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CAUCUS FOR SENATOR

Forty - Three Republicans and One Populist Meet.

THEY NOMINATE J. H. MITCHELL

Chances of Election Not Increased Thereby, and Opposition Says Emphatically That He is Beaten.

SALEM, Jan. 14.—Forty-three Republicans and one Populist held a caucus at the state capitol tonight and unanimously nominated John H. Mitchell for United States senator. The Populist was Nosler. It was a cold and disappointing affair. When it was discovered that only a minority of the members were present, there was considerable objection to action of any sort on the part of several who had been led to sign the caucus call on the promise that more than a majority would be present. With some difficulty the protestants were silenced by the reading of a letter from Senator Carter, in which he said he would abide by the decision of the caucus, and by a statement from Senator Patterson of Marion, that his colleague, Senator Gesner, would vote for the nominee. In this manner 46 votes were made up, consisting of 43 actual ballots, a letter and a promise. The forced method of making up a majority was not encouraging to the Mitchellites, and they rushed through business in a great hurry. No nominating speeches were made, the candidate was not called before the caucus before or after the ballot, no committee was appointed to notify him of his nomination, and no pledges nor promises of any kind were made in his behalf.

The caucus was called to order at 7:30 o'clock by Brown of Morrow. Senator Hughes was made chairman, and the roll-call showed that the following were present:

Benson,	Johnson,
Bridges,	Lake,
Brownell,	Langel,
Brown,	Marsh,
Calbreath,	McClung,
Chapman,	Morrill,
Conn,	Mitchell,
Craig,	Nosler,
Crawford,	Palm,
David,	Patterson of Marion,
Dawson,	Price,
Driver,	Reed,
Gowan,	Rigby,
Gurdane,	Smith of Marion,
Harmon,	Somers,
Hazeltine,	Stanley,
Hobson,	Taylor,
Hogue,	Thomas,
Hope,	Thompson,
Hudson,	Vaughn,
Hughes,	Veness,
Jennings,	Wagner.

There were 15 senators and 39 representatives. A motion was speedily made to make the action of the caucus binding. Conn objected, saying he would not be bound by a minority caucus, but that he was willing to enter into a compact with 45 others who would keep faith, and select a candidate for United States senator. The inference from Conn's remarks is that he would consider himself released from pledge when any one of the 46 abandons the caucus nominee. Similar statements were made by Lake and McClung. It was then that the Carter letter and statement as to Gesner's supposed attitude were produced, and thus the count was screwed up to 46.

Riddle of Douglass, who signed the call, was absent. He had during the day addressed a letter to Senator Mitchell, and withdrawing his pledge to support the caucus nominee. Senator Mitchell's betrayal of his promise to Riddle to keep his hands off the speaker-ship fight is the reason for the Douglass county member's action. This makes up 47, which is the precise number that signed the call, and which, by the way, is exactly three less than it was authoritatively claimed by Mitchell and Mitchell's managers were on the call.

UREN IS DEFIANT.

Clackamas Member Seemingly Years for Carriage.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 14.—When the house had been called to order this morning and it was discovered that no quorum was present, U'Ren of Clackamas requested the privilege of making a state-

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ment. There were at first objections, but the house finally subsided and U'Ren began.

It proved to be a deliberate announcement of the position of the Populists to the effect that if an effort was made to use force to capture the house it would be met by force, and he warned the members not to undertake it.

"We want no trouble," said U'Ren. "We are not here to invite it. We are all law-abiding citizens and friends and neighbors. This house is made up of three minorities, either two of which is able to organize it. Whenever two minorities get together we will join them. But we want no 'Kansas episode.' If one minority proposes to inaugurate force there are, excepting myself, men on this side who can fight.

"There has been some talk of firearms, too; and I want to say that Americans of all parties have been known to be handy with weapons. And," continued U'Ren laughing, "if it comes to the question of running, we are not very slow over here either."

U'Ren's words were so quietly and smilingly delivered that they did not make the impression they perhaps merited. He then went on to sum up the situation, and said the Populists were willing to go before the people on the record they were making.

"If you Republicans want to settle the question, let 21 of you resign and break the quorum," he said:

"No, you don't," interrupted Conn.

U'Ren continued for a few minutes in the same vein.

Vaugh of Lane then moved that the house adjourn, for two weeks, so that the members could go home and explain to their constituents what they have been doing. His motion was declared out of order.

At noon the house adjourned till 2 p. m. Indications are that there will be no organization today.

The Day in the Senate.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 14.—At this morning's session of the senate 23 bills were introduced, but none of them were of a very important nature. Harmon introduced a resolution deploring the unorganized condition of the house as a menace to good law and order, and that it was the desire of the senate that speedy organization be effected. The senate then adjourned till 2:30 p. m. Monday.

Tomboy Gold Mine Sold.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—The World says: An important deal has been arranged in this city by which the Tomboy gold mine, of San Miguel county, Colo., passes into the hands of the Exploration Company. This company is more widely known as the Rothschild syndicate, whose investment of \$25,000,000 in the Anaconda copper mine a year ago set the financial world talking.

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The Tomboy has already paid \$67,000, and its new owners will put in an extensive plant for the development of the property.

QUESTION TO BE REOPENED.

House Committee Will Again Try to Effect a Settlement.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—The house committee on Pacific railroads decided today to reopen the settlement with the roads. A subcommittee was appointed to consider the presentation of a substitute for the defeated Powers bill, on the line of Mr. Harrison's plan for a commission to be appointed by the president to represent the government and make a settlement. There will be a hearing on the question next Wednesday.

Canal Bill Gets Right of Way.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—The senate steering committee yesterday decided to give the Nicaragua canal bill the right of way in the upper house. This puts the measure in line immediately after the free-homestead bill, which is to be voted on tomorrow, excepting of course, when appropriation measures intervene. The latter contingency will probably prevent action on the canal measure before next week.

Shoe Manufacturers Assign.

DETROIT, Jan. 14.—S. H. Robinson & Co., boot and shoe manufacturers, filed three chattel mortgages today securing creditors for liabilities aggregating \$133,365. General depression is said to be responsible for the trouble. The assets are about \$100,000.

Boloff is a Filibuster.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—General Carlos Boloff's arrest last night by the United States authorities, it was ascertained today, was for an alleged breach of the neutrality act in connection with a large filibustering expedition on the steamer Woodall, which is said to have left an American port for Cuba June 28, 1895.

Warrants have been issued for the arrest of other Cuban agents in this country, for aiding and abetting the same expedition. They were sworn out by the Spanish consul.

Boloff, who is the so-called Cuban republic's secretary of war, after being locked up in the Ludlow-street jail, was not allowed to communicate with friends. He has been sick for some time, and the medicine sent him was delivered by the jail authorities.

In company with Dr. Joseph J. Luis, another alleged filibuster, Boloff was arranged before United States Commissioner Shields today. The prisoners were held in \$2500 bail for examination on Saturday. They will file the necessary bonds.

Would Abolish Custom-Houses.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—Mr. Charlton, delegate from the liberal government of Canada, who is coming to Washington to talk about the tariff with the committee on way and means, is expected very shortly. The Canadian government wants to negotiate with the United States the broadest kind of a reciprocity treaty, one that will practically wipe out the custom-house along the border, but the proposition does not meet with approval in the British foreign office of the secretary of state for the colonies.

Sir Julian Pauncefote cannot contemplate with the committee of congress except through the secretary of state, but from present appearances it is the intention of the Canadians to trample on all precedents and go straight to the fountainhead, the committee on ways and means.

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