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THE LEGISLATURE.

Nineteenth Biennial Session at Salem.

SIMON PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.

Election of United States Senator Delayed Until January 26 by Failure of House to Organize First Day.

The 19th legislative session met in the capitol at Salem Monday. The senate organized promptly but the house failed to organize, although remaining in session until midnight, because of obstructive tactics on part of some of the members.

The senate effected a permanent organization with Joseph Simon, of Multnomah, president; chief clerk, S. L. Moorehead, of Lane; assistant clerk, J. A. Wilson, of Linn; calendar clerk, S. B. Mason; reading clerk, W. M. Rasmus, of Multnomah; sergeant-at-arms, C. B. Crono, of Lincoln; door keeper, J. E. Blundell, of Douglas; mailing clerk, H. H. Humphrey.

The salary of the chief clerk was put at \$5 per day and the other clerks at \$3 per day.

The first day's session in the house was full of uproar, disorder and excitement, and the failure to organize will delay the election of United States senator for two weeks, because the federal constitution provides that the election of senator shall take place the second Tuesday after the organization of the legislature, so that a senator cannot now be elected until Tuesday, January 26.

The temporary organization of the house fell into the hands of the Bourne men through the selection of Davis of Umatilla as temporary speaker.

Davis appointed Barkley, U'Ren, Bilyeu, Thomas and Stanley a committee on credentials. When the committee met, it speedily fell into a disagreement over credentials. The Bourne men found technical faults with them, and insisted upon taking up the Coos county contest of Huntley against Nosler.

When the house met at 4 o'clock the committee was not ready to report nor was it ready at any other time.

When the house reconvened after the evening recess and did not hear from the committee, Somers of Linn made a motion peremptorily to discharge the committee and proceed to organization. A great uproar and excitement ensued. The majority evidently favored the motion. Speaker Davis vainly attempted to rule it out of order. The populists, democrats, Bourneites and a few republicans had meanwhile left the hall. The speaker then read from the constitution, showing that all proceedings were out of order.

Thomas then appeared from the committee and tried to get in a minority report seating all of the members who possessed certificates of election. This was ruled out, amid immense disorder. Excited colloquies ensued between members, and there were nearly two hours of continuous filibustering. Before 10 o'clock, however, something like order was restored, and the time until nearly midnight was passed in more or less good-humored running debate between David of Gilliam and U'Ren and others upon various misdeeds of the last legislature.

The Salem Statesman says: "After the wail that has been poured into the ears of the people by populist brethren about the extravagance, unfaithfulness to duty, and reckless waste of time and money by republican legislators, it is absurd to see the whole combination, together with Simon republicans (alleged reformers and guardians of the taxpayers' interests), under the leadership of U'Ren, the loudest of howlers, filibustering, refusing to organize, and thus delaying reforms that the taxpayers so loudly demand. Truly they should be relegated to that Bourne whence no Jonathan returns."

People can now see what caused Mr. U'Ren to go on so many pilgrimages to Mr. Simon's office just prior to the commencing of the legislature. He has evidently learned his lesson well.

The house committee on credentials has three reports ready to be submitted whenever organization is effected. One report, signed by Barkley and Bilyeu, unseats Nosler and refuses to seat Huntley, leaving Coos and Curry without a representative, and giving the house a total vote of only 59. U'Ren signs a report seating Huntley. Thomas and Stanton make a report seating Nosler.

Proceedings in the house Monday further clearly demonstrated that the charge that the enemies of Senator Mitchell have so persistently asserted that Mr. Mitchell had a combination or a disposition to elect Mr. Bourne to the speakership is absolutely false.

Monday's proceedings in the house also clearly indicate a combination between what is known as Simon and the majority of the republicans on one hand and

the democrats and populists, led by Jonathan Bourne, on the other.

In view of the overwhelming sentiment which exists, not only among the republican members of the legislature but as well among the people of the state in favor of the return of Mr. Mitchell to the senate, it would seem to be the duty of every republican in the legislature to join in his election.

Among the economic measures scheduled for introduction early in the session are several calling for the repeal of expensive commissions and the abolition of the fee system in general. A score of members have bills in their pockets asking the repeal of the railroad commission. The fish and game warden will also be asked to be abolished by a dozen or more bills, while other bills declare that the domestic animal commission and numerous other boards be abolished forthwith.

Among the appointments the senate will be asked to confirm are a number that have been made by Governor Lord during the past two years. The appointments include members of the board of regents of the Monmouth normal, state university, Weston normal and State Agricultural college. Of these appointments all have already been installed in office. Three members of the board of trustees of the Soldiers' home are to be appointed for the terms beginning February 1st. These require confirmation. The members of the state and district boards of agriculture do not come before the senate for confirmation.

Speaking of the legislative hold-up, the Statesman has the following to say: "There can no longer be any reason to doubt but Simon and Bourne have entered into an alliance for the purpose of either ruling or ruining whoever stands in their way. To those familiar with their past records, this is not at all surprising; but it is a serious disappointment to the friends and supporters of the men who are tools in their hands—the men who, though elected to honorable official positions, are parading the streets and preventing a quorum in the house, thus betraying those whom they were elected to serve. If such a course were pursued by the supporters of Senator Mitchell, it would be denounced in unmeasured terms by the Oregonian and the names of the holders-up would be held to scorn. Yet nothing is said by that great paper of the hold-up. The great exponent of purity in politics, fidelity to party principle, and uncompromising opponents of "unholy alliances" with populists and democrats is silent as the tomb. Senator Mitchell has from the start been charged by that paper with attempting to do just what Mr. Simon has done. On the contrary Mr. Mitchell and his friends have worked night and day to unite the republican party—have advocated the organization of both branches of the legislature by the republicans alone and by only such republicans as voted for and supported McKinley and Hobart—have forced a caucus call for United States Senator to be participated in only by republicans who believe in the principles enunciated in the platform as adopted by the late national republican convention at St. Louis. After 48 such republicans have signed such a call, the Oregonian, Mr. Simon and Mr. Bourne are attempting by every means in their power to prevent a caucus and destroy the harmony existing in the republican party. To accomplish such purpose they are using freely populists and democrats and sweet words, rich viands and palatial quarters consorting with such a combination that when employed by another is branded as an "unholy alliance"—and all for the purpose of defeating the re-election of Senator Mitchell."

Considering the two houses as constituted by the occupation of their members, it is found that there are 31 farmers, two horticulturists and one stock raiser. There are two cannerymen and five editors to supply them with brain-food. Five manufacturers will supply their needs, one banker will take care of the earnings and two capitalists will supply funds as needed; three teachers are there to look to their educational qualifications. There are 11 merchants to keep them in food and clothes, one contractor to build them houses, one surveyor to see that the lines are run straight, 17 attorneys to get them out of trouble, four doctors to keep them in good health and one brewer and two preachers and one elder to keep them in good spirits.

The message of Governor Lord has been completed and is now in the hands of the state printer. It will be a document of considerable length consisting of probably 50 pages of coarse print. He deals with matters of state in such manner as to give the legislature much light on matters demanding attention and urges economy along many lines. He renews numerous of his unheeded admonitions to the last session, chief among them being his recommendation that the legislature relieve itself of the

duty of the election of the several commissioners. The governor adheres to his belief that the election of their officers should be by the people. The message of the governor cannot be read before Wednesday and it is likely that the joint session will be held at 11 o'clock on that day.

Wednesday was another nightmare in the house—a repetition of the two preceding days. The Simon-Bourne contingent pursued the same obstruction tactics that they adopted Monday afternoon, and no quorum could be counted present, although the sincere 30 republicans were at their desks during the whole day. Frequent roll call and slight brushes at arms served to relieve what would otherwise have proven a dull and monotonous wait. But the story of the day's farce is quickly told in the routine report of the proceedings of the house, as reported below. The senate did business and will be well up with its work by the time the house can now get started.

The situation in the house is, briefly, this: All progress is blocked by 29 representatives who willfully absent themselves from their posts of duty, and Temporary Speaker Davis, who sustains the absentees in every movement.

It is not easy to describe adequately the purposeless method of which the house has of doing its business. It is something like a Methodist watchnight meeting, wherein the members are drawn together by a common idea of watching the clock and varying the monotony by giving their experiences and describing their varying feelings and emotions. There is much disorder at all times, and it is marked by episodes of more or less interest and excitement. The clock ticks on, and the hands move around to the usual hour of adjournment, and there is really nothing to do but wait for the always absent quorum to come in. Members sit idly at their desks, or stand in groups, discussing the situation. The lobby, which is always full, prevents free ingress or egress. The crowd pushes its way up the several aisles, and listens indifferently whenever some wearied member gets up and complains about the noise and crowding and despairingly asks the stolid speaker if there is not some way to eject the crowd and restore some semblance of order.

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New Officers for the Woodmen.

Tuesday evening Willamette Falls Camp No. 148 installed its officers, who are to serve for the ensuing six months, as follows: Consul, E. E. Martin; banker, Joseph Jones; clerk, J. K. Morris, adviser, W. S. Maple; escort, Chas. Olds, watchman, S. S. Walker, sentry, J. Shade; and I. D. Taylor, manager.

During the evening five candidates were duly initiated into the order and twelve names proposed for membership. The camp now has a membership of 172 and has a steady, healthy growth. The utmost harmony and good feeling prevails among the members and the attendance is very good. To Grant Olds, the retiring consul commander, as also to the other retiring officers, is due in a great measure the prosperous condition of this lodge.

In recognition of the efforts of E. E. Martin and J. M. Finley to secure new members for the order, the camp at a previous meeting voted them each a gold medal, and at the close of the installation they were presented to the brothers by Charles Mervin on behalf of the camp. The medals were suitably engraved, handsomely mounted and of beautiful design.

It was decided to hold an open meeting at which the silver mounted ax awarded to this camp for the largest attendance on Woodmen day at the Portland exposition, would be presented. A committee to make the necessary arrangements was appointed. The meeting will probably be held next Tuesday evening at Willamette hall and in addition to the presentation ceremonies, which will be conducted by Woodmen officers from Portland, a short musical and literary program will be rendered. Invitations will be sent out to friends of the order to attend.

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