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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1872.

HON. J. P. C. SHANKS will contest the claim of Mr. John E. Neff to a seat in Congress from the Ninth Indiana District.—Express.

Of course he will, and will get the seat. A two-thirds majority is a fine thing to have. From the pinnacle of our independence we shall watch this case and see if this party, which claims to be wearing the mantle of old Republicanism, can be just in victory. By this it is not meant that Shanks may not really be entitled to the seat, but if such does not plainly appear, and he does get it, then shall it be noised abroad among men.

Flit justitia ruit cælum, which means in this case—let Neff have his seat if he deserves it, even though you should have a two-thirds majority in the House.

Legislative Labor.

Just what work the present special session of the Legislature will do, is not known. They have assembled pursuant to the call of the Governor, and his message will map out their work for them. They will embody their collective wisdom on the various subjects, into statutes, in accordance with, or opposed to, the Governor's suggestions, and after rehearsing their campaign oratory, will pass them, draw their salaries, adjourn and depart to their several constituencies. The real Legislative work will not be done before the regular session, and to the body which assembles then, the GAZETTE wishes to make some suggestions.

1st. In Presidential years, the State and National elections should occur on the same day, and that, of course, the 5th of November. It would also be better if the 5th of November should be selected as the day for holding the State elections in years when the Presidential election does not occur, as this day is the best one on which all the States can agree.

2d. There should be a stringent registration law.

3d. The ballots of all parties in each voting precinct, should be printed by or under the direction of some person or persons in the county where such precinct is situated. The result aimed at is exact uniformity in the appearance of the ballots.

4th. Some one of the methods of minority representation should be adopted.

The reasons for each of these reforms in our election machinery are apparent. There is no partisanship involved in them. All parties should feel an equal interest in their passage. The personnel of the present Legislature, it is said, is as good as that of any that has ever been convened. They ought not to avoid these questions if they would, and we feel persuaded that they will not. The GAZETTE will discuss these reforms in detail.

Dobbin Dying.

It would be sad if all the horses should die. It would primarily be bad for the horses, and it would be bad for mules; it would be bad for Mr. Bergh (the cruelty-to-animals man), and lastly it would be bad for people in general. The only person in particular whom we can think of as being at all likely to be benefited by it is Gen. Grant. If horses were annihilated, he couldn't ride "on the beach at Long Branch," and wouldn't want a \$20,000 stable of Seneca stone, with frescoed ceiling, etc., and might, with that objection obliterated, be elected for a third term.

To the rest of us the loss of the horse would bring unalloyed grief. A thousand things which contribute to our happiness would abruptly end. Canal boats would stop running, or gliding or creeping, or whatever it is that canal boats do. The cheerful race would cease being a pleasant feature of our moral agricultural fairs. The street cars would cease whizzing up and down Main street.

The reader will observe that all through this article an intimate relationship is supposed to exist between horses and mules.]

A man would be obliged to hitch up his wife and daughters to the plow, as in olden times, and rely on the same motive power for his wagon and cart.

In very truth a myriad of things for the performance of which we rely upon Dobbin's honest, hearty strength, would have to be left largely undone were he gone. So long have we used him and so faithfully has he served us, and with so slight pretentiousness, that we have become forgetful of our great dependence on him. But it would appear as if we were about to lose him. A terrible disease, (it must be terrible, for the medical profession have commenced slinging Latin names at it, which is a sure indication that they don't understand it) has seized upon our faithful servitor.

Beneath the blows of this fell destroyer, Dobbin has drooped and died, as wither and fall the leaves before the winds of autumn. The principal cities of the East have been visited, and skeletons are on every hand. Slowly but surely he is approaching us. The latest news is that he is stalking through the streets of Chicago and Cincinnati with a fatal injury of an energy unimpaired by his journey Westward.

Our city has not yet been visited, but will certainly not escape. The main question recurs. Is the horse about to take his place among the extinct races? Other species of animals have disappeared from the earth and "left not a track behind." The frequent exhumation of animals not now existent on earth, attest lost races. Species originate, have their day and then disappear.

Has the horse had his day? We trust not. A horseless world would be a bad world at best. But if Dobbin is dying, only one eye must shed tears over his grave; the other must be looking out for his successor. The GAZETTE has some independent suggestions to make on the subject, but for the present leaves its readers to chew the cud of bitter reflection over the thought of dying Dobbin.

From the Indianapolis Sentinel.

THE LEGISLATURE.

Forty-Eighth General Assembly—Special Session.

In pursuance to a proclamation of Governor Baker, the Forty-eighth General Assembly of Indiana met in special session at the State House yesterday. The following is a synopsis of the business transacted:

SENATE.

At 2 o'clock the Senate met and was called to order by Hon. James W. Cole, member of the House from Tippecanoe county, the Assistant Secretary of the last Senate, Mr. Harrison, the principal secretary, being absent. After a call of the roll of the Senators holding over, the Senators elect were called and sworn in by Hon. Judge Downey. The Senate then organized by the election of the following officers:

President—The Hon. Geo. W. Friedly, Senator from Monroe and Howard, who received 25 votes, against 21 cast for the Hon. James D. Wilson, Senator from Knox, the Democratic candidate.

Secretary—D. H. Olive, of Boone county, who received 25 votes, against 21 cast for Samuel W. Holman, of Jackson county, the Democratic candidate.

Assistant Secretary—P. P. Culver, of Tippecanoe, who received 25 votes, against 21 cast for Omer F. Roberts, of Dearborn, the Democratic candidate.

Doorkeeper—Theodore W. Pease, of Marion, who received 25 votes, against 22 cast for James W. Cookery, of Monroe.

A resolution was adopted instructing the Secretary to inform the House of the organization of the Senate, and that it was prepared to proceed to legislative business.

A committee of two were authorized to notify the Governor of the organization.

The rules of the last regular session were amended to provide "thirty-one standing committees of not exceeding seven members. Each shall be appointed by the presiding officer of the Senate at the commencement of the Senate," and were adopted.

A resolution providing for the appointment of a joint committee, to consist of four Senators and seven Representatives, to prepare a bill for the reorganization of the judicial system of the State, was made the special order for 2 o'clock next Wednesday.

A message was received announcing the organization of the House.

By resolution, the President appointed Senators Hubbard, Brown, Williams, Dwiggin and Cave committee to revise the rules of the Senate.

Senators Rhodes, Taylor, Glessner, Orr and Gregg were appointed a committee to confer with the officers elect of the Senate and report the names and number of assistants required for each of said officers.

Adjourned until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

HOUSE.

The members elect of the House of Representatives were called to order by Samuel W. Holmes, of Jackson county, Clerk of the House of Representatives of the last General Assembly. All of the members elect, excepting Mr. Dial, of Warrick, responded to the call of the roll, and were qualified, Hon. Judge Buskirk administering the oath of office. The House then organized by electing officers, as follows:

Speaker—Hon. William K. Edwards, of Vigo, who received 53 votes, against 43 cast for Hon. Henry S. Cauthorn, of Knox, the Democratic candidate.

Clerk—Cyrus T. Klixon, of Clarke, who received 57 votes, against 43 cast for D. E. Johnson, of Wayne, the Democratic candidate.

Assistant Clerk—Moses G. McLain, of Marion, who received 55 votes against 44 cast for George B. Tebbs, of Dearborn, the Democratic candidate.

Doorkeeper—William C. Lockhart, of Hendricks, who received 54 votes against 44 cast for Frank M. Schell, of Clarke, the Democratic candidate.

The clerk was instructed to notify the Senate that the House was duly organized for legislative business.

The Speaker was, by resolution, directed to appoint a committee of five, to whom the clerk and doorkeeper shall report the names and duties required of all assistants by them appointed; no persons are to receive pay as such assistants unless his employment be authorized by said committee. No additional appointments to be made without the consent of the House.

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A resolution was adopted providing for the appointment of special committees of one from each Congressional District, to report the money allowed to each representative, for stamps and stationery and the number of newspapers that shall be furnished each member.

By resolution, the daily meeting of the House was established at 9 o'clock A.M., until otherwise ordered.

Messrs. Outfit, Kimball, Henderson, Anderson and Farnas were appointed a Committee on Rules.

Mr. Shirley submitted a joint resolution (H. R. 1) proposing an amendment

to the Constitution by adding a section in regard to the Wabash & Erie canal. The resolution is identical with one offered in the Senate of the last session. It was read and ordered engrossed, and taken up on second reading. A motion to lay on the table was rejected by ayes, 15; nays, 54. The resolution was then referred to a committee of one from each Congressional District.

By resolution an allowance of five days pay and mileage was allowed the Clerk, Assistant Clerk and Doorkeeper of the last House, for services in the organization of this House.

Adjourned.

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