

NATIONAL POLITICS.

Action by Several Legislative Bodies, Electoral Votes, etc.

DEADLOCK IN OLYMPIA HOUSE.

The Kansas Populists Breaking Faith With the Democracy.

STRAIGHT OUT DEMOCRATIC DEAL.

Offer to Make Montana Strengthen the Senate if Cleveland Will Yield a Point—Other News.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 9.—Washington's legislature convened at noon today and the senate confirmed the nominees of the caucus. Lieutenant-Governor Loughton presided in the senate and Judge Stiles administered the oath of office to the members of the senate. Tueston was elected president pro tem., and Allen Weir secretary. He will resign his present office of secretary of state. The secretary of state returned the vetoed Pinkerton bill of last session, which was made a special order for Monday at 2 o'clock.

Chief Clerk Nicklin called the house to order, and Morrison of King was elected temporary speaker. Balloting for permanent speaker is still going on, 27 for Hoole, 23 for Mentzer, 18 for Judson, the balance scattering. The outcome of the deadlock is expected to be the election of Mentzer by the democrats and populists' votes.

The Populists Break Faith.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 9.—The populist leaders, at a secret caucus last night, decided in the contest for senator to support the middle of the road third-party man. Democrats are very much put out over this action, and it is understood that five members of the legislature will stand firm, having the balance of power for a compromise candidate. The populists intend to organize the house whether the republicans have a majority or not. The plan is, if the republicans show a clear majority to withdraw and organize a new house, which Governor-elect Llewellyn and the senate will recognize. Various legal decisions in support of this action are cited by populist leaders. These show they claim that each house is a law unto itself. Gov. Llewellyn and other state officers, all populists, were duly installed in office. Llewellyn's inaugural had special interest, from the fact he is the first of his party to hold that office.

A Black Plague.

HARRISBURG, Ky., Jan. 9.—On the farms of Meers, E. P. McFratridge and Thomas Alexander, two miles from town, are tens of thousands of crows. There are so many together that they are starving. They have killed a large hog and ravenously devoured the flesh. Sheep are now dropping their lambs, and not only lose their offspring as food for the crows, but the old ewes that are not strong enough to defend themselves are also devoured. Not a lamb in this locality will be saved unless this immense collection of crows can be got rid of.

A Democratic Deal.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—C. R. Tingle, one of the leading democrats of Montana, came to New York a few days ago to see Cleveland about the Montana senatorship. "The Montana senate," he said, "stands seven republicans and nine democrats; three populists in the house seem to hold the balance of power. The populists have agreed to support the democrat providing his views on the silver question are in accord with theirs. As a result of this deal a democrat is almost certain to be elected."

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 9.—The populists in the legislature have received instructions from the leaders of their party, presumably from Washington, not to vote for a democrat for United States senator under any circumstances. It is said the populists of California and Wyoming have received similar instructions.

Persecution or Prosecution.

CHEYENNE, Jan. 9.—The people of Johnson county are seriously discussing the question of dropping the persecution of the cattlemen. A prosecution to the end will bankrupt the county. Besides the people say they have been whipped in the fight, imprisoned, defeated politically and lost their time and money; besides a conviction is doubtful.

How Ohio Voted.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 9.—Members of the electoral college met this morning and cast 22 votes for Benjamin Harrison, and one by J. P. Stewart, of Mansfield, for Grover Cleveland. Stewart is the first democratic presidential elector in Ohio in 49 years.

Will Accept the Place.

NASHVILLE, Jan. 9.—H. Clay Evans, in a private letter, says he has decided to accept the position of first assistant postmaster-general.

IN THE SUPREME COURT.

Injunction Aborted Against Secretary Noble for the First Time.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—In the case of the Union river logging railway company of Oregon, for a bill of injunction against Secretary Noble, of the interior department, the United States Supreme court today affirmed the judgment of the district supreme court granting the injunction.

The injunction was applied for by F. D. McKenney, counsel for the company, to restrain Secretary Noble from revoking the approval of his predecessors to the map location of the company. Secretary Noble's action was based on the ground that the company is not a general transportation company as contemplated by congress when it made the land grant to the corporation, but is in fact a private logging concern.

Counsel claimed that by the original approval map it acquired vested rights, which could be taken away only by judicial proceedings. It was maintained, therefore, that no discretionary right lodged in the secretary. The courts uphold this view. It is said this is the first time in which the court has affirmed the grant of an injunction against a cabinet officer. It has heretofore accomplished much the same thing, by way of mandamus, but in the cases heretofore the court has avoided the grant of an injunction, though never stating it would not under any circumstances do so.

Combination in New York.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 9.—New York's 36 presidential electors met and organized, and after endorsing Edward Murphy for United States senator, cast their vote for Cleveland and Stevenson.

Creed Haymond Dying.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 9.—Creed Haymond, the well-known lawyer, is very low this morning. He is no longer able to take nourishment of any kind, and during the night the end was expected at any moment. At noon today his condition is about the same, though his remarkable vitality may prolong his life many hours.

The House Organized.

SALEM, Jan. 9.—Representative Keady of Multnomah, was chosen speaker of the house. Officers were elected as follows: For chief clerk, D. C. Sherman, of Marion; assistant clerk, William H. Turner, of Yamhill; reading clerk, G. O. Holman, of Multnomah; for sergeant-at-arms, J. E. Blundell, of Douglas; for door-keeper, John S. Vincent, of Umatilla. A resolution that the speaker appoint two pages and one malling clerk was adopted.

Contesting Gould's Will.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Ex-Judge Dillon and Allan Goodwin appeared in the surrogate court this morning to oppose the claims filed by Lawyers Mabes and Morgan, appointed respectively guardians of the infant children of George Gould and Jay Gould. Both Mabes and Morgan put in claims for \$30,000 for services. Ex-Judge Dillon said the claims were excessive, and \$4,300 would be sufficient to compensate and \$5,000 would be an overflowing allowance. Mabes claimed his services were worth fully the amount claimed. He believed it would have been better if the will had been rejected, but he had decided not to make any contest. Surrogate Ranson said he believed possibly it would have been better if the will had been rejected. He thought Morgan's services were worth more than Mabes', but he said both claims were excessive. He would take the question of the claims under consideration.

Long Case of Suspended Animation.

There is no apparent change in the case of Clay G. Hopper, the young man who was supposed to have died nine days ago in Toledo, Ohio. The body has the appearance of one lying asleep. It is limp and retains its natural color. The only change is in the pinkish spots about the body, which are constantly changing to a light blue and growing deeper. The temperature of the body remains at seventy-two degrees, and although it has laid in a warm house for nine days there are no signs of decomposition. The case has attracted the attention of the local medical profession, but the distracted parents will not permit investigation of the body. It is, if the belief of the parents be true, one of the longest cases of suspended animation on record. The eyes remain bright as in life, and while the heart is not beating the blood vessels are plainly visible. Death, if it is death, was caused by dropsy of the heart.

Hobbed and Kidnapped.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 9.—Henry L. Gregory, of Jordan river, Miss., who came here November 24th, and has been missing ever since, has turned up. He alleges he was robbed, then kidnaped by Sicilian brigands and held ever since.

A Salem Dispatch Says the Success of Fulton in the Senate is a Great Point in Favor of Geer for Speaker of the House.

The acoustics of the house have not been improved by the \$10,000 worth of remodeling, and Geer has a good voice for such a room, in fact, he makes a most efficient speaker. There is an army of candidates for clerkships amounting almost to a pestilence. J. J. Daily proposed a bill in the 3d house to have these uniformed, along with candidates for railway commissioner, and thus do away with the O. N. G.

A BIG POLITICAL TAX.

New Method of Raising Money For Municipalities.

THE KANSAS CITY STYLE OF LEVY.

To Test The Matter of Privilege in Staying Away From The Polls.

A FUND FOR SANITARY PURPOSES.

Must Vote or Pay Handsomely For Absenting Themselves When Free-Don Shrieks.

Special to THE CHRONICLE.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 10.—The first case to test a law of this city was decided in favor of the corporation yesterday, and all Kansas city voters who remained away from the polls in 1890, and at the late election, must pay into the treasury \$250 each. The city charter provides that voters who do not vote at the general city election every two years shall be charged with a political tax of \$250 each. The registration books of the city show that there were several thousand voters that did not exercise their right of franchise last spring. At \$250 each these men owe the city a large amount, and as that sum, or any part of it, would come very handy just now, the city councillor has taken steps to collecting it. The money so collected goes into the sanitary fund, but it benefits the city department, as money that would otherwise be taken from the revenue fund for other purposes is appropriated for sanitary purposes. Half of the best known business men and manufacturers, professional men and capitalists, those who have large property interests, will find their names on the list of delinquents. The men who are most directly interested in a financial way in the government of the city are the men who seem to take no part in politics and neglect to vote. The fact that a man was out of town or too busy does not excuse him, as the charter makes no provision for excusing anyone. The result of this suit has been watched with interest as it is likely to settle an interesting question, there being some doubt in the minds of good attorneys as to whether the charter provision is valid and taxes can be collected under it. An appeal will be taken of course, but the city councillor is confident of ultimate success in the matter.

A PETITION THAT CARRIED.

Appointment of Mell Leavins Section Boss of Second District No. 1.

The Hon. County Court of Wasco county could not resist the following appeal. Addressed to them by a long list of citizens, and has appointed Mr. Mell Leavins section boss of No 1 as desired. The petition which was very artistically arranged, reads as follows:

To the Hon. County Court: Gentlemen:

"We, the undersigned, your most humble and respected citizens of United States and of the county of Wasco, on the western slope; citizens who desire to see the best interest and welfare of this great county carried out; citizens who take the interest of the county at heart, and who love to see all common thoroughfares, wagon roads and public drives kept up, and citizens who abhor the recent eight-hour labor law system, and are willing to work from early dawn to the time old Sol disappears in the western horizon: "We wish to say we would like very much to have a wagon road here. We do not care to have the Tygh hill road moved down. No, we will not ask it, but would like to have the present one here exhumed. Taking all these things into consideration, we would ask your Hon. Body that you appoint Mell Leavins, section boss of this road district No. 1. The said Mell Leavins, is about the only person who would be courageous enough to tackle the situation, this your petitioners ever pray."

Following this was a list of the citizens, under a bold caption: "Our Names."

Frequently small gold nuggets are found in the gizzard of domestic fowl in Oregon, but never until last week has the mine been successfully traced from such prospects. A few days since R. C. Houghman, who lives near Mount Angel, in Marion county, killed a turkey and found in its craw a piece of pure gold worth at least a dollar. In the craw of two geese he obtained several other pieces of the precious metal. In looking around over the place he found a number of diminutive nuggets which were worth about \$10. Since then a good deal of prospecting has been going on, but no startling developments have been reported.

Capt. Olsen and his Astoria schooner Louis, are in the hands of the federal authorities, charged with smuggling Chinese and opium into California and Mexico. Something sensational is expected when the evidence is given before the U. S. Commissioner in San Francisco.

FORT KLAMATH PEN.

A Local Nobby Wants One of the Millers For Indian Agent.

From the Klamath Star.] It has been some time since this great pasture has been heard from, but the stock looks fine and most of them are on the range, the late rains having cleared away about all the snow. The question who will be the next agent of the Indian reservation is loud now, and I answer W. P. Miller, by Gosh! A petition is being circulated for W. P. Miller, and he'd make a fine agent. His several sections of land, which the wise man has scooped in without the fear of the Lord in his bosom, "jines" the reservation and all he would have to do is to step across the line and exert the power with which he hopes the United States will entrust him.

The people up here would rather Mr. Cleveland would appoint Mr. Miller Minister to Turkey, which is a fatter and far-away office, but good men can't get everything. Sometimes a good man is stuck up on an Indian agency as a shining example of the virtue of the appointing power and that's what we want Mr. Miller raised to the proud height of agent for. Mr. Miller has a whole valley full of steers and cows, horses, calves and mules, and as his little three or four sections of land are not roomy enough for them all, he could remove his fence farther east and blend his interests with those of the Indian stock owners. I trust that when Cleveland is taking his seat on the 4th of next March he will not sit on Mr. Miller. I trust that he will seat himself with a solemn conviction of the importance of sticking good men up as shining examples of his virtue in the matter of appointments. I want to see Mr. Miller fatter, and his old cows and steers grazing all over the Indian reservation. So sign the petition all ye who love virtue and fat beef.

Our Feet Obsolete.

Wallows Chieftain. Eastern Oregon, justly termed the Inland Empire, has a kick, and a justifiable one. Recently the governmental station at Corvallis issued a bulletin devoted to the soils of Oregon. The bulletin had been prepared by Prof. G. W. Shaw, professor of chemistry, and in the bulletin he said the main growth of Eastern Oregon was sage brush and bunchgrass. This bulletin was sent broadcast, and now, the state board of horticulture embodies every word of Prof. Shaw's bulletin in their reports. It is likely that 50,000 copies of each report will be printed for distribution throughout the state and at the world's fair. The press of Eastern Oregon is mad, but not without reason, and is after Chemist Shaw with a howitzer.

The Light of Life Departing.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Dr. Johnson, after remaining in Blaine's house all night, left shortly after 6 o'clock this morning. One of the closest friends of Blaine, who was admitted to the sick chamber last night, said today: "The light of life in Blaine is going out. I do not think he will survive the next 24 hours. His present condition is a struggle between life and death, which is likely to terminate at any time. He is apparently oblivious of his surroundings, but frequently rouses from a comatose state, and, though too weak to manifest interest in the family, yet gives evidence of consciousness."

The Lease Was Illegal.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 9.—The district court of Wyandotte county, Kan., today decided the lease of the famous Cherokee Strip Land & Live Stock Association against J. V. Andrews and others, to collect \$50,000 for the use of grazing lands in the strip leased from the association. The entire strip comprises 6,000,000 acres. The court held that the original lease by the association from the Indians is illegal, and therefore the sublease is likewise illegal.

Congressman Herman is at work with a will. He presented to congress yesterday a protest of the Columbia harbor at Astoria against admitting alien vessels without complying with existing laws. He also secured an order from the postmaster-general establishing an increased mail service between Roseburg and Empire city, to go into effect on the first of February.

We were much interested a few days since in a conversation with Dr. Brigham, of Dufur, on his experiences at farming. One year he concluded to drive his grain to market in the shape of fat hogs. He kept accurate accounts, and the net results were highly profitable. The lack of supplies has compelled 500 men to quit work in one place devoted to packing meats since December 1st. The granaries are full of grain waiting for an advance in prices.

Portland had quite a jail delivery from her old trap of a jail. Six of the worst characters and desperate fellows uncaged, sawed out with an old case knife last night. One of them is the convict Wilson, and another one Shields, who were held for highway robbery in the streets of Portland. It is a shame that city jails cannot be better than mere pretenses. Make them secure and proof against exit other than by the doors.

King Faro has banished the plebeian Keno from Spokane. The twin are always at war, and Keno invariably gets the worst of it.

WALL STREET FLURRY

Many Causes Precipitated the Recent Decline in Stocks.

GOLD EXPORTS DEEPENS THE GULF

Discriminations Against Industrial Certificates as Collateral.

THE UNCERTAIN TARIFF POLICY.

The Whisky Trust was the Match Applied to the Powder Magazine—Other News.

Special to THE CHRONICLE.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—Discussing the recent flurry on Wall street, a broker with very keen insight into the full knowledge of the conditions and causes, says many rather than one cause precipitated the decline in the price of stocks which is the true barometer of all trade. The engagement of nearly \$6,000,000 of gold for export following upon previous heavy shipments operated to cast a shadow of apprehension. The possibility of continued exports of the basis of our currency deepened an already uneasy feeling. Added to this was the failure of the silver conference for the present and the discouraging outlook for the future. These two conditions suggested, if they did not actually foreshadow, a contraction of the volume of currency.

There was a discrimination of money leaders against industrial certificates as collateral. This was perhaps due to the uncertain tariff policy of the incoming democratic administration. This tendency was without doubt increased by the fact that monetary conditions forced a discrimination against some securities of impaired value, panic was in the air. The immediate precipitating cause, the match applied to the powder, is not conclusively shown by anything that has developed. But indications seem to point to the whisky trust stock, which fell with the first break in the insecure and already tottering market.

A great effort had been made to boom whisky-trust stock. It had been forced from forty-five to seventy-two. The entire distillery product of the country had been bought up and cornered. A belief that the tariff would be reduced and the revenue would be recouped by an increase of the tax on whisky was fanned into a rosy confidence. The rise of the trust stock made fortunes for those managing the deal. To hold on meant to await legitimate returns upon the actual investments in whisky. To sell meant to secure at once what in the end might not be secured. It is fortunate for the legitimate holders of stocks that these prices in Wall street do not signify much of anything concerning the real values. Railroad stocks, and, indeed, all legitimate stocks, will not be impaired in their earning capacity.

The flurry is a disagreement between the overhopeful borrower and the always apprehensive lender of money. In due course of time these disturbed conditions will readjust themselves generally approximately as they were before. Some stocks may have got an airing that will lower their price materially. Many other stocks will settle back to their former figures or thereabouts. Some gentlemen who were on top will be humbled, and those who were humble will be exalted. The ups and downs of Wall street fortunately do not carry the rest of mankind with them.

Another Whack at it.

Review. It is given out from Washington that Mr. Cleveland will not call an extra session of the legislature unless there should be a deficit in the treasury after the democracy has come into power. In view of the fact that the democracy has been giving the country a great song and dance as to their purpose to bring about speedy retrenchment, this is an amazing confession. One hearkening to their claims the past two years, would naturally think that even if they should find a slight deficit the reforms which they intend to put in motion would soon convert it into a surplus. No we are told that an extra session of congress will be required. That is, the way to retrench is to give the billion dollar house another whack at the treasury.

Burned With Melted Lead.

WALLA WALLA, Jan. 9.—This afternoon David Roche, a plumber, was severely burned about the face and neck. He was engaged in melting lead from cartridges which were procured at the garrison range, when a cartridge, which was accidentally gathered up with the old bullets, exploded. Hot metal shot up in the air, Roche's face and neck being literally covered. The burns are not considered fatal.

Early Satisfied.

Fondleton Tribune. If the legislature will give Eastern Oregon an open river, strike out the indebtedness clause in the assessment law and repeal the usury and mortgage tax laws, we will say thanks and not ask for anything more this time.

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CRATER LAKE UNDER SNOW.

A Curious Gem Whose Snowy Setting is Rimmed by the Horizon.

From the Klamath Star.] Crater lake in the winter is a spectacle few white men have witnessed. In the winter of '87 Dr. C. K. Smith, then the agency physician, Bird Loosley and Indian Pedro climbed up there, dragging a sled over the hard snow-crust. They remained one day at the lake, the doctor returning disappointed by some peculiar action of the light which prevented his camera from catching a picture of the lake. G. J. Farnsworth, who arrived yesterday from Prospect came by way of the wonderful lake on snowshoes. He describes it as grand in order to make this awful chain a very gem of sublimity, Nature must fill all its clefts and cover all its spurs with snow. Then the lake, most frozen and snowed over, as seen from the dizzy slopes of snow is narrowed to the appearance of a dark cerulean gem whose snowy setting is rimmed by the horizon. One would expect to see this gem the breast of one of the Titans snuggled in his Theogony. A mountain giant who could heap up mountains as scale the sky would look magnificently with such a breastplate glittering in the moonlight.

According to Farnsworth's account the travel between Prospect and Crater lake it is not exactly the country for lolly daddos or piano tuners. If anything is ever planted around there it ought to be the adulterated seeds that are coming into the market just now, but a dude nor anything healthy could grow there. No doubt Mr. Farnsworth thought as he sat there under the sky and pitiless heaven how he'd like to be down in the warm agricultural strip at Corvallis and tell the professors on the fruit pest in unknown around Crater lake, especially in the winter and that canned fruit could be in there several thousand feet above level of the sea. The country up there is wrapped in a mantle of deep snow.

Wild Goose Stories.

Last fall when wild geese were abundant in supply up in Sherman county, a farmer boy shot one who was nearly disabled by a broken wing. He took the goose home and doctor and it soon became so tame as to follow the boy wherever he went, eat by his hands and even poke his head in the boys pockets for wheat. Soon at this incident, a band of wild geese flew over the premises and making the usual clatter attracted the attention of the domesticated gander, which gave an outlandish display of quacking and yells in goose language which had most startling effect with the band of wild geese in the yard at the side of the gate, and the meeting was demonstrative and exciting degree. Their gabbling, quacking and amusing antics afforded as much fun for the boys, who witnessed the meeting, as they could have had a circus. The new arrival, who probably a mate of the now tame bird refuses to leave, but will fly off when the boys are approaching, and then fly back to the yard when the boys step aside. Their band of wild geese in The Dalles, as by Capt. Johns, so tame that they are driven through the streets, by John's raised these from the egg. It incidents go to show that our Empire wild geese may be domesticated.

About Forfeited Lands.

People not residing on forfeited way lands they desire to purchase warned not to delay contemplated bids. A dispatch from Washington day says that in both houses of congress efforts have been made to relieve persons who have claims upon lands forfeited within the railroad grant. Senator Dolph said today that persons actually residing on their lands, entitled to purchase forfeited lands, should make entry and pay for their lands at once, and not depend on legislation extending the time has not succeeded in getting a bill upon his bill in the senate from the interior department as yet, and is anxious of securing favorable consideration of the bill in the senate. He has heard from Mr. Hermann that there is a possibility of passing the bill in the house. He makes this statement to warn chasers not to permit the time to pass without completing their purchase.

The Lone Princess.

"The Lone Princess" is a story going the rounds of the which use plate matter. The story described in the story formerly told by Walla Walla, where for several she taught school and penmanship was considered one of the best teachers on the Inland Empire. relatives still reside in Tillamook will make an effort to bring her home.

Undisputed Authority.

The United States Dispensary that "Onions are a stimulant, and expectorant; they increase appetite and promote digestion; juice made into syrup as in Dr. Onions Syrup, has a specific action on Throat, Lungs and air passages; only cures Coughs, Colds, Consumption, but its stimulating strengthens and builds up the afterward. As a tonic and restorer it has no equal. We solicit a trial of our most chronic and stubborn cases 50 cents. Sold by Blakely & Co. druggists.