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Remarkable Fact About New Mexico Legislature, Just Opened.

SANTA FE, N. M., Jan. 19.—The 15th Legislative Assembly of New Mexico convened today at noon. Colonel J. Francisco Chavez was elected President of the Council, and Nestor Montoya, Speaker of the House. For the first time in the history of New Mexico every member of the Council speaks English fluently.

The first official act of the House was the appointment of a committee to draft a memorial to Congress for statehood, and of gratitude to Senator Quay for his work for statehood.

Governor Otero's message, read this afternoon, recommends free text-books for public schools, a local option law and the creation of the offices of insurance commissioner, traveling auditor and irrigation commissioners. There is a surplus in the territorial treasury of \$280,000.

For Survey of Montana-Idaho Line. WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The Treasury Department today transmitted to the House a supplemental estimate submitted by the Interior Department of \$50,000 for a survey of the Montana-Idaho boundary line.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Jan. 19.—Robbers entered the jewelry establishment of E. M. Munich last night and carried away goods valued at \$600. There is no clew.

FIERCE FIGHT ON

Olympia Contest Promises Battle Royal.

COME FROM FAR AND NEAR

Faces of Leaders Wear an Anxious Look.

THE BIG THREE HOLD CAUCUS

Unsuccessful Attempt to Get All Republicans Together—McBride Bill May Split His Party in Twin—Wilson's Senatorial Speech.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 19.—(Staff correspondence.)—The opposing forces in the greatest Senatorial contest ever fought out in this state are not resting on their arms on the eve of battle. Every train arriving since Sunday noon has brought heavy reinforcements to swell the retinue of the leaders. They have come from all over the state, and tonight the hotel lobby is crowded to the limit with a restless moving mass of humanity.

Rolling, boisterous, good nature seems to predominate in the lobby, but in the halls and dark corners and around the secluded meeting places of the different factions in other parts of the city numerous conferences are being held by the leaders, whose faces do not indicate any great amount of mirth within.

There is nothing very pleasing in the situation, for this fight has raged so long and with such fierceness that no matter which faction is victorious, there will be some sore left to rankle and burn for many years.

Big Three Caucus.

The big three—King, Spokane and Pierce County delegations—have been in caucus this evening, and a number of other counties and combinations of counties have also held impromptu and informal caucuses. Out of this vast amount of consultation very little of interest has resulted. The Pierce County delegation, under the leadership of Senator Hamilton, is tonight making an effort to get the Republican members of the Legislature into a caucus. They have started a caucus call from which all reference to the Senate or the railway commission bill has been omitted, and will endeavor to get the Ankeny, McBride, Wilson and Preston Republicans all under one tent to talk the general situation over.

The success of this latest attempt toward harmony is not yet assured. In fact, the McBride bill, which seems in a fair way to split the Republican party in twain, could not be kept quiet long enough to prevent two of the delegation walking out. Advantage was taken of the occasion to give the Governor's pet measure a few votes, and Senator Warburton renewed their action by walking out, and Representative Corlies followed him. This plan, however, seems to meet with the approval of quite a number of members who have heretofore been inclined to keep out of caucus. The leaders of the opposition who have fought a caucus are not inclined to view the scheme approvingly. They see in this an attempt to round up the Republicans, ostensibly to talk matters over in a general way, but fear that the McBride bill and the Preston candidacy will be sprung on them and find them at a disadvantage.

Wilson's Senatorial Speech.

Perhaps the most sensational incident of the day was the speech of John L. Wilson at a King County caucus this evening. In this speech, which met with hearty applause from the Preston followers, Mr. Wilson advocated an anything-to-beat-Ankeny policy, and intimated that when, with the aid of Preston and McBride, he will have succeeded in removing the Walla Walla candidate from the contest, he would be well satisfied with his own chances.

"I am not for the King County candidate," said Mr. Wilson, "with all due modesty, I want to say that I am after the place myself. But I want to say here and now that if King County really wants to elect a Senator, she can do so. All she needs to do is to stand true to her instructions and true to her platform. You have been instructed to use all honorable means to elect the chosen candidate of King County, and it is your duty to go down the line to the bitter end."

"I had some instructions in my county, but they seem to have gone off in the gloaming. But I want to say that the day is coming in this state when men who accept a nomination at the hands of the Republican party will obey the instructions given them. Unfortunately, we have not yet reached that day, but it is coming, and when they refuse to obey the instructions given them their conduct will be treated as it merits."

"Gentlemen of King County, you and I have the same fight up to a certain point. When we have accomplished that common purpose, when we have eliminated the common enemy, then our paths will diverge. When that time comes, I am willing to take my chances and let the man who has the longest pole knock the persimmon."

Wilson was followed by E. C. Hughes, who ambiguously stated that King County could not have one, but two Senators. The exact interpretation which Mr. Hughes intended should be put on his words is unknown, but the general impression was that it was their duty to elect John L. Wilson at the present time, and Harold Preston two years hence. King County will not take kindly to Wilson, however, and any attempt to crowd

Preston out of the way at this stage of the game for the purpose of admitting Wilson would be followed by the immediate election of Ankeny.

Ankeny or a Deadlock.

With all of the argument that has been brought to bear upon members of the Legislature in the closing hours before the first ballot is taken, but little has been accomplished, that will serve to change the estimates made in Saturday's Oregonian. There is some talk tonight that neither Ankeny nor Preston will show their full strength on the first ballot, but it is hardly probable that either of them will be very many votes shy of the number which they have available.

There is also some talk of bringing out John R. Allen as a legatee of Harold Preston's strength in case Mr. Preston becomes weary of the contest. This plan, however, has its objections, for Mr. Wilson, as stated in his speech tonight, wishes to be considered an active candidate himself as soon as there is any chance to break Ankeny's strength. Some of the King County members are said to have emerged from the caucus this evening with their backbones stiffened to keep them in line for several days at least, but all of the pressure that has thus far been brought to bear on them has been insufficient to force them into the support of the McBride commission bill. Meanwhile the Ankeny forces are standing firm, and the situation tonight confirms previous forecasts that it is almost certain to be either Ankeny or a deadlock.

Clark County Wants Ankeny.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 19.—(Special.)—Petitions have been sent to the Legislature, signed by the citizens of

Clark County, asking that the Legislature should favorably vote the Lewis and Clark Fair bill.

The bill was introduced in the Senate by J. E. Hunt, and in the House by Dan J. Malarkey. In view of the constitutional provision that all bills for raising revenue must originate in the House, the committee decided to urge the passage of the bill introduced in that branch of the Legislature and known as House bill No. 1. The bill will be reported tomorrow morning, and if possible it will be called up at once and urged to final passage in the House. The bill will probably be discussed in committee of the whole, and from all that can be learned tonight, it will probably pass the House with a good majority.

In the committee meeting tonight there was great enthusiasm in favor of the bill, and particularly strong addresses were made by Senator Smith, of Umatilla, and Representatives Shelley, Davey and Wheelon. Five amendments were suggested, but none of them were vigorously insisted upon, and they were all voted down by the committee. Only one change was made—the insertion of several words to provide that the permanent memorial building in Portland shall be maintained without expense to the State of Oregon. This was the intention of the bill, and the change was only for the purpose of making the intention more clear.

One member of the committee, Galloway of Yamhill, was opposed to the measure, and he says he will not make a minority report, inasmuch as the bill will be considered in committee of the whole. Representative Malarkey, who has been doing some very effective work for the Lewis and Clark Fair bill during the past week, says that he has no doubt whatever that the bill will pass both Houses. If nothing happens to delay it, the measure will come up in the Senate Wednesday.

There it will be championed by Senator Hunt, who has been working very vigorously for the bill in that branch of the Legislature. The bill should go to the Governor Thursday or Friday.

The joint committee which makes the favorable report is composed of: Senators—Hunt of Multnomah, Holman of Multnomah, Steiwer of Gilliam, Smith of Umatilla, Howe of Yamhill, Wade of Union, Masters of Douglas.

Representatives—Malarkey of Multnomah, Carnahan of Clatsop, Davey of Marion, Galloway of Yamhill, Riddle of Douglas, Shelley of Lane, Wheelon of Wasco.

Vancouver to the members of the Legislature from this county, asking them to vote for Levi Ankeny for United States Senator. The petition recites that it is important for the welfare of Clark County that the Columbia River be opened, and that Levi Ankeny, being a Columbia River citizen, and in a position should be elected, of accomplishing something for the benefit of the Columbia River. This petition has been supplemented by a lobby composed of several prominent citizens of the city, who will go to Olympia to work in Mr. Ankeny's interest. W. P. Crawford has been appointed by the Business Men's Association to go to Olympia, and Mayor O. B. Eastham is also at Olympia in the interests of Mr. Ankeny.

HOBSON WILL LECTURE.

Does Not Expect to Enter Service at Bremerton Navy-Yard.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 19.—The Courier-Journal tomorrow will say: Captain Richmond P. Hobson will not report for duty at the Navy Yard, Bremerton, Wash., as he is lecturing tour. He arrived at New Albany yesterday at noon from Evansville, and in response to an inquiry concerning the published statement in regard to his being ordered to active service and assigned to duty at Puget Sound, said:

"I have not yet received any official notice from the Navy department relative to the matter, and under the circumstances, I do not consider it proper to talk concerning it."

He had, he said, a private understanding with the Secretary of the Navy by which he was to continue his lecturing tour, as that official was desirous of enlisting the interest of the people, especially those of the Western and Southern States, in the Navy. The Secretary, he resumed, had approved of his Chattanooga work along that line last summer, and he still had a number of engagements to fill.

New Governor in Alabama.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Jan. 19.—William Dorey Jelks, who, on the death of Governor Sanford, in June, 1901, succeeded to the office of Governor of Alabama, and was elected last November to a full term of four years, was today formally inducted into office. The ceremonies were the most elaborate since Jefferson Davis was inaugurated as President of the Confederate States in this city, nearly 42 years ago. In the matter of Governor Jelks' inauguration, the people upon the framing and ratification of the new Constitution, and said that one of its richest features was the fact that it provided for fewer elections and thereby reduced the amount of political discomfiture.

Man's Heart is Sewed Up.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 19.—A remarkable surgical operation was performed at the City Hospital last night to save the life of Edward Spilker, aged 19, who had attempted shooting himself in the heart. An aperture was made at the wound, and between pulsations the wound in the heart was closed with three stitches. The bullet had also perforated the apex of the left lung. A portion, an inch and a half square, was cut away, a heavy silk ligature tied about the lung, draining tubes being established and the chest cavity closed. The patient speedily rallied, and it is believed he will recover.

Schwab Visits Palermo.

PALESTRA, Sicily, Jan. 19.—The steam yacht Margherita, with Charles Schwab on board, is about to sail from here for Tunis, returning to Sicily next week.

TEST VOTE TODAY

To Ballot at Salem on Senator.

FULTON WILL HAVE LEAD

Multnomah Men to Scatter Their Votes.

WOOD SPRINGS A SENSATION

Advices Democrats to Support Geer—Little Likelihood of Their Doing It—Multnomah Delegation's Harmonious Meeting.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 19.—(Staff correspondence.)

There is a strong Fulton sentiment in Tillamook and Yamhill Counties, which Mr. Eddy represents. Representative Hahn, of Clatsop, was elected on the Citizens' ticket in opposition to a Republican nominee. But it is said by friends of Mr. Fulton that Mr. Hahn will yield to the desires of his constituency at Astoria and line-up for Fulton. Hahn was a member of the last Legislature and then acted with the Republicans, as he will at this session.

Wood Says Vote for Geer.

No little stir was created among the Democrats today by receipt of a letter addressed to Representative Galloway, from C. E. S. Wood, Democratic candidate for Senator, advising Democrats to vote for ex-Governor Geer. The contents of the letter have not been generally divulged, but it is known that Mr. Wood takes the position that under the Mays act the people of the state last June declared themselves against him and for Geer. His argument is that it is thus mandatory upon the entire Legislature to cast a united ballot for Geer. The Democrats discussed the matter and found themselves unable to agree with Mr. Wood's construction of the law. They say that a proper and reasonable interpretation of the Mays act is that it was designed to be a guide simply for action by parties in making their selection for Senator, and that party lines cannot be and should not be obliterated by mere operation of statute. Congress, they say, might as well try to bind the hands of the electoral college, so they will vote for Mr. Wood in the face of his protest. If the Democrats were to accept Mr.

Wood's counsel they could materially alter the whole Senatorial situation. Thus, if Geer has 19 votes and they were to add 17 he would be only nine votes shy of the necessary 45. But speculation along that line is futile. They won't do it.

Representative Hume is not expected before Thursday. He is understood to be for Mr. Fulton. Representative Adams appears to be a permanent absentee.

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HASTY SENATES

Crisis Comes in Colorado Legislatures.

UNSEATING BY WHOLESALE

Each Party Plays Game on the Other Till They Split.

DEMOCRATS OFFER COMPROMISE

Want to Keep Senatorship Vacant Two Years—Republicans Secure Majority in House by Unseating Their Opponents.

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, a 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 23 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, admitting none but the members and employes 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 25 men in citizen's 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 upon at once. Lieutenant-Governor Haggett, 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 minority report by the Republican members of the elections committee was submitted and declared adopted by the Lieutenant-Governor. This report unseated eight Democratic Senators, giving their places to the Republican contestants. Word was at once sent to the contesting candidates and, although the doorkeepers would not let 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 and 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.

Woman Acquitted of Murder.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 19.—Mrs. Letitia Eagle, wife of S. S. Eagle, superintendent of the Pressed Steel Car Company, and prominent in social circles at Avast, a suburb of this city, was arraigned in the criminal court today charged with the murder of her 13-year-old ward, Edna Varner, May 9 last. When the girl's death was reported to the Coroner it was announced that she had committed suicide, but on account of her youth an investigation was started by the District Attorney. Mrs. Eagle swore that she was absolutely innocent of the crime. She was declared innocent and was discharged.