

SALEM, Or., Jan 15, 1885.

The Thirteenth Biennial session of the Oregon Legislature convened in this city last Monday. The house effected a temporary organization promptly in the morning. In the afternoon of the same day a permanent organization was effected. The candidates for speaker were: Montayne, Democrat; of Linn; Gilbert, of Marion; Portland Ring Republican and Keady, of Benton, Anti-Ring Republican. On the first ballot Montayne received the entire Democratic vote, while Gilbert and Keady received the Republican vote evenly, 17 votes being received by each. On the second ballot Gilbert received the entire Republican vote except 10, who voted for Keady, while Montayne received the Democratic vote. Just prior to the announcement of the vote the Democratic members began changing to Keady, which created much excitement especially among the friends of the ring candidate, Gilbert. The Republicans declare that the minority party scored a triumph, and for all practical purposes have the Speaker on their side. One fact is certain that Simon, Hirsch, et al, received a back set that they were not expecting. In the Senate after much wrangling in the caucus the Republicans elected a gentleman for President, Hon Wm Waldo. He is said to stand right on the railroad question and also upon the Mortgage Tax Law. Portland certainly does not control the present Legislature. The Democrats cast their complimentary vote for President for that noble and firm disciple of Democracy, Hon E Houlit, of Binn. The Senatorial election has been put off a week from next Tuesday, by a brilliant stroke of the Democracy, helped by a small portion of the Republicans of the house not completing their organization until Tuesday. The Republicans are badly scared over the situation, as they are afraid that the Democratic members of the body will vote solidly for some objectionable Republican who will support the Cleveland administration. At the present time it would seem that the Republicans would hold no caucus, each one of the popular candidates being afraid of the result of such a body. From talk in the lobby it would appear that Sol Hirsch would have the most votes on the first ballot, but it is the general opinion that he will not be elected, as a number of anti-monopoly Republicans declare they will never vote for him. The name of "Flaxbrake" Williams is often mentioned, but it is generally believed that he has very little original support, it being nearly entirely of a secondary nature. Henry Failing, of Portland, has some friends among his delegation. M C George's name is scarcely ever mentioned—he has no chance whatever. Gov Moody may prove a formidable candidate when the break occurs, as we understand that he is the only interior man in Oregon who can secure the Portland vote. W Lair Hill is here and also has his lightning rod up, and we learn has a few votes pledged unto himself. Mitchell is scarcely ever mentioned, but he has a few friends present who are on the alert. Col Knight, of Salem also has entered the list but does not have much strength. Ed Watson is not mentioned. Judge Boise has rooms fitted up and we learn from good authority that he has a number of anti-monopolists pledged to him. The man "with a head full of brains," the gallant Colonel Kelsay, of Benton, is on the scene and swears that he will carry off the honors, if the party has any sense, which he is fearful they are deficient in. Hon E L Applegate is around "button holing," and claims support for being the only original Republican in Oregon, but of course possesses no support with the exception of Cameron of Jackson. The struggle for this office, at the present writing promises to be a long bitter one. Rumors are rife that the Alaska Fur Co have a sack of \$50,000 which they will expend for the notorious Williams. The Democrats will probably hold a caucus in the near future and determine upon some course. Among the candidates mentioned by the minority we have heard the following able gentlemen: Senator Jas H Slater, Gov John Whiteaker, Gov W W Thayer, Hon R S Strahan and John Barnett. In all likelihood each will receive complimentary ballots. The course of Senator Slater is heartily endorsed by his Democratic constituents of the Legislature, and if his party were in the majority he would be

elector, we believe, unanimously. It is generally believed that the present Legislature will pass a railroad bill with similar provisions to the Reagon bill which recently passed the House at Washington. Both houses have passed a resolution unanimously asking our Senators in the U S Senate to make and vote for said law. A registry law will be passed. There will be an attempt made to abolish the Mortgage Tax Law, but I do not think it will win. We hear many members of the Legislature expressing themselves as favorable to the building of another edifice for the State University. The members from Lane are working hard for the best interests of Lane county and deserve the hearty commendation of their constituents. One thing is an absolute certainty, Portland will not control legislation this year. The main lobbies here now are in the interests of the diverse different counties. Before long, however, we expect lobbies from the railroads, money lenders, etc Bills, both good and bad, are being introduced in innumerable numbers.

PERSONAL.

J N Goltra has been elected Reading Clerk of the Senate. Mr S H Friendly came up on Wednesday evening's express from Portland and spent the night here caucusing among the members. He went home on Thursday's train. J M Hendricks was in Salem Thursday. We do not know what bill he was trying to get through. Mrs Geo Millican has been elected Engraving Clerk of the Senate. Mr J N Goltra was here at last accounts. He missed the nomination for Chief Clerk of the Senate in the Republican caucus by only one vote. Messrs Geo C Swift and Sterling Hill were here several days but have returned home. Mr H C Perkins is in Salem caucusing among the members. Saint Owen has been elected President of the "Third House" and is much elated thereat. He says this insures none but honest legislation at this session of the Legislature. Mr H H Hendricks is a candidate for State Librarian, and has, we think, more than an even chance with a dozen other applicants. Mr R G Hendricks is now the business manager of the Salem Statesman. Mr T J Cheshire has a very neat cigar store here and is doing a good business. Governor Whiteaker arrived in Salem by Thursday's train. He was cordially greeted by his many friends. John Kelly, of Springfield, is here, and rumor says, is working up Mitchell's interests. He is a good worker. Mr Seymour Condon intends entering upon the practice of law in a short time. He thinks he will locate in Portland.

NOTES.

There were four women applicants for every clerkship, and they were generally given positions. Hon L Bilyeu has introduced the University building bill in the House. The members from Lane county board at private residences. From appearances it would seem that the Cheneketa management is on its last legs. Yesterday as Sol Hirsch was entering the Senate Chamber one of his friends called to him that he had no business in there! He asked, why? He received the answer, "That is the Oregon State Grange." He saw the point. Surprises will be the order of the day in this Legislature. Senator Houlit, of Linn, Senator Rhinehart, of Union, Senator Miller, of Josephine, and Representative Watt, of Linn, were once upon a time residents of Lane county. A bill will likely pass this Legislature relating to the practice of medicine and surgery.

**A Low Tariff Straw.** An illustration of the beneficial effects upon manufacturers of a low tariff is given by Mr Perry in his new work on Political Economy. In 1872, not daring to go into the Presidential canvass of that year with the taxes as they were, the Republicans in Congress removed the duties upon a number of articles, and reduced most of the list 10 per cent. Among the articles put upon the free list were coffee and raw hides, and this led at once to an increased trade with Venezuela, whence a large part of the foreign supply of the latter is secured, and to a large increase of our exports of tanned leather. In 1870, before the repeal of the duty, our whole import and export trade with Venezuela amounted to only \$3,345,145. In 1876 our trade with that country amounted to \$9,299,993. The increase of our shipping in the trade with that republic during this time was from fifteen vessels to 134; from a tonnage of 2,571 to 43,450, and from 109 sailors to 1,255. Our exports in tanned leather increased from \$2,864,000 in 1872, under taxed hides, to \$7,940,910 in 1876, under free hides. A similar experience has resulted in the hide and leather trade of California, from the same cause. All this was the outcome of freeing from taxation two articles only, and one raw material. These indirect results of just a little freedom will certainly encourage the Democratic administration to further efforts in the same direction. It ought to do so, at all events.—S. F. Examiner.

A Washington special says: Democratic officers of the army are beginning to arrive in Washington, and a Democratic captain, who has been out on the frontier for seventeen years says: "I have come to Washington to stay. I have seen all the frontier service I ever intend to. Now some of the Republican boys can go out and take my place for awhile. It is the first time I had a chance to see Washington for a great many years. I walked up through the war department to-day to pick out a good soft berth for myself, and you have no idea how polite they were to me. I also discovered that there were an unusual number of Democrats in the service."

**Tariff Retaliation.** Congress can be very funny when it does not intend to be. There can be nothing funnier than this talk of retaliating upon Europe for taxing our cereal products. When Germany and France thought they had found bugs in our pork and refused to admit provisions from this country, Congress breathed out threats of retaliation. They came to naught. England claimed that American cattle were diseased, and imposed restrictions upon the importation of live stock into Great Britain. Under the lead of some funny men in Congress the West began to buckle on its horse pistols and bowie knives in order to retaliate. This movement never became effective. Europe learns that American petroleum is "doctored," and France thinks that a few more frames duty upon American grain will "boom" matters in France. Now, again we hear the mumbled threats of retaliation, and again do they come from that funny Congress of ours. Why is it funny? Because it originally bit off an inch of its nose by imposing restrictions upon the commerce of this country, and when other nations do the same because this nation did it, Congress hops up and down and howls out, "do it, and I'll bite another inch from my nose!" That funny Congress, and that huge joke, retaliation!

The Grocer's Advocate has the following account of an ingenious contrivance to take the place of matches, and which it says is now used by all the watchmen of Paris in all the magazines where explosives or inflammable materials are kept. Take an oblong vial of the whitest and clearest glass and put into it a piece of phosphorus about the size of a pea. Pour some olive oil heated to the boiling point upon the phosphorus, fill the vial about one-third full and cork it tightly. To use the novel light remove the cork, allow the air to enter the vial and then recork it. This empty space in the vial will become luminous, and the light obtained is equal to that of a lamp. When the light becomes dim its power can be increased by taking out the cork and allowing a fresh supply of air to enter the vial.

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