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## THE FIRST BALLOT.

VOTES BADLY SCATTERED IN  
FIRST DAY OF SENATORIAL  
FIGHT.

Took Place in Separate House—  
Senate Voted Quickly, and Ad-  
journing House Listened to  
Nominating Speeches  
—Other News.

Salem, Or., Jan. 20.—Thus did the Oregon State legislature record itself on the first ballot for United States senator today. The ballots were taken by the two branches separately, beginning at noon. In the senate the process required only the length of time necessary for the clerk to call the roll. There were no nominating speeches. As soon as the result was announced the senate adjourned.

In the house 50 minutes was required for completion of the ballot. To the 28 votes recorded for Fulton add his own vote and his total strength at the present time is 29. Geers 20 votes constitute practically the number of votes expected, and the democratic strength of Wood is all there. Multnomah members, according to programme, divided, but each voted for a Multnomah man.

Fulton	28
Geer	20
Wood	18
George	6
Pitcock	3
Gilean	1
Mills	1
Williams	2
Hewitt	1
Wolverton	1
Carey	1
Hermann	1
Staples	1
Fenton	1
Kundret	1

No nominations were made in the senate. President Brownell announced that a ballot for United States senator would be taken, and directed the clerk to call the roll. The result was as follows:

For Fulton—Booth, Carter, Dimmick, Kuykendall, Marsters, Rand, Smith of Yamhill, Williamson, Brownell—9.

For Geer—Croisan, Daly, Farrar, Hobson, Howe, Johnston, Mulkey, Steiwer—8.

For Wood—Miller, Pierce, Smith of Umatilla, Sweek, Wade, Wehrung—6.

For M. C. George—Hunt, Mays, Smith of Multnomah—3.

For H. L. Pitcock—Holman, McGinn, Myers—3.

Absent—Fulton.  
Total 30.

Several days ago both the Fulton and the Geer people had been claiming Steiwer, but he was non-committal, and nobody could predict authoritatively what he would do. It is understood that Senator Steiwer regards the Mays law as binding, and thinks its terms should be complied with, and that his vote was for Geer for this reason.

As predicted the Multnomah senators divided, but each voted for a Multnomah county man. Judge M. C. George has long been a favorite son, and has at previous legislatures been the subject of complimentary votes. The senators who voted for Henry L. Pitcock are his personal friends.

Senator Fulton was not present when the vote for senator was taken.

In the House the detailed vote was as follows:

Fulton—Both, Carnahan, Cornett, Edwards, Emmitt, Gault, Pahn, Hale, Hansborough, Hermann, Hines, Lafollett, Miles, Paulson, Phelps, Purdy, Riddle, Spelly, Harris—19.

Geer—Burgess, Danneman, Davy, Ginn, Hayden, Huntley, Johnson, Judd, Kay, Simmons, Webster, Whealdon—12.

Wood—Bilyeu, Blakely, Bureleigh, Cantrall, Claypool, Murphy, Olwell, Robbins, Test—12.

George—Bailey, Fisher, Hutchinson—3.

G. H. Williams—Cobb, Hudson—2.

A. L. Mills—Malarkey, Reed—2.  
R. L. Gilean—Banks—1.  
Hewitt of Linn—Eddy—1.  
C. E. Wolverton—Hawkins—1.  
C. H. Carey—Hodson—1.

Binger Hermann—Jones, of Lin-

coln—1.  
George W. Stapleton—Jones, of Multnomah—1.  
W. D. Fenton—Nottingham—1.  
H. J. Kundret—Orton—1.  
Absent 2.  
Total 60.

When Speaker Harris announced that balloting for United States senator was in order, Davey demanded that in accordance with the provisions of the Mays law, the vote cast at the last general election be canvassed. Speaker Harrison replied that such action was unnecessary; that he had in his possession an abstract of the vote referred to, which had been furnished by the secretary of state, and that this covered the ground. Davey then arose to place Geer's name in nomination. He made a somewhat lengthy and flowery speech, dwelling particularly on the alleged fact that the people of Oregon had expressed in positive terms at the last general election their preference for the Marion county statesman. He called attention also to the fact that some of the legislators now opposing Geer's candidacy were most active in promoting the passage of the Mays law at the last session. Phelps of Morrow and Umatilla made a brief speech placing the name of Fulton in nomination. "I wish to nominate," said Phelps "a man who is broad enough and large enough to represent the whole state of Oregon."

Galloway, of Yamhill, nominated C. E. S. Wood, of Multnomah. Galloway created some amusement by declaring: "When presidential electors are chosen they are expected to carry out the will of the party. It is so with democratic senatorial electors, but when republicans choose senatorial electors, God only knows what those electors will do."

Galloway closed by declaring the democrats could be depended upon to vote solidly for wood.

Harris then appointed a committee, composed of Kay, of Marion, Jones, of Lincoln, and Olwell, of Jackson, to assist him in canvassing the popular vote for senator. Upon presentation of their report, the speaker announced that balloting would begin, and directed the clerk to call the roll.

Generally the result of the ballot was as expected, but it developed some interesting features. For instance, Hahn, whose leaning nobody had been able to find out, voted for Fulton; whether he will pursue this course throughout, remains to be seen. Huntley of Clackamas, who had all along been claimed for Fulton, voted for Geer, while Hawkins, of Polk, who had been counted for Geer, voted for C. E. Wolverton. Jones, of Lincoln and Polk, who had been claimed for Geer, voted for Binger Hermann, and Miles, of Yamhill, who had been counted in the Geer column, voted for Fulton. Gill (rep.) of Multnomah, voted for Wood (dem.), but his course is without significance, as the Multnomah delegation had agreed to cast complimentary votes for whomsoever the members might choose.

Salem, Or., Jan. 21.—Three additional votes to Fulton and the loss to Geer of two is the story of today's ballot in joint convention for United States Senator. The Fulton accessions were Representatives Huntley and Webster of Clackamas and Representative Eddy of Tillamook. The result had been fully anticipated, and so there was no great surprise when Eddy rose and in an effective speech attacked the Geer contention that he was entitled to the vote of all Republicans because he was the people's choice, and then placed the Clatsop County candidate in nomination. It has, as stated, been well understood that the two Clackamas county legislators have been for Mr. Fulton, and that their initial vote for Geer was complimentary only.

The result was: Fulton 31 Geer 18, Wood [Dem.] 17 Pitcock 4. George 5; scattering 11, absent 4.

The joint convention was marked by a superabundance of oratory. Formal nominating speeches were made in behalf of the several candidates, and the big lobby gave the usual demonstrations of approval when telling points were scored. The contention lasted more than an hour, and the members were impatient to go long before it was ended. They expected no election and real developments, and were too anxious to get the work done.

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 21.—The general assembly met in joint session today and formerly declared former Governor William J. Stone elected United States senator to succeed Hon. George G. Vest, whose term will expire next march. In honor of Mr. Vest, who has been a member of the national body since 1879, a salute of 13 guns was then fired.

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## CHAOS THERE.

TWO SENATES AND TWO HOUSES  
IN COLORADO LEGISLATURE.

Trouble is Over the Senatorial Election, No Promise of Solution—Stone Elected in Missouri Elections in Other States.

Denver, Jan. 21.—There were rumors of war and plenty of warlike preparations at the State House tonight. Early in the evening the story gained currency that a body of armed men was hidden somewhere in the State House with the purpose of seizing the chamber of the House of representatives sometime during the night and holding it in the interests of one of the senatorial candidates. The House chamber has heretofore been guarded by three or four men and early this morning ladders are said to have been found in one of the side corridors reaching to a window communicating with the House gallery.

It is also said that half a dozen unknown men were in the vicinity of the ladders, who ran when discovered. This incident gave color to the rumor of an intended armed attack upon the chamber tonight. To guard against such a contingency, Sergeant-at-Arms placed 30 armed men under charge of Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms Sherman Bell who was a member of Roosevelt's Rough Riders, in the chamber with instructions to protect it at all hazards. Shotguns and large calibre revolvers are very much in evidence and it is not thought likely that a capture will be attempted, even if it were planned.

The democratic members of the senate are still in session, although most of them went to sleep upon cots early in the evening. They are protected by perhaps a score of policemen and deputy sheriffs.

Denver, Jan. 21.—A joint session of the two branches of the general assembly for the election of a United States Senator was held today, but only democratic members participated and there was no election. After concurring in adjournment of the House until 2 o'clock Friday, the democratic representatives proceeded to the senate chamber, where the joint session was called to order by Senator Adams, president pro tem. of the senate.

There were present 26 senators and 25 representatives, a total of 51, which is the number required to elect a senator. Three republican senators were in the chamber during the session, but withdrew before the ballot was taken. Senator Theodore McGuire, a democrat, also retired after the joint session had refused to excuse him from voting, leaving only 50 members present. Several members objected to the proceedings on the ground that the joint session was irregular and, five democrats besides McGuire refused to vote for senator. On the joint ballot 45 votes were cast, all being for Henry M. Teller. The joint session then adjourned until noon tomorrow.

The republican leaders claim that any action the joint session may take is illegal and invalid, as the House had adjourned.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 21.—Six ballots were taken tonight by the democratic senatorial caucus, without breaking the deadlock. Overman is still on the lead. The joint ballot of the two houses was held today. Eighty-four democrats were voted for on complimentary ballots. The full republican strength went to Senator Peter C. Pritchard.

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Denver, Jan. 19.—Although two organized senates were in session in the senate chamber and two score or more police officers and deputy sheriffs occupied the lobbies and cloakrooms, peaceful air prevailed at midnight and there seemed no likelihood of a clash for the present. There are rumors that the governor has been asked to send troops to the state house to take possession of the senate chamber, but they could not be confirmed.

The excitement began in the House of representatives this morning, when the elections committee, to which had been referred contests involving the seats of all the 33 democrats who held certificates of election, reported. There were two reports. One, signed by four republican members of the committee, favored the unseating of six democrats, another, signed by the four democratic members of the committee, was against the unseating of any. The first-named report was the one which prevailed, and according to its provisions, four democrats representing districts of which this (Arapahoe) county forms a part were unseated and the republican contestants were given their places. Two representatives from Las Animas county were also unseated and republicans seated. This gave the republicans a majority of two on joint ballot. The House then adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

As soon as the adjournment of the House was announced the senate which had been in session all day behind closed doors, admitted none but the members and employees and the reporters, began business. Rumors had been current that the republicans had formed a plan to capture the senate chamber and the chief of police sent thirty-five men in citizens' clothes and the sheriff sent a force of deputies to prevent such action. No move of that kind was made, however.

The elections committee presented a report on some of the contests. Under the new rules adopted by the senate, this report could be voted on at once. Lieutenant-Governor Haggott, however, declined to recognize the rule and refused to submit a motion for its adoption. The secretary of the senate was then called upon to put the question. During the confusion which ensued a majority report by the republican members of the elections committee was submitted and declared adopted by the lieutenant-governor. The report unseated eight democratic senators, giving their places to the republican contestants. Word was at once sent to the contestants and, although the doorkeepers would not admit them to the chamber, they took the oath of office before a notary public.

From this time, the lieutenant-governor refused to recognize any democratic senator. He appointed a new secretary, and it was announced that the old organization would not be recognized. Senator W. H. Adams, president pro tem, took his place at the side of the lieutenant governor and the democratic members proceeded with business. The report of the elections committee dismissing the contests against democratic senators was adopted and two republican senators were displaced by democrats. This served to offset the action of the house by restoring the democratic majority on joint ballot.

The democratic senators declared seated were then introduced and the oath was administered by Justice Gabbert, of the supreme court. It was then given out that no further action would be taken by the democratic senators at present. It was, however, decided by both sides to remain in the senate chamber during the night.

No personal feeling was shown by the senators at any time, the presiding officers chatting together in the most friendly manner. Lunch was served in the chamber.

There are still 14 contests before the House and nine in the senate. It is thought more than likely that more members of both houses will be thrown out tomorrow and the probability seems to be that there will be two legislatures in session after tomorrow.

A move was put on foot tonight to compromise on an agreement to elect no United States senator, but no information could be obtained as to how strong it was.



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