

## COMMITTEE ON PLUNDER OBJECT OF ALL SENATORS

Every Solon Is Casting Envious Eyes on the Chairmanship of This Desirable Committee.

COX BELIEVED TO HAVE CALL ON THIS JOB

Indications Are Democrats Will Have Bitter Contest Over Selecting U. S. Senator—Kuhn's Denial.

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One of the most important committee assignments that the republican committee on committees in the senate will have to make will be that of chairman of the plunder committee. This committee has charge of the distribution of the jobs in the senate, and at the opening of the session it is the busiest, most cussed and discussed committee of the entire lot. There is a report to the effect that Linton A. Cox, senator from Marion county is to head the plunder committee, though the committee on committees itself has not said that this will be the case.

Option Committee Scramble.

The public morals committee is another important committee that will have to handle all temperance legislation. Any bills introduced to repeal the county local option law will go to that committee for consideration and report. There is a rumor that Senator Kling, of Miami county, is to be the chairman of that committee. While there is a strong temperance sentiment in Miami county there is said to be also a bitter opposition to the county option law. It will be remembered that at the special session, when the county option bill was passed, Burton Green, representative from Miami county, was one of the democratic members of the house that voted in favor of the passage of the bill. Green's action created much indignation in democratic ranks and Tom Taggart came out in an interview reading Green out of the democratic party for voting for the bill.

Green was a candidate for re-election as representative and the indignation against him in his own county was so strong that he was snubbed under at the election and a republican representative was elected from Miami county for the first time in a thousand years. The vote was purely a rebuke to Green and showed that Miami county is not pleased with the county option law.

Kling Course a Puzzle.

Politicians are wondering now what the course of Senator Kling will be, in view of this situation. He has always stood for temperance legislation up to this time, but there are some who believe he will listen to the result of the last election and favor the repeal of the law. He has not said anything himself on the subject, but it is known that he is thinking hard and deep.

Kuhn Denies Candidacy.

A few days ago Kuhn was in this city mingling with the democratic statesmen, and while here he declared that he was not a candidate for senator. But he did not say that he was not framing things up to land the nomination for governor two years hence, and there are many democrats who are looking with favor on him for that nomination.

It is said that the recent developments in the senatorial race have given some of the dark horses new hope, however, and that they will probably do a little more looking around before the thing is over. All the regular candidates have made extravagant claims as to their strength, but everybody knows that no candidate at this time has enough votes at his command to win out. It is declared by all that there have been no combinations fixed up and that each candidate is working for himself alone. And it has not yet been proved that any combinations have been formed. Even the brewers seem to be keeping out of the fight as an organization, though each brewer has his man individually.

Will be Long Fight.

Unless conditions change within the next few days there will be a long continuation of balloting in the democratic caucus before a senator is chosen. Under such circumstances there is no telling but that the lightning may strike one of the dark horses. It is also believed that no candidate will be able to swing his entire vote to any other candidate when the break-up comes. This also, is giving some hope to the friends of the dark horses.

Machines Get a Jolt.

The use of voting machines received a severe jolt in Bartholomew county when Judge Hacker, of the circuit court, refused to grant a recount of the vote of P. J. Kelleher, the democratic candidate for state statistician. Machines were used at the election in Bartholomew county. In one precinct the machine showed a difference of about 140 votes between the vote for Kelleher and the vote for the other democratic candidate for state offices. Kelleher's vote being that much below the others. Kelleher filed a petition for a recount of the vote of the machine, but Judge Hacker decided that there was no law authorizing the recount of the vote as shown on the machine. He said there was no way

## RECOVERS AFTER A SEVERE OPERATION



DUCHESS OF MANCHESTER.

Duchess of Manchester, formerly Miss Zimmerman of Cincinnati, who has been compelled to undergo another operation. Her Grace is recovering satisfactorily.

## ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE PLANS FOR DRY STATE

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discovered after the election that they favored county local option, will make a vigorous effort to put through a resolution for state-wide prohibition.

The Anti-Saloon league is working on the republican members to convince them that they owe it to their party to continue their support of county local option in spite of the generally accepted view that it lost on that issue. The plan now being pursued is to show the republicans that there is no political reason why they should repeal the county local option law or stand for the plank in the democratic platform advocating the ward and township units.

This has appealed strongly to some of the republicans who are liberally inclined. They are saying that they might vote for the repeal of the law, but that they are not going to endorse the democratic platform by voting to amend it by substitution of the ward and the township as a unit.

Ward and Township Unit.

The brewers hope to get the county local option law out of the way by the enactment of the ward and township plan of the democrats. The outlook is that the democrats will put through a bill in the house providing for the ward and township scheme, but that they will meet with much resistance from the republicans in the senate.

However, if all of the democrats in the senate vote for the ward and township unit, it will become a law that way, as there are five or six republicans who have come to the conclusion that there is no political sense in sticking to a lost cause.

There seems to be much doubt among the republicans as to what course they shall pursue regarding the option law. Some of them are insisting that to assist in the repeal of the amendment of it will bring about another disaster. There is a strong and powerful element that declares that unless the law is repealed the republicans will have the same fight two years hence that they made this time.

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