

NO FURTHER DOUBT ABOUT U. S. SENATE

With Election of Saulsbury in Delaware, Democrats Have a Majority of Two.

Washington, Jan. 29.—With the election of Willard Saulsbury as United States senator from Delaware the Democratic strength in the next senate swung from the precarious figure of 48 or exactly one-half the senate to the total of 49, a majority of two.

Mr. Saulsbury's election, added to the victory recently secured in Tennessee, assures the Democratic party absolute control of the senate after March 4. The vote of Vice President Marshall would have been the deciding factor in any event, but the addition of another Democratic vote to the column gives the party leaders what they believe to be a safe margin for tariff and legislative action.

Contests still exist in the legislatures of New Hampshire, West Virginia and Illinois, with a total of four senators to be elected, about whose political affiliations doubt now exists. A victory in any one of these states would so materially strengthen the Democratic party that the senate would be completely removed from the element of uncertainty.

ATTITUDE OF PROGRESSIVES.
The attitude of the Progressives and the Progressive Republicans upon tariff matters is as yet unknown, but the margin of strength promised to the Democrats makes it unnecessary, it is believed, to count upon any combinations with the Progressives.

Of the entire membership of 96 senators, 63 will hold over beyond March 4. Of these 32 are Republicans and 31 Democrats. The terms of 32 senators expire in March and there is in addition, one vacancy in Illinois. Thus far 17 Democratic senators have been elected and the election of Senator Bacon in Georgia, is certain, making 18 Democrats to take the oath of office March 4.

The opposition forces, including both the Republicans and the Progressives, have elected 11 new senators. The senate after March 4, will stand as follows, if the deadlocks are not broken in Illinois, New Hampshire and West Virginia: Democrats, 49; Republicans and Progressives, 43; vacancies, 4.

Governor Robinson Wins in Arkansas.

Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 29.—Joseph T. Robinson, Democrat, was today elected United States senator to succeed the late Senator Jeff Davis by the Arkansas legislature, in joint session. Governor Robinson's election to the senatorship is for the long term, beginning March 4. His election will necessitate a special election for governor.

Governor Robinson has served several terms in Congress, retiring last fall to make the race for governor, to which he was elected at the general election in November.

Deadlock in New Hampshire.

Concord, N. H., Jan. 29.—Ten Democrats broke away from the party candidate, Henry F. Hollis, and voted for Robert P. Bass, Progressive, when today's ballot for United States senator was taken in the legislature.

Hollis' total fell to 167; Edward N. Pearson, Republican, received 757 votes and Bass 31.

Twenty-nine votes were scattered. The deadlock continues.

Democrat Elected in Kansas.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 29.—William H. Thompson, a Democrat, was elected United States senator to succeed Charles Curtis, Republican, by the Kansas legislature in joint session today.

Fall Succeeds Himself in New Mexico.

Santa Fe, N. M., Jan. 29.—The state legislature today ratified the election of Senator A. B. Fall, Democrat, and only three negative votes were recorded.

Delaware Sends Willard Saulsbury.

Dover, Del., Jan. 29.—Willard Saulsbury, Democrat, was today elected United States senator from Delaware, to succeed Senator Harry Richardson, Republican.

LANCASTER GOES AHEAD.

Record For Progress Broken in Year Just Gone.

Lancaster Special to The State, Jan. 28: Lancaster county, according to statistics in the case and to the observation of the farmers and people generally, has made greater progress during the past year in agricultural achievement and advancement than at any time in her history.

The farmers of the county have made good applications during the year of their knowledge gleaned from a close study and practice of scientific methods of farming as taught by the United States department of agriculture. By scientifically and intensively cultivating the soil there has been, except in very rare instances, a noticeable and very remarkable increase in the productivity of the lands, and this has caused, especially in some sections, the almost incredible advance in real estate values. There is, for instance, a large place of 700 or 800 acres three and one-half miles northwest of here originally purchased for \$100 per acre which a few months ago was sold at \$35 per acre. Lands in the Antioch section of the county, which two years ago sold for only \$6 per acre, are now bringing \$25 and \$30 per acre. This advance in land values has been general in the county and the fact that this has been so not by reason of immigration or any undue excess of population which would naturally create a demand for real estate, but almost altogether on account of the increased productiveness of the soil, is an advantageous condition in the county certainly not to be overlooked by the prospective farmer in search of good plantations. Not only have Lancaster farmers run their farms in a more systematic and scientific manner than formerly, but they have practiced diversification to a much larger extent than usual and are now reaping the benefits and profits to be had in a scientifically cultivated and properly managed diversified farm. More and better corn than ever was made here this year and many contestants for corn growers' prizes will have Lancaster corn on exhibition at the corn show in Columbia. Modern, up-to-date and scientific methods of farming, with the latest improved machinery and farm implements, by men who make this their life work and ambition, are working a veritable agricultural revolution in this section of South Carolina, and the farmers are just beginning to realize the splendid possibilities of an intensively and scientifically cultivated soil. A few days ago this correspondent heard a prominent real estate broker of this place say that Lancaster county lands for the price paid were the best and most desirable to be found anywhere between Charleston and Columbia.

JAPANESE WOMAN AT 130.

Leaves Her Home on a Sight-Seeing Tour of Her Country.
The vernacular papers are making considerable fame for a woman named Nami Shimooka, said to be 130 years old, who comes from Yamaguchi prefecture and is marvelously robust in health.

According to her statement, she has no relatives at home and, being desirous of sight-seeing, she left her home October 14 and set out on foot for Osaka and Kyoto without money. On the way, however, she met several sympathizers who furnished traveling expenses which enabled her to make a pleasant tour of Osaka and adjoining towns.

She subsequently visited the Momoyama Mausoleum, since she cherishes a special gratitude toward the throne, which has conferred gifts upon her several times on account of her advanced age. Her present expedition to Tokio was prompted by her desire of seeing the imperial castle and if possible the Emperor, to whom she wished to express her condolences in person.

The old lady is described as an excellent conversationalist and witty, one who bears no impression of her great age. Several houses have been placed at her disposal by curious sympathizers, and with other notables she is going to honor with a visit there is Count Okama, with whom she is expected to exchange views on the subject of longevity.

Acknowledgement.

On January 10th quite a number of the members and friends assembled at Unity parsonage and spent the day. The men brought their axes and spent the time in an old-fashioned wood chopping, laying in enough wood prepared for fireplace and cooking store for a whole year. They also brought in supplies of flour, meat, sugar, coffee, salt, etc., and also replenished the barn with feed for horse and cow. A bountiful dinner was spread consisting of the good things of life. Needless to say the day was one of pleasure. Before their departure a short talk was made by the pastor, expressing his gratitude for this thoughtful remembrance, and prayer was offered. This has come to be an annual affair at Unity in addition to paying the salary in full each quarter. The people also pay in full their assessments to home and foreign missions and make a free will offering besides.

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"BEAUTY BEACH" BACK FOR TRIAL

Few at Station to Witness Return of Millionaire Who is to Face Charge of Cutting His Wife's Throat.

Aiken Special, Jan. 29, to Charleston News and Courier: Frederick O. Beach and his wife, Mrs. Camilla Moss Havemeyer Beach, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. J. B. Taylor, all of New York; also Thomas F. Fuller of the New York law firm of Nichols, Anable, Lindsey & Fuller, and Congressman James F. Byrnes, a former Charlestonian, but now representative from the second South Carolina district and member of the Pujos committee, arrived in the city today at noon, on the Southern's Southwestern Limited, the Beaches coming in, it is stated, from Hot Springs, Va., where they are known to have been for the past week or two enjoying the baths, with Mr. and Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt and others.

The Beaches and their immediate party were hurriedly driven to the Hotel Willcox, where it is stated they will stop during the trial of Mr. Beach upon a charge of assault and battery with intent to kill, which will be held next week, the case being set for Tuesday, February 4.

ARRIVAL UNHERALDED.

Apparently their arrival had been carefully planned and was to have been without ostentation—it was for they were met at the station by a quiet, unimposing trap and speedily driven to the Willcox. Otherwise their advent into Aiken would have been heralded by a throng of curious folk, whereas, even now, the presence in the city of the principals in the affair that created a country-wide sensation is not generally known to the public, as their arrival in Aiken was supposed to have been something of a secret, it is stated. Nevertheless, it leaked through some channel, and, drawn by that peculiar force that seems to control the walk of the journalist, reporters were at the station as Mr. and Mrs. Beach again placed foot upon the soil of this famous little winter resort, and they laughed inwardly as a prying, blue-coated officer of the law innocently, inquisitively, though blandly, inquired the identity of "them tourists over there."

MRS. BEACH HEAVILY VEILED.

Mrs. Beach was plainly, though elegantly, costumed as she stepped from the train. She was, however, heavily veiled and a high collar concealed quite effectually the ugly scar of the cruel gash which she received here last winter when she was assailed by some one, cut in the throat and felled to the earth with a heavy picket snatched hurriedly from the fence surrounding the winter residence.

Her husband, "Beauty" Beach, jaunty, smiling and debonaire as of old when he sauntered, a prominent and dashing figure, through the brilliant ball rooms and the select clubs of gay Gotham, was very attentive to her and held her in his lap as they and Mr. Fuller mounted the two-seated trap and drove away.

CHARGE AGAINST BEACH.

This Gothamite and millionaire must stand trial, technically, for assault and battery with intent to kill; literally, for the alleged cutting of his wife's throat on the occasion previously alluded to, the warrant having been issued against him through Special Agent M. S. Baughn, an Atlanta detective, after an investigation of more than a month's duration. And positively and definitely, the case has been set for next Tuesday morning, the sec-

ond day after the February term of general sessions court for this county convenes, for witnesses in the case have been subpoenaed for that date.

Contrary to previous expectations, the so-called "material, known-but-few" witness, who, it is said, was concealed behind a piece of furniture upon one occasion when Mr. and Mrs. Beach were being examined by the detective, also has been summoned to appear and testify at the trial.

COWBOY DIDN'T HURRY.

Arizona's Electoral Vote Carrier Knew Nothing About the Law, and Took His Time.

Washington, Jan. 28.—Wilfred T. Webb, Arizona's electoral vote messenger for whom Senator Ashhurst and Smith have been searching by telegraph for two days, delivered the official vote of the state to the Vice President's office here today.

Although a day late, the excuse Webb offered for his tardiness was considered sufficient to entitle him to the mileage of \$642.75 and to entitle the state to the counting of its vote in the electoral college.

Mr. Webb said he reached New York early today. At breakfast he picked up a newspaper and read with surprise that the senate was searching the country for him. He immediately telegraphed to Senator Ashhurst and took the next train for Washington.

"I didn't know anything about the law," said Webb, who is a sunburned rancher and cattle man, "so I got a lawyer friend to draw me up a set of instructions. He told me I had to deliver the vote to Washington February 1 and so I have been taking my time to get here. It spoiled my appetite for breakfast though, when I saw how badly I was wanted this morning."

Mr. Webb was escorted by a body of newspaper men when he went to draw his money, but no objection was raised at the disbursing office and he heaved a sigh of relief. All electoral votes are now in the hands of the senate ready to be canvassed at the joint session of the house and senate February 10.

Economic.

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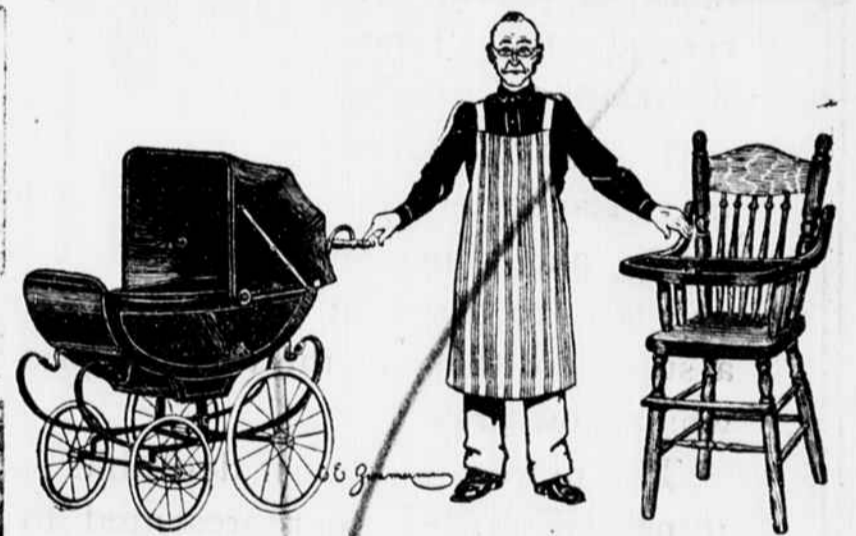
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