SLIGHT MAJORITY HAS ITS DANGERS

Senate Democrats Aiready See Difficulty in Passing Tariff Legislation.

SOME ARE PROTECTIONISTS

Two From Colorado and Two From Louisiana Alone Can Beat Free Sugar and Force Compromise on Lumber.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 4.—The narrow margin by which the Democrats will control the next Senate—and it yet remains to be determined fully how narrow that margin will be—is causing considerable uneastness among the party leaders and especially the men who will be entrusted with leadership in the Senate after March 4. Until the Senatorial elections are all held it will not be known definitely just how the new Senate will be constituted, but at best the Democrats can hope for a majority no greater than three.

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No matter what the final majority tuens out to be, it will be too small for safe sailing and too small to perimt of factional quarrels in the party. Yet it happens that the Democrats of the Senate today are on the verge of a factional split fraught with as much danger to the party as was the factional split in the Republican party prior to the November election—the split that did more than anything else to bring about Republican defeat in November.

Progressives Dominate Concus.

There are in the Democratic party today two distinct factions, the progressives and the conservatives. Numerically the progressives will dominate the Senate caucus, and probably outnumber the other faction by six or eight votes. But the conservative faction, by reason of the longer service of most of its members, has an advantage lacked by the newer and more aggressive Democratic Senators; they are already well piaced on committees; they know legislative methods and legislative trickery and, what is quite as important, they have built up friendships on the Republican side of the Senate which will stand them in good stead in the promotion of certain sorts of legislation. For the Senate in many respects resembles a club, and friendship goes a long ways in making a Senator influential.

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But personal friendships of this sort will not help when it comes to partisan legislation, such as tariff revision, or on the question of Senate organization. The Democrats must work out these policies largely within their own party, and, because of the narrow margin, will be compelled to compromise or else share the credit and responsibility with Republicans, and this they do not want to do at the outset of the first Democratic administration in 16 years.

Compromise Is Essential.

Because of this necessity for com-promise little has been determined as yet either as to the organization of the next Senaie or as to the tariff and other legislative policies to be fol-lowed. The progressive Democrats have served notice on the conservatives have served notice on the conservatives that certain things must be done or they will rebel. By the same token, the conservatives can put forth an ultimatum of their own, with a like threat, and the progressives will not have enough votes to force the adoption of their plan. The only possible way to secure Democratic action is through compromise, and that is what is bound to follow. It will not come immediately, as the progressives, while in the majority in caucus, do not care this early to acknowledge that they are not to have their own way, and the conservatives, knowing they must yield

a few protectionist Democrats in the senate and a few more coming. Take sugar, for instance. The two Senators from Louisiana and the two from Colorado will not vote for free sugar, though the House is likely to pass a free-sugar bill. Those four Senators alone can prevent the passage of a free-sugar bill through the Senate and force the House to compromise on a reduction of the duty on lumber. When it comes to the metal schedule, the Senators from Colorado and Missouri and possibly Alabama will object to placing certain metals on the free list, and when that number of Senators join with the Republicans they can control the situation and force a compromise. The same is true with research to low.

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certain metals on the free list, and when that number of Senators join with the Republicans they can control the situation and force a compromise. The same is true with regard to lumber, and half a dozen other important commodities produced partly in states that are or will be represented by Democratic Senators.

There will be times when insurgent Republicans or Bull Moose Senators will join with the majority of the Democratis on certain tariff schedules, but it is doubtful if they will join them to pass a free-sugar bill, and also doubtful if they will co-operate in passing a free-metal bill. The only theory upon which these men might join the majority of the Democrats would be to enable them to place certain commodities on the free list, in the hope or expectation that such a change would operate to the disadvantage of the Democratic by the disadvantage of the Democratic party in the states affected by those particular schedules.

Free-Traders Will Be Embarrassed. It is still true that the insurgent Republicans of forms in the majority of the Democratic party in the states affected by those particular schedules.

Forge's encore number was "Etude de Concert" (Boothe). Madame Nordica was invited to attend the concert, but arrived too late from Seattle.

It is to be hoped that the silly practice will be stopped of applauding the person who adjusts the plano ild at these high-class concerts. Its novelty as a cheap joke has passed.

THIRD PARTY SHAPES BILL Society Affair Proves Grand Success Bull Moose Would Allow Election of National Committeeman.

HEARERS SHOW APPLAUSE

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Prizes for Hopgrowers.

SUNNY SOUTH HOSTESS

DAUGHTERS OF CONFEDERACY ENTERTAIN AT PORTLAND.

Many Handsome Gowns Seen at Big Ball.

WOMEN TO FILE PROTEST

Women to File Protest

Temperance Workers Object to Peach-colored silk with hand-made

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EUGENE, Or., Feb. 4 .- (Special.)-DAMAGES GIVEN MAN SHOT

Oregon City Water Balliff Loses
Suit Brought by Victim.

OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 4.—(Special.)—A verdict of \$750 was today awarded Alexander Douthit against Henry W. Trembath. Douthit, who is a fisherman, was shot June 2, 1911, by

General Paredez were forwarded to United States Attorney Wise at New York for use at the hearing on a write of habeas corpus Friday.

The Secretary's action was based upon telegraphic communications from Caracas to the State Department. The certified data received included copies of some of the official records of Venezuela while Castro was president.

SPORTS

Eugene met the party near Cook's Inn and brought Mrs. O'Leary the rest of the way, leaving her with relatives in Eugene last evening 12 hours after she had started.

Mrs. O'Leary's 17-year-old son, hearing Sunday atternoon of his mother's sickness, started at 3 o'clock on horse-back for home. Changing his mount three times, he arrived at the bridge at 2 o'clock Monday morning, making one of the fastest trips over this road.

Kilbane Outpoints Driscoll. NEW YORK, Feb. 4 .- Johnny Kil-

hane, of Cleveland, featherweight champion, outpointed Young Driscoll, of Brooklyn, in a 10 round bout here tonight.

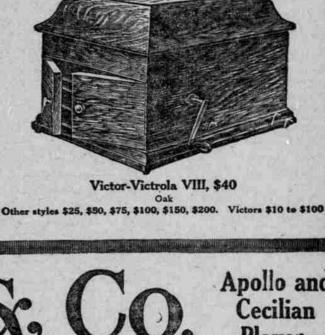
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