

## OREGON LEGISLATURE.

How the Benson Men Got Up Their Organization in the House.

Two o'clock Thursday of last week the Benson men succeeded in organizing the lower house of the legislature with a majority numbering thirty-one. There was a large crowd of spectators present, as it had been announced in the morning session of the house that organization would be attempted in the afternoon. A collision of the factions was expected, but nothing of the kind occurred.

At 2 o'clock, when Temporary Speaker Davis mounted the rostrum and called the members to order, an audible rustle of expectancy passed around the house. The speaker directed Clerk Moody to call the roll, and the following answered to their names:

Benson, Bridges, Brown, Chapman, Conn, Crawford, David, Davis of Umatilla, Gratzke, Gurdane, Hogue, Hope, Hudson, Huntington, Jennings, Lake, Langell, Marsh, Merrill, Misenor, Mitchell, Noller, Palm, Riddle, Rigby, Smith of Marion, Somers, Stanley, Thomas, Thompson, Vaughan, Venness, Wagner.

The first formal move of the Benson men was made by Brown. He left his desk and came forward to a position just in front of the speaker's rostrum. Brown addressed Speaker Davis, and, being recognized, began a speech. He said:

"We have sat here for ten days in our effort to organize this house. But the rulings of the temporary speaker have at all times been adverse to the possibility of organization. If he has been conscientious in his ruling, I respect him."

Brown then went on to recite the history of the failure to organize and, concluding with the statement that it was now "our earnest purpose and steadfast resolution" to proceed with the business, offered a formal resolution, as follows:

"Resolved, That the present temporary speaker, E. J. Davis, be, and he is hereby removed, and that Dr. J. N. Smith be, and he is hereby elected speaker pro tem in his stead. That E. R. Lake and E. S. Stanley be, and they are appointed a committee to escort Dr. J. N. Smith to the speaker's chair."

The reading of the resolution was greeted with great cheers by the lobby. Brown raised his hand in protest, and appealed to the spectators to keep silent.

"We have serious business to do," he said. "Mr. Speaker," interrupted Riddle of Douglas, "addressing Davis, 'I desire to enter an emphatic protest against this proceeding. I am against this resolution. We have heard some opinions read on this floor from Senator Thurston of Nebraska. I take it as a piece of impertinence on the part of the speaker from Nebraska to offer unsolicited advice as to what we should do in Oregon, and our answer should be in the language of the great and only Penneyer, 'You attend to your business and we'll attend to ours.'"

"I will ask the speaker to put the question," said Brown, "although I realize it is a delicate matter for him."

"This whole proceeding is out of order," replied Davis, coolly, "and I decline to put the question."

"I will then put the question," continued Brown. "All who favor the resolution will say, 'aye.' There was a loud chorus of ayes. "Those opposed, no." Several yells of "No" came from the lobby.

"Carried," cried Brown. Speaker Davis calmly watched the progress of events and said nothing. Smith was marched up beside Davis. When he was opposite the speaker, Smith, who is a very small man, extended his hand to Davis, who is quite tall, and there was an awkward handshake.

The crowd breathed a sigh of relief and smiled. There was to be no tragedy. It was just plain comedy. Smith asked the pleasure of the house, and Somers promptly got on his feet and read a printed resolution removing Temporary Chief Clerk Moody and appointing R. B. Hays, the Benson caucus nominee. Smith put the motion and it was declared carried, and Hays took a place beside Clerk Moody.

Chief Justice Moore was waited upon by a committee, and he swore in the members. Conn then offered a resolution to proceed to permanent organization, and it carried. H. L. Benson, of Josephine, was placed in nomination for speaker. The roll of the members sworn in was called by Hays. Benson got twenty-eight votes, Benson, Gratzke and Misenor voting blank.

A committee was appointed to escort Benson to the chair. Chief Justice Moore swore him in, and he made a short speech of thanks.

The following officers were then elected: Assistant chief clerk, H. S. Jordan; reading clerk, Frank Motter; calendar clerk, E. W. Bartlett; sergeant-at-arms, H. W. Murphy; doorkeeper, S. W. White (colored).

These were the Benson caucus nominees. They were sworn in by Justice Moore. Bridges presented a resolution empowering the speaker to appoint three pages, a mailing clerk and one upstairs doorkeeper, and it was adopted. Thomas offered a resolution extending the usual courtesies to newspaper men, and that, too, was adopted.

There was some discussion as to the proper way to notify the senate of the house organization, but it was finally settled by adoption of a resolution by Brown, appointing a committee of two from the senate and three from the house to notify the governor that the senate and the house were organized and ready for business.

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## Turned His Hair Gray.

George B. Hendrickson, a Well-known Traveling Man, Describes a New-to-be-forgotten Report on—Thought He Was Going to be Launched Into Notoriety.

From the Chronicle, San Francisco, Cal.  
George B. Hendrickson, of 506 Market street, San Francisco, Cal., is one of the best known commercial travelers in the Pacific coast. Mr. Hendrickson has given gray in the service but his causes and the principal one is as mentioned above, dullness and lassitude on the part of the trading public. The news of the week has not been sensational in any degree, and one of the points emphasized by sellers, and used with a great deal of effect, is the slackening in the inquiry for flour. The news that several mills that have been grinding away for dear life for the past six months shut down and are actually looking around for storage room for their surplus, is one of the factors that helped to press down. Whether this is a sufficient excuse for the decline remains to be seen, as many of the mills in the Northwest are yet not experiencing difficulty in disposing of their product. Elevator systems in the Northwest, in their reports, are, of course, governed largely by farmers' deliveries at their stations. One system operating a line of houses in Minnesota, North and South Dakota, says that deliveries are increasing, which is taken to mean that people in Duluth and Minneapolis are bound to increase within the coming week. This was another argument why wheat should fall off in price.

It is true that cables are steady but acceptances of offerings made from this side within the past week are not so liberal, and general counterblows have been from the United Kingdom.

Market Quotations.  
Portland, Or., Jan. 26, 1897.  
Flour—Portland, Salem, Cascadia and Dayton, \$4.50; Benton county and White Lily, \$4.50; Graham, \$4.00; superfine, \$2.80 per barrel.  
Wheat—Walla Walla, \$3.84; Valley, \$3.87; choice bushel, \$3.80; choice white, \$3.80; choice gray, \$3.80.  
Hay—Timothy, \$18.00 per ton; clover, \$8.00; alfalfa, \$5.00; oat, \$5.00; wheat, \$5.00 per ton.  
Barley—Feed barley, \$18.00 per ton; brewing, \$20.  
Millstuffs—Bran, \$15.00; shorts, \$14.50; middlings, \$25.  
Butter—Creamery, \$5.40; Tillamook, 40c; dairy, 23c; 30c.  
Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, 60¢; Early Rose, 80¢; Idaho Burbanks, 55¢; California Burbanks, 55¢; sweet, \$2.00 to \$2.25 per cental for Merced; Jersey Red, \$2.50.  
Onions—\$1.10 per sack.  
Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$3.00; 2.50; geese, \$6.00; turkeys, live, 10c; ducks, \$4.50 per dozen.  
Eggs—Oregon, 15¢ per dozen.  
Cheese—Oregon, 12¢; Young America, 13¢ per pound.  
Wool—Walla Walla, 10¢ per pound; Eastern Oregon,