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THE NOISE OF BATTLE

Mutterings of the Coming Session Heard at the Capital.
WILL ECONOMY BE THE WATCHWORD
Forecast of the Organization-Facts About the Senatorial Fight-Salaries for State Officers.

SALEM, Jan. 8.—Salem is unusually quiet for a time only five days away from a legislative session. The usual inroad of new members looking up stopping places, making the acquaintance of the statehouse, and canvassing among themselves over their pet measures, is noticeably lacking. Nobody seems to have a bill ready, and there are many more members in Portland than here. The dwellers in the capital are not, however, at all perturbed by this apparently barren outlook. To them it is only the calm before an unusually vehement storm of boarders and loggers, generous-minded lobbyists, social functions without number, and dearest of all, the less sensational but more substantial sections of appropriation bills which carry their perpetual benediction during the two years of interregnum.

But talk of this kind is always in the air, and its promoters are likely to be disappointed ones. The business interests of the state are not those which do the most talking, and it is well known that they have had a good deal to do with the election of the legislature. It can be stated, authentically, that the republican leaders recognize the force of the situation which is, that the party's burden of responsibility and its opportunity alike lie along the line of reduction of the public expenses. The pruning-knife will be sharpened up for every department of the state administration. Yet, at no point will this programme escape opposition of an active and organized kind. No office will be abolished without having to overcome a strong lobby which will likely see its retention will be a thankless and an arduous one; yet its necessity is none the less apparent, and the party advantage of its successful achievement is as promising as failure would be grievous with discredit and disaster. The republican party in Oregon may now commend itself to the business interests of the state by lightening their burdens, or it may fail to do this and incur the odium of the taxpayers. This will have to be made clear to the rank and file of the party, and it seems certain that the leaders are strong enough to force its recognition and bring about the desired result.

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A joint caucus for the United States senate nomination seems to be on the cards. The impression that Fultons friends would resist it is now freely credited. It is clear that the opposition to Dolph is Fultons. Everybody knows that Judge Lord's name has never been mentioned in connection with the office in sincerity, never mentioned except for mischief-making. Everybody knows that Tongue has an understanding with Fultons. Of course, this means that the opposition to Dolph will concentrate on Fultons. All talk about a compromise candidate is misleading. There is no compromise to be made. Any one who will not vote for Dolph can go to Fultons. No one intends to Dolph, but for secretary more than Fultons. When a man says: "It may be this or that, or the other man, but it will not be Dolph," he simply means Fultons. The opposition to Dolph is not an aimless, impetuous, or something sprung from nothing. It is active, personal, organized, aggressive. That is, it is Fultons. Fultons' friends claim 41 votes in the caucus. It is necessary to choose. The friends of Senator Dolph do not concede more than 20 votes. The senatorial caucus will get together about Thursday night.

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SIBLEY CREATES EXCITEMENT
Senator Palmer Defends the President's Course in the Hawaiian Matter on Lodge's Resolution.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—General debate on the currency and banking bill, according to the common understanding, was completed with the adjournment of the house this afternoon, and the last day was marked with a most sensational speech. Mr. Sibley, a democrat of Pennsylvania, opened the session's debate with an alliteration in the character of his description of the chief executive anything that has been heard on the floor.

The first business was a resolution from the committee on rule authorizing the appropriations committee to insert a clause in the sundry civil appropriation bill authorizing the transfer of the military prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., from the jurisdiction of the war department to the department of justice. Opposition was made by Broderick, rep. of Kansas, who asserted the question had been referred to the committee on the part of the house was entitled to a report on the proposed change, for which he saw no reason. The plan was explained by Curtis, rep. of New York, who contended the bill was not a military bill, and the house was subjected to evil associations. The resolution, after some debate, was adopted—156 to 125. Debate on the currency bill being resumed, Helzsover, of Pennsylvania, introduced an amendment. It proposes a section to enable the secretary of the treasury to fund the treasury notes, which may remain in circulation after August 1, 1915, which were issued under the act of February 25, 1903; July 11, 1902; March 3, 1892, and July 14, 1890, by issuing bonds to an amount not exceeding \$500,000,000, to be redeemable at the pleasure of the United States after five years from the date of issue, payable semi-annually in gold. The bonds are to be of such denominations as the secretary may determine, not less than \$5, and not more than \$100, and to be sold for gold or for treasury notes.

NOT THE BEST OF FEELING

Judge Edgerton and Judge Dundy Exchange Some Sharp Letters.
LITTLE ROCK, Jan. 8.—Some sharp correspondence has passed between Judge Edgerton, who recently came to Little Rock from Sioux City to preside over the federal district court during the absence of Judge Williams, and Judge Dundy, of Omaha, who was assigned to preside over the court. That the correspondence has been made public was not known to Edgerton until his arrival here this morning. "I suppose it must be a judicial order, judgment or decree. Otherwise you might think some intention of annoying you. But on honor I must say that had you not signed it as Judge I should feel like treating it the same as I do such productions emanating from other cranks; and after looking over the decree carefully, I have concluded that you are suffering more from mental infirmity than you are from physical disability. Because of this conclusion, it may be that I ought not to write you at all until I have some evidence of the fact that you have a lucid interval." Judge Edgerton appeared to be somewhat worried after reading what had been published. "I don't intend to make a statement, for the same reason as Judge Caldwell, when Judge Dundy attacked him nearly two years ago, that it was unbecoming a judge to defend himself against a judicial order, judgment or decree. I will send the newspaper containing the correspondence to Judge Caldwell."

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PALMER IS SARCASTIC

He Thinks Lodge's Hawaiian Resolution is Impertinent.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The speech of Senator Palmer in opposition to the Lodge resolution as to the withdrawal of American vessels of war from the Hawaiian Islands was the only matter of much interest in the senate today. The Illinois senator has the faculty of expressing his ideas in terse and vigorous language, and his speech today bristled with sharp and pointed rebukes. "With all respect," he asserted that the president was maintaining the most rigorous policy of non-intervention in the affairs of the Hawaiian Islands. As to the existing government in those islands, he said it was infinite impudence to characterize it as a republic. It was an aristocracy based on wealth. Just as Senator Aldrich had got the floor to criticize the president's recent utterance on the subject of the canal, the resolution lost its place of precedence, and was again remitted to the calendar. A resolution was agreed to calling on the president for reports and documents relating to the enforcement of the sealing regulations and to the claims of the British government on account of seizures of sealing vessels in Behring sea. The conference report on the military academy appropriation bill was agreed to. The remainder of the day session was devoted to the delivery of eulogies on the late Senator Alfred H. Colquitt, of Georgia. The senate adjourned at 5:40 P. M.

THE CANAL BILL

The Prolonged Debate Forces Other Business to Wait.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—There is going to be some impatience in the senate on the part of the champions of other bills over the prolonged debate on the Nicaragua canal bill. The advocates of the bankruptcy bill are growing especially solicitous. It is rumored today that Senator George, who has the bankruptcy bill in his keeping, would like to have it taken up, even if in doing so he would have to ask that the Nicaragua bill be unplaced. Mr. George pronounced this rumor as without foundation, but admitted that he was disappointed that the debate on the canal bill had continued for such a length of time. He said it had been understood, when the order of consideration had been agreed on, that debate on the canal bill would not continue to exceed six days. Senator Morgan said, at the close of the session, that he did not think there would be a great many more speeches, and he believed two more days would bring the debate to a close. If it could continue without interruption, Mr. George expects to encounter considerable opposition to the bankruptcy bill. It is understood that the advocates of the Terry bill will oppose the pending bill. The fight will be in a general way between the advocates of voluntary bankruptcy and those of involuntary bankruptcy.

To Protect Postal Employees.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Senator Lodge introduced a bill today making it unlawful to remove, or to require the resignation of, any letter-carrier, postoffice clerk or railroad postal clerk, except when created for crime, until written charges are preferred and have been acted on by the postoffice department.

Glad to See the Car.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Ex-Speaker Reed appeared in the house today for the first time since the holiday recess, and said that it is his hope that he would be able to get to his home in New York on his way to his post office. Reed remained in his seat while receiving and replying to the felicitations of his friends.

The Great General Talks.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—General Corcy appeared before the house subcommittee on ways and means today in support of his good roads and non-interest-bearing bonds bill. He made a rambling harangue.