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Observations on State Politic Democratic fence-building was the principal political
activity of the legislature just closed. The republicaus did little toward developing candidacies or party pro years ago when a democratic house was regarded as an acciamong non-members of the legislature, but Salem was the $p$
where trading was in progress.
Chief manipulator in the last 30 days was Willis E. Ma honey who is endeavoring to edge out Gov. Martin as part
leader in Oregon. Coming back from his fireside chat o
whatever it was with Jim Farley, Mahoney geared right in with the pension-labor bloc and posed as its leader. The go binor wouldn't and totd a group of the wire.-hairs who called on him tha
bine bill the legislature passed was "his" bill, that he was fo
then The most interesting development of the Mahoney man
ipulations is his reported alliance with Howard Latourette national committeeman, and John J. Beckman, chairman of
the Multnomah county central committee. If the republican party has had its "four horsemen," the democrats would now and Beckman. The last-named, to be sure, was in Salem for
the duration with the title of legay adviser to the governor
In fact his time was devoted to politics pure and simple, or on Gov. Martin since the 1935 special session, is credited with
ambitions for running for governor in 1938. Mahoney look to Fred Steiwer's seat in the senate; and Beckman is place
as a political factotum. Of immediate interest is the filling of the vacancy fo his brother, Judge Earl C. Latourette; while state chairman
McCulloch backed Evan Reames of Medford. Organized labor supported former senator Hess of LaGrande, while Judge
Hall Lusk of Portland had strong backing. At the moment
the star of Mark Weatherford appears to be rising the star of Mark Weatherford appears to be rising. He was
toastmaster at the recent victory banquet, and jumped
through the hoop on the proposal for court renovation. That may count.
A wide assortment of democrats are eyeing congres-
sional jobs. Daisy Bevans of Clackamas, who has a very high
opinion of her talents, has aspirations toward Washington. opinion of her talents, has aspirations toward Washington
Earl Nott, Yamhill district attorney, long ambitious for th congressional post, might as well have announced himse
Friday night when he made his speech in Salem attacking the
upreme court, as "a tool of special interests." He spoke plainly enough as a candidate. Mrs. Honeyman and Walter
Pierce may have opposition in the primaries of their own

Within the legislature there was not very marked cultiiness with little political or orther rift within itself. to Pus
Franciscovich added to his power as legislative leader. Th most powerful" man on the floor was Bill Strayer, who serve
as "majority" leader for the Franciscovich organization
P Probable choice for next president of the senate if it remain
republican is Robert Duncan of Burns, one of the ablest lead
ers in that body Dean Walker, senator from Benton and Polk countie
proved himself an invaluable member. As chairman of th
ways and means committee for two sessins Ways and means committee for two sessions he deserves a
great deal of credit for maintaining the excellent financial
condition of the state. He is lucid but brief in debate, a man of great personal charm, thoroughly frank and honest,
that he wins the respect and friendship even of those he dis senatorship should alternate between the counties. In Waalk
er's case the law should be suspended. Benton county coul
not have been any better represented by dents; and Walker's erperience- is now too valuable to the
state to Ebe loas tinuough His repilacement either by a republiOne memiber of the senate who memenged this session was
Byran Canney of (flecthmas counuty. In the 1935 session he






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