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## EXTRA SESSION TALK.

Oregon Politicians Are On the Anxious Seat.

"OREGONIAN" WANTS IT.

Some Opinions On the Matter Pro and Con.

Talk of an extra session of the legislature continues to fill the air. A great flutter was caused by the disclosure of Senator Baneroff's mission in THE JOURNAL.

His visit to Salem was significant of a great deal more than his personal view. The senator is known as the "adus achates" of the old Portland ring, that feels the ground slipping from under its feet and fears to face the people again on its record of last winter. It knows if it remains in retirement on that record until the people call it forth, it will never emerge from retirement.

WHAT POLITICIANS SAY.

A bevy of state politicians assembled at Hotel Willamette last night, in which were found Governor Lord and other state officials. From what Portland men said there is a quarrel among the leaders there. Jo. Simon was said to be in favor of a special session, not of his own accord, but because his backers are squeezing him hard. Senator Denny was present but had nothing to say. The life of the Republican party was discussed, and one man of prominence declared it was not a party question, but a question of life and death with the people themselves. The governor said to those present that if he could get positive assurances of reforms he might call them together. But it was a question if any reform was possible.

THE GOVERNOR'S VIEW

is reflected by Walter Lyon in today's Oregonian:

"Talk of an extra session of the legislature has been rife here today. The breeze was started by Senator Baneroff, of Portland. During his short stay, the senator has been advocating the desirability of an extra session. He called upon Governor Lord and expressed his views but made no formal request. The governor intimated tonight that he is not seriously considering an extra session. He said however, that the railroad commission might be abolished and some school and other extra appropriations might be repealed for relief of the taxpayers, but no definite object had been presented, nor would he call an extra session without the assurance that something would be accomplished. Senator Patterson is reticent, but admits that the state, county and municipal governmental expenses must come to a hard-times basis. Senator Gesner does not consider an extra session advisable. Ex-Speaker Moores thinks nothing could be accomplished by an extra session. In connection with the extra session talk, distrust generally in the last legislature is expressed."

OREGONIAN EDITORIAL.

"In several quarters of the state there is discussion of the propriety of an extra session of the legislature, to take measures for retrenchment in state, county and city affairs; and we learn, incidentally, that the attention of the governor has been called to the importance of such extra session, and that he is giving the subject his consideration. By the constitution, every extra session is limited to twenty days, and the whole expense would hardly exceed \$10,000. The saving it might effect would many times exceed this sum. Nor would the saving be all. Such extra session would give

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opportunity to do many important things, free from the combinations of a senatorial election. Again, the reforms proposed might be made to take effect on the first of July next; whereas, if we wait till the next regular session, they will probably be postponed for two years more—if indeed there should be any success in getting the acts through the legislature at a session whose proceedings were hampered by the election of a senator. On the whole, the Oregonian is disposed to think favorably of the proposal to call an extra session. Retrenchment in various ways could be provided for, to take effect at the middle of the present year, and to this there could be no proper ground of objection, since there is a general change in local offices in most places at that time."

## A FLYING SQUADRON

Leaves England for a Tour of the World.

## NEW TORPEDO BOATS OUT

What Means This Great British Naval Parade.

PORTSMOUTH, Jan. 14.—The first-class battleship Revenge, the flagship of the flying squadron, carrying 732 officers and men, rear admiral Alfred T. Dale in command; the first-class battleship Royal Oak, 712 officers and men; the first-class cruiser Gibraltar, 544 officers and men, and the torpedo catchers, Handy, Harlan and Havee, each carrying 50 men, were commissioned this morning. Reserves are under orders to be ready to leave the harbor as soon as possible and will wait the arrival of the other portion of the flying squadron from Chatham and Davenport consisting of the first-class cruiser, Thesus; the second-class cruiser Charybdis and Hermoine; and three first-class torpedo catchers, carrying over 2000 officers and men. The officers and men have all prepared for a long absence from England, and in some quarters it is believed a tour of the world is contemplated.

Brown to be Tried.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan.—The Bay association of Congregational ministers having jurisdiction over all the churches of that denomination in this vicinity, have decided to investigate the charges against Rev. C. O. Brown, pastor of the First Congregational church of this city, for alleged immorality with Miss Mattie Overman. The association held its quarterly meeting today, and after a long session behind closed doors decided that some cognizance must be taken of the scandal with which the name of Dr. Brown is associated. Three ministers were named a committee of investigation, as follows: Rev. W. D. Williams, Rev. W. C. Pond, and Rev. H. H. Wikoff. They are pastors of Congregational churches in San Francisco.

Steamer Collides.

BOSTON, Jan. 14.—The Gloucester fishing schooner Fortuna sunk in a collision with the Boston fruit company's steamer Barnstable, off Highland light last night. Nine of the Fortuna's crew were drowned, while fourteen were saved.

Germany Don't Apologize

BERLIN, Jan. 14.—The North German Gazette declares that no communication on the Transvaal question, of an apologetic character has been sent to London from any authoritative source in Germany.

Children Cry for

Pitchoer's Castoria.

## THE SILVER DEBATE.

Morgan, of Alabama, Roasts Sherman.

IS CALLED A NAPOLEON.

Who Is Rapidly Going Into His Exile.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—The vice-president yesterday laid before the senate a letter from the secretary of the treasury, in reply to a resolution of inquiry presented by Peffer, as to whether \$100,000,000 in gold had at any time been set apart from the other funds. The secretary states that this has never been done, there being no provision of law authorizing it.

Mitchell of Oregon has passed a bill allowing settlers on forfeited railroad grants to hold land by fencing and improving it, and making actual residence unnecessary.

Allen proceeded to say that the Democratic senators were divided on finance, on the tariff and on the income tax. "Seventeen senators now sitting on the Democratic side ought to be sitting on the other side," said Allen.

Hill jocularly responded that the Nebraska senator "scattered worse than an old shotgun." He pointed out that if these gentlemen (Allen and Butler) wanted an income tax they ought to proceed to have one; let them introduce a bill. He closed with a glowing tribute to the "grand old democratic party."

At 2 o'clock the personal controversy closed, and Morgan took the floor on the silver bond bill. He referred to the intrigues before national conventions and "the wind shaken platforms" of these bodies. In his judgment the emergency tariff and bond bills were constructed merely as a part of the platform to be laid before a national convention next summer, and not with any purpose to enact them as laws. He criticized the financial course of Sherman, while the latter sat across the aisle, giving close attention to the remarks. He referred to Sherman as the "Napoleon of finance," but this Napoleon was rapidly nearing his Waterloo and his exile to St. Helena.

He enumerated in detail the financial burdens which the legislation urged by the Ohio senator, had imposed on the people.

"The senator from Ohio is the author of five new measures of finance, that have given the people and the government more trouble in handling the little remnant of \$364,000,000 of greenbacks than it did to pay \$12,000,000,000 of annual expenditures for the support of the government, and more than \$3,000,000,000 of principal and interest of the national debt.

"These measures are the demonetizing of silver in 1873; the sequestration of the gold reserve in the treasury in 1878; the power given the secretary of the treasury in 1890 to preserve the parity between the metals; the power to sell bonds at private sale, and the power to enable private persons by contract to dispense with the legal-tender laws in their transactions."

Morgan spoke of the admission of the rich Jews—Baron Rothschild and Lord Beaconsfield—to the nobility of England. It was the tendency the world over toward feudalism. That system existed today as much as in years gone by, concentrating all power and wealth in the hands of the feudal gold barons.

The senator urged a declaration of congress in line with a resolution offered by Stanley Matthews, that the bonds should be paid in the money with which they were bought. He suggested also that a 10 per cent rebate on customs duties to countries

coining gold and silver on equal terms would make New York, instead of London, the clearing-house of the world.

Morgan spoke for two hours, and then, at 4 o'clock, senate adjourned.

Miners in the Snow.

PORTLAND, Jan. 14.—Two men named Kaiser and Kelly, from Dundee, Yamhill county, have just come out of the mountains twenty-five miles southeast of Willhoit springs, near the Red Rock country, after a thrilling experience in their efforts to get out of the snow. They had been in the mines, but the snow threatened to become so deep as to shut off their exit, so they started out. An old miner known as "Deafy" started with them but they lost him in a storm and they believe he has perished. After hard struggle through deep snow they reached a settlement in safety. "Deafy" has relatives in Salem, who have been notified.

[Harris Estes is the name of the man supposed to be lost, and his mother lives in North Salem. D. A. White, for whom he has located a claim, thinks there is no danger, as Estes is a man of great experience as well as vitality, and thinks he will come out all right.—Ed.]

## CROWDING ON HAVANA.

The Insurgents Are Destroying Property Everywhere.

Big Battle at Benjucal Now in Progress.

HAVANA, Jan. 14.—At noon today continued artillery firing was heard south of Rincon, not far from Benjucal. The town was attacked by the insurgents yesterday, but they were forced to retreat after a battle lasting, it is claimed five hours, but it is admitted, the insurgents plundered the stores in the outlying streets of Benjucal, burning houses, and destroyed the railroad depot. Previously they had burned the town of Salud, and partly destroyed Quivican. They burned freight trains, and destroyed everything as they pushed northward toward Havana. This force of insurgents is the one supposed to be commanded by Gomez, although it has been insisted that he is still in the province of Pinar del Rio, and was in conflict with the Spanish troops commanded by General Linarez. It is believed that an important engagement is taking place.

Pendleton Postoffice Robbed.

PENDLETON, Jan. 14.—Sheriff Houser has arrested F. S. Wood, suspected of committing a bold robbery of the postoffice last evening. Wood came here less than a week ago claiming he was an attorney from Weiser, Idaho, who had been unfortunate and lost money and needed assistance to get to Astoria, where he had money due him. The officers searched his room, found some new clothing thought to have been stolen. Wood left as the room was being searched, ran down the back stairs of the hotel and escaped over the fence, but was soon in custody. He is the only man found to answer the description of the robber given by Postmaster Johnson. This morning the postmaster says the amount taken by the robber is over \$700.

Elevator Collapses.

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 14.—The 100,000 bushel elevator of the Minnesota Linseed Oil Company, at Tenth street collapsed this morning.

Some 80,000 bushels of flax seed stored in the elevator were poured out onto the ground.

## IN POLITICAL WORLD

Supreme Judges As Railroad Receivers.

SENSATIONAL ELECTIONS.

Foraker Chosen in Ohio—No Choice in Maryland.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—Associate Justice Field, Harlan, Brown and Brewer, of the supreme court, today in chambers, gave a hearing to attorneys interested in having the receiverships of the Northern Pacific railroad consolidated.

FORAKER IN OHIO.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 14.—J. B. Foraker, today, in the senate, received 29 votes for United States senator; Brice, 6; George Agroot (Pop.), 1. In the house the vote stood: Foraker, 87; Brice, 21; John H. Thomas, 1; Mr. Gage, 1; Judge Blandon, of Cleveland, 1. All of them, except Foraker, are Democrats. Foraker received the full Republican vote. The two houses will vote in joint session tomorrow.

IN MARYLAND.

ANNAPOLIS, Jan. 14.—The first ballot for United States senator was as follows: House—Wellington, 22; Westcott, 16; Goldsborough, 11; Milliken, 7; Dryden, 7; Mudd, 1; Terbet, 1; Smith, (dem.) 12; Henry, (dem.) 6. Senate—Smith, (dem.) 9; Henry, (dem.) 6; Wellington, 3; Goldsborough, 3; Westcott, 2; Dryden, 2; Robert B. Dixon, 1.

ON THE MOURNER'S BENCH.

The Portland politicians show signs of repentance in their efforts to have the governor call an extra session of the legislature. Their anxiety to improve their political standing causes them to cast about and consider their spiritual welfare.

The state is now out of funds and all but very small warrants are being stamped. The printing fund is exhausted, as it was more than half used up last year. A great many of the items of the appropriation fund now to be levied for are already paid out of the treasury. Those who got most of these grabs are talking loudest about a special session.

Who are the men on the mourner's bench? The Portland senators who promised the people reforms and then forgot their promises.

They now seek a chance to improve their future welfare. They all want to come back to Salem and play reformers. The governor should never give them the chance.

A Strike and Fighting.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 14.—A special from Crown Point, Ind., says 400 men employed by Armour & Co. cutting ice, struck today. Several big fights occurred. Several men were fatally injured. Sheriff Hays has sworn in 25 deputies, armed with Winchester's to go to the lake, and has instructed the men to shoot to kill if necessary.

The Pacific Christian Advocate says that a son of John Brown lives in Salem, where he has a little butcher shop in the eastern part of the city. He is 59 years old, and came to Oregon in 1866. He was with his father in Kansas in 1855.

The citizens of Silver Lake, in Lake county, propose, by means of a system of canals and ditches, to take the waters of Silver Lake on the desert, and thence to Crisman lake, Fort Rock and Hole in the Ground.

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