

THE NEXT LEGISLATURE.

In the course of a few weeks the time will arrive for the assembling of the representatives of the people to consider upon the public weal, and perform, we suppose, the annual "quantum" of legislation. Some have thought that a 'Home' Government would reach here in time to suspend—or relieve the operations of our "Provisional" government. With such a change, we presume that our present government, howsoever imperfect it may be, will continue to exercise its functions. In view of this, and the next session of the House of Representatives, we have been "counting noses," and find that there are vacancies in the body of the "congregated wisdom," which, it seems to us, ought to be filled,—and indeed there is little time to lose, in order to effect this.

The "gold fever" appears to have 'afflicted' the servants of the people as badly as it has the people themselves. From the best information we can obtain relative to the members of the House, two for Benton co. have G. T. C. (gone to California) two for Polk G. T. C., one for Tualatin G. T. C., two for Clackamas G. T. C., one for Champoeg G. T. C., one for Linn G. T. C. Lewis county has been deprived of its representative, unhappily by death. By this computation there are ten vacancies and but thirteen existing members of the House of Representatives which will not be sufficient to form a constitutional quorum. Unless a new election is ordered by the Governor to fill these vacancies there can be no public business transacted by the Legislature.

The wheels of our government need the screw driver, it cannot be denied but that there are sundry screws loose somewhere, and we ought not to let the machine fly into "flinders," just as our "Uncle Sam" is on the eve of paying us a visit. No, that would never do. Besides there are important matters to be adjusted—the war business is to be investigated thoroughly, the pay of the volunteers to be allowed and our "White House" generally put in order for whatever may turn up. Let there be, at least, some vitality about our government.

The Washington Union of July 7th presents the ratified Mexican peace treaty in two languages, with the President's proclamation signed at 11 o'clock on the 4th of July, which paper says, the date of the President's proclamation coincides with the date of the declaration of American independence. Many of our public transactions are completed so as to signalize more and more that important day. Mr. Rive's convention with France was signed on the 4th of July; so was the treaty with China. The act by which the annexation of Texas was sanctioned and recognised by the congress of Texas, arrived at Washington on the 4th of July. The subsequent recognition, by the convention of the people of Texas, took place on the same day; and now the ratified treaty with Mexico arrives at Washington on the national anniversary, and the President's proclamation announcing it bears date on the same day.

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[tf] Wm. C. STOUT.

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