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NATION EYING SALEM

LEGISLATURE CONVENES AT SALEM WITHOUT FRICTION TO EITHER OF LEADING PARTIES

LEADERS OF BOTH HOUSES ARE ANTI-STATEMENT MEN, BUT LATTER WILL NOT MISUSE POWERS.

Entire Nation Awaits With Deep Interest the Outcome of the Present Session of the Legislature—House Commences Actual Business After Final and Prompt Organization at 2 O'clock This Afternoon—Warm Fight in Caucus.

country.
The Senate Officials.
 The senate republican caucus nominees, who were later elected on the floor of the senate, are: President, J. Bowerman, Gilliam; chief clerk, W. H. Barry. Multnomah; assistant chief clerk, John P. Hunt; calendar clerk, Roy Ritner, Umatilla; mailing clerk, Elbert Warford, Linn; reading clerk, Frank Metter, Multnomah; doorkeeper, George Wagner, Benton; Sergeant at arms, Harrison, Dufur. The president is instructed to appoint three pages.
 Bowerman is an anti-statement man.

A Unique Struggle.
 Nowhere has a more unique situation grown out of a fight for a seat in the United States senate ever developed. This is true because of the fact that both branches of the Oregon legislature, which is overwhelmingly republican, are facing the proposition of giving the senatorial plum to a democrat, George E. Chamberlain, now governor of the state and the people's choice for the high position. Otherwise they must repudiate the pledges made to the voters and elect a republican.
 In either event an interesting chapter will be written in political history.
McCue Temporary Speaker.
 The legislature was called to order at 10 o'clock this morning by former Clerk Lair Thompson. McCue, of Clatsop county, was elected temporary speaker. The committee on credentials was composed of Jones of Lincoln, Oregon; Polk, Jones of Clackamas and Bonebrake of Crook. The house moved to go into caucus at 11 o'clock.
 Representative Buchanan moved

that the candidates for reading clerk appear before the house and be heard as to their qualifications. It carried. This caused smiles, as it was understood the clerk had already been chosen. On motion, the candidates were each given ten minutes. The house adjourned until 2 this afternoon.

Resolutions of Condolence.
 Before adjourning Temporary Speaker McCue appointed a committee to draft resolutions of sympathy for Representative Farrell of Multnomah, whose father died suddenly.
Democrats Select Miller.
 Senator M. A. Miller, chairman of the state democratic committee, was honored with the caucus nomination by the democratic side for president of the senate. Senator Smith of Umatilla, was selected to place Miller's name in nomination, when the senate adjourned. Ed Aldrich of Umatilla, was the caucus choice for chief clerk.

McArthur Favors Chamberlain.
 In the republican caucus C. N. McArthur's nomination for speaker was made unanimous on motion of Patton of Marion.
 Representative Barrett, a Umatilla statement man, is reported to have a letter from Speaker McArthur saying the latter would not use his high office to influence the election of a senator, as he considered the matter settled by the people. McArthur is an anti-statement man.

Statement Men Defeated.
 The opening session was devoid of any incident or any bitterness at the defeat of the statement men. If the champions of statement No. 1 felt any sting it was hidden under the surface in a desire to invoke harmony at the beginning. Both houses met early and proceeded with a temporary organization, and then took a recess until 2 o'clock. In the meantime the caucuses were held. When they reassembled the committee on credentials submitted its report, members were

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MERCURY TAKES SLUMP SUNDAY THEN GOES UP

SUNDAY MORNING THE COLDEST IN SOME TIME.

Eleven Degrees Below Zero, is Mark That Has Few Equals in Climatic Records Here—Worst Seems Over—Predict Continued Cold Spell to Rub Zero Mark.

The night between Saturday and Sunday was one of the coldest nights since 1887, though not the coldest. The government thermometer registered 11 below zero, a point that is usually reached but once or twice each year, and often not touched at all. The appended table, compiled by W. A. Worstall, records the climatic conditions in this city since 1887, very thoroughly. Previous government weather observers frequently neglected to record the conditions, hence the blanks in some instances.

Worst Seems Over.
 With the record for the year established some time after midnight yesterday morning, the mercury has commenced to go up and last night did not touch zero. A continued cold spell with the mercury touching zero occasionally, is the weather prediction for this week.

Following is the table compiled with considerable effort by Mr. Worstall:

Year	December	January	February	March	Lowest temperature					
1887	21	9	31	13	4	*2	2	17		
1888	20	22	14	*34	29	20	8	7		
1889	28	10	6	17	5	*9	26	*18	1	24
1890	26	1	7	9	1	3	3	2		
1891	20	11	10	1	2	1	3	27		
1893	26	18	31	*8	26	4	13	22		
1894	27	2	8	8	21	2	2	14		
1895	27	7	10	7	13	13	12			
1896	9	9	9	9	2	8				
1897	19	9	9	9	2	8				
1898	10	*3	23	*6	1	18	21	7		
1899	17	15	3	4	3	*18	13	16		
1900	31	10	27	12	15	*3	1	31		
1901	16	13	1	*2	9	9	24	24		
1902	17	9	26	*10	1	*7	29	18		
1903	25	16	29	9	6	2	4	13		
1904	26	6	24	12	9	9	24	14		
1905	23	8	12	2	12	*14	31	22		
1906	1	11	1	5	6	13	16	*2		
1907	18	8	16	*3	3	20	26	29		
1908	19	0	31	*3	1	*11	8	18		

Summary.
 The number of times that it was zero or below, as far as the records are complete, bear out the boosters' assertion that this section of Oregon is not always as cold as experienced this winter. The total number of times the mercury went below zero in December since 1886, is only three; in 1893 twice, and in 1908 but once.
 January is always the coldest month. In 1888 La Grande had zero weather 12 times; in 1893, twice; in 1895, twice; in 1901, once; in 1902, four times; 1907, once; 1908, once, and in 1909, three times. February reports since 1886 show a total of 17 times that the mercury dropped to zero or lower.
 Since 1886 there has been one instance of zero weather in March. In 1906 the mercury went to 2 below.
 He who sins against man, may fear discovery; but he who sins against God is sure of it.

Hoch Out, Stubbs In.
 Topeka, Kan., Jan. 11.—Governor Hoch, the country editor, chief executive of the Sunflower state, today relinquished the responsibilities and cares of his high office, and Governor Stubbs rules in his stead. The inaugural ceremonies were of a spectacular character, consistent with the reputation of the state. There was an automobile parade about Topeka, and the arrival of the hour set for the ceremonies was announced by shrieking whistles. Former Governor Stanley presided at the initiation of the new governor. Both the retiring governor and the new chief executive took advantage of the occasion to make a few remarks. The proverbial pious tendencies of the new governor resulted in the abandonment of plans for an inaugural ball, but a reception will be given at the state house this evening.

HENEY RECEIVED WITH OVATIONS

PRISCO CITIZENS ARE EXCITED OVER RETURN.

Graft Prosecutor Greeted at Homecoming by Big Demonstration in His Honor—Intense Interest Awakened at Pending Trial Against Calhoun—Starts Tomorrow.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 11.—A remarkable demonstration was given Henev this afternoon when he arrived from his eastern trip. The Citizens' league of justice appointed a committee of 32 to meet him at the ferry and escort him to the second floor of the Ferry building, where he was greeted by hundreds of citizens, who were invited to demonstrate that they are supporting in the fight against graft. Intense interest was awakened in the coming trial of President Calhoun of the United Railroads, accused of offering bribes to the boodling board of supervisors. The case is scheduled to begin tomorrow.

TILLMAN CALLS ROOSEVELT A CUNNING LIAR

REPLIES TO ATTACK BY PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

Reply From Floor of Senate is Vigorous—Applies Strong Adjectives to President—Coward, Falsifier and a Violator of Laws, Are Some of the Names Used.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 11.—Senator Ben Tillman today made a vigorous reply to President Roosevelt's letter accusing him of grabbing land in Oregon. He accused the president of cowardice, falsification, of using the secret service in violation of law, and declared Roosevelt had in his possession since July last, the information he recently submitted.
 "The public will wonder why he did not spring it before," he said.
 Says President is Cunning.
 "The president prepared an indictment with consummate skill. He is cunning in his apparent innocent pretense of searching, through the secret service, for one kind of criminal in running down another. Mark you, he knew about this deal since July."
 Tillman devoted much of his speech to the president's delay in making it public, and then plunged into a lengthy discussion of his connection with the land deal.
 He admitted the authenticity of some of the letters attached to Roosevelt's letter to congress on the subject. He severely arraigned Roosevelt for "helping his dear friend Harriman to hold 2,000,000 acres of public domain because Tillman wanted to purchase 1400 acres."

Marriage License.
 A marriage license was issued today to C. A. Martin of Malheur county, and Miss Mattie Smith of this city.

SWEEPING INVESTIGATION OF STATE OFFICIALS IS ORDERED

Salem, Jan. 11.—A legislative investigation of several state offices and institutions will be undertaken immediately, according to an authentic report here today. This afternoon, or tomorrow, resolutions will be presented to the senate, and perhaps the house, too, providing for a joint committee to audit accounts and conduct a thorough inquiry into the state asylum, penitentiary, state printing office, office of secretary of state, and treasurer's office. The sponsors of those different resolutions will not be disclosed. Investigations have been conducted in a perfunctory way in the past. The scope of the inquiry will be enlarged this time. Experts will be employed with the power to make a sweeping investigation.

Justice Moore Assumes Office.
 Salem, Jan. 11.—Justice F. A. Moore ascended the supreme bench today as chief justice, succeeding R. S. Bean.

Bellingham Restaurant Robbed.
 Bellingham, Jan. 11.—A masked and armed highwayman early this morning held up and robbed the Bridge chop house, securing \$70 from the waiter.

Legislatures in Session.
 Washington, Jan. 11.—State legislatures are now in session or will meet this week in Wyoming, Wisconsin, Arkansas, California, Colorado, West Virginia, Washington, Connecticut, Delaware, Idaho, Iowa, South Dakota, South Carolina, Rhode Island, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, New Hampshire, Nebraska, New Jersey, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ore-

gon, Pennsylvania and New York. Later in the year the legislative bodies will assemble in Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Nevada.

FINISHED ITS LABORS.
 County Court This Afternoon Up the Grande Ronde, Viewing Road.

The county court, which has been in session since last Wednesday, concluded its labors today at noon, and this afternoon are up the river viewing the road work which is being done under the supervision of Bridge Superintendent J. F. Campbell.

Married.
 In this city this forenoon, by County Judge J. C. Henry, E. E. Deckard and Miss Dollie Dillinger, were married. They will make their home in Kellogg, Idaho.

JANUARY SALE

With us Means

A Saving Sale

Furthermore it Means

All Mdse. Reduced

It means your opportunity to buy winter goods



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