

FEW LEFT IN SALEM

Legislators, Lobbyists and Clerks Desert the Town.

FULTON SPENDS DAY AT DESK

Mulkey and Harris Also Busy—Speaker Harris Will Announce Standing Committee Monday—Rumors of Positions.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Salem was as quiet today as though no Legislature had been in session this week. Not over a dozen of the members of the Legislature remained in the city, and practically all the members of the third House, the clerks and applicants for clerkships went home or to Portland to spend Friday, Saturday and Sunday. There was very little doing around the Capitol. Senator Fulton remained at his desk all day today, and Senator Mulkey was busy with a stenographer, writing letters and preparing bills which will be introduced tomorrow. Senators Daly, Carter, Pierce and Dimmick also spent much of their time at work in the Senate chamber. Speaker Harris is staying in Salem during the recess, as also are a few of the Representatives from distant portions of the state. Some of them will go to Portland Saturday.

Members of the Legislature are appreciating the improvement of the house made by Secretary of State Dunbar, which facilitates the work. Every officer, such as sergeant-at-arms, doorkeeper, pages, and janitors wears a silver badge, bearing a designation of his position, so that no member wanting something done will know to whom to apply. This plan of providing the officers and employees with badges is particularly helpful during the first half of the session, when many of the members are unacquainted with the officers or the manner in which affairs around the Legislative hall are conducted.

Senator Booth, of Lane County, brought with him to the Capitol a private stenographer, who is employed at his own expense to attend to his private correspondence. He employed a clerk last session at his own expense and for the same work.

Governor Chamberlain is rapidly getting acquainted with the details of the routine duties of Oregon's chief executive officer. He attended his first board meeting today, when the State Land Board was in session. He has had many callers in the two days he has been Governor, but the number is diminishing since it has been positively stated that the Governor will make no more appointments until the Legislative session closes. Democrats have usually been pretty scarce around the Capitol lobby at the opening of a session of the Legislature, but this year they are fully as numerous as Republicans.

Governor Chamberlain will go to Portland Saturday evening and return to Salem Sunday evening.

Secretary of State Dunbar today distributed bill books to the members of the Legislature. Two books were placed upon each desk—one for House bills and the other for Senate bills. The State Printer's force is making good progress with bills, and after this week the members will find a more complete and up-to-date record of the bills introduced. The bills in the books is neither as easy nor as pleasant as it looks, and most of the members call upon their clerks to do the work. One of the new members undertook to paste a few bills this morning, and by the time his fingers and coat sleeves became covered with stickiness he began to use language that would have been deemed out of order had the House been in session.

E. W. Moore, the Portland photographer and artist, has painted a portrait of Governor Chamberlain, the same size as those of ex-Governors purchased by the state and hung on the walls in the two houses of the Legislature. It is understood that the picture will be sent to the state during the present session.

Speaker Harris wrestled all day today with the problem of making up his standing committees. It is expected that the standing committees in each house will be announced Monday. Both Speaker Harris and President Brownell are trying to make up their committees so as to please