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Washington, Dec. 13.—Two men of ample means, scholarly attainments and national reputation have become members of the highest legislative body in the land, Philander C. Knox, of Pennsylvania, after an exceptionally successful career as attorney general and Winthrop Murray Crane, of Massachusetts, after a notable career as governor of his state, were sworn in as members of the United States senate immediately after that body met.

Today both men, whose abilities and means have always in the past procured for them the good things of life, are sadly contemplating the text "Whoever exalteth himself shall be abased." The process of initiation began yesterday when both senators were assigned to seats in the extreme rear of the "Cherokee Strip," the name given to that small section on the democratic side of the senate occupied by republicans. Today the process proceeded with expedition. The close of the day's session found the two eminent statesmen ruefully contemplating the 6 by 9 committee rooms, three stories below the level of the senate floor, which had just been assigned to them. The lowest tier of offices in the capital is technically known as "The Terrace," and popularly called the "sub-cellar." There the interested visitor from Pennsylvania or Massachusetts will find the favorite son of his state from now until the new senate office building is completed, unless vacancies in the senate may sooner release more desirable rooms.

"New wine is always stored there to age," was the only explanation vouchsafed by one of the new senators, who suggested that the location was "not exactly healthful."

Early next week the process of humbling new men will be completed by the committee. After it has done its work senators Knox and Crane will find themselves assigned to seats at the foot of the tables in a few of the less important committees and chairmen of committees of which few outside of the capitol ever heard.

In explanation of all this it should be said that the rule of seniority is ironclad in the senate, and each Senator must take place at the foot of the ladder, both as to committee memberships and the room assigned to him. Having begun at the bottom, some men climb faster than others. That all depends on the men themselves, and no one will hesitate to predict that Senators Knox and Crane will advance with exceptional speed. But for the present they must take their places in the primer class and learn the rudiments of being a senator.

Shoots a Broadside.
Mount Holly, N. J., Dec. 13.—"White caps" paid a visit last night to Jacob Worth, a butcher, who lives at Pemberton Heights, seven miles from this place. Worth either had received a hint of the intended coming of the party or heard them approach his house, as when they reached the door of his home he was fully prepared to give them a warm reception. Worth threw up his window on the upper floor and discharged a gun. His aim may have been poor, or he may have purposely fired over the heads of his visitors, but at any rate no one was hit. The crowd promptly scattered in all directions when the gun was fired, and Worth was not molested again in the night.

Worth says he will prosecute all connected with the affair if their names can be learned. An official investigation will be made. The object of the "white caps" is not known. Worth has a wife and two daughters, and is said by neighbors to be a good husband and father.

Mine Disaster.
Salt Lake, Dec. 13.—Two men have been killed and three injured as the result of a cave-in at the Highland Boy mine near Bingham, a mining camp about 20 miles from this place. The men were working in a drift when a large section of the roof fell and buried them. Mat Lourie and Louise Kotto were buried under several hundred tons of rock and it was several hours before their bodies could be taken out.

Literary Note.
Especially valuable to Nebraskans and those who live within the limits of the Louisiana purchase, and indispensable in their public schools, is the History of the Expedition under the command of Captains Lewis and Clark

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