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THE LEGISLATURE.

Seventeenth Session of the Oregon Legislature Convened.

FULTON AND KEEDY PRESIDE.

List of Officers in Both Branches—Bills and Resolutions Galore—The Governor's Message.

For a week previous to the opening of the session legislators were dropping in at the capital singly and in groups, arranging for their forty days sojourn or endeavoring to lay the ropes for some successful legislation or official plum for himself or a constituent. By Saturday the hotel corridors were well filled, candidates for the several offices and clerkships predominating in the makeup of the throng. All day Sunday the preliminary contest was waged between members of both houses being chiefly intent upon the selection of presiding officers, yet yielding a usually attentive ear to would-be pages and clerks. Occasionally a lady aspirant more enterprising or brazen than the balance of her sister applicants would send from the parlor for a member whom she wished to beguile with her smiles into giving her a five dollar a day clerkship.

By ten o'clock Sunday night it was practically settled that C. W. Fulton of Clatsop county was in the lead for president of the senate over Edward Hirsch of Multnomah, while O. P. Miller was evidently the favorite for chief clerk of the senate. In the house it was impossible to count noses as readily and the contest waxed warm between Keedy and Geer with talk of Wright for a compromise candidate and this was the condition when at a late hour the last of the members retired for a few hours rest prior to the final contest.

Monday opened damp, chill and foggy as the several days preceding had been and at an early hour the members of both houses began to wend their way to Oregon's newly domed capitol, where they wished to secure favorable seats or apply the finishing touch to some pet plan for the organization. At 10 o'clock the senate, and at 1:30 the house went into session, or more particularly speaking the republicans of each body, since they have undisputed control of each.

The contest in each branch was mainly for the presiding officer. About 11 o'clock it became known that the senate republicans had come to an amicable agreement on all the offices to be filled by that body, which are as follows: President, C. W. Fulton; chief clerk, O. P. Miller, of Clackamas; assistant, D. W. Coolidge; reading clerk, J. R. Eddy, of Umatilla; calendar clerk, A. W. Severin, of Tillamook; sergeant-at-arms J. M. Stott; doorkeeper, J. M. McCormick and mailing clerk William Mattoon of Viola.

At 2 o'clock, O. P. Miller stepped to the president's station and striking the desk with the gavel, declared the senate in session, and O. N. Denny of Multnomah was elected temporary chairman. The officers previously chosen by the republicans in caucus were then formally elected according to the nominations as above, and the customary resolutions were passed concerning rules, opening with prayer, and waiting upon the other house and the governor after which an adjournment was taken till 10 o'clock Tuesday.

In the house the republicans held a caucus at 1:30 at which Representative Ford of Marion set on foot a plan for the reduction of wages paid clerks, pages, and others. A motion was passed referring the matter to a committee to formulate a schedule and report to the House. The nominations made were as follows: Speaker, W. P. Keedy of Multnomah, chief clerk, D. C. Sherman, Marion; assistant clerk, W. B. Turner, Yamhill; reading clerk, G. O. Holman, Multnomah; sergeant-at-arms, J. A. Blundell, Douglas; doorkeeper J. S. Vincent, Umatilla. After the other routine work the house adjourned for the day.

Secretary of State McBride being ill, Judge Bean swore in the newly elected members and the officials of both houses. Railroad commission candidates are quite as numerous as lady clerks, each county seemingly sending several. None however stand a better chance than C. U. Barlow of Clackamas county.

Hon. L. T. Barin of Oregon City and Representative Ellis of the second congressional district were tendered the courtesies of the senate on Monday.

Geo. C. Brownell came up on Monday morning and was busy shaking hands with friends.

J. I. Donier of Marks Prairie came up to see the opening ceremonies.

Chas. Burns and his son Webb were at the opening ceremonies, the latter being a candidate for page.

J. L. Swafford was a prominent candi-

date for doorkeeper in the senate but missed the nomination by one vote.

An interested spectator of the opening ceremonies was Ed. Whitlock who came up Monday.

The senate treated Clackamas county very fairly in the way of subordinate officers.

People of Clackamas county are almost certain to meet John Kelly, a popular member of the Statesman force, who gives all a hearty welcome.

Miss Ella Williams of Mountain View and Miss Addie Jennings came up on Sunday evening. Both have served in previous years as clerks and made an excellent record.

The Saturday evening train brought H. S. Strange up on business which he combined with the pleasure of meeting old acquaintances.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10.

After the usual routine business of the morning hour in both houses the usual resolutions were passed appointing committees from senate and house to investigate the treasury, secretary of printing departments and the various state institutions. Both bodies passed resolutions appropriating supplies, providing for clerks etc. The senate then passed a joint resolution requesting our congressional delegation to support a bill extending the time for a final proof to the settlers on Northern Pacific land forfeitures till January 1 1894.

The senate and house having convened in joint session, at two o'clock Governor Penoyer accompanied by a representative and senator walked into the hall of representatives and all the members there assembled rose to do him honor. He ascended the speaker's platform and being welcomed by the president, was seated at his side. The governor then read his message, commanding the strict attention of all present. There was no response from the audience except when he advocated the abolition of seins, traps, fish wheels and fish commissioners, then a wave of laughter passed over the house. The reading took three quarters of an hour, and evoked some applause, though there were many members who expressed dissent from the wily governor's radical views.

In the house there was a lively contest over the remuneration of clerks which was finally agreed on at \$5 per day for shorthand, and \$4 for common clerks. Geer of Clackamas county moved to pay the calendar clerk of the house \$8 per day, which after discussion was carried, on the ground that he should be paid a corresponding salary with those who sat beside him and did the same work. A resolution permitting only union made cigars to be sold in the capitol amended to read "White labor cigars" and original bill referred to committee.

A memorial to congress providing for election of senators by popular vote was made "Special order" for Monday 2 p. m.

Geer of Clackamas introduced a resolution requesting congress to provide for opening of World's Fair on Sunday, except that machinery should not be running—carried.

When the order of business providing for the introduction of bills was reached, there was a veritable snow storm of paper piling on the clerk's desk by the nimble pages and their was filled with shouts of "Mr. speaker, I wish to introduce a bill."

The Clackamas county delegation have not as yet brought forward any bills, but are working on some important measures, to be introduced later.

The committees in the senate will probably be named on Thursday, and in the house next Monday.

The republican members in the house will not be prominently identified with the important committees, since they worked for T. J. Geer, (a relative, by the way of Joel P. Geer), for speaker.

The latter part of the day was devoted to the first reading of bills when the house adjourned.

The pay of clerks of committees will be materially reduced, yet the corridors are full of applicants, young ladies predominating.

More than fifty bills were introduced in the house the first day of business.

The courtesies of the senate were extended to Presidential-elect Pierce.

Congressman Ellis of the second district, ex-Governors Chadwick and Moody, and the justices of the supreme court of Oregon were invited to seats on the speaker's platform, during the reading of the governor's message.

Dr. W. E. Carl, accompanied by J. P. Lovett, both of Clackamas county were in town today, the doctor being on the committee to examine the condition of the insane asylum.

C. U. Barlow, of Clackamas county candidate for railroad commissioner here and if energy and capacity are indications, will succeed.

Among the visitors from Oregon City

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NATIONAL NEWS.

Conflicting Reports Concerning Jas. G. Blaine's Health.

BRICE OPPOSED TO CLEVELAND.

Congress Getting Down to Solid Work Since the Vacation—Bills to Check Immigration and Cholera.

Consideration of the anti-option bill was resumed today and Vilas, democrat, made a hot speech in opposition to the bill on the ground of unconstitutionality in that it invaded the sovereignty of states, and was a flagrant advance to centralization.

In the senate, Hill introduced a resolution calling on the secretary of state for an opinion as to whether the Chandler immigration-suspension bill was a violation of treaties.

The bill of Senator Dolph, allowing Judge Deady to retire after March 1, passed the senate today. Senator Dolph says there is an evident misapprehension about the bill to permit Judge Deady to retire. It does not seem to be understood generally that all federal judges are entitled to retire upon full salary at 70. Judge Deady will certainly retire in July, 1894, and Mr. Cleveland will appoint his successor.

Senator Chandler has introduced a bill to restrict immigration. It designates four new classes of excluded persons, provides for information regarding immigrants, the issue of certificates by a United States consul, requirement for more cubic space for immigrants aboard vessels, and a new naturalization clause requiring 60 days notice of the application.

In view of the necessity for the utmost precaution against the spread of the cholera next summer a bill has been introduced in the house directing the secretary of the treasury to make the necessary regulations to secure the speedy and frequent redemption of all United States paper currency and all national bank notes which have become soiled, impure, unclean and otherwise unfit for use.

The republicans here nearly all concede that the democrats will be able to organize the next senate, although they may be compelled to make some combinations with some or all the populists. Dove Hill says there will be but seven democratic votes in the New York legislature against Murphy.

Representative Hermann called up and had passed a bill granting to the Blue Mountain irrigation company the right of way for a branch through the Umatilla Indian reservation.

Senator Squire has returned from his trip to Cuba, and says there is considerable danger of cholera coming in by way of Havana, on account of the poor sanitation provided by the Spanish government.

The house has passed the bill allowing the Great Northern to build a bridge across the Columbia river, for the line on the Pacific coast.

Ben Butler Dead.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—General Benjamin F. Butler, lawyer, statesman and millionaire manufacturer died in this city this morning. At one o'clock his valet who slept in an adjoining room was aroused by the general's coughing and went to him. He found that his expectation was colored but nothing serious was apprehended. Soon after his heavy breathing again aroused the man and he summoned aid but before a physician arrived General Butler was passing away. Benjamin Franklin Butler was born in Deerfield, N. H. November 5, 1818. He was graduated at Waterville college (now Colby university), Maine, in 1838, and was admitted to the bar in 1840. He began the practice of law at Lowell, Mass., in 1841, and up to the time of his death had a high reputation as a lawyer, especially in criminal cases. He early took a prominent part in politics on the democratic side.

Brice Opposed to Cleveland.
 New York, Jan. 6.—Among the men in the United States senate who can be relied upon by Dave Hill to assist him in thwarting the plans of Cleveland, is Calvin S. Brice, of Ohio, sometimes designated as the third senator from New York. Brice was never much of a Cleveland man, and at the Chicago convention he was the only one of the senatorial crowd who stood out to the last in opposition to the Cleveland idea, and was the only man who was not taken into camp completely by Whitney and the Cleveland leaders.

Minister to England.

Chicago, Jan. 5.—It is understood that the resignation of Minister to England Robert T. Lincoln will be one of the first to be placed at the disposal of President Cleveland after his inauguration.