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The Daily Reporter goes as a supplement, this issue, with the weekly. Regular publication will begin next Monday, the 6th.

THE NEXT SENATE.

As the United States senate now stands, with Mr. Williams as the successor to Mr. Hearst of California, there are forty-two republicans to thirty-four democrats. This is the political complexion of the present congress. As summed up by the New York Tribune, there will be thirty-four republicans and thirty-three democrat senators holding over from states in which the result is measurably certain. Mahone's term expires on the 4th of March, and he will be succeeded by a democrat. The next legislature in California will elect Williams' successor. California, New Jersey, New York, Indiana, Connecticut, Michigan and Pennsylvania are to elect senators to succeed republicans. Nevada and west Virginia are to elect successors to democratic senators. Delaware, Florida, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, Tennessee and Texas are as free from doubt as are Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nebraska, Ohio, Rhode Island, Vermont and Wisconsin, and no political change may be expected from any of those states. It will be a close contest, and unless the republicans are duly vigilant in their legislative elections it is within the possibilities that they will lose the control of the upper house.

ANOTHER CRATER LAKE.

Thomas Davis, of Portland, recently returned from a couple of months' sojourn in the Cascade mountains, near the region of Crater lake, and reports that while hunting he came very suddenly upon a small lake, evidently the site of a former volcano. He describes this new wonder as being nearly oval in shape. Two sides and one end are surrounded by almost perpendicular walls about five hundred feet in height. This sheet of water has no fish; is about four hundred yards in width, eight hundred to one thousand yards in length, and apparently deep.

In its vicinity are two smaller lakes that at some remote period were evidently united with the larger one. This new lake is situated between Crater and Fish lakes, and Mr. Davis thinks not over three miles from the latter.

The narrow gauge system and the OPR are competing for the wheat of this valley. By the former route Portland gets the wheat, and at present rates and prices pays for it, from say Monmouth on the narrow gauge; 62½ cts per bushel. By the latter route San Francisco gets it via Yaquina city, and pays from Independence on the river, 62½ cents per bushel; a difference in favor of Portland and the narrow gauge of nine tenths of a cent. This is figuring down closely, but it was the merest fraction of one cent which took the wheat to Chicago from Milwaukee, and if Portland merchants wake up and hold their grip they've got it. But a live competitor is camping on the trail. If they will read this and understand us, it will serve to forewarn them.

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