

FIGHT FOR SPEAKER

Interesting Contest Is Opening at Olympia.

FIVE CANDIDATES IN THE FIELD

Struggle Between King and Pierce County Candidates, With Thurston County Man in It for Purpose of Saving the Capital.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 10.

Although the legislative session will not convene until next Monday, about 15 members are in the city today, and the contest will witness the arrival of another big contingent.

The sole topic of conversation tonight is the speakership contest. The candidates for the position are: R. B. Albertson, of King; J. H. Easterday, of Pierce; A. J. Falkner, of Thurston; Harry Rosenhaupt, of Spokane; and Grant Copeland, of Walla Walla.

Interest is centering about the candidacy of Mr. Falkner, who lives in this city. Nobody seriously believes that he will win, and he is in the fight to insure that he is in the fight to the finish.

The prevalent impression is that he is in the fight solely for the purpose of opposing the candidacy of Albertson or Easterday, and thus to secure a strong ally for Olympia in its Capitol fight.

Both Albertson and Easterday have made overtures to Falkner. Mr. Easterday, yesterday, was reported to be fostered by B. S. Grosscup, division counsel of the Northern Pacific, and the friends of Senator Foster, is in a peculiar position regarding coming here.

Garfield has a number of cases of scarlet fever. Last year the total receipts of the Olympia Postoffice were \$560.

Repairs to the torpedo-boat Goldsborough have been finished.

The enrollment of the Agricultural College exceeds 400 students.

TWO BARLEY SHIPS

Lika and Dora Will Not Load Wheat.

TARPEBEK HAS FINISHED

Quick Dispatch Is Thinning Out the Fleet—The Flotbek Again in Trouble—Another Ship Leaves by Way of Suez.

Barley shipments from Portland have been lighter than usual this season.

The German ship Flotbek, which had such a narrow escape from destruction off Willapa Harbor a few years ago, is still supplying the newspapers with items. She arrived at Yokohama December 18, after a disaster which caused her to lose 380 tons of her cargo.

SAILORS ARE PLENTYFUL

Puget Sound boarding-house men have large supply to draw from. The big lumber and coal fleet from Puget Sound gives employment to a large number of sailors and in view of the winter season, which is just at hand, it seems strange that Puget Sound board-

DAVID J. SCHNEELY.

Ellensburg, Jan. 10.—David J. Schneely, who died at his home here January 8, was born in Hagerstown, Md., February 8, 1818. He went to Peoria, Ill., in 1837, and soon located in Ellensburg, Pa., where he went through McCall's College.

The Lika and Dora being the Centurion, Penthesilea, Conway and Cromartyshire. The latter vessel is now in San Francisco undergoing repairs after her recent experience in a gale.

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