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The Democrat.

Will Mr Mitchell come to time.

Oregon history is being made down at Salem.

The supreme court refused to take a hand in the fight.

It is to be hoped the deadlock is ended soon and the agony dispelled.

A large number of assessment and taxation bills have been introduced.

There are two sides to all questions, and hence two to the deadlock affair.

Behind the whole legislative filibustering is the senatorial contest, and that is a republican matter. See!

The person in Argentine Republic who refuses an offer of marriage is subject to a fine of $500. Of course the law is an outrage.

Ex-Speaker Moores: "I didn't suppose it was possible a worse legislature could assemble than the one I presided over. But this one beats it so far."

The first bill in the legislature was introduced by a Linn county man, one to do away with the state board of equalization. It should pass.

England and the U. S are now on good terms. This is proper. The relationship of the two countries should always be amicable. They should work harmoniously.

The plan of the opposition in the legislature is to get control of the house. On organization of state legislatures this is done in different ways. In this case the senatorial fight is being used as a lever.

Mr Somers is the duly authorized leader of the regulars in the house, and he is having a picnic of a time. Bilyeu and Smith are leading the opposition and seem equal to the plan of the campaign.

The state legislature is making a very poor beginning. The DEMOCRAT doubts the propriety of filibustering in a state legislature. In the present case it all points to the senatorial contest, and as a matter of fact a few Portland men are at the head of it.

A good many people think if the legislature did nothing at all it would be better for the people. But there are some things that have to be done. Among the things that should be done is the abolishment of the railroad commission, board of equalization, etc.

An exchange at Salem heads an article, "The good times are here."

Glad to know it. Bring some around.

P. S. The railroad from Salem to Astoria is already built.

P. S. Ditto the railroad to Mars.

Hully gee, but ain't we somewhat of a liar.

Enough of English Control.

LEBANON, Jan. 14, 1896.

EDITOR DEMOCRAT:

The news that senator Walcott has gone across the ocean to present to the mother country the hardship which the American people suffer from a single gold standard revives the memory of colonial times when the colonies were sending delegates to England asking King George not to oppress the American people.

We have had enough English control of our finances and have no faith in any arrangement which may be made with the money powers to lessen the horrors of contraction and falling prices.

Washington raised the sentiments of the American patriots when he warned them against entangling alliances with foreign powers. The constitution "authorizes congress to coin money and regulate the value thereof. Envoys to Great Britain to secure a privilege which belongs to the people of the U. S. is something more than an entangling alliance with foreign powers.

It is a surrender of the independent sovereignty of the government of the U. S. Just think of it, the greatest country on earth with seventy millions of people with her great national resources asking a foreign power the right to make money. We are a great nation on the 4th of July, but dwindle into utter insignificance on election day. The Oregonian said on Jan. 5th 1897 "that Senator Walcott had gone to Europe to look after international bimetallism, we think his trip will be futile.

There is no sign of any change of policy on the part of Great Britain with whom the decision mainly rests, would lose advantages posessed under the present system." The silver people took the position before the election that England would not consent to international bimetallism and that the only way to coin silver was by independent action, for which we were denounced as anarchists and repudiators. Now the Oregonian admits that our position was correct. What reply has the gold standard followers to make to this;

The prosperity that they promised us before McKinley's election has not been realized nor never will be. It has turned out just as all the predictions and promises of the gold standard combination have made for the last 20 years. In 1893 the entire gold press and every politician of the Cleveland, John Sherman or Pierpont-Morgan stripe and all the boards of trade declared in most unequivocal terms and in most positive manner that the repeal of the purchasing clause of the Sherman act would restore confidence and prosperity.

That repeal was forced through congress by appliances and influences which ought not to exist in a republican government, and which cannot continue to exist if free institutions are to survive.

The promises and predictions which were then made signally failed, as the friends of the common people predicted.

Six and a half millions of independent voters cast their ballots for freedom the last election.

We have faith in the American people, the battle of 1896 was but the beginning of a conflict which will rescue the common people of this country from plutocracy. We fought a similar battle in 1824 and 1828 under the gallant leadership of that old hero Andrew Jackson and won.

After Jackson's successful fight against National Banks, Sam Burton stated in the senate of the U. S., that the English lion had been driven from our shores, but that she would return again and bring a band of whelps with her; and now they are here in all their glory.

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What They Have Done.

Following is the record of Oregon's two senators and two representatives, as shown by the Congressional Record, from Dec. 7 to Dec. 22:

JOHN H. MITCHELL.

Amendments offered by, to: Deficiency appropriation bill, Indian appropriation bill, sundry civil appropriation bill.

Bills and joint resolutions introduced by: On bounty lands: to amend law relative to Brown, Albert C: for relief. Civil service: to amend law granting preference to soldiers and sailors in. Marciel, Clement: for relief; public land cases: to regulate taking of proofs and filings. Railroad land grants: to amend act to forfeit; Russell, William: to pension; Scudder, Thomas H: to pension; state war claims: to declare intent of law relative to; Wright, Arethusa: to pension.

Motions and resolutions offered by: Astoria, Oreg., Harbor: inquiry relative to improvement. Columbia river salmon fisheries: for protection of; Huston, L W: to withdraw his papers. Oregon: inquiry relative to river and harbor improvement.

Petitions and papers presented by: from Astoria, Oreg., Chamber of Commerce: for Nicaragua Canal; for improvement of harbor. Marciel, Clement: for relief. Oregon, citizens of: for Nicaragua Canal; Oregon Indians: for relief.

Remarks by: On correction of remarks; election of senators by people; incidental subjects; legal contracts, Nicaragua Canal, soldiers and sailors in civil service, tally ho—brig: relief of owners, tariff.

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Petitions and papers presented by: From Astoria, Oreg., Chamber of Commerce: for completion of Nicaragua Canal.

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Petitions and papers presented by: From Astoria, Oreg, Chamber of Commerce: for protection of salmon fisheries, for improvement of Astoria Harbor

Remarks by: On forest fires.

WILLIAM R. ELLIS.

Bills and joint resolutions introduced by: Railroad land grants: to amend act to forfeit.

Petitions and papers presented by: From Astoria, Oreg., Chamber of Commerce: for Nicaragua Canal. Oregon, citizens of Gilliam county: relative to public lands. Bill for relief.

Peculiar Legislative Incident.

The following remarkable incident is said to have taken place at the opening of the legislature in Olympia:

One of the most remarkable scenes ever witnessed in an American legislative body occured in the senate during the organization of that body today. When the officers had been elected and sworn in, Lieutenant Governor Luce called on Senator Van Patton, who is a minister, to open the fifth session with prayer. Senator Rinehart, populist, of Whatcom objected. Reinhart is an old man, with gray beard and hair. In a loud and angry voice Rinehart cried that it was all nonsense to have prayer in such a body.

"It will not do them any good," he said, "to pray for them. It is all a farce. If these people desire prayer, let them pray for themselves. I want to object to such nonsense."

The president was compelled to rap for order on account of the confusion which followed, and again asked Van Patton to lead in prayer. Rinehart, ignoring the preacher's opening words, cried out:

"Well pray if you will, but do not include me in it."

While divine invocation was being offered, he stolidly kept his seat while the entire body in the senate, visitors as well as members, rose and stood with bowed heads.

Following the prayer, Taylor of Pierce, silver republican, asked that the secretary be requested to sing, "Nearer my God, to Thee" and Secretary Eshelman complied. After the last strains had ceased, Rinehart again rose and in a tone of mockery, said:

"Mr. President, now I move that the Salvation Army be invited to come in."

President Luce was again compelled to rap for order. Then the businesses of the session continued without further interruption.

As the doctors figure up the year's vital statistics, how about the statement that comes from Phoenixville, Pa.? Within twelve miles of that town there are thirty persons whose ages average 95 years, and fifty whose ages average 85 years. There are several centenarians in the group. The little village of Birch Runville contains 100 people, the ages of seven of whom average 95 years. This item of news, good as far as it goes, is incomplete, for the public will want to know how the thing is done. Scientific research will find a fruitful field here in connection with solving the problem of longevity. Once on earth we figure how to remain here. Let us have the life stories of these Schuylkill Valley patriarchs. Do they use tobacco, intoxicants, turn night into day, take a whirl in ward politics, or indulge in anything else common to the average life? Life is an accident and death is a result. That we all know. But how do these Pennsylvanians manage the intermix?—Republic.

Three brothers bearing a remarkable resemblance to one another are in the habit of shaving in the same barber shop says the Astoria Budget. Not long since one of the brothers entered the shop early in the morning and was shaved by a German who had been at work in the shop only a few days. About noon another brother came in and underwent a similar operation at the hands of the same barber. In the evening the third brother made his appearance, when the German, dropping his razor in astonishment, exclaimed: "Vell, upon my vord! dot man has the fastest beard I never saw. I shaves him dis morning, shaves him at dinner times, and he comes back now, mit his beard so long as it never vash!"

The legislature is composed of 31 farmers, 2 horticulturalists, 1 stock raiser, 2 cannery men, 5 editors, 5 manufacturers, 1 banker, 2 capitalists, 3 teachers, 11 merchants, 1 conductor, 1 surveyor, 17 lawyers, 4 doctors, 1 brewer, 2 ministers and 1 elder.

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SATURDAY NIGHT THOUGHTS

During the past week a state legislature has met and one house after a siege of six days has failed to organize. One paper has been figuring out daily how much has been lost by it, a funny kind of a speculation. As a matter of fact if they didn't do any thing at all but to undo some things previously done they might do a pretty good thing for the state. So far as that goes the loss is nominal. After all, though, the DEMOCRAT hardly believes in a filibustering policy, and it certainly seems as if a member should be on hand when the roll is called, even though abstractly it may serve some people right if he is not.

The past week has seen the defeat of the funding bill. This simply means that a big corporation should meet its obligations promptly just the same as an individual. The result is proper as viewed by most careful observers.

Every day we read of a robbery in some Oregon town, the number the past week has been noticeable. Some in houses, some holdups, perhaps several in a town right along. This is being done by gangs of tramps, in most cases, prowling through the state, who would not work if they could, and in some cases by men who are not tramps, who take advantage of the suspicion against tramps to get hold of other people's property. The fact suggests caution and the carrying of as little money as one needs in daily transactions. There are enough deserving needy without allowing strangers to get our money. Turn the tables on some of the rascals.

Speaking of holdups, it is entirely ungrammatical to call the scramble at Salem a holdup. Holdups have to be from outsiders, a man cannot hold himself up; whereas the Salem affair is from within a body itself.

Let anyone do anything that should not be done and the news flies like a carrier pigeon. A bad deed will go from Hackleman's grove to the cemetery before a good deed gets over the fence. That seems to be the spirit of the age.

Washington Letter.

From our regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14th, 1897.

It seems that a blackguard speech has to be made at every session of congress. Representative Johnson, of Cal., who was working with the Huntington lobby for the Pacific Railroad fund bill, which was disposed of by the house today after four days discussion, is entitled to the belt for having made one of the dirtiest and most indecent personal attacks ever made on the floor of the house—the speech was so dirty that no newspaper would print it all. The man attacked was Wm. R. Hearst, who has fought the bill in his New York and San Francisco newspapers and who, Johnson thinks, was instrumental in getting him defeated when he was a candidate for re-election last November.

A senator who is a close friend of Justice Field of the supreme court, said of the revival of the rumor that Justice Field, who has long been eligible for retirement, would retire on the promise of President Cleveland to nominate Secretary Carlisle to the vacancy: "There isn't a word of truth in the story. Justice Field has said that he would not give Mr. Cleveland an opportunity to name his successor, and the old gentleman has a long and unbroken record for living up to his word. But even if he should retire or there should be another vacancy in the court, it would not be filled by Secretary Carlisle; he might be nominated by the president, but there would be no possibility of the nomination being confirmed by the senate."

Senator Jones, of Ark., has gone home to be present at the election of his successor by the Arkansas legislature. As he has no opposition, there isn't the slightest doubt of his being his own successor, and the democrats of Arkansas will make no mistake in sending Senator Jones back, as no man in the senate has more rapidly come to the front in power and influence than he has since he became prominent in the Wilson tariff bill fight in the senate. The work he did in the last campaign as chairman of the democratic national committee is known to all.

Whether the speech of Senator Mills today, on his resolution declaring that the expediency of recognizing the independence of a foreign state belongs to congress, and that the president shall act in harmony with congress; and further declaring that the independence of Cuba ought to be and is hereby recognized, and appropriating $10,000 for the salary and expenses of a minister to Cuba, will open the flood gates of Cuban oratory remains to be seen. It was plain and to the point. Mr. Mills thinks the matter should not be longer postponed, and a short time age a majority of the senate thought with him, but influences have been at work, which, if they have not changed opinions, have at least brought about an apparent willingness to leave the whole business for the next congress and administration to deal with. Representative Money, of Miss., has returned from his investigating trip to Cuba, but says he isn't ready yet to talk for publication of what he found out, or at least of all he found out.

Mr Crawford Lyon of Baltimore has appeared before the ways and means committee and asked for a lower instead of a higher duty on linoleums and oil cloths. This action was a great surprise coming from a manufacturer of these goods. Mr Lyon proved by statistics that even the present Wilson Gorman tariff duties on these articles lavishly protected the manufacturers. He was bombarded by questions and confused with the multiplicity of ideas promulgated by the committeemen seeking to give the tariff screws another turn. But before Lyon left he added to the knowledge of the high tariff advocates on the committee and set wheels to working in their heads that had never been in motion before.—Ex.

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MISFITS.

The Journal says: "Lark Bilyeu is the Abe Lincoln of the house."

The Oregonian is getting in some hot editorials on the senatorial question. Some are all wool and a yard wide.

The Roseburg Review says that two or three members of the third house from Douglas county have been paid $40 and a free pass for their services at Salem.

There was a close call in the lobby of the house at Salem yesterday between C. B. Moores and John P. Robertson. The former threatened to put a head on the latter.

Ex Sheriff Smith, of Clatsop county, is again missing. He ought to remain missing. Several Albany people got enough of him when he was sheriff.

A sample of the economy of the senate is illustrated in the vote of Hill's code to each member, though half of them, and both the Linn county members, were voted codes at the last session.

A lady in Salem writing to an Albany relative says Senator Mitchell goes about among the legislators in a seedy looking suit of clothes, shaking hands with everybody and inquiring about the babies.

Mr. Dawson, of this county, has a bill before the senate which the DEMOCRAT endorsed before the meeting of the legislature, providing for the payment of taxes in two installments, April 1 and October 1.

The fun continues at Salem. Yesterday Representative Bilyeu told Representative Somers, who was swinging his arms in a lively manner, that they lived in a prairie country and didn't get frightened at windmills.

The DEMOCRAT has received a marked copy of a little weekly down in Yamhill containing a big editorial on Mr. Mitchell's Nicaragua canal bill. The finger marks are at both ends. As far as that ditch goes Senator Mitchell's course is quite generally endorsed in Oregon.

The 3rd house at Salem are strictly in it. In this house the Salem hog and all other hogs and would be hogs run fearlessly at large. There are several shining lights in this house whose business on the surface is to have fun, but the members behind it all are hunting for spoils or are interested in the senatorial contest.

The editor of the Corvallis Gazette writing from Salem to his paper among other things says: "Harry Miller, whose nominal occupation is presiding over destinies of the Oregon Agricultural College, seems deeply concerned in the political movements. He is here as a lieutenant of Joe Simon and is one of the most conspicuous buzzers."

An Albany lady says she feels like putting the DEMOCRAT on the back every time it advises people to pay their debts. As we like that we are bound to keep up the advice. The best advice any young man can receive is to live within his means and keep even with the world if economy and steady habits will do it.

The Journal says: A republican legislator from Polk county said today: "So far as passing new laws is concerned, the state of Oregon could afford to pay Mr. Bourne $1000 to keep the deadlock on for forty days. It would be money in the pockets of the people." And he was about right.

The Eugene Guard reported a lady dying with consumption. Her answer is readable: "I am very happy to inform my friends that somebody made a mistake when they reported that I have consumption. It is my liver instead of my lungs that is bothering me. If you don't believe my lungs are all right come up and I will sing you a solo as loud as any lady in The Dalles. I am improving nicely since Dr. Read, my ma, has come." Signed by Mrs. A. D. Skaggs.

The New York World got the expression of every national presidential elector on the question of whether wine shall be served in the White house or not, according to the World President elect McKinley being in favor of it and Mrs. McKinley opposed. Only two of the Oregon electors voted, S. A. Doran for wine and T. T. Geer against. The total vote was quite a majority in favor of wine. It is not probable though that it will have anything to do with the decision of the president and his wife.

Here is some McMinnville journalism: "A. V. Snyder has concluded to favor the long suffering public of this city and will hereafter give us but one issue a week of the Transcript (the reason to be given later.) The time saved will be spent in hustling committee clerkships during the session of the legislature. Then it the committee pays well enough we will be afflicted again."—Heath. Thanks, you great big overgrown, slobbering, disappointed, dejected apology of a journalist. You ought to go into the rabbit business for a change.—Valley Transcript.

The constitution says that though forty is necessay to organize the house a less number may meet and compel the attendance of missing members. Why don't they do it. The truth is the "regulars," believing there is political capital in the filibustering, and, though making a big fuss against it are satisfied it will help them in the long run. The DEMOCRAT believes it is the duty of a member to be present and answer to the roll call, and regrets seeing the program of the week. At the same time the republicans are in control and it is their own fault that they were outgeneralled.

The Examiner has been publishing expressions of opinion of prominent Pacific Coast men about the defeat of the funding bill. The following is that of Mayor Pennoyer of Portland: The defeat of the Funding bill is a most pronounced victory for the people of California, with "The Examiner" in their lead, over the most unconscionable monopoly on the the Western Hemisphere. Their fierce struggle in this matter has been watched with interest all over the Union, and they deserve the most unstinted praise. If the Southern Pacific can now be balked in its efforts to have the Federal government expend two millions in building a harbor for its own private benefit, the people of the whole county will be placed under renewed obligations to the people of California.

The DEMOCRAT recently published a slam from the Pendleton E. O. on the Salem hotels. Here's the other side from the Statesman, and we always give both sides if possible: What is the use of lying? Salem has good hotels. Her leading hotel, the Willamette, is first class in all its appointments and its service, but most of the legislators stay during the sessions at boarding houses. And no city, anywhere, has better boarding houses than Salem. They are, in many instances, the very homes of her hospitable people. They are as if the best families of Pendleton including that of Editor Jackson, should decide upon some particular occasion to take in boarders for a season. In the name of common honesty, the East Oregonian ought to apologize for its unwarrantable insult.

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During a number of skirmishes in Santa Clara, Matanzas and Pinar del Rio recently, the government troops have destroyed many insurgent camps and have burned a large number of huts.

Sherman Has Accepted.

CANTON, Jan. 15.—"I have accepted the state portfolio," said Senator John Sherman to the Associated Press representative at the Fort Wayne depot a few minutes before the senator left for Washington this afternoon. The senator had but a few moments before left the presence of the president elect. Concerning other matters connected with the incoming administration, the senator was very reticent. Asked as to whether Mr Hanna would be appointed senator, he replied that he did not know.

Just a Continuation

PITTSBURG, Jan. 15.—The Dispatch tomorrow will say:

The Cuban policy of the McKinley administration will differ very little from that which has been laid down by President Cleveland, and his secretary of state. This statement is based on remarks made to a reporte by the man who will be premier of the next administration, Senator John Sherman, of the union depot this evening.

Economical Astoria

ASTORIA, Jan. 15.—Quite a sensation was caused here today, when it was announced that the fire and water committee would make a report at the next meeting of the city council favoring a reduction of appropriations for the maintenance of the city fire department to one half its former figure. If the measure is adopted by the council, the city will lose two and possibly three of its four fire companies.

A Big Price

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Representative Spencer of Mississippi, has introduced in the house a bill as follows:

"The secretary of state is hereby authorized to offer to the government of Spain a sum of money not to exceed $200,000,000 for the purchase of the island of Cuba. And the sum of $10,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary to defray the expenses of pending negotiations, is hereby appropriated.

Should Pass.

BISMARCK, N. D., Jan. 15.—A bill has been introduced in the legislature making two years the limit of residence in this state to obtain a divorce. This is intended to prevent the wholesale divorce business. There will be a big fight on the bill by lawyers and hotel keepers, who have reaped a harvest from the present law.

Platt the Man.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 14.—Without the usual formula of a nominating speech tonight, with no word of eulogy, but with a strength of votes that was overwhelming, Thomas C Platt was named as the republican candidate for United States senator. Long before the hour for assembling arrived, the galleries were filled with visitors. Before the ballot was taken, a resolution was adopted to make the choice of the caucus binding on all republican members. The ballot resulted:

Thomas C. Platt	142
Joseph H. Choate	4
Absent	2

Minister Willis Dead.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 15.—Advices just received from Honolulu per steamship Mariposa are as follows:

Honolulu, Jan 6.—United States Minister Albert S Willis died at 8:30 A. M., January 5, after an illness covering several months.

In April last the minister and his family left Hawaii for a visit to their old home at Louisville. While in San Francisco on the return trip, the minister contracted a severe cold, which settled upon his lungs. This was the immediate cause of his death.

In The Middle-of-the-Road.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 14.—From what may be considered good authority, it is learned that 29 middle-of-the-road populists held a secret caucus tonight, and took a pledge to vote for no one but a populist for senator, even if such united action should prevent the election of a successor to Senator Squire. It is said, too, that five additional pledges will be secured tomorrow.

A Terrible Accident

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 14.—Albert Gantenbein, a young man employed in the dyehouse at the woolen mill, slipped and fell into a dye vat this afternoon. A coroner was immediately at hand, and he was promptly taken out, but is now severely scalded that there is grave doubt as to his recovery. He fell in head first, and but for the fact that he held himself up on his outstretched hands, he would have been completely immersed and cooked in the scalding dye.

Done in a Row

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 14.—R. L. Jeffrey, a leading hotel man of this city, while intoxicated last night, kicked a man named George Collins almost to death. Collins was taken to the hospital, and an examination shows that he is probably fatally injured. The only chance to save his life is by an operation, and it is feared the shock will kill him. Jeffrey has not yet been arrested.

Florida Prosperity

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—Mr. Coffin, acting controller of currency, has received a telegram stating that the Merchants National bank, Ocala, Fla., suspended today. The bank has a capital of $100,000. At the date of the last report individual deposits amounted to $108,000 and payable bills to $38,000.

Coxey Again.

ST LOUIS, Jan. 13.—After a two days' session the conference called by "General" Jacob S Coxey, to launch a new party, adjourned tonight. As a result of their deliberations, a long address and declaration of principles by the middle-of-the-road people's party men was issued, and an organizing committee, so-called, selected, composed of J S Coxey, chairman; Carl Brown, secretary; John J Streeter, treasurer, and J B Osborne, Paul Vandervoort, John S Dare and J J Masterson.

A motion was adopted instructing that committee to call on the unemployed of every city in the Union to hold a mass meeting on Washington's birthday, and ask for work and parade each week thereafter until work is obtained.

Spirit of the Age

THE DALLES, Or., Jan. 13.—Between 12 and 1 o'clock this morning the room of Mrs Julia Obarr in the Farmers' hotel was burglarized and $130 stolen. Mrs Obarr, who is the owner of the hotel, had placed the money under her pillow for safekeeping. The thieves entered by breaking the door to her room. She was awakened by the noise, but was so badly dazed with fright that she could not give the alarm until the burglars had escaped.

Governor Rogers.

OLYMPIA, Jan. 13.—John R Rogers was, with great simplicity, today inaugurated governor of the state of Washington for the ensuing four years. The solemn oath of office was administered by Chief Justice Scott at 2 o'clock P. M., before the joint assembly of the legislature. The small legislative hall of the old capitol building was packed to suffocation with members of the legislature and representatives of the fusion party from all parts of the state, in addition to the usual curious persons, who were able to squeeze in.

Sherman the Man

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—The Associated Press is able to announce tonight positively that Mr McKinley has tendered the state portfolio to Senator John Sherman, of Ohio, and that the distinguished Buckeye statesman has accepted, and will be the premier of the incoming administration.

Francis Objected To

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—The senate in executive session today had up for a time the nomination of David R Francis to be secretary of the interior, but no action was taken.

Senators Vest and Pugh made speeches against the confirmation, and alleged various reasons, one being the conduct of Secretary Francis during the campaign.

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Amusing.

EDITOR DEMOCRAT.

As is usual in political matters the Herald is beside itself as touching the so called "hold up" in the organization of the legislature. This is accounted for in the fact that that paper is conducted both politically and editorially in a very narrow gauge way. For this "hold up" that paper condemns the democratic and populist members. Now the Herald ignores the fact that the "hold up" is caused entirely by republican members. The public are keenly aware of the fact that the republicans of the state have a very bitter senatorial fight on their hands, and that the opponents of Mitchell, in his party, have refused to go into the legislature for the sole purpose of preventing an organization of that body. These are the men who are "holding up the legislature," if I may be permitted to use the choice language of the Herald. The democratic and populist members all declare their readiness to go into the legislature and assist in organizing the body whenever the republican members are willing and ready to do so. But they say it is the very essence of gall on the part of the Herald and other organs to ask the democrats and populists to solve a bitter fight that exists between republicans only. No, Mr. Herald, you cannot deceive the public. MOSITOR.

Oakville.

Mr. C. S. Smith, of Acme, passed through here on his way to the Santiam saw mills.

Mr. A. S. Stone gave us a load of dry fir this morning. Mr. S. is not a politician, so he is not trying to buy our vote, but we will ever remember him for his kindness.

Mr. A. S. Hamill is plowing and sowing wheat every day. He says it is too late to sow rye. "Smoke that in your pipe I. C."

What is wrong with J. S. Smith? Oh nothing, only the fact that he resided in Oakville for three years before his election to the legislature. We are watching you J. S.

The waters are going down but the roads are very muddy and the freeze has made them worse.

LITTLE ROSE BUD.

THE BOTTOM OUT.—J. C. Cox returned from Phoenix, Arizona, Wednesday, after an absence of six weeks. Mr. Cox was not favorably impressed with the condition of affairs in that region. Building has practically suspended and there is absolutely nothing in sight. The project of building a ninety five mile irrigating ditch has fallen through with and thus the hopes of thousands of people who paid big prices for land in that locality, are blighted, and their purses are filled with emptiness. Before leaving for his Webfoot home, Mr. Cox visited the largest copper and gold mines in the territory, employing 800 men.—Brownsville Times.

THE WILLOUGHBY ASSIGNMENT.—The assignment of E. J. Willoughby, of Harrisburg, shows the assets to consist of 582 acres of land worth $5900 and cattle and farming utensils worth $1146. The principal creditors are the Waterloo Co., $972; F M Reade, Coburg, $3600; Wm Lane, Rowland, $3600; W Carnes, Harrisburg, $930; S Nixon, Harrisburg $540; First National Bank, Eugene, $800; Eugene Loan & Savings bank, $410; J F Cartney, Portland, $709; E Stewart, $575; J Diamond, Coburg, $246; May & Senders, $127; E T T Willoughby, $1009.

The body of William Rocket, drowned at Corvallis was in the water 26 days and had not decomposed. In fact it sank rapidly when dislodged from an obstacle it had rested against. There were no signs to show violence, every thing indicating an accident.

Fatal Fall of Coal Miners.

POTTSVILLE, P