

MILLS HAS GAVEL

Elected Speaker of the Oregon House.

CONTEST WAS VERY KEEN

Clackamas Men Swing in Line with Multnomah.

THOMPSON MADE CHIEF CLERK

C. N. McArthur, of Polk County, Elected to the Position of Reading Clerk—Representatives Now Ready for Business.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 9.—(Special)—The House of Representatives is now ready for business. A. L. Mills, a Portland banker, is in the chair, desk clerks have been elected, a number of committees



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have been appointed and the desks are being rapidly cleared for action.

A. C. Jennings, of Yamhill County, who has served as chief clerk for six years, has been superseded by W. Lair Thompson, of Albany.

Whack, said the gavel from the speaker's high seat this morning and at the sound Kay and Mills jumped in their boots, for they were both worried with fighting.

A. C. Jennings, chief clerk of the last Legislature, was pounding with the mallet to announce that it was time for the House to elect a temporary speaker. The Kay people were pale with excitement. They had but recently heard that Huntley and Jagger had gone into the Mills camp; in fact the two Clackamas men had gone there but 15 minutes before and the Mills people were happy but anxious.

Adjourn to Caucus.

Whack, said the gavel, and the lawmakers forgot their caucus doubles long enough to elect Mills of Yamhill temporary speaker, and Jennings, temporary chief clerk, and to create the necessary organization committees. That work accomplished in a jiffy, the members adjourned for the morning, and hid themselves with throbbing hearts to the lower floor where they passed through two doors, one of them being for the Kay magnates, the other for the Mills rights. Shortly afterward the Kay room emptied its human contents into the Mills room and the general Republican caucus was on.

The morning was sharp and clear; not so, however, with all the lawmakers, for they had been wrestling over the speakership all the night before and even into the early hours of the morning. Many were a bit fagged and their eyes a trifle dim, but their natural force was not abated. Twenty-three Kay men filed into the Mills stronghold and there faced 26 men who had staked themselves in black and white to vote for the Multnomah man.

Shook, a Kay adherent from Klamath, was not present, also Kay would have had 24 votes. And nobody knew where he had been afraid that Multnomah would not be sold for Kay, but they were entirely groundless, so far as it has been possible to discover.

Each camp held a preliminary caucus of its own in adjoining rooms, immediately after the morning adjournment of the House at 10:45. The Mills people were confident yet anxious, while the Kay boomers were depressed with the information that Jagger and Huntley had gone over to the Mills side. Still they hoped that Huntley or Jagger might change his mind back again.

Kay's Scouts Sent Flying.

Just before the general Republican caucus Kay's chiefs of staff were flying round the Capitol excitedly in search of Shook of Klamath. They had been informed that J. M. Keene, of Medford, a Vawter magnate, had kidnaped Shook and was holding him away. Shook was not found, but his vote was counted for Kay in the general caucus, as if he had been present.

Mills of Yamhill was chosen to preside, on motion of Mills, and Capron of Multnomah to act as secretary, on motion of Kay.

Lithiumum of Multnomah named Mills for nomination for speaker; Edwards of Lane named Kay. When Mills crossed the 28 line a mighty whoop shook the Capitol, and above the din could be heard the voice of Lithiumum singing, "He's a Jolly Good Fellow." Kay and Mills sat side by side, and each voted for the other.

Kay at once moved to make the nomination unanimous, and was the first to congratulate Mills.

Triumph of Young Blood.

After the tumult had subsided and the news had wound its way out the door and the clicking telegraphs, the caucus proceeded to the selection of desk clerks.

W. Lair Thompson, of Albany, was chosen for chief clerk by 40 votes against 2, his opponent being A. C. Jennings, of Eugene, who was chief clerk of the last Legislature, and of three others, and has acted in that capacity at six sessions altogether. Mr. Jennings was also a member of the House in two Legislatures from Lane County. The victory of Thompson, who is a young man, over Jennings, who is a veteran at the desk, was a surprise to many persons.

For reading clerk C. N. McArthur, of Polk, received 46 votes, against 6 for D. E. Vernon, of Douglas. The selection of J. A. Finch, of Salem, for calendar clerk was unanimous; also that of Frank Drager for assistant chief clerk. M. P. Isenberg, of Wasco, was chosen sergeant-at-arms against Albert Crossan, of Clackamas, the vote being 22 to 18. Isenberg was a doorkeeper of the House during the Dolph fight ten years ago, and is an Army veteran.

Contest Over Doorkeeper.

A contest developed over doorkeeper, and four ballots were needed to end it. C. A. Murphy, of Marion, won out against Albert Crossan, the vote being 23 to 24. R. C. Willis was also a candidate, but his name was dropped before the final ballot.

T. E. Hills, of Jackson, secured the place of malling clerk with 27 votes, his competitors being E. Edwards, of Lane, 11 votes, and C. E. Watson, Yamhill, 3 votes.

The three pages chosen in the caucus are: Frank Hogan, of Multnomah; Charles Hoyt, of Marion, and Farnsworth Bock, of Polk. The vote was: Hogan, 6; Hoyt, 2; Bock, 4; George A. Clerington, of Marion, 6; Ralph W. Mason, of Marion, 6, and Burton Jayne, of Wasco, 2.

The caucus took much interest in Bock because the young fellow walked to Salem all the way from Dallas, Polk County, to get the place, and thereby showed a determination to get on in the world which was considered worthy of encouragement. Bock was once in the State Reform School.

PATRONAGE OF THE HOUSE.

About \$180 a Day Will Be Spent in Clerk Hire.

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Or., Jan. 9.—(Special)—Clerk patronage in the House has been partially divided, but Senate affairs are so mixed a state that no definite plans have been announced on that side of the building. Besides the five desk clerks in the House, those thus far decided upon are the eight expert stenographers who draw \$5 a day each. Late this afternoon the House apportionment committee announced those to be recommended. They are: F. Jones, of Coos and Curry; Benton Bowman, of Washington; Miss E. H. Causefield, credited to Multnomah; Miss B. McCarthy, Multnomah; Miss Carrie Quimby, Multnomah; Miss Fio Hallock, credited to Morrow and Umatilla; Miss Della B. Criger, credited to Umatilla, and Miss C. B. Asher, credited to Wasco, Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler Counties. The appointees will be elected by the House.

Other appointments will be made after the various committees are named by the speaker on Wednesday. Altogether the House will spend a total of \$180 a day on clerks. Later in the session others will be appointed according to law, which will increase the daily cost materially.

The Senate will probably equal this figure. The allowance for each member who enjoyed the luxury of a clerk per member at the last session intimate that they will not vote down such a proposition should it appear again.

The House committee which will appoint the clerkships was appointed today by Speaker Mills. Clerkships will be distributed in proportion to representation of each district in the House. Multnomah County having 12 Representatives will be entitled to one-twelfth of the total expenditure for clerks. The allowance for each member will be about \$3 a day. Following is the House committee on clerks: Kay, Marion; Corset, Lane; Griffin, Lane; Sommers, Douglas; Hermann, Coos; Robert Burns, Coos and Curry; E. H. Smith, Josephine; Von der Helton, Jackson; Vawter, Douglas; Jackson, Carter, Benton; Pawe, Polk; Cooper, Polk and Alameda; Miles, Yamhill; West, Tillamook; Tandilly, Clatsop; Jagger, Clackamas; Holcomb, Clack-

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FEE IS MESSENGER

Electoral Ballot Will Be Borne by Pendleton Judge.

DEADLOCK IS BROKEN BY LOT

Mayor Dimick, of Oregon City, Draws the Prize Slip From Secretary Dunbar's Hat, and Then Waives His Right.

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Or., Jan. 9.—(Special)—Oregon's four Presidential Electors cast their ballots for Theodore Roosevelt today while Legislative battles raged around them. Judge James S. Fee, of Pendleton, was chosen to convey the record of the ballot to the President of the United States Senate. Judge Fee said that he would return home from Salem immediately and in a few days would set out for the national capital. The three electors besides Judge Fee are: C. Hough, of Grants Pass; J. N. Hart, of Dallas, and Grant B. Dittick, of Oregon City. All but Mr. Dimick desired the honor of going to Washington and during most of the day they were in good-natured deadlock. Just as were the Senators upstairs, Secretary of State Dunbar finally went to the rescue, wrote the word messenger on one of four slips of paper, shook them up in a hat and allowed each elector to draw a slip. The charmed slip fell to the lot of Dimick, who passed it over to Fee. One record of the ballot will be forwarded to the president of the Senate by mail and another to Judge Bellinger, of the Federal Court of the Oregon Judiciary district. Judge Fee was chairman of the meeting today and Mr. Hart secretary.



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AMITY IN IDAHO SENATE.

Democrat Urges Printing of Message After Warm Commendation.

BOISE, Ida., Jan. 9.—(Special)—The Legislature got fairly started on its grind of bills today, a number being introduced in each chamber. In the House a bill appropriating \$50,000 for the expense of the session was passed under suspension.

Speaker Hunt announced the standing committee of the House.

Aulagh of Shoshone introduced a resolution declaring the seat of Representative Anderson, of the same county, vacant, for the reason that the territory in which Anderson lives was annexed to Nez Perce County at the last election by vote of the people.

In the Senate a pleasant surprise was caused when the House resolution for printing 2000 copies of the Governor's message came up. MacBeth of Clatsop, one of the two Democratic members, rose in his place and warmly seconded the motion to adopt, saying he considered the message probably the best ever written by an Idaho Governor and adding that he warmly approved its recommendations.

Bard Would Succeed Himself.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 9.—The California Legislature will proceed tomorrow to elect a successor to Thomas R. Bard in the United States Senate. There are several prominent candidates for the honor, and politicians acknowledge tonight that the situation is so badly tangled that predictions would be simply guesses. It was claimed today that only 61 of the 126 members had been pledged, and that the balance were unknown quantities.

Senator Bard is a candidate to succeed himself, and his supporters claim over 30 votes. Frank Flint, of Southern California, is another candidate. The other active candidates are: Arthur Flek, postmaster of San Francisco; George A. Knight, Abraham Reuf and Henry Oxenard.

The position of U. S. Grant, Jr., as a candidate is regarded as uncertain. He declared today that he would not enter the race, but his friends may present his name nevertheless.

Carter Made Be Made Senator.

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 9.—Both houses of the Legislature will ballot for a United States Senator to succeed Paris Gibson, junior Senator from Montana, and Wednesday the joint Assembly will vote on the subject.

The Republicans have a majority of two in the House and six in the Senate, and the general belief is that ex-United States Senator Thomas H. Carter will be elected, though the Republicans thus far have refused to caucus on the election of a Senator until the two houses have voted separately on the subject. Ex-Senator Lee Manly and William Lindsey are mentioned as candidates. H. L. Frank and W. G. Conrad are the prominent Democratic candidates.

Ready to go to Washington.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 9.—California's ten electoral votes for President and Vice-President of the United States were cast for Roosevelt and Fairbanks today. Secretary of State Carter presented the Governor's certificate to the electors, who were sworn in by Superior Judge Hart. W. S. Wood was made chairman of the college and M. R. Harris, secretary, and under their direction the certificates of election were duly signed to be transmitted to Washington.

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ROUTINE IN HOUSE.

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On motion of Edwards of Lane, A. C. Jennings, of Lane, was unanimously elected temporary chief clerk. On motion of Capron, the following committee on credentials was appointed by the temporary speaker: Capron of Multnomah, Hermann of Coos, Newell of Washington.

On motion of A. L. Mills, the House adjourned at 10:46 to 1:30 P. M.

The House reconvened at 2 o'clock. Temporary Speaker Miles, of Yamhill, in the chair. The report of the committee on credentials was read and adopted on motion of Carter of Benton.

On motion of Lithiumum of Multnomah, the Secretary of State administered the oath of office to the members of the House en masse.

Capron of Multnomah presented from the committee on order of business a report which was adopted.

Bailey of Multnomah presented the name of A. L. Mills, of Multnomah, for speaker, and Smith of Josephine, for the Democratic members, nominated W. M. Blakely, of Umatilla. Mills was elected. The vote: Mills, 26; Blakely, 2; absent, 1. Holcomb of Multnomah moved that a

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