

PILES IS SENATOR

Wins on the Thirteenth Ballot at Olympia.

RUSH FOR THE BANDWAGON

Nearly All the Other Candidates Are Deserted.

SWEENEY DELIVERS THE GOODS

Coup Engineered by Stevenson and Baker is Carried Out, Despite the Frantic Efforts of Foster, Wilson and Jones Managers.

Piles	128
Foster	10
Turner (Democrat)	4
Absent	3
Total	145

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 27.—(Staff Correspondence.)—At the joint session of the Washington Legislature, held at noon today, Samuel H. Piles was elected United States Senator from Washington, to succeed Addison G. Foster, of Tacoma.

The day was Friday, and it was the fatal 13th ballot taken since the opening of the fight. There was no hitch in the programme as outlined in the conferences held last evening, except that just before the morning session of the Legislature the Foster and Wilson forces capitulated and expressed a willingness to make it unanimous.

The coup was sprung so suddenly last evening and Stevenson and Baker, who engineered the deal, hustled it along to completion so rapidly that the Foster forces were taken unaware, and it was well on toward midnight before they realized the gravity of the situation. From that time on until daylight they neglected no opportunity and together with the Wilson and Jones forces made frantic efforts to break into the ranks of the Piles-Sweeney forces. The morning train brought heavy reinforcements from Tacoma, but they came too late, and while they rushed around and pulled and hauled at the recalcitrants, the Sweeney-Piles men, perfectly confident of their strength, stood by and joshed them.

A Bunch of Good Intentions.

The bandwagon rush was on shortly after midnight, and Piles was kept busy from early morn until balloting time receiving the assurances of the men who fell outside the bandwagon but who had intended to vote for him on the next ballot, "even if this thing hadn't happened."

This was the first Senatorial election that has been held in the new Capitol building, but the scenes and incidents were much the same as in the previous contests. It was pretty well known all over the city that the big contest would be ended at the joint session, and two hours before the appointed time the galleries were crowded with an expectant throng.

Ovation for the Governor.

Promptly at 12 the sergeant-at-arms droned out the stereotyped announcement that the Honorable the Lieutenant-Governor and the Senate for the State of Washington were ready for the joint session. As soon as they were seated Lieutenant-Governor Coon caught sight of Governor Mead, who was in the gallery, Speaker Megier and Senator Christian were appointed to escort him to the Speaker's platform, and when the Chief Executive moved up the aisle he was tendered almost as much applause as was given Sweeney.

After the customary motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous session, Representative Joseph Lindsley, who had placed Sweeney's nomination, arose and spoke as follows:

"At the commencement of this Senatorial contest I had the privilege and honor to nominate for United States Senator a gentleman whom I believe every one of us knows personally, the Hon. Samuel H. Piles, of Spokane; a lifelong and loyal Republican, a true friend, a man who desires more than anything else in this life the continued progress and prosperity of this commonwealth, and that harmony should prevail in the Republican party of this state. I am now authorized by Mr. Sweeney to withdraw from this contest his name, in favor of the Hon. Samuel H. Piles, of Seattle. (Great applause.)

"In support of Mr. Sweeney are 28 as good and loyal Republicans and freeholders as ever stood out for a man at a competent for any office as any candidate could be. I am glad to say that as representing these 28 votes for United States Senator that they will cast their ballot for Samuel H. Piles."

HIS FINAL SHOT

Foster Puts Ankeny in a Predicament.

ENDS FIGHT ON STEWART

Nomination to Seattle Post-office is Made.

HE WILL NOT BE CONFIRMED

Ankeny's Efforts to Help His Colleague End in Foster's Making Him Appear to Have Tricked President.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 27.—A brief telegram sent last night by Senator Foster to Representative Humphrey brought about the reappointment of George M. Stewart, as Postmaster at Seattle today. Important as this telegram was in terminating a postoffice contest that has lasted more than a year, it was of far greater importance in that it raised a question of veracity between the two Washington Senators and placed Senator Ankeny in the light of having deliberately misrepresented the facts to President Roosevelt, thereby endangering the standing of the junior Senator with the Administration. Up to today Foster and Ankeny have been on cordial terms; from now on their relations threatened to be strained to the last degree.

Representative Humphrey, who was Stewart's sole backer throughout the long fight, has gained a temporary victory but it promises to be short lived. Before Senator Foster departed for the West to take up the Senatorial fight in his own behalf, he called at the White House and made a protest to the President about the activity of Federal officeholders in behalf of his opponents. Subsequently an order is said to have gone forth that Marshall Hopkins should attend to his official duties and leave Sweeney to manage his own campaign against Senator Foster. All along, Senator Ankeny has displayed a disposition to assist his colleague in any reasonable way to win his fight, though at no time did he publicly urge Foster's election, nor would he instruct loyal Ankeny men to support Foster as against other candidates. In fact, it is understood that Foster and Sweeney each had the support of eight Ankeny votes in the Legislature, while Piles had six.

Foster Withdraws Objection.

Soon after Senator Foster started West, Senator Ankeny called at the White House and stated to the President that he hoped no appointment of Postmaster would be made in Seattle until after the Senatorial contest in Olympia was settled, as the naming of Postmaster Stewart at this time would operate against his colleague and be construed as a benefit to ex-Senator Wilson, Foster's bitter political enemy. He intimated to the President that such delay would be acceptable to Foster, the President withheld the nomination. This morning Senator Ankeny got word that in all probability Piles

GOOD PLACE FOR FULTON.

Foster's Defeat Opens Place on Committee to Him.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 27.—Senator Fulton, of Oregon, is very likely to secure a place on the committee on commerce when the Senate reorganizes next winter.

First Automobile Crosses Andes.

SANTIAGO, Chile, Jan. 27.—The first automobile has just crossed the Andes at an elevation of 25,000 feet above the sea level.

ACTION PUT OFF

Railroad Men to Wait on Pending Legislation.

RATE QUESTION UNSETTLED

To Confer With Jobbers Again in April.

ARE NOW IN CLOSER TOUCH

Definite Results of Conference Withheld as Question Requires Further Consideration Before Final Settlement.

The question of distributive rates from the Coast back to the interior is still a live question and will be for at least two months longer. While the conference of the traffic men and the Jobbers' Association was a very harmonious one and will, in all likelihood, be productive of great good in the future, it will be barren of results as far as the immediate present is concerned.

Impediments to a Settlement.

If this were all, however, the question would have been comparatively easy of settlement, for the roads would have been inclined to come to some immediate and sweeping conclusion, but there are other things which hold back the decision. The Washington Legislature and the action of Congress are two things which are very uncertain in result, and the railroad men think that some delay should be made by them in the settlement of the question pending the legislation, adverse or otherwise, that may be enacted in the State of Washington and at the National capital.

Final Action in April.

The most definite thing decided, however, was that there would be another and a final conference held in Portland either during the first or second week of April between the traffic men and the representatives of the Jobbers' Association, and it is probable that final action will be taken at that time.

BANQUET FOR TRAFFIC MEN.

Brilliant Function Given in Honor of the Visitors.

FACILE COAST.

COMMERCIAL AND MARINE.

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Kuropatkin Claims Decided Success.

DRIVES BACK JAPANESE

Several Villages Captured After Hard Fighting.

WHOLE FRONT IS ENGAGED

Amid Bitterly Cold Weather Hostilities Are Resumed With Vigor—Japanese Send New Army to Blockade Viadovostok.

SPECIAL CABLE.

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