling for the republican nomination in the joint caucus. The result of this condition was that the democrats had the pleasure of seeing their nominee receive more votes than any republican in an overwhelmingly republican legislature. Altgeld received 62 votes and each republican candidate one. This was the result of the first ballot taken in the house for United States senator. Speaker Curtis announced that no quorum was present and that there had been no election. Then the house adjourned after the democrats had made the republicans show by the roll call that there was a quorum present, even if they failed to show it in the vote for senator. In the senate the vote was taken with even less seriousness than in the house. There was but one nominating speech made, and that was a short one by Senator Mahoney, who placed Gov. Altgeld before the senate. Senator Baxter in one sentence nominated Robert R. Hitt, Senator Bogardus nominated Joseph G. Cannon, Senator Case named William E. Mason, Senator Evans nominated A. J. Hopkins, Senator Fitzpatrick named S. W. Allerton, Senator Harding named Clark E. Carr and Senator Sullivan nominated William Lorimer. Each of the republican candidates received one vote, and ex-Gov. Altgeld received thirteen. As there was no quorum voting, the lieutenant-governor declared there was no election. Before the house voted for United States senator, Speaker Curtis announced the appointment of the following committee on elections: Sherman, Miller of Cook, Fred A. Busse, Booth, Guffa, Anderson, Selby, Thomas, Kinchebe, Eldredge, Hammers, Walleck, Salmoni, Alschuler, Compton, McGee, Shepherd, Webb and Sullivan. January 20. It took but a few minutes to call the roll of the house and senate, and then the business of making the senator began without delay. A hundred and fifty members of the house responded to their names, and the senate was reasonably full, too. The only absentees were Senator Sullivan (Rep.) and Representative English (Dem.). Then came the formal reading of the journals of the house and senate showing that no election had been made yesterday. After this order of business was concluded Speaker Curtis ordered the balloting to begin. He was following the formula with which the older legislators were familiar. Then he called for nominations, and Sharrack of Christian took the floor. As Sharrack warmed up he proceeded to pitch into the democrats, and he gave the other side of the house a tastefully administered roasting for the speeches made in behalf of Gov. Altgeld. Presently Sharrack, like all the speakers, lapsed into biblical lore and he made a break, saying: "You remember, after Christ had fasted forty years the tempter came to talk to him." This broke up the house, because Sharrack was only about thirty-nine years and 325 days shy on time. But what's the difference? What's the difference between forty days and forty years to a man who is nominating a United States senator? For twenty minutes or half an hour Sharrack talked history, religion and what the Republican party had done for the country. He made a good campaign speech, it is true, and by easy stages led up to the proper task before him. Several additional speeches were made and William Ernest Mason was declared the next United States senator from Illinois on a strictly party vote. No other business of great importance was transacted. Both houses voted to adjourn from Thursday to Monday. January 21. There was no quorum present, and adjournment taken until Tuesday. The Champaign Rowdies. From the Chicago Record: There is out one way to deal with the young rowdies who took part in the disgraceful affair at Urbana. They should be expelled from the University of Illinois. The time has gone by when young sophomores who pretend to be gentlemen can excuse manly pranks

Deafness Cannot Be Cured by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound, or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. We will give one Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best. McKinley Garden School. Up in the North Carolina mountains an old man has a cabin which is a resort for hunters. He has a grandchild of whom he is very proud. She is a pretty, golden haired girl and a pet of the hunters, who warm the cockles of the old man's heart by slinging her praises. On a recent trip one of the hunters, after a little skirmish with the child, went out to the old man, who was doing some work about the cabin, and said: "I say, grandpop, Nellie is smarter than ever." "Yes," responded the old man, proudly. "When she was in the city a visitin' of her aunt she went to one of those McKinley garden schools and learned a heap."—Washington Star. The promise of attractive things which the illustrated American makes for the current year is very alluring. Questions of the day are discussed by Senators, military men of high rank and well-known leaders of thought. Special series of articles by experts are announced on "American waste" and "American architecture." Just about to begin is a series of realistic tales of the Cuban war by a Cuban officer, Captain Mario Carrillo. Later will come a thrilling international serial story, "A Dare to His Mark," by Clinton Ross, the popular author. The short stories, week by week, are by the brightest story-writers in America. The editorials of The Illustrated American are striking and notable. Its literary and its athletic departments are conducted by specialists, and its woman's department is peculiarly unique. The pictures are most profuse and highly finished. Photographers from every part of the United States contributed instantaneous views of stirring American events. The cartoons and other drawings are on a high standard. The title of this paper accurately expresses its character. Sometimes. Bacon—I was reading to-day of a violin maker who made over 7,000 fiddles in his life. Egbert—it's a fact, then, that the evil a man does lives after him.—Yonkers Statesman. Salzer Seed Co. Ahead! So enormous has been the demand for Salzer's seeds in Texas that the John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Grange, Wis., sent out a special train on January 11th, loaded with seed potatoes, grasses and clover, seed corn, oats, etc., to be distributed among its southern customers. Dancing gowns for small girls are made of taffeta silk with an overdress of killed chiffon of the same color, or one of fine lawn trimmed with lace insertion and edging. TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. A world without a Sabbath would be like a man without a smile, like a summer without flowers, and like a household without a garden.—Beecher. Just try a tin box of "Cocacerts," candy cathartics, the Great Liver and Bowel regulator. Umbrellas to the value of \$2,000,000 are annually sold in London. Tried Hood's Sarsaparilla. The Best—In fact the One True Blood Purifier. Hood's Pills cure nausea, indigestion, biliousness, 25 cents. FARM SEEDS. John Breider, Wis., produced the world with a yield of 125 bu. of better King Early per acre. He just wrote him. In order to gain, in 1897, 100,000 new customers we send on trial 25 BOWLER'S PATENT 3000 1st prize, 1st prize, 1st prize, including above barley, Timothy, Giant Spurry, Seed Vetch, 50c. Wheat, and other novelties, previously worth \$10.00 to get a set, all postage included. Our green seed catalog, for the largest growers of farm seeds and potatoes in the world, 35 pages, mailed free. Send for it. Catalog tells all about it. Order mailed to intending buyers. Send this notice. PATENTS, TRADE MARKS. Examination and Advice as to Patentability of Invention. Send for "Inventor's Guide," or How to Get Patent. O'NEILL & SON, Washington, D. C. OPTIMUM HALL'S DRUNKENNESS CURE. SICK FOLKS wanted to cure, with new remedy health and vigor. No "hold," "tough cure" or medicine whatever. Address, with stamp, OXLEY, Barrow, Fla. Dr. Kay's Lung Balm for coughs, colds, and throat disease.