

OREGON LEGISLATURE.

How the Benson Men Set Up Their Organization in the House.

Two o'clock Thursday of last week the Benson men succeeded in organizing the lower house of the legislature with a majority numbering thirty-one.

At 2 o'clock, when Temporary Speaker Davis mounted the rostrum and called the members to order, an audible rustle of expectancy passed around the house.

The first formal move of the Benson men was made by Brown. He left his desk and came forward to a position just in front of the speaker's rostrum.

"We have sat here for ten days in our effort to organize this house. But the rulings of the temporary speaker have at all times been adverse to the possibility of organization."

Brown then went on to recite the history of the failure to organize and, concluding with the statement that it was now "our earnest purpose and steadfast resolution" to proceed with the business, offered a formal resolution, as follows:

"Resolved, That the present temporary speaker, E. J. Davis, be, and he is hereby removed, and that Dr. J. N. Smith be, and he is hereby elected speaker pro tem in his stead."

The reading of the resolution was greeted with great cheers by the lobby. Brown raised his hand in protest, and appealed to the spectators to keep silent.

"We have serious business to do," he said. "Mr. Speaker," interrupted Riddle of Douglas, "addressing Davis, 'I desire to enter an emphatic protest against this proceeding. I am against this resolution. We have heard some opinions read on this floor from Senator Hoar of Massachusetts, and from Senator Thurston of Nebraska. I take it as a piece of impertinence on the part of the senator from Nebraska to offer unsolicited advice as to what we should do in Oregon, and our answer should be in the language of the great and only Poinsett, 'You attend to your business and we'll attend to ours.'"

"I will then put the question," continued Brown. "All who favor the resolution will say, 'aye.' There was a loud chorus of ayes. 'Those opposed, no.' Several yells of 'No' came from the lobby.

"Carried," cried Brown. Speaker Davis calmly watched the progress of events and said nothing. Smith was marched up beside Davis between Lake and Stanley. When he was opposite the speaker, Smith, who is a very small man, extended his hand to Davis, who is quite tall, and there was an awkward handshake.

The crowd breathed a sigh of relief and smiled. There was to be no tragedy. It was just plain comedy. Smith asked the pleasure of the house, and Somers promptly got on his feet and read a printed resolution removing Temporary Chief Clerk Moody and appointing R. R. Hays, the Benson caucus nominee. Smith put the motion and it was declared carried, and Hays took a place beside Clerk Moody.

Chief Justice Moore was waited upon by a committee, and he swore in the members. Conn then offered a resolution to proceed to permanent organization, and it carried. H. L. Benson, of Josephine, was placed in nomination for speaker. The roll of the members sworn in was called by Hays. Benson got twenty-eight votes, Benson, Gratke and Misener voting blank.

A committee was appointed to escort Benson to the chair. Chief Justice Moore swore him in, and he made a short speech of thanks.

The following officers were then elected: Assistant chief clerk, H. S. Jordan; reading clerk, Frank Mott; calendar clerk, E. W. Bartlett; sergeant-at-arms, H. W. Murphy; doorkeeper, S. W. White (colored).

These were the Benson caucus nominees. They were sworn in by Justice Moore. Bridges presented a resolution empowering the speaker to appoint three pages, a mailing clerk and one upstairs doorkeeper, and it was adopted.

Thomas offered a resolution extending the usual courtesies to newspaper men, and that, too, was adopted.

There was some discussion as to the proper way to notify the senate of the house organization, but it was finally settled by adoption of a resolution by Brown, appointing a committee of two from the senate and three from the house to notify the governor that the senate and the house were organized and ready for business.

Senator Harmon's bill to regulate salmon fishing in Rogue river fixes the close season from April 15 to June 1, and from August 15 to September 15.

Manifesto Issued by Populists.

The Populists have held a caucus and issued the following manifesto, which gives their side of the tangle in the house:

"To the People's Party of Oregon: The undersigned, your members-elect to the legislative assembly, ask your loyal support and that of all good citizens in our contest for such an organization of the house as we believe will result in economical and remedial legislation that will make an honest vote and a fair count possible in Oregon. We are contending for a fair organization of the house, in order to make possible the passage of the Bingham registration bill, the Holt judges-of-election bill, and an amendment to the constitution providing for direct law-making by the people by means of the initiative and referendum in its optional form."

"We are assured by eminent lawyers that the Bingham registration bill is constitutional, and likely to be effective. The Holt bill allows county central committees of each of the three principal political parties to designate one judge of election in each precinct, and committees of the two principal parties to each name one clerk of election in each precinct. The initiative and referendum need no explanation to Oregon Populists. These measures we believe to be all important in obtaining honest elections and control by the people of lawmaking in Oregon, and thereby preserving our liberties. The situation is this:

"Last June the Republican party elected thirty-eight members of the house of representatives. Only twenty-eight of this number have agreed to act together in organizing the house. Part of the remaining ten Republican members support Mr. Bourne and part do not support any candidate. The Populist and Democratic members are staying out until such time as a Republican majority may agree upon a candidate of its own for speaker, or until a sufficient number of them unite with us to assure Bourne's election, which we believe will enable us to obtain the measures herein named. As long as Republicans are thus divided, and it is possible that we may, by preventing organization, finally elect Mr. Bourne, and probably obtain the legislation before mentioned, we feel it to be our duty to the people of Oregon to stay out—wages or no wages. With this knowledge of the facts, we feel that we are entitled to your support for ourselves and our allies."

The manifesto is signed by two senators and twelve representatives. It is said that the remaining Populist senator and representatives, who were out of the city when the caucus was held, fully indorsed the manifesto.

A short session of the house was held Sunday, the temporary speaker having ruled that it was necessary according to the constitution.

The house has again failed to organize before Tuesday and this defers the senatorial election until Tuesday, February 2, and, of course, no ballot can be taken on that date unless the speakership problem is solved before Tuesday of next week.

The senate meets daily, but no business other than the introduction of bills is taken up.

Senator Harmon has introduced a bill designed to restore to sheriffs of the various counties the duty of conveying all committed persons to the state insane asylum, reform school and penitentiary. It is merely made the duty of the committing court to place such in charge of the sheriff. Nothing is said as to compensation, but the presumption is that the state is to pay, as at present.

Senator Brownell has introduced a bill in the interest of bicyclists. It directs that all transportation companies shall be required to check and transport bicycles like other baggage. The bill is general in its provisions and describes at length how railroad and other transportation companies shall convey free of all charges to each passenger, with a ticket, not more than 100 pounds of baggage. How it shall be checked and how reclaimed are described, the provisions simply enacting into law the present practices of railroad companies.

Senator Smith has introduced a bill changing the beginning of the close season on the Columbia from August 10 to August 1. This is in accordance with the recommendation of United States Fish Commissioner McDonald. There are provisions for the regulation of fishtraps, by which none shall have a lead more than 700 feet in length, and no fish wheel shall have a lead of more than forty feet in length. Other regulative provisions are added.

Senator Mulkey has introduced a bill intended to prohibit, as far as possible, corrupt practices at elections. It limits the sums of money that may be legitimately expended in securing a nomination or election to any office created by the constitution of state or for representatives in congress. It provides for a public inspection of the expense account of any candidate or political committee. Other states have similar measures on their statute books, and public sentiment in the state of Oregon, Senator Mulkey thinks, is ripe for a similar statute in this state.

A fishtrap bill has been introduced in the senate by Smith of Clatsop. It is provided by the bill that it shall be unlawful to construct, own, maintain or operate any poundnet, fishtrap, fish-wheel or other fixed appliance for catching salmon in any waters of the state after January 1, 1899. Penalties are provided. The measure is the same as that introduced in 1895, except that time, until 1899, is given to remove the traps. Two years ago the bill passed the house, but it was defeated in the senate by a close vote.

Tea is better fresh—if it isn't, what does the grocer mean by telling you that he has some tea just come from abroad?

Fresh doesn't mean just picked; it means just roasted. Schilling's Best is roasted as fast as your grocer wants it—no faster—in San Francisco.

Gladstone's Advice to Young Men. Be sure that every one of you has his place and vocation on this earth, and that it rests with himself to find it. Do not believe those who too lightly say: "Nothing succeeds like success."

Effort, honest, manful, humble effort, succeeds by its reflected action, especially in youth, better than success, which, indeed, too easily and too early gained, not seldom serves, like winning the throw of the dice, to blind and stupefy. Get knowledge, all you can. Be thorough in all you do, and remember that though ignorance often may be innocent, pretension is always despicable. But you, like men, be strong and exercise your strength. Work upward and upward, and may the blessing of the Most High soothe your cares, clear your vision, and crown your labors with reward.

MOTOR AND MISERY. Compressed air as a motive power for street railways will in time supersede electric wires and the trolley. Necessity and invention make rapid changes, but some old, sure, unerring methods will hold good for all time. The nerves are the electric wires of the human system, and often "jangle out of tune," as when neuralgia slips the trolley of the system and it grinds and groans with pain. The old motor for the cure of pain, St. Jacobs Oil, will always act as electric influence on the pain-stricken nerves, and will send a current of cure through the disordered wires, and bring about a perfect restoration. Nothing new can improve upon what is known to be the best and surest in the treatment of painful diseases.

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The light of the moon is only about one-six hundred thousandth that of the sun.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 22, 1897. Flour—(Jobbing)—Patent excellent, \$5.25; Novelty A, \$4.75; California brands, \$5.60; Dakota, \$5.50; patent, \$6.25.

Wheat—Chicken feed, \$27 per ton. Oats—Choice, \$23@24 per ton. Barley—Rolled or ground, \$22 per ton.

Corn—Whole, \$21 per ton; cracked, \$20; feed meal, \$23. Millstuffs—Bran, \$16.00 per ton; shorts, \$19.

Feed—Chopped feed, \$19.00 per ton; middlings, \$24; oilcake meal, \$28. Hay—Puget sound, per ton, \$9.00@10.00; Eastern Washington, \$13.

Butter—Fancy native creamery, brick, 24c; select, 23c; tubs, 22c; ranch, 18c. Cheese—Native Washington, 12 1/2c.

Vegetables—Potatoes, per ton, \$16@18; parsnips, per sack, 75c; beets, per sack, 60c; turnips, per sack, 60c; rutabagas, per sack, 75c; carrots, per sack, 85c@46c; cabbage, per 100 lbs, \$1.25; onions, per 100 lbs, \$1@1.25.

Sweet potatoes—Per 100 lbs, \$3.00. Poultry—Chickens, live, per pound, hens, 8c; dressed, 9@10c; ducks, \$2.00@3.50; dressed turkeys, 15@16c.

Eggs—Fresh ranch, 16c; Eastern, 19c per dozen. Fresh Meats—Choice dressed beef, steers, 6c; cows, 5 1/2c; mutton, sheep, 6c per pound; lamb, 5c; pork, 5c per pound; veal, small, 6c.

Fresh Fish—Halibut, 5@6; salmon, 5@6; salmon trout, 7@10; flounders and soles, 3@4c. Provisions—Hams, large, 12c; hams, small, 12 1/2c; breakfast bacon, 10c; dry salt sides, 6c per pound.

San Francisco, Jan. 22, 1897. Potatoes—Salinas Burbanks, 75@90c; Early Rose, 70@75c; River Burbanks, 60@75c; sweets, \$1.60@1.60 per cental.

Onions—\$1.25 per cental. Eggs—Store, 19@21c; ranch, 23@29. Butter—Fancy creamery, 21c; do seconds, 18@19c; fancy dairy, 16c; seconds, 13@15c.

Cheese—Fancy mild, new, 11@11 1/2c; fair to good, 8@10c; Young America, 11@12c; Eastern, 13@14c.

WEEKLY MARKET LETTER

Downing, Hopkins & Company's Review of Trade.

The past week has proved an unsteady one in the wheat markets. While there has been no weakening in the basic position of wheat, and while, indeed, the position today is stronger than a week since, the bears have upon two or three occasions raided the markets and broken prices. To our minds these fluctuations prove nothing against the deal. We don't know but prices will be lower, and are not talking about what will be the results, but we write of the foundation of the markets, and dealers must manage the rest. The winter wheat, usually two-thirds of the aggregate crop, is depleted to smaller remains in farmers' hands than for years. Consumption must soon resort to spring wheat, and that reserve is undoubtedly small. We are breaking away slowly from foreign prices and before harvest it will be a home demand and supply.

According to expert testimony many of the believers in wheat who have been watching the upward march of values for the past two months have been rather doubtful of its stability, in view of the cheapness of other cereals and their product. The fact that corn has entered the list as a competitor for bread consumption led to a halt in the advance and many traders were greatly influenced by this circumstance. The argument is made that flour is being adulterated to such an extent with corn meal, and the call for corn meal is increasing at such a rate that the demand for cash wheat will gradually become curtailed, and, with a lessening of the demand, perform a decline in price.

One writer in discussing this phase of the wheat situation asserts that such a use for corn meal and other substitutions for wheat must be only credited to restricted areas. The theory advanced is that poor people who would most likely use this adulterated article as a human food do not buy flour, and hence the first argument falls to the ground.

Market Quotations. Portland, Or., Jan. 23, 1897. Flour—Portland, Salem, Cascadia and Dayton, \$4.50; Benton county and White Lily, \$4.50; Graham, \$4.00; superfine, \$2.80 per barrel.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 83@84c; Valley, 86@87c per bushel. Oats—Choice white, 40@42c per bushel; choice gray, 38@40c.

Hay—Timothy, \$13.00 per ton; clover, \$8.00@9.00; oat, \$8.00@10; wheat, \$8.00@10 per ton. Barley—Feed barley, \$18.00 per ton; brewing, \$20.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$15.00; shorts, \$16.50; middlings, \$26. Butter—Creamery, 35@40c; Tillamook, 40c; dairy, 22 1/2@30c.

Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, 65@75c; Early Rose, 80@90c per sack; California river Burbanks, 55c per cental; sweets, \$2.00@2.25 per cental for Merced; Jersey Red, \$2.50.

Onions—\$1.10 per sack. Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$2.00@2.50; geese, \$6.00; turkeys, live, 10c; ducks, \$4@4.50 per dozen.

Eggs—Oregon, 17 1/2@18 per dozen. Cheese—Oregon, 12 1/2c; Young America, 13 1/2c per pound. Wool—Valley, 10c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 6@8c.

Hops—9@10c per pound. Beef—Grass, top steers, \$2.75@3.00; cows, \$2.25@2.50; dressed beef, 4@4 1/2c per pound.

Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, \$3.00@3.25; dressed mutton, 5 1/2@6c per pound. Hogs—Gross, choice, heavy, \$3.25@3.50; light and feeders, \$2.50@3.00; dressed, \$4.00@4.50 per cwt.

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Cycle Chair for the Ameer. A strange vehicle, called a cycle chair, has been constructed in London for the Ameer of Afghanistan. It consists of a miniature carriage body, upholstered in green morocco and embellished with the Ameer's arms. This is placed in front of two parallel bicycles, to be propelled by attendants, and is steered by a small wheel in front. Holes are made in the floor, through which the Ameer can exercise his legs on treadles when he feels like it.

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