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## REED AGAIN SPEAKER

The Fifty-fifth Congress Assumes Its Duties.

### CORBETT'S CHANCES ARE SLENDER

McCannant Thinks He Should Be Seated Because the Legislature Refused to Organize.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—The 55th congress met in extra session today, pursuant to the recent call of President McKinley.

Reed was re-elected speaker of the house, the vote standing: Reed, 199; Bailey, democrat, of Texas, 114; Bell, populist, of Colorado, 21; Newlands, silverite, of Nevada, 1.

After Reed's election the members were sworn in and organization completed by the election of the Republican slate as follows: Clerk of the house, Alexander McDowell, of Pennsylvania; sergeant-at-arms, Benjamin F. Russell, of Missouri; doorkeeper, William J. Glenn, of New York; postmaster, J. C. McElroy, of Ohio; chaplain, Henry M. Couden.

### AS IT LOOKS IN WASHINGTON.

H. W. Corbett's Chances for Being Seated in the Senate.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 15.—The Chronicle's Washington special says:

There will be the hottest kind of a fight over the seating of Corbett, the new senator from Oregon, before the senate committee on privileges and elections. Corbett is accompanied by several Oregon friends, two at least of whom will figure as his attorneys before the committee. They are now preparing his case. It is hardly believed that there will be a departure from the precedent in the Mantel case, though many of the Republican leaders favor the seating of Wood of Kentucky and Corbett, as well as Henderson of Florida. In Wood's case the legislature of Kentucky, now in session, will probably elect a successor to Blackburn before Wood's contest is completed. Call will undoubtedly be chosen to succeed himself when the Florida legislature meets next month.

Wallace McCannant, of Portland, made the following statement yesterday:

"The Oregon case must not be confounded with the Kentucky case or with the Mantel case, decided four years ago. In both of these cases the legislature charged with the duty of electing a senator, organized and balloted for senator from day to day without effecting an election. In the Oregon case the legislature never held a session and simply made an abortive attempt to organize. It never passed a bill or sent a message to the governor! The attempt to organize even had been abandoned by the time Mitchell's term expired and a vacancy occurred.

"The constitution authorizes an appointment when a vacancy happens during the recess of the legislature. This vacancy certainly originated in the recess of the Oregon legislature. Mr. Corbett can be deprived of his seat only by interpreting the word 'happen' as equivalent to 'happen fortuitously or by chance.' It is our contention that such interpretation is precluded by the contrary, that it is contrary to all canons of construction and to all senatorial precedents from 1879 to the present time. Thirteen gubernatorial appointments have been seated by the senate, principally in the early days, when the framers of the constitution were in the body. It is doubtful if the senate will follow the precedent of the Mantel case."

### The Day in Detail.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Interest in the assembling of the 55th congress in extra session today, under President McKinley's call, centered in organization of the house. The crowds were attracted to the galleries hours before noon, but the general public had small opportunity to view the proceedings. All the galleries but one were reserved for ticket-holders.

The most striking feature of the scene on the floor was the number of new faces. Familiar figures conspicuous in the shock of many parliamentary battles had disappeared, and in the lists were

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new and untried knights. The change of personnel was very great. By 11 o'clock the reserved galleries, except those for diplomatic corps and executive were walled tier on tier.

At 12 o'clock, Major McDowell, the clerk rapped the house to order. Rev. Couden, the blind chaplain, delivered an invocation appealing for God's blessing on the work of the new congress and the new administration. The clerk read the presidents proclamation convening congress, after which the roll was called.

### More Trouble at Tacoma.

TACOMA, March 15.—The sheriff's officers guarded the civil service office in the city hall from Saturday till this morning. The new commission was appointed Saturday, but a restraining order from the court prevented their entering upon their duties. The old board feared that forcible possession of the office might be taken on Sunday. The matter will be settled in court tomorrow. It was from the civil-service room that the city hall vault was entered several months ago, and the city election ballots stolen. The robbers have never been detected.

The Mount Lebanon Shakers have invented a great many valuable things. They were the first to make brooms by machinery; the first to put up seeds in little packages; the first to manufacture cut nails.

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### France and Italy Decline.

VIENNA, March 15.—The proposal of the powers that France and Italy occupy Crete with a mixed force of 25,000 men has been declined by the governments of those two countries on the score of expense. The occupation of Crete, therefore, will be undertaken by the forces of the six powers, although Germany and Austria will only nominally take part to show that they are agreeable to the measure.

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### MISSISSIPPI IS STILL ON THE RISE

Hundreds of Homes Destroyed by the Flood.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 15.—Rain began falling here shortly after 7 o'clock, and is coming down in torrents, adding to the misery and suffering already caused by the overflowing of streams. A citizens' relief committee has been organized. Hundreds of head of stock and many men, women and children have been rescued from house and tree tops in the overflowed districts and brought to this city by harbor towboats with barges attached.

The gauge reads 33.3 feet, a rise of one foot in 24 hours, and indications point to a further rise. News comes today of the partial breaking of the St. Francis levee, sixty miles above Memphis. Steamer captains say great additional suffering and loss of property will result.

The break in the St. Francis levee at Nodena, Ark., was more serious than first reported. The water has fallen twenty-five feet, and rushed upon the people in the lowlands, behind the levee, in almost a solid wall. It is expected many lives will be lost. The steamer City of Osceola saved many people who were washed out of their homes by the water, which went through every crevice.

### The Flood at Nashville.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 15.—The Cumberland river reached forty-two feet on the gauge here today. Forty feet is the danger line. The lowlands about the city are submerged, and many cellars of the business houses filled with water. Families in the threatened districts are moving out. Merchants are taking their goods to the second floors. The river will certainly reach forty-five, possibly forty-seven feet.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from ten drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address, F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c.

### To Coerce the Greek.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 15.—All the admirals, except the French and Italian commanders have been ordered to immediately blockade the principal Greek ports, especially the Piraeus (port of Athens); Syra and Volo. An ultimatum will forthwith be addressed to Greece by the admiral of the foreign fleets.

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### The News in Rome

ROME March 15.—It is semi-officially stated here this afternoon that all the foreign admirals have received orders to blockade Crete. It is added that a blockade of Greece will occur if the Cretan blockade should prove inadequate. The Greek fleet is expected to leave Crete, otherwise it will be escorted outside Cretan waters.

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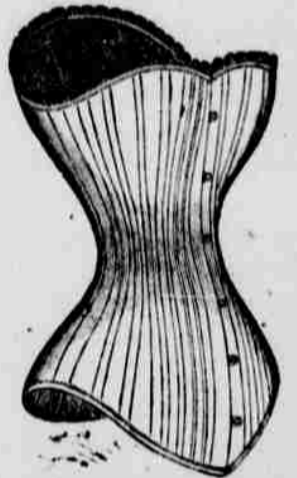
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