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THE DAVIS HOUSE.

The Davis house now holds the boards at Salem. The dispatches yesterday stated that the Davis house met, with twenty-one members responding to their names, and that about thirty would be present yesterday afternoon, and that then "measures would be taken to notify absent members to attend."

Has Speaker Davis had a sudden change of heart? When the house was first organized, some forty-seven days ago, Mr. Davis, as speaker, refused to put any motion or to entertain any proposition except a motion to adjourn, until forty members were present. That's the reason the house could not organize, and that was the reason the house fired the contemptible tool of yet more contemptible bosses from the speakership. All that is needed to confirm the opinion held of the truckler by the people is to have him now rule that he was wrong from the start.

If the people do not get tired of the game before long, and send a delegation to throw the whole measly outfit out of the capitol building, then Americans have indeed lost their manhood. Tar is cheap and feathers plenty, and a few reception committees, provided with these materials, to welcome the return of that gallant band of patriots who could not find their way into the state house until after the forty days of the regular session had expired, would be a great object lesson for the guidance of the people's "representatives" on future occasions.

A SMALL DIPLOMAT.

Cleveland's foreign policy has been conspicuous by its absence. After the death of Gresham, the present secretary, Olney, leaped into prominence, heralded by the Democratic press as one of the greatest of secretaries. The results of his labors, now that his term of office is about to expire, do not bear out the statements made concerning him. He was neatly trapped in the arbitration treaty by England's diplomats, and was only saved by the newspapers of the country calling the public's attention to the dangers lurking in that treaty.

American citizens have been imprisoned and murdered by a little fourth-rate power within a hundred miles of our territory. And today this same putty-kneed secretary of state refuses to even answer the question of U. S. Consul Lee as to whether he will be backed up by the administration if he protect American citizens. Imagine Secretary Seward letting such a question as that remain unanswered three hours, let alone three days.

We know not what his successor may do; but if has no more Americanism, no more backbone than Richard Olney, President McKinley should trade him off for Coxey. Olney is great in little things; little in great things.

It will be President McKinley after next Thursday noon. It is a day anxiously looked forward to by every true American citizen who desires to see Americans protected abroad. The disgraceful negligence of the present administration in the matter of allowing Americans to be imprisoned by the butcher, Weyler, for no other reason than that they were Americans, has awakened a feeling of contempt for Cleveland, even among those who voted for him. With the advent of McKinley this, we hope, will be changed.

The Oregonian reporter at Salem writing up the legislature situation, says: "The senatorial question having been eliminated from the house,

organization dispute, a fine opportunity is now presented for all legislators to forget faction and remember the taxpayer and his heavy burden." This is cheerful and "patriotic" advice from the big daily that has so far insisted upon the right of the minority to organize the house and to dictate the senatorship. We fancy the Oregonian little understands the temper of those composing the Benson house if it thinks they will submit now to the dictation of Jonathan any more readily than they did during the weary forty days that they stood for their rights.

There is one great thing about the legislative placenta—I. N. Jones and a few others through it have discovered the way to the state capitol.

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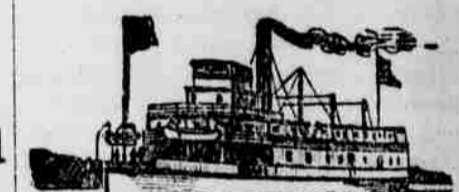


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