

SITUATION AT SALEM.

The correspondent of the Astoria News sums up the situation at Salem thus:

"The outlook now indicates the continuation of the deadlock to the end, and well-informed men say there will not be an election. The Corbett crowd has tried every possible scheme to secure the necessary number of votes, but has failed in the attempt, and it is believed that it will be impossible for the old man's managers to make any arrangements by which he can be elected. The change which has all along been predicted has not materialized, and there is nothing to justify the belief that a break will occur. Both sides seem determined to hold out, and prominent democratic legislators say they will not settle the fight.

"That the McBride faction will throw its vote to some other candidate than Hermann before the end of the session is considered certain. The anti-Corbett people are not so particular as to the man whom they may succeed in electing, just as long as he is an administration man, and it is understood the names of several prominent administration republicans will be presented. But it is not at all likely that this action will result in anything, as the Corbett people seem determined to prevent the election of any other person. Indeed, it is said that the old man is "in" over \$100,000, and to give up would be to throw away that much coin. After his experience with Joe Simon four years ago, Corbett is not at all disposed to again be bunkoed, and the talk of springing another man at the eleventh hour has died out."

The Harney Items says: "H. W. Corbett certainly does not come under the head of unfinished business. His finish is the most artistic piece of work the legislature has turned out up to date, or ever will turn out. If no other business whatever was transacted the taxpayer's could well afford to pay the expenses of the legislature for forty days rather than have such a man in the senate. The people can truly say, 'Well done thou true and faithful servants.'"

Our friend, Roberts, is like the star-spangled banner in respect that "twilight's last gleaming" still finds him where he was at "dawn's early light." He still votes for Judge George H. Williams, and while he may be in the minority, as minorities are counted, he has the satisfaction of knowing that he is supporting one of the greatest and best men in the Oregon commonwealth.

When Porto Rico came into the possession of the United States there was not a single school building on the island. Last month the bureau of education issued one order which calls for the building of sixteen school houses in different districts. In one district ten municipalities offered a site to secure the school.

The Barrett bill, providing that school districts may have and pay for school libraries if they desire them, was signed by the governor Wednesday and is now a law.

Mr. Bryan pronounces the plan to make silver dollars redeemable in gold an attempt to clinch the gold standard. It does look that way.

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