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STRUGGLE IS ON

Organization of Legislature Unsettled.

NO CALL FOR CAUCUS YET

Both Rival Factions Make Claims to the Victory.

SALEM TO BE BATTLE-GROUND

Davey Holds Balance of Power in Speakership Fight—Smith and Brownell Making Close Contest for Presidency of Senate.

Republican lawmakers had a warm time yesterday on organization of the Legislature. The drama was a spirited one all day and when the curtain fell about midnight many tired actors were weary with their labors. By tonight the scene will have been shifted to Salem, where the lawmakers will proceed to make laws.

Up to midnight no call had been issued for a caucus or nominations for presidency and speakership. This caucus will probably be held at Salem tomorrow morning.

The contest has thus far been a very close and strenuous one. Both the Brownell-Harris and Smith-Eddy factions are claiming the victory. The struggle showed few features yesterday varying from the day before. The rivals have locked horns and do not appear to have yielded one to the other.

In the fight over the speakership, Davey, of Marion, appears to hold the balance of power, and six or seven Eastern Oregon representatives, who have pooled their political fortunes, are backing him. The truth seems to be that neither Harris nor Eddy has enough votes for a caucus nomination. The lieutenant of each are working hard for recruits from Davey and from the Eastern Oregon "majority." Davey looks as if he is keeping a small nucleus of votes free from other alliances. His supporters say that he holds enough power to swing the election of speaker either to Harris or to Eddy, and that the two leading candidates will have to come to him for enough votes to win out. Chief among his reputed adherents is Ed T. Judd, of Marion; Marion Hayden, of Benton; G. L. Hawkins, of Polk, and E. F. Jones, of Lincoln. Davey is said also to have a firm hold on the Clackamas delegation, consisting of C. G. Huntley, Hon. Paulsen and H. A. Webster.

Eastern Oregon Combination.

The Eastern Oregon combination is a formidable one. Gilbert W. Phelps, of Morrow, announced last night that he would act with this "merger." Its other members are: R. A. Emmett, of Klamath; J. N. Burgess, of Wasco; N. Wheelon, of Wasco; C. A. Danneman, of Gilliam; R. J. Ginn, of Sherman, and C. P. Johnson, of Grant. This combination comprises all the Republican members of the House from Eastern Oregon except H. C. Adams, of Umatilla, who is too sick to attend the opening of the Legislature. Rumors were abroad that the alliance could not hold together on account of its diverse elements. This was denied, however, by the parties to the treaty. The Eddy and Harris forces lay claim to the support of this delegation, but its members have declared that they are still unpledged, and they hint that they will vote in the direction of Eastern Oregon interests.

Race for President of Senate.

The uncertainties of the contest for the Presidency are relatively more numerous than those for the Speakership. Both the Smith and the Brownell forces lay claim to the allegiance of several Senators whose disposition is very uncertain. The Brownell people boast of having broken the solid front of Multnomah County, behind which Dr. Smith is fortified. The report that the Doctor is on the inside of the Marion delegation beyond Squire Farmer is vigorously denied at the Brownell camp.

There has been some talk on the outside about a possible effort to carry the Republican contest over organization into the open Senate and House. This, however, will in all probability not be tried. It appears to be opposed by both factions. Democrats have encouraged it because if they should be permitted to take part in the organization they might be in a fair way to exact favors in return for their support of any candidate.

Fulton Backs Harris and Brownell.

Harris and Brownell are distinctly Fulton candidates. This was hinted openly at the Fulton headquarters yesterday. These candidates will receive most of the Fulton strength. Yesterday their lieutenants were complaining about the Multnomah delegation. They were trying to bludgeon them on the Moody men by telling them that Multnomah was responsible for the defeat of that gentleman and that this county should not now get into a mix-up outside of its own limits. The Multnomah people responded that their support of Dr. Smith could not be assailed as unreasonable and that as for their championship of Eddy's cause, this was reasonable, too, because of the close relations which this county has maintained with him in the past.

Exodus for Salem.

Dr. A. C. Smith went to Salem last night in the interest of his candidacy. Representative T. D. Kay, an active supporter of Eddy, returned to his home at Salem. Representative N. Wheelon, who is looked upon as a leader of the Eastern Oregon delegation, went to the Capital City on the same train. C. W. Fulton, candidate for the United States Senatorship, and his flock will go up this morning. M. Both representative from Columbia County, arrived here last night. He is an adherent of Fulton, but announced that he would support Eddy. Senator Walter M. Pierce, of Umatilla; Senator E. V. Carter, of Jackson, and Representative G. L. Hawkins, of Polk, were among the lawmakers who arrived yesterday.

Candidates for the head clerkships of the two houses have been skipping around nimbly for votes. Two leading aspirants for the chief clerkship of the Senate are S. L. Moorhead, of Junction City, who has filled that office for the past three sessions, and Clarence Butt, of Newberg, who was a member of the last House. For journal clerk of the Senate are mentioned W. W. Nickels, of Yamhill; W. H. Hampton, of Grant's Pass, and F. S.

Grant, of Portland. Candidates for reading clerk are: John S. Shoup, of Roseburg, who held the position in the last Legislature, and Frank Motter and B. S. Huntington, of Portland. Men who are working for the position of calendar clerk in the Senate are F. C. Middleton, of Portland, and J. A. Finch, of Albany. Candidates for Sergeant-at-Arms are: L. M. Watson, of Umatilla, and B. S. Worsley, of Clatsop.

For the chief clerkship of the house, A. C. Jennings, of Lane, is the leading candidate. N. H. Alexander, of Portland, and Frank Turner, of Salem, are aspirants for the office of calendar clerk. S. C. Warrell, of Albany, is working for the position of mailing clerk.

Undecided Whether to Resign.
Governor-elect Chamberlain was asked yesterday if he had yet made up his mind whether he would resign the office of District Attorney before he assumed that of Governor.
"I don't know yet," responded the gentleman. "I haven't yet made up my mind about it."
"When will you do so?" was asked.
"Within a day or two. I am now studying Mr. Pipes' brief as published in the Oregonian yesterday. I think I shall make my decision tomorrow."

Mr. Chamberlain said that he had no knowledge of how the fight over organization of the Legislature was turning.

"I have been so tied down in my office that I haven't had time to stir about or to listen to much political gossip," was his parting word.

TOBACCO BY WHOLESALE
Whole Crew of Atlantic Steamer Seems to Be Smuggling.

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—Customs officials tonight arrested Jacob von Sternberg, charged with smuggling tobacco, and subsequently made a search of the Red Star steamship Finland, lying in the North River. Von Sternberg, who is employed on the vessel, was found to be wrapped with tobacco, which was cleverly concealed under his clothing.

While the officers were at work searching the vessel, the crew of the Finland made a raid on the dynamo room of the electric lights. The chief engineer and the custom house inspectors drew their revolvers and drove the men back. The inspectors then sought police assistance and completed their search. They did not succeed, however, in finding any more tobacco. Six custom officers and policemen are now in charge of the vessel.

Earlier in the day inspectors observed two men near the gangway of the Finland acting suspiciously. The men were searched and about 15 pounds of tobacco was found upon them. The men succeeded in breaking away and getting back to the ship. The officers declare that yesterday they chased one of the crew across a street near the pier after recovering 10 pounds of tobacco, and that the man got away.

St. Louis Railroad Man.
ST. LOUIS, Jan. 10.—Joseph C. Nicholas, general baggage agent of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, is dead at his home here of heart failure. Mr. Nicholas began his railroad career in 1874, as clerk in the general passenger and ticket department of the St. Louis, Kansas City & Northern Railroad.

Wife of President Butler.
NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—Mrs. Nicholas Murray Butler, wife of the president of Columbia University, died today at her home in this city. Mrs. Butler had been ill of heart trouble for some time.

FIERCE FIGHT IS ON

Olympia Speakership Eclipses Other Issues.

DR. HARE HAS SLIGHT LEAD

Tug Wilson Follows Closely—A Few Votes Either Way Would Decide—Extraneous Claims Are Made on Speakership.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 10, 12:30 A. M.—(Special.)—At midnight a combination of the Hare and Roth followers united for

River man has a much smaller following than the two leaders, he was in the race before either of the others and will not be thrust to one side. Roth, of Whatcom, is also a candidate and an attempt was made tonight to get the Northwestern counties into a combine to support him. The Snohomish delegation had not arrived when the meeting was called and nothing definite was done. It is reported, however, that Roth will get nine and possibly 11 of the 14 votes in the Northwestern counties.

Will Not Expose Senatorial Line-Up.
The vote on the speakership, however, contrary to the usual rule, will not reflect accurately the lineup of the members of the Legislature on the Senatorial contest, for Hare will have votes from the Ankeny, Preston and Wilson men, and Roth, who is a Wilson man, can get several votes more out of the Northwestern counties for speaker than he could get for Wilson for Senator. The Preston candidate for speaker is also drawing some support outside of the Preston lines.

Aside from the growing intensity of the Speakership contest, the fight for Senator remains unchanged. Mr. Preston is hope-

ACTION ON TRUSTS

President Demands It From Congress.

IF IT TAKES ALL SUMMER

Failure to Act This Session Means an Extra Session—Committees Take Hint and Get Busy—May Sidetrack Statehood Bill.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 10.—"There will be trust legislation if it takes all Summer," is a re-

tion will engender a great deal of discussion. At the same time, when it is known that the President intends to have trust legislation on an extra session, it is more than likely that trust legislation will be passed. No one wants an extra session, least of all the Senators, and, if they fully realize that the President means to have at least a vote on some of the bills that are pending, they will close down the everlasting talk on their own account and pass some bill.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRUSTS.

Will Begin Meeting Monday and Dig Deep Into Subject.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—The Senate committee on judiciary will meet Monday for the purpose of taking up the trust question. It is expected the committee will go into the subject very thoroughly, and that a number of meetings will be held, either by the full committee or a subcommittee.

CONSIDERING ANTI-TRUST BILLS.

House Subcommittee Comparing Knox's Measures With Others.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—The subcommittee of the House judiciary committee, which has been engaged since early in the session in the consideration of all pending anti-trust bills and the preparation of a bill to be reported to the full committee, held a session today, but took no final action. The subcommittee had before it the draft of a bill which it had practically agreed upon, but inasmuch as the two bills drawn by the Attorney-General had come before the subcommittee, and as it was stated that they were intended as suggestions to the committee, action on the question of the adoption of a bill was deferred until they can be considered and comparisons made with the conclusions reached by the subcommittee. It was announced after the subcommittee had adjourned today that a report would not be made to the full committee on judiciary until next Friday.

It is claimed that there is not a wide difference between the bill drafted by the subcommittee and those drawn by the Attorney-General, the former being somewhat broader and going further in the direction of publicity. It also is understood that, instead of creating a new commission provided in the Attorney-General's draft, the subcommittee's bill will propose that the collection and dissemination of information concerning corporations shall be done through the Interstate Commerce Commission.

FREE TRADE WITH CANADA

Policy Advocated at Reciprocity Conference With Sifton.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 10.—International reciprocity between Canada and the United States was the theme of an interesting conference today between Clifford Sifton, Canadian Minister of the Interior, and a committee of Minnesota representatives of the National Reciprocity League. The committee came out flat-footed in favor of reciprocity, and some of its members went a step further and advocated free trade between the countries.

Mr. Sifton said that, when the reciprocity committee went away disappointed from Washington five years ago, it was a sad blow to reciprocity sentiment in Canada. He thought that an educational campaign must first be undertaken in America before public sentiment would be aroused to a point where the matter could be urged forward to a definite conclusion.

It is true, however, that an anti-trust bill, if favored by the Republican Senators, would displace the territorial bill, but men who know what the situation is in the Senate realize that the trust ques-

ALL CRY FOR COAL

Famine Causes Outcry Throughout East.

CONVENTION IS CALLED

Will Meet at Washington to Demand Relief.

KNOX IS CENSURED BY MANY

Grand Jury Meets in Chicago to Sift Conspiracy Charge—Many Factories Shut Down—Kansas on Verge of Coal Riots.

The famine of coal has become so acute all through the East and Middle West that there is a general demand that something be done.

A national convention has been called to meet in Washington and call upon the President to take action. Attorney-General Knox is pronounced the proper authority to find relief.

The grand jury of Cook County, Illinois, has met in Chicago to sift the charge of conspiracy among coal dealers to maintain prices.

A committee of the United States Senate is investigating the shortage in Washington.

Factories and steel works in Pennsylvania, Indiana and Illinois have shut down for lack of fuel, throwing thousands of men out of work.

Kansas is deeply covered with snow, and cold weather is general in the Middle States, but coal is scarcely obtainable. Coal riots have been threatened in several Kansas towns, due to confiscation of coal in transit by railroad.

Meanwhile, coal dealers continue to advance the price and miners demand more wages.

CHICAGO, Jan. 10.—A National convention at Washington for the purpose

of impressing upon President Roosevelt the urgent need for relief from the stringency of the coal situation was decided today at a conference in the Grand Pacific Hotel. The call for the gathering will be issued, probably Monday, by Mayor Maybury, of Detroit, acting as chairman of the permanent committee of the Detroit Coal Convention. It was this committee which today agreed on the necessity for a national meeting at the capital. The conference opened at 10 o'clock this morning and at an adjourned session it was voted to reconvene the Detroit convention at Washington at the earliest practicable date. This decision followed a series of speeches in which Attorney-General Knox was censured, it being alleged in the meeting that he had not en-

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