

NO PROGRESS MADE

No-Caucus Agreement Gets No New Signers.

THE FEDERAL BRIGADE ON DECK

The Whole "Push" Boosting for Senator McBride—Fight for Speaker and President of the Senate.

The McBride management made no apparent progress yesterday in its great scheme of creating a Senatorial deadlock. The publicity given to the secret project appeared to create some consternation in the McBride camp, and it was reported in the morning that it had been dropped. Later it developed that the effort to get 15 names had been renewed, and that nothing would be left undone to procure them. It was not openly declared during the day that any new names had been procured; but it is known that the Senator and his inner cabinet were working most diligently to get 15 names. "There will be no caucus" was the common boast of the Federal brigade, which besieged the lobby of the Imperial Hotel by day and night, and made it known to everybody that the services of everybody who was placed on the Government payroll at the instance of the Senator are enlisted for the war. The constant and numerous attacks of the Federal brigade around headquarters were indeed the most conspicuous feature of the day. They gave the incoming members little rest, and did their best to create a no-caucus atmosphere. The fact that few of the legislators sympathized with them did not discourage them, but they stayed grimly with it and tried to look pleasant.

While the McBride faction is making most strenuous opposition to a Senatorial caucus, solely for the reason that it is a hopeless mission, the other side is objecting to similar action for organization of the House and Senate by the Republicans. Senator Fulton, who has signed the no-caucus agreement, is expected to enter the caucus on Senate officers, and presumably he will be entirely willing to have Senator Mays and other "Citizens" do in with him. There is no present likelihood of Republicans falling to get together on Senate officers. It is the same with the House. No Republican has publicly suggested that the usual method should be pursued there. The organization caucuses will, therefore, probably be held next Monday forenoon, and the candidates agreed upon in time for the assembly of the Legislature at noon. If the Legislature convenes on Tuesday, January 22, the Federal statutes require that the balloting for Senator shall begin in the afternoon of the second Tuesday after organization. If the two houses fail to elect their officers next Monday, the opening of the Senatorial contest would be postponed for a week. Some gossip has been indulged in as to an effort to hold up organization for at least a day, in order to put off the Senatorial election for a week; but if such a method should be contemplated it is being kept very dark.

The rollcall of the Federal brigade showed the following present at the Imperial lobby last night: Isaac L. Patterson, Collector of Customs; W. F. Matthee, Deputy Collector of Customs; John Hall, United States District Attorney; Edwin Mays, Deputy United States Attorney; A. B. Crossman, Postmaster of Portland; W. F. Matthee, Deputy Postmaster; David M. Dunne, Collector of Internal Revenue; John W. Minto, Deputy Collector; George Shinn, Deputy Collector (Baker City); Zoeth Houser, United States Marshal; A. Roberts, Deputy Marshal; James Wilson, Deputy Marshal; George Hayes, Register of Land Office at Burns. There were no important absentees. There was room for a few other private citizens in the hotel lobby.

Ex-Senator Corbett and Senator McBride met in the hotel lobby last night and engaged in conversation. The incident attracted the instant and anxious attention of every one in the room. If anybody expected trouble, he was disappointed, for the two candidates seemed to be both in an amiable mood, and to be ready to discuss the merits of each other. Just what they said to each other no one except themselves knows; but it is believed that the discourse was mainly confined to the Senatorial contest. Senator Corbett once said to the Governor of South Carolina:

What the Democrats and their fusion allies are going to do in the Senatorial campaign has been troubling the political experts not a little. That heavy pressure has been brought on some of them to vote for Senator McBride is known, and that a few of them are disposed to yield has been thought likely, although it cannot be asserted as a fact that it will be done. Democracy is known to be the Senatorial party, and Senator Smith, of Baker, are somewhat disturbed over the prospect that there may be defection in the Democratic ranks, and that the Republican party, if there is a Republican caucus, and a nominee is agreed upon, the attitude of the Democrats, Populists et al. will not be important. The Republican party, in open session, all of them may not be able to resist the temptation to take a hand. Senator Smith wants the Democrats and their allies to hold a caucus of their own, and Senators Sweek and Tamm are of the same mind. That a caucus of some kind will be held by the "forces opposed to the Republican party," is most probable.

An additional detachment of Representatives and Senators came to Portland yesterday. Among them were the following: Senator W. Tyler Smith; Lincoln Tilamook; and Yamhill; Senator William Smith; and Baker, Harney and Multnomah; Senator Morrow, of Morrow, Tillamook and Tilton; Senator Probst, of Umatilla; Senator Wade, of Union; Representatives Harris of Lane, Mattoon of Douglas, Clark of Coos, Edson of Washington, Roberts of Crook, Swamath, Lake and Wagon; Grace of Baker, and two or three others. The general movement toward Salem will begin this evening, and by tomorrow the Legislature will be on its feet. It is believed that the whole Legislature will be on hand at the capital.

Representative Edson, of Washington County, the latest candidate for speaker. He may be deemed an emergency candidate. Mr. Edson is a Democrat, and there are 21 of his kind in the lower House. Now, there are 90 members all told in this branch, and it is clear that Mr. Edson can have no hope of success if he depends on his party, including all its various wings and factions. He is himself frank to say that his chance rests entirely upon a Republican mix-up. But just how it is to occur is yet to be determined. There are now three Republican candidates for speaker. If the House Republicans hold a caucus on organization, which now appears probable, of course, Mr. Edson will be out of it, unless a split occurs. If there is no caucus and there is an open floor fight, then the Washington County Democrat might have as many votes as anybody, and more, if he could persuade one Republican candidate to help him. "I was elected on the Union ticket in a Republican county," said Mr. Edson yesterday. "If I had not received many Republican votes, I could not have won. Therefore I may say that in a certain sense I was elected by Republicans. Now, if I should be elected speaker with the aid of Republican votes, it would seem to me that I should be able to discharge my duties faithfully and impartially toward all parties."

If Senator Fulton's attention has been distracted from his own interests to the needs of his supposed friends and allies, Mr. McBride and Mr. Mitchell, he yesterday developed a sudden and continuous energy in his own behalf that seemed to manifestly good his assertion that the presidency of the Senate is to him more important than any unseasonal contest for the United States Senate. Mr. Fulton is a good receiver, and his ringing "How are you?" and hearty laugh were much in evidence in the lobby yesterday. Senator Howe was a mighty busy man, too, yesterday, and the grass did not at any time grow under his feet. He is a man who commands the respect and confidence of all who meet him, and as a votegetter he is competent to enter the contest against Mr. Fulton. The fact appears to be that it is a see-saw fight between them, though both declare very confidently that they have votes to spare. If they have, they show no inclination to spare them to anybody else. The contest, though most spirited, is friendly. It is being conducted along the lines of the Senatorial fight. The friends of Mr. Corbett are anxious that Mr. Howe be elected, and the friends of Senator McBride have staked much on Mr. Fulton's success. The power of president of the Senate is considerable, and it may be used, if the incumbent is willing to use it, to the advantage of a Senatorial candidate. He presides over the joint convention for the election of a Senator, and there, where such questions as adjournment and adjournment are common, he may do much for whomsoever he supports. There are frequent illustrations in the course of Oregon politics as to the influence of the Senatorial president, none more striking than in the critical Senatorial campaign of 1897, when President Simon more than once saved the day for the anti-Mitchell people.

Representative Story, of Multnomah, candidate for Speaker, was conspicuous among the members yesterday. He is making a vigorous campaign. He relies on his fitness and long experience in legislative matters to commend him to the members. Representative Reeder is in the hot seat. He is making a vigorous campaign. He relies on his fitness and long experience in legislative matters to commend him to the members. Representative Reeder is in the hot seat. He is making a vigorous campaign. He relies on his fitness and long experience in legislative matters to commend him to the members.

There are some members of the Legislature who are today asked to do more than their share. The Republican convention of Coos County instructed its delegation for the Land Commissioner, and Mr. Colvig made his canvass distinctly as his supporter. The stampede from Dawson to Fortymile for quartz is going on, owing to finding of samples which gave \$200 to the ton. Attorney Blocker is moving at Dawson for a trial for James Storch, who is accused of murder. Tanana miners are wrought up over the non-appointment of a commissioner to record their claims.

Arthur S. Cyr and party, returned by the steamer Danube today after marking the boundary between British Columbia and the Yukon. It is reported that petitions are being prepared asking that that portion of Wasco County between the Deschutes and John Day Rivers lying south of the Sherman County line be annexed to Sherman County. It is a mistake to go on losing appetite for a new trial. Hood's Saraparilla corrects it.

Various Presidential Electors to cast the votes of their states for the people's choice. Oregon's Presidential and Vice-Presidential Electors, and the votes by which they were elected, follow: J. C. Fullerton, of Douglas County, 46,000; W. J. Furnish, of Umatilla County, 46,000; Tilmon Ford, of Marion County, 46,172; O. F. Paxton, of Multnomah County, 46,068. The defeated candidates were: Walter Pierce, 33,285; De S. Stuart, 33,218; John Whitaker, 32,857; Ernst Kroner, 32,510; N. A. Davis, 2,536; F. F. Jenkins, 2,516; J. L. Hill, 2,487; F. R. Spaulding, 2,465; Regular Peoples, 269; Lucas Henry, 215; J. L. Hill, 207; Social Democratic, 184; N. P. J. Polen, 144; State Senate, 143; J. Frank Porter, 142; C. P. Rutherford, 145; Presidential Elector Paxton gave the following statement yesterday of the procedure that is followed in the election of President and Vice-President of the United States: "When the Oregon Electors meet in Salem next Monday, on the day fixed by law, the Electors will proceed to cast their votes for President and Vice-President. It goes without saying that Judge Fullerton, Mr. Ford, Mr. Spaulding and myself will vote for William McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt. The Electors make and sign three written certificates of the vote. Each certificate must contain two distinct names, one with the votes for President and one with the votes for Vice-President. To each one of the three certificates is attached a certificate submitted by the Governor of the state, attested by the Secretary of State, and sealed with the great seal of the state. This certifies that the persons casting the votes were duly elected Electors of President and Vice-President according to the laws of the state. "These three certificates of the vote are disposed of as follows: One is forwarded by mail to the President of the United States Senate at Washington. The second is delivered to the United States District Judge of the district of Oregon, who is Judge Bellinger. The third is given, by some person appointed by the Electors and named in writing, to take it in charge and deliver it in person to the president of the United States Senate in Washington. The purpose of requiring the certificates to be made of the vote and delivered one to the United States District Judge, and the others by different methods to the president of the United States Senate, is to guard against any possibility of any state's vote falling to reach Congress in time. "If the vote of any state has not been received by the United States District Judge by the fourth Monday in January, the Secretary of State is required to send a special messenger from Washington to the United States District Judge, in whose custody the vote was lodged, to get the vote and transmit it to Washington. The Electors are required by law to forward the vote after the election, but no date is fixed in which the vote must be delivered, except the provision for special action in case it does not reach Washington by the fourth Monday in January. Counting the vote at Washington. "The purpose of requiring the votes of the states in Congress is this: By act of Congress, the House of Representatives and Senate are required to meet in the hall of the House of Representatives in joint session assembled, the president of the Senate opens the votes from the several states in alphabetical order, and then hands them to the tellers, who read the votes as they appear upon the certificates in the presence of the joint convention. When the votes are counted the results are handed to the president of the Senate, who announces the vote. "The purpose of requiring the votes to be sent to the United States District Judge is to be sufficient declaration of the election of President and Vice-President, and is entered in the journal of both houses. "As the certificates of votes are read by the tellers, and before the vote is counted, the president calls for objections to the vote just read. If there are any, they must be made in writing, stating the grounds thereof, and clearly and distinctly, without verbal argument. Objections are not recognized unless signed by at least one Senator and one Representative in Congress. The Senate then retires to its chamber, and the House considers the objection separately. On reassembling in joint convention the president of the Senate announces the declaration of the vote, and as far as is known, there will be no objections in the present election. "Former Electoral Votes. "The total electoral vote that President McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt will receive Monday is 292 to their opponents'

confine its work to a few good bills for the general good and a few changes in existing laws, which are necessary to meet the demands of new conditions.

TO EQUALIZE STATE TAXES. Senator Clem Would Have It Effectuated on Basis of Population. ALBANY, Or., Jan. 11.—State Senator Clem returned last night from a propping trip to Salem, where several members have already established quarters. The all-absorbing topic is the election of United States Senator. He thinks the leading bills will be those providing for the equalization of assessment and for better roads.

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Meeting of Stockholders Called to Consider Its Future. Stockholders of the Mount Scott Railway next Wednesday will meet to consider the future of that line. Several plans have been discussed informally by directors and stockholders, but no negotiations will be taken up until all the stockholders have had an opportunity to confer. For this purpose the following notice has been sent to each of them:

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