

THE LEGISLATURE.

The struggle over the organization of the Oregon legislature enters on the third week. Four elements have so far entered into the composition of the deadlock and obstruction to business.

First, the regular party organization of the Republicans that want no organization not according to party custom and for party purposes. This element embraces many men pledged to the most rigid economy, who want abuses abolished and only good laws for the benefit of all the people passed.

Second, the element that wants Mitchell elected senator. Some of these men gave Mr. Mitchell personal pledges of support; some believe in him as a silver man; some have assurances that he is a gold standard man; and some have assurances of a place if he is chosen. This latter statement is not said to offend anyone, but is a common incident of the election of a senator at the beginning of a Republican administration, and which should not reflect on Mr. Mitchell.

Third, the element that will not consent to any organization along the old party lines of extravagant employment of party workers about the legislature and retention of abuses and useless commissions created by the party. They say they would rather go home to their constituents without passing a bill than allow the raids that have always followed an organization, and which have grown worse from year to year. They say the employment of sixty useless clerks by the senate, and the disposition of the Benson house to vote codes and all the regular grabs does warrant them in opposing such work to the end.

Fourth, the men opposed to Mr. Mitchell as a matter of principle, who regarded the money question as the vital issue of the late campaign, and want either a gold man or a silver man elected senator. The bimetalists and the gold standard men both say Mr. Mitchell should be one thing or the other. Many of these men go farther and say senator Mitchell has shown himself to be in the funding bill combine and ought not to be elected on that account.

These are the elements that have up to date prevented the permanent organization of the legislature. The responsibility of determining which is the lawful organization of the house now rests on the senate. If it recognizes the house as organized by the Benson faction, without a legal quorum as defined by the constitution, then the senate and the faction will constitute the organized legislature.

The people are not petitioning for any new legislation. They are anxious that some repealing shall be done. But if not a law is passed no one will be hurt. The legislature can in the last week pass the general appropriation bill and that should be done whichever faction wins. Any failure to do that will bring greater disorder into the affairs of the state. It will cause suffering, inconvenience and expense that must be avoided if possible. This is the situation at this writing.

BACKED BY HEAVEN!

But not by the people! Read the following which appears in the Salem Statesman:

It is completed. The organization of the house has now received every endorsement necessary to place it upon a pedestal of honor and confidence. The people at large have called for such organization and have heartily approved of it; the supreme court of Oregon has endorsed it by its chief justice administering the oath of office to its members, and yesterday the approval of the heavenly hosts was showered upon it by an authority representative of those powers—Rev. G. W. Grannis.

As the regular temporary organization contains two divisions, Rev. Barkley and Rev. Youkum, the question arises, is Rev. Grannis a higher "authority representative" of the heavenly hosts? There is no use for the temporary organization to hold out against the Benson faction if that is true. If Rev. Grannis is such representative then he is infallible. If he is infallible, there is no use for

Speaker Davis to quote the constitution, or to invoke the protection of law and the courts. The matter is settled. Elder Barkley, of the United Brethren church, and Elder Youkum, of the M. E. church south, who are mere representatives of the hosts of the people will have to get absolution at hands of Rev. Driver and Rev. Grannis—the representatives of the heavenly hosts,—or at the hands of the people who elected them.

MR. JAMES K. SEARS.

Writes a Hot Letter to Senator "Skidgrease Mulkey."

ED. JOURNAL.—I see that Senator Mulkey has a bill to limit the amount of money that may be lawfully used in securing nomination or election. It strikes me that this bill is about the right thing, and more especially that Senator Mulkey should be its champion. Had such a law been on our statute books and have been faithfully observed by Senator Mulkey during the year 1893 I am satisfied that it would have been greatly to his advantage financially. It is the prevailing belief in Polk county that there was above \$500 used last spring by Senator Mulkey and his associates in stocking the primaries to the end of securing nominations.

The spirited contest of Senator Mulkey and others against the anti-Dolph faction opened the way for these transactions coming to light.

There after the nominations the committee and candidates levied an assessment on the candidates amounting in round numbers to one thousand dollars. The candidates for Representative were assessed \$125 each and I suppose the candidate for Senator was placed still higher on the canvass. Mulkey was known to gather numbers from the audience, take them to dinner and pay for the same. In fact the demands upon the senator's bank account were so great that I am informed he has not yet able to settle his lively bills. And although he has been four years county clerk of Polk county at a handsome salary he has not had ready funds to meet maturing obligations since election, and all attributable as I believe to this extraordinary demand and outlay to secure nomination and election. However, as a more positive proof of the foregoing and of the severe strain upon the purse in the last campaign I may state conclusive circumstances. Senator Mulkey was county clerk until July 1896. McCrow, of Salem, purchased the Post farm near McCoy, of W. H. Holmes (assigned) in March last. McCrow informed me that he paid cash in hand. Also McQuerry a mortgage creditor informed me that he received his money in due course. Senator Mulkey left the clerk's office in July last, and I have had business with him and have paid him money since. Now, on Dec. 21st last I received a letter from Senator Mulkey saying "I inclose check for \$62.25 being your per cent of the Post estate." Remember, this was some nine months after McCrow had paid cash. On Jan. 4th 1897, I wrote the senator about as follows,

Hon. B. F. Mulkey, Dallas, Oregon Dear Sir: I am in receipt of your favor of 21st inst. with check for \$62.25. It is a surprise to me and I cannot understand it and must appeal to you for explanation. I may say that I was informed by McCrow that he paid for the Post farm when he bought it. Please where has this money been all these months? Did Holmes use it cultivating and marketing a crop of hops? And how do you come to have the handling of this money? Are you Holmes' disbursing agent? Yours &c.

JAMES K. SEARS.

P. S. I inclose stamped envelope with return address for reply. J. K. S. Now although this letter to the senator was couched in respectful language and was upon a matter of business I have not received the courtesy of a reply.

I conclude, "Mr. Editor" that the cause of failure to reply lies in the very fact that during the past year there was no plain statute prohibiting candidates from exhausting their resources in stocking primaries and securing election. Let's have the law enacted at this session for it is not offered for reasons conjectural or speculative only; but on the contrary it is doubtless prompted by actual experience, i. e. by one who has been there and knows the evils thereof.

If I am in error as to the reasons for ignoring my request then I would appreciate a reply to my letter of Jan. 4th inst. Senator, please favor us and oblige. JAMES K. SEARS.

A POLK COUNTY FARMER

Considers Mitchell and His Men Direrict in Public Duty.

ED. JOURNAL.—During the first week of the present legislative session I was at Salem an interested spectator of the proceedings. I was deeply impressed with the earnest expressions of Messrs. Somers, Lake, Brown and others that they much desired an opportunity to carry out their pledges to their constituency and of their reiterated statements that they were always at their post of duty. And I was especially impressed with the emphatic arraignment and severe denunciation of the absent members, for not being at their post of duty. However on Friday the 15th I read that these same loyal legislators had been in caucus Thursday night and that they voted for J. H. Mitchell for U. S. senator. And well knowing too that Senator Mitchell had abandoned his seat in the U. S. senate and was here from his place of duty 3000 miles away to secure his retention of the empty seat in the U. S. senate chamber, voluntarily vacated by the senator in order that he may be at Salem essaying to influence the members of the legislature by fraud, corruption and bribery.

What manner of campaign has the senator to conduct before the legislature of Oregon? Can they not all read; and are they not men of intelligence? Has not Senator Mitchell a public record of 18 years on questions as senator? And in the face of that record what legitimate influences can the senator bring to bear to secure his election?

But these advocates of the senator have shown that they are insincere, and that they are not so conscientious of duty, but on the contrary, they are only solicitous under direction of the senator to secure his title to that vacant seat 3000 miles away.

FARMER.

STATE NEWS.

Chas. Keisey and William Wells, of Athena, are under arrest for raping Laura Vaughn a 15-year-old school girl. Each man was arrested on a separate charge and have been bound over under a \$1500 bond. Both men are in the Pendleton jail awaiting trial.

Miss Minnie Boatman, a young lady of Enterprise was badly burned one day last week by a lamp exploding in her hands. The clothing was nearly all burned off her, but she will recover.

H. S. Shuster, an old Astorian, has been arrested for sweating coin and passing it in Portland. When arrested he had \$145 of sweated gold coins in his possession.

Edward Jenkins, of Baker City, while holding a pistol in his hand in some manner discharged it, the ball striking his foot causing the necessity of an amputation of one big toe.

Stanley Bell, of Astoria, had a narrow escape of drowning one day last week. He was shooting ducks and attempted to shoot from his boat when the recoil knocked him down and overboard and he nearly drowned.

A large acreage of wheat will be sown in Gilliam county this spring, says the Condon Globe.



Knights of old—crusaders who went to conquer the world, could not hope to succeed unless they were in virtue, hearty health. A man cannot face difficulties if his stomach isn't in good order. Disordered digestion will make a sluggish coward out of any man. It makes his mind stagnant, and he cannot think quickly enough to accomplish anything. It makes his movements slow, and takes all of the snap out of him. Every man in business in America has a fight on his hands just as much as ever had belted knight. It is a matter of life and death, just the same with him as it was with the crusader. Indigestion and all the ills that go with it, most frequently start in constipation. That keeps all sorts of impurities in the body, forces them into the blood, and so deranges the whole system. Constipation is one of the commonest ills, and as it is traceable most of the disorders that make people sick. Once it gets a firm hold on a man, it is most difficult to overcome it. Temporary relief can be obtained in a thousand ways. There are medicines on the market that will help as long as you take them. There is only one remedy that is a real remedy—that you don't have to keep on taking forever. That is Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. The "Pellets" are tiny, sugar-coated granules, mild and efficient in their action. They effect a permanent cure. You don't become a slave to their use, as with other pills.

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SOCIALISM.

A Sermon In North Salem

By the Minister of the Colored Methodist Church.

A large house heard a sermon on "Socialism and Political Economy," preached by Rev. Wilbur T. B. Harwood, D. D., on Sunday evening at St. Paul A. M. E. church, North Salem. Among many authentic ascriptions the learned divine said:

The Almighty in his providential bestowments upon man, endowed him with three lofty faculties, viz: free will, reason and inspiration. These three faculties in the order that I have named them, were to be successively brought to bear on the three social divisions to work out their development and application, viz: in religion or dogmatic theology in government, or political jurisprudence, in industry, or economical distribution. By the application of free will to dogmatics, mankind, in the most advanced countries, has worked out liberty of conscience in matters of religion. By its application to political jurisprudence the most advanced communities have reached the right of suffrage or the elective franchise on the part of the governed, in choosing their governors. But no where yet has the application of free will to economics achieved the most desired liberty of labor. It is therefore, this third and last point, developed in our analysis, which forms the part of the social problem now at the order of the day; seeking assolution which, if it does not or cannot come by fair means, must come through the foul disorders with which the gospel dispensation is to close; to be followed by the inauguration of the reign of righteousness by the returning Prince of Peace. We go back, therefore, to the creation to study the problem on the economical or industrial, as set forth in the Bible. The point now up for solution and to which we wish to arrive, is that of liberty of labor in our economical relations, as we have already reached liberty of conscience in religion, and suffrage in politics by the force of man's free will. What then are the Bible conditions by which the liberty of the laborer is to be guaranteed? I answer that at the very dawn of creation of man, the basis of social economics was laid by God, according to the scriptures, inseparable from the family, the family homestead and the personal supply of the indispensable necessities of daily sustenance. Adam and Eve were united in holy marriage with a nuptial benediction containing a command to raise up a household of children, and Eden was the family homestead prepared for them, ready furnished with the supply of all the necessities of life. This being done, and they being placed before the want of any good thing, and above penurious misery were henceforth to engage in the industrial occupation of dressing and keeping the garden. These preliminary conditions being secured to them they were thereby assured the liberty of labor. They were not driven to the work by the dire necessity of hunger and other physical wants. This arrangement was not an exceptional one, incident on the very beginning of the human race. More than 300 years afterwards, when God interfered actively again in calling a special people to be the model of all other peoples and the medium of their benedictions, he established the same conditions in favor of that chosen people by his commandments given to their leaders, Moses and Joshua. A land already planted and cultivated, from which a rebel and apostate race was expelled, was given to the elect nation, which was settled there, and a homestead, forever inalienable, secured by the law of Jubilee, was given to each family. Moreover, the slavish drudgery of unremitting labor was provided against by its being limited to between sunrise and sunset (Psalms 104:23) thus securing each night for repose, to which was added, for the same purpose; the whole of the seventh day in each week, and the whole of each succeeding seventh year after entrance into the possession of Canaan. Thus did God give us a practical example of his intention that every man should sit under his own vine and fig tree, "with none to molest him" or make him afraid (Micah 4:1). Unlike our own times, where the masses of the population, of each nation, are without family homesteads as an inalienable heritage; labor is protracted into the late hours of the night; the day of weekly rest is encroached upon by drudging occupations or ignored entirely; unprincipled land monopolists are grabbing up the land by millions of acres, aided in their thieving by political administrators, who are accessory to the theft of God's domain, given by Him as a heritage to the whole human race, so that each family might have a home in person, marketable commodities, in-



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cluding the necessities of life, are kept at the highest prices by infamous speculators, stock jobbers and trust combines. Such are the audacious iniquities practiced in so called Christian countries in the nineteenth century of the grace of Jesus Christ. And such is the organized brigandage that goes under the name of lawful government! Marriage, the inalienable right and duty of every normally constituted man and woman, is thereby rendered a grievous burden for the toiling millions, and the pleasures of home life are absolutely cut off from them. But this awful lake of fire, yawning before us, is that the last word the Bible has to say on God's socialistic purposes with humanity. Look up and see the Prince of Peace descending to take possession of all the nations of the earth. "He shall judge the poor of the people; He shall save the children of the needy and He shall break in pieces the oppressor. * * * Yea all kings shall fall down before Him; all nations shall serve Him." (Psalms 72:4, 11.) Then shall the social destiny of man, religiously, politically and economically, be accomplished. Amen! Even so Lord Jesus, come. Come wearing Thy thousand crowns and take to Thyself Thy great power and reign over the humanity that Thou hast redeemed, and the earth which Thou hast purchased with Thy most precious blood!

The wife of Mr. Vedder, who lives near Foley postoffice, in Clatsop county fell from a foot-log into a small creek a few days ago, and broke her arm. She was partially stunned by the fall, and would have drowned, although the water was not deep, had not her husband seen her and rushed to her rescue.

Mrs. Lucretia Barr Rice, wife of Dan Rice, of Clatskania, who died of pneumonia in Portland on the 20th inst., was buried in the cemetery at Clatskania.

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