

WILL BE KERN OR MR. SLACK

Fact Apparent at Indianapolis That Two Candidates Are in Lead in Indiana in Big Sensational Fight.

KERN SEEMS TO HOLD THE EDGE

Still Lacks Votes Enough, However, of Carrying Him Through the Caucus and His Followers Are Still on Trial for Votes to Come on the Break.

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Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 7.—As the days go by and the time draws near the caucus of the legislature to make up their minds as to whom they will select for United States senator, the fact becomes more and more apparent that at the finish there will be just two candidates, John W. Kern of this city and L. Ert Slack of Franklin. Everybody that is not for Kern will be for Slack when the final test comes. The rest of the candidates do not like to hear this and their friends talk against it, but if they do not see the situation in that light it is because they are not looking straight ahead.

Kern Best of Fight.

There can be no doubt but that Kern has the best of the fight thus far. In many of the counties of the state the democratic county committees have adopted resolutions favoring him for senator, and democratic newspapers in sixty cities and towns have published editorials in his favor. And reports come from many places to the effect that the rank and file of the party is for him. And he has Tom Taggart's backing, all of which is worth some-

thing. With these elements and these influences back of him Kern is in the best position of any of the candidates for senator. But he still lacks votes of having enough to carry him through the democratic caucus. The Kern followers themselves admit this, and they are still on the trail, trying to line up more members for the legislature to vote for him.

Counting Eggs Before Hatching.

But it is believed that Kern and his friends are figuring on some votes that he will not get. Some of them are bound to go to Slack. For instance, Kern is counting on three votes in the Twelfth district when the break comes and that district pulls away from Edward C. Hoffman of Fort Wayne. There is not reason to believe that Kern will get even one vote from that district.

This is based on the belief that if Steve Fleming, senator from Allen county, is able to control the vote of the Twelfth for Hoffman, and there is no doubt that he is, he will also be able to deliver the votes to some other candidate when the break comes. If this is the case it is a cinch that Fleming will not deliver any of these votes to Kern, whom he hates most cordially. So Mr. Kern can expect cold comfort from that section of the state.

Story About Fleming Started.

A story was started here today to the effect that because he is a brewer Fleming would probably join the rest of the brewers and come out for Kern at the finish, but there is nothing at present to indicate that he will do anything of the kind. In the first place not all the brewers are for Kern. Crawford Fairbanks is for John E. Lamb of Terre Haute for senator. In the next place Fleming dislikes Kern because Kern prevented his being elected state chairman some years ago, and in the second place he also has it in for Taggart, who is supporting Kern quietly, and Fleming now has a chance to take a whack at both Kern and Taggart at one time. Those who know Fleming and know what kind of a fighter he is in politics will not believe that he will allow such an opportunity to pass without doing something.

Politics Makes Strange Bedfellows.

The story that Kern and Slack are to be the two contenders at the caucus is not exactly new, but the developments that prove it true are coming out day by day. It will be a little bit incongruous to see Fleming lined up in the support of Slack, because Fleming is a brewer and Slack has all along been a consistent supporter of temperance legislation, but politics makes strange bedfellows.

It is believed that several of the candidates for speaker of the house do not expect to be elected. They are in the race for another purpose, if the present indications count for anything, and before long there will be developments to prove that, too.

These developments will come in the form of trades and promises. One of the candidates will promise the others that they shall have certain appointments as chairmen of committees and in return they will get out of the speakership contest.

BETTER SERVICE FOR CALUMET REGION

Change in Terminal for the Hammond-63d Street Electric Cars.

ELECTRIC POWER INCREASED

Twenty-Four Additional Double Truck Cars Have Been Put on Road.

New cars and a new terminal for the Hammond-Sixty-third street cars? Well!

Better service for the residents of the Calumet region was the subject of a conference yesterday afternoon between President Mitten of the Chicago City Railway company, City Traction Expert Herley and Aldermen Bihl, Moynihan and Jones.

It was agreed that on or before April 1 next a change in the terminal of South Chicago cars will be made so that cars from the Calumet territory will be diverted to a loop beginning at Sixty-fourth street and extending to Madison avenue and thence to Sixty-third street and Stony Island avenue. From the latter point a return trip will be made via Stony Island avenue to the Calumet territory. At the present time all cars of the old South Chicago Street Railroad company have a terminal between Sixty-third and Sixty-fourth streets in addition avenue. The terminal of the Calumet Electric road is at Sixty-third street and Stony Island avenue. The proposed arrangement, it is declared, will enable passengers from the Calumet region to make a more close connection with the cars of the Chicago City Railway company and the trains of the South Side Elevated Railroad company.

It was further announced at the conference that the electric power on traction lines in the Calumet district has lately been increased 25 per cent. Twenty-four additional double-truck cars have been recently put into operation, and eight more of the same type are promised by Jan. 20. Whether a "T" rail or a grooved rail will be installed in the rehabilitation of the Calumet car lines is still a matter for debate.

DEALERS SELL FAKE JUICE

State Board of Health Accuses Dealers Who Sell Oysters.

There is no such thing as oyster juice. Yesterday H. E. Barnard, state food and drug commissioner, said that no oysters as far west of Baltimore as Indiana arrived with juice. By the time they are packed for shipment what juice is not washed off is but a negligible quantity. The people who get lots of juice with their oysters, says Barnard, are only buying water. Dealers have been known to pay \$1.10 a gallon for the bivalves and afterward sell them for \$1 at a good profit. It's the old story of "watered stock," says Barnard. The water also performs another friendly office for the dealer—it swells the oysters.

These are things which the people and dealers are learning all over the state as a result of a crusade of the state drug and food commissioner to prevent the icing of oysters by placing the ice in the midst of the oysters. This practice is declared by Mr. Barnard and the pure food commission to be an adulteration. It is as bad in the eyes of the pure food commission as putting ice in milk. Working hand-in-hand with Barnard is A. W. Bruner, state food and drug inspector. Bruner has been all over the state calling the attention of dealers to the new ruling of the commission.

"The sealed package is being used for the shipment of oysters by nineteen out of twenty dealers," said Bruner, "since the ruling was made. The sealed package is not very different from the ice cream package in principle. The oysters are packed in bulk and the ice packed outside. The result has been that you hear the people saying on all sides that they are receiving twice as many oysters for 40 cents as they used to get for 30 cents."

MOTHER RETURNED TO THE ASYLUM.

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he spent what little money he had on hand in paying his wife's carefare to this city.

When told that he would have to return the woman to the care of the Logansport officials, Stipka declared that he had no money and told the pitiful tale of his losses to Chief of Police Higgins. He declared, however, that he could be secure even part of his money from the Interstate Iron and Steel company, he would have ample funds with which to take his wife back to Long-cliffe.

Discharged Before Cured. General Manager Johns of the latter company was appealed to and, although it is against the rules of the company for employees to draw on their wages, he advanced the necessary amount. The police are profuse in their commendation of Mr. Johns' action, while Stipka thanked his new friend as best he could in his native language. The woman was taken to Logansport Saturday night, where she will be held

Stocks, Grain and PROVISIONS

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

Stock	Open	High	Low	Close
Atchafalpa	121 1/2	122 1/2	121 1/2	122 1/2
Am Sugar	121 1/2	122 1/2	121 1/2	122 1/2
Am Car	48 1/2	49 1/2	48 1/2	49 1/2
Am Copper	83 1/2	84 1/2	83 1/2	84 1/2
Am Smelt	49 1/2	50 1/2	49 1/2	50 1/2
Anaconda	49 1/2	50 1/2	49 1/2	50 1/2
B & O	108 1/2	109 1/2	108 1/2	109 1/2
Brook R T	55 1/2	56 1/2	55 1/2	56 1/2
Ches & D	34 1/2	35 1/2	34 1/2	35 1/2
C & F	41 1/2	42 1/2	41 1/2	42 1/2
Canad Pac	176 1/2	177 1/2	176 1/2	177 1/2
Erie com	83 1/2	84 1/2	83 1/2	84 1/2
Grt North	143 1/2	144 1/2	143 1/2	144 1/2
Ill. Cent	147 1/2	148 1/2	147 1/2	148 1/2
May	121 1/2	122 1/2	121 1/2	122 1/2
Mo. Pacific	65 1/2	66 1/2	65 1/2	66 1/2
Nat. Lead	117 1/2	118 1/2	117 1/2	118 1/2
N Y Cent	117 1/2	118 1/2	117 1/2	118 1/2
No. Pacific	142 1/2	143 1/2	142 1/2	143 1/2
Om & W	129 1/2	130 1/2	129 1/2	130 1/2
Reading	140 1/2	141 1/2	140 1/2	141 1/2
St. Paul	150 1/2	151 1/2	150 1/2	151 1/2
St. Pac	150 1/2	151 1/2	150 1/2	151 1/2
Un. Pac	54 1/2	55 1/2	54 1/2	55 1/2
U S Steel	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
Do. pfd	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
Total sales	724,300			

GRAIN AND PROVISION MARKET

Month	Open	High	Low	Close
Wheat—				
Dec.	105 1/4	105 3/4	104 3/4	104 3/4
May	110 1/4	110 3/4	108 3/4	108 3/4
July	103 1/4	103 3/4	101 3/4	101 3/4
Corn—				
Dec.	61 1/4	61 3/4	60 1/4	60 1/4
May	62 3/4	63 3/4	62 1/4	62 1/4