

COURTS WILL DECIDE.

Thirty-one, a majority of the house of representatives, yesterday took the oath of office and effected a permanent organization.

It is possible that the senate will refuse to recognize the house as now organized, but the members of that body must bear in mind that the state has three distinct branches of government—the legislative, the judicial and the executive.

THE UNDEFENSIBLE MEANS.

The deadlock at Salem cannot be called the exercise of a minority's constitutional rights. It is the exercise, perhaps, of a minority's constitutional might, but the spirit and purpose of the constitution is opposed to the revolutionary methods adopted by those who refuse to perform their official duties.

We dare not, in matters of state, adopt the Jesuitical precept, "the end justifies the means." Some of those who have taken it upon themselves to prevent the people from making laws through their chosen representatives may honestly believe that the object they desire to attain thereby is good.

The spirit manifested at Salem by the obstructionists is a menace to civil liberty and threatens our democratic form of government.

The constitution of Oregon says "the legislature shall convene." This is the issue before us as citizens and, when confronted by such an issue, we should forget to be partisans.

The constitution did not contemplate giving a minority the power to prevent legislation by willful neglect of duty.

No one regrets more than the editor of this paper the unpleasant mention of Miss Snell's name. The lady, however, has herself invited and made necessary plain speaking.

Miss Newton, who has been employed in the Corvallis schools for the past five years, is in charge

It is with pleasure that this paper learns that the Corvallis business men did not endorse the course of Miss Snell in her attempt to organize a boycott.

THE situation at Salem excites our concern, not as partisans, but as citizens, and a healthy sign is the largely-signed demand of Philomath voters of all party beliefs that their representatives at Salem attend to their duties.

DESPITE his excuses and explanations, perhaps given in honesty, the undeniable fact remains that Mr. Whitaker, in neglecting his duty, is serving Simon just as well as Simon's own republican followers.

THE appropriation asked by the board of regents of the college ought to be heartily supported by the Benton delegation.

WILL the populist bible, the Oregonian, question the fact that the action of its followers in the lower house proves the charges of anarchy preferred in the recent campaign?

THE local reporter errs in using the term boycott. It should be girlcott.

Supt. Denman Interviewed.

"In all there are about 450 pupils in daily attendance at the Corvallis public schools," said Supt. Denman to a GAZETTE representative this week.

Salvation Joe.

The prophecies of old have been fulfilled. The lion and the lamb have lain down together.

Assignee's Notice of Final Settlement.

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Summons.

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Sensational Death.

Miss Ellen Beach Yaw, who sang in Salem recently, died at Binghamton, New York, on Jan. 7. Her death was sensational and sudden, says a New York paper.

"The school, as a whole," continued Prof. Denman, "is making rapid advancement. Under the supervision of Prof. Pratt, the standard of the work and general tone of the school have been materially raised.

"My inspection of the building resulted in finding, in excellent condition, with the single exception that it appears to be settling in the center. It would perhaps be well for the directors to give the matter attention."

There is no doubt that the over-crowded condition of the school is a matter of serious concern to patrons of the school and at the coming school meeting some means should be devised for remedying the trouble.

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