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BABCOCK MAY BE CHIEF.

Hanly's Secretary Said to be Favored by Governor as Republican House Whip.

A spirited contest for minority floor leader, or "whip," will be one of the things that will occupy the attention of the Republican members of the House of Representatives when they gather in Indianapolis next Tuesday for their anti-legislative meeting. Several men are being talked of in connection with the minority leadership. Luman K. Babcock, private secretary to Governor Hanly and representative from Lagrange and Steuben Counties, is one of these. Representative Gus Greiger of Hanna, who is one of the minority members of the State Visitation Committee, is another. Others who are talked of are Representatives F. King of Wabash and Gilbert Elliott of South Bend.

There are some who profess to see in Babcock's candidacy the hand of Governor Hanly. Babcock has been a consistent champion of the Governor's measures. He supported the \$1,000 license bill, the blind tiger bill and the Governor's insurance measure during the session of 1907. At the special session in September Mr. Babcock was one of the Governor's strongest co-laborers behind the county local option bill.

Says Hanly Wants Him.

The knowing ones point out that Governor Hanly's vitality interested in the perpetuation of the county local option law, and, with a man like Babcock at the head of the Republican House organization, the county local option law might be aided materially in gaining a new lease on life.

Miles Furnas, representative from Randolph County is being favorably mentioned for the position of Republican caucus chairman at the coming session.

The Democrats may attempt to unseat Representative Babcock in the House on the grounds that the position which he occupies as secretary to Governor Hanly is a lucrative position and in accepting it Babcock virtually resigned as representative.

Babcock says that he would be re-nominated and elected at my special election that might be held.

AT EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

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A JUDGE FOR EVERY COUNTY

STARKE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION HAS BILL PROVIDING FOR SIX DISTRICTS.

Will Urge Measure Giving Each County A Judge Who Can Not Succeed himself.

The Stark County Bar Association will seek the passage of a bill at the coming session of the Legislature the object of which, it is said, is to raise the standard of the judiciary of Indiana. It is said that the bill which the bar association has prepared has met the approval of many of the best lawyers in the state. Copies of it are being sent to the members of the Legislature together with letters urging support for its passage.

The bill provides that the Circuit Courts of Indiana shall be divided into six judicial districts, each county constituting a judicial circuit. It provides that four of the districts shall contain fifteen counties each and each shall contain sixteen counties each. Each county, it is proposed, shall elect one circuit judge for six years, who shall be ineligible to succeed himself either by election or appointment. The salary is fixed at \$3,500 per year, together with actual traveling expenses. All fees are barred to the judge.

The proposed bill provides also that four terms of court shall be held in each county each year in September, December, March and May, each term lasting six weeks. It is provided further that when a vacancy occurs in a judgeship a successor shall be elected on the second Tuesday of the month by the Australian system.

Prosecuting Attorney's Term.

It is provided that a prosecuting attorney shall be elected in each county for a term of three years, his salary being \$1,000 a year, together with all the emoluments of the office.

It is provided in the bill that the first district shall embrace St. Joseph, Laporte, Lake, Jasper, Pulaski, Marshall, Carroll, Benton, Porter, Newton, Starke, Fulton, Cass, White and Miami Counties.

The second district would embrace Elkhart, Lagrange, Kosciusko, DeKalb, Whitley, Huntington, Adams, Blackford, Steuben, Noble, Allen, Wabash, Wells, Grant and Jay Counties.

The third, Howard, Tippecanoe, Fountain, Boone, Marion, Putnam, Vermilion, Clinton, Warren, Montgomery, Hamilton, Hendricks, Talbot, Maddox, Plummer, Stevens, Park and Morgan Counties.

The fourth, Brown, Monroe, Clay, Sullivan, Lawrence, Daviess, Orange, Posey, Owen, Vigo, Greene, Martin, Knox, Gibson and Vanderburgh Counties.

The fifth, Pike, Warrick, Perry, Harrison, Clark, Jackson, Jefferson, Bartholomew, Dubois, Spencer, Crawford, Floy Washington, Scott Jennings and Johnson Counties.

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NEW ORDER TROUBLESOME

Several Knotty Problems in Putting Fourth Class Postmasters in Civil Service Class.

President Roosevelt and the Post-office Department officials are in pretty deep water over the order blanketing fourth-class postmasters under the civil service. It is not an easy matter to make the order effective, for there are several knotty obstacles in the way.

Should a man have to stand an examination in geometry, spelling, literary composition and a few other things to get a fourth-class postoffice? Would a man able to pass a creditable examination in those subjects take a position paying \$50 a year?

Fourth-class postoffices are those paying less than \$1,000 a year to the postmasters. Over that the office becomes a presidential appointment.

Is the examination for \$50 offices to be the same as the \$900 offices? Would the same class of men respond for one as the other?

One proposition, and it is tentative, is to make the examinations for postoffices paying below \$100 a year non-competitive, and have the same examination for offices paying above the amount. Another proposition is to have about three different grades of examinations, although this would require much labor.

Congress is not to be asked to aid in the administration in solving the problems coming up, but the views of the men at the Capitol familiar with postoffice operations were asked so that as much light as possible might be thrown on the subject.

22 OCCUPATIONS IN LEGISLATURE

DIRECTORY IS REVISED FOR NEXT SESSION—SHOWS MANY PROFESSIONS.

Lawyers Take The Lead As Usual With 28—Farmers Come Next.

At least twenty-two different callings or occupations will be represented in the next Indiana General Assembly. The latest revision of the legislative directory by the State printer gives the occupations of all the members of the Legislature with the exception of the following Representatives, Murphy, Kliver, McKenna, Talbot, Maddox, Plummer, Stevens, and Maish.

Lawyers, as usual take the lead numerically in both branches of the law-making body. Omitting the 8 Representatives who have not been classified by occupations, there will be twenty-four lawyers in the House. In the Senate there will be twenty-five lawyers. The lawyers of the House are: Behymer, Elliott, Eschbach, Faris, Gardner, Gemmill, Fitch, Haggard, Harris, Hauck, Honan, and King. McGinnis, Smith, Merriman, Miller, Mitchell, Seidensticker, Sunkel, Sweeney, Wickley, White, Wider, and Wayne. Those of the Senate are: Beal, Bingham, Bland, Clark, Cox, Forkner, Halleck, Horace, Hanna, Harlan, Kane, Kirkman, Kistler, Kling, Long, Mattingly, Moore, Orndorf, Pearson, Powers, Proctor, Royse, Stotsenburg, Strange, Wood and Yarling.

Twenty-Six Farmers.

The latest revision of the directory shows that there will be twenty-six farmers in both branches, twenty-one of them in the House. The farmers of the House are: Askren, Banta, Brown, Clore, Cochran, Connell, Cowing, Hostetter, Jay, Madigan, Meek, Mendenhall, Moss, Pierson, Ratliff, Rentschler, Rodibaugh, Shirley, Sicks, Switzer, Wagner and Watson. The farmers of the Senate are: Beal, Bingham, Bland, Clark, Cox, Forkner, Halleck, Horace, Hanna, Harlan, Kane, Kirkman, Kistler, Kling, Long, Mattingly, Moore, Orndorf, Pearson, Powers, Proctor, Royse, Stotsenburg, Strange, Wood and Yarling.

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