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PROPRIETOR.

EXPERTING.

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Answers to Questions of a Correspondent.

EDITOR JOURNAL—Your "X-Rays," for which the public is thankful, has reference to the "expert," employed by the county court to examine into the books of the different officers, in a recent issue, in which it suggests the object of the work is to draw salary. I would like to know something about the work.

These are hardtimes, and it is almost impossible to get an appropriation from the state, county or city for any badly needed piece of work or improvement. The abstract of warrants, on file at the court house shows that this "expert," you speak of, has already drawn over \$1,500 for his work. What is there to show for his work? Is it necessary? Is it not required of the county officers that they have bondsmen in a heavy sum of money? Why should not this "expert" also give bonds, since he has access to all the important papers on file? Besides, as long as the county is amply protected in each official by reliable bondsmen, could not that \$1,500 be put to better use? We have a \$75,000 steel bridge going to pieces because we have no money applicable. Have not many other important points been neglected because of an empty treasury? Do you suppose the bonds holding the court (or one of the court) and this "expert" together in a certain organization, now a political machine, has anything to do with it? Any information will be highly acceptable in relation to this matter.

is the expert's report] of over 100 pages. Why the expert is not made to give bonds is not known, but such is not the custom. However, the question is pertinent, as the expert was practically a county official for the time being. As to just what good this "experting" has done it will be difficult to state, but much of the time was spent on the county clerk's books to locate and identify every item of the fees received. The fee book requires that the name of the party paying the fees be entered therein, also what the fee is paid for, and the amount of same. The clerk makes his entries like this: "John Doe attorney, motion \$3." The money goes to the treasurer direct. In all these entries the expert has hunted up the names of the cases, and other unimportant data which has been supplied, but which is of no earthly value. Much similar work has been done, and many have some real merit, but it is difficult for the public to see it that way. Mr. Bozorth is claimed to be a competent man, but this is disputed by some, but even the services of a good man at \$5 a day, with a helper at the same price, when work is not needed seems extravagant. The public will never believe but what his having been the candidate for county treasurer of a certain combination, is the real reason why Mr. Bozorth was given a seven months' job of experting at twice what the treasurer gets. Judge Terrell probably never imagined it would cost \$1560 to expert the books when Bozorth's employment was suggested to him. Mr. Bozorth was originally deputy under Postmaster Dearborn, Democrat, then held same place under Postmaster Gilbert, Republican, and has been two terms school clerk, defeated for county treasurer in the Republican county convention last June. As a Republican and citizen he has a clean record, and his ability to fill any position where he is placed is not questioned. Ed. JOURNAL.

ECONOMY.

IN REPLY.

[In regard to this experting. THE JOURNAL will say that Expert Bozorth was employed by County Judge Terrell upon the latter taking office in July last. The public supposed all the work to be done was to go through Jap Minto's books, but after the few weeks which that required, the expert went to work on the county clerk's books, and it has been kept up on different pretenses until the present time. Below is given an abstract of the amounts allowed Mr. Bozorth by the county court:

August 5.....	\$285 00
September 10 (drawn by W. I. Staley).....	160 00
September 10.....	162 50
October 8.....	162 50
November 4.....	135 00
December 10.....	195 00
January 7.....	212 50
February 5.....	247 40
	\$1,560 00

What there is to show for this work would be difficult to get at, unless it

ACCESSIONS

Bilyeu and Lee Will Go In

But Not to Help the Benson House or John H. Mitchell.

A slight variation in the proceedings of the joint convention to elect Mitchell took place today, and the reading public will throw up their hats with a "thank God for the variation."

It was whispered around that Representatives Bilyeu and Lee, both Democrats, would be in their seats at 12 o'clock and they were there when President Brownell brought down his gavel. Bilyeu arose when his name was called and in his cool and deliberate manner proceeded to discuss the situation. Hearty and prolonged cheers from the Mitchellites greeted him at the conclusion.

MR. BILYEU'S ARGUMENT

produced quite a sensation, and at the close of his remarks he received many warm congratulations from the Mitchell members present.

He declared emphatically that he was not here to recognize the Benson house, He stood by the Davis organization. He had met with the temporary organization. He demanded an organization of some sort. He denied that there had been any participation of his in any deadlock. The state constitution had nothing to do with election of a senator. The preliminary organization was sufficient to elect a senator. He was tired of the strife between the Republican factions that deadlocked both the house and the senatorial election. Both Bilyeu and Lee are bedrock Democrats and their action is significant. If attendance of 46 can be secured Mitchell will get his seat in Washington for six years more.

JOINT ROLL CALL

was completed and ten senators and twenty-eight representatives were found to be present as follows:

Benson, Bilyeu, Bridges, Brown, Chapman, Conn, Crawford, Dayid, Driver, Dufur, Gowen, Gratke, Gurdane, Harmon, Hogue, Hope, Hudson, Hughes, Jennings, Johnson, Langell, Lee, Marsh, Mitchell, Palm, Patterson of Marlow, Price, Rigby, Smith of Marion, Somers, Stanley, Taylor, Thomas, Thompson, Vaughn, Venness, Wagner, Mr. President.—38.

President Brownell announced that Representative Merrill would be here at 2:20 p. m. and so he was counted to make 39 votes.

It was learned afterwards that Messrs. Bilyeu and Lee had both been sworn in before Justice Moore of the supreme court before taking their seats in the joint convention. Their action is causing a great deal of comment on both sides and not a little feeling is expressed. Tremendous pressure for more votes in the convention this evening is being brought to bear by the Mitchellites.

WHERE BILYEU AND LEE STAND.

Mr. Bilyeu was seen after adjournment and expressed himself freely, as opposed to any further delay in the organization of the house. "I want it distinctly understood that I am opposed to monkeying around with this thing any longer. There is a whole lot of monkey work on both sides and neither side seems to want an organization. I was elected a straight Democrat without Populist endorsement, though I probably owe my election largely to their votes. I may go into the convention again and I may not.

"If this thing is not stopped at once at a reasonable hope of organization offered I would advise them all to go home. Neither myself nor Mr. Lee will vote for Mr. Mitchell under any circumstances. We are Bryan Democrats and so far as I know there is not a gold standard Democrat in either house."

HOW IT STANDS.

THE JOURNAL takes this view: The legislative session is fixed by the constitution and begins on the second Monday in January and continues for forty days, and that without reference to the time of permanent organization. On Saturday, Feb. 20, the session will expire. The time occupied by the temporary organization is included in the forty days. The sessions may be extended by consent of both houses. The senate has put all bills to second reading on this theory and this legislature dies so far as the constitution is concerned on Feb. 20th, unless extended. It is not believed that either Lee or Bilyeu would make the 46th man needed for a quorum.

THE THIRTY OPPOSITION.

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Bourne	Kruse
Barkley	Lee
Bilyeu	Maxwell
Buckman	McAllister
Bayer	Misener
Craig	Munkers
Davis, Um.	Ogle
Davis, Mnit.	Povey
Dustin	Riddle
Emery	Schmidtlein
Gill	Smith, Linn
Guild	Svindseth
Hill	U'Ren
Houser	Whitaker
Jones	Yoakum—30

The above thirty members of the house have constituted the opposition to the Benson-Mitchell organization. The opposition to the Benson-Mitchell combination heretofore has been constituted politically as follows:

Republicans.....	12
People's party.....	15
Democrats.....	3
Total.....	30

It is not believed that the Mitchell push can secure a single man of the Republicans or People's party men who are standing out, or that a single one of the above Democrats would help elect Mitchell.

Lee and Bilyeu are bedrock Democrats but elected by a combination vote. Both are clean and conscientious men, and their action is no doubt dictated by just motives. They see a chance to score a point for their party as Democrats, as against the warring factions of the Republicans. The Mitchellites are jubilant over getting Lee and Bilyeu to come in. They count on this as an entering wedge to separate the opposing elements into factions, and by arousing jealousy and distrust destroy the harmony that has prevailed. If they fail in securing enough members of the house opposition they hope to recruit enough out of the senate. With unlimited means at their command any signs of weakening in a member gives them hope of reaching him in some way.

THE LEGISLATURE.

The senate met at 2:30 p. m. and took up routine work. The Benson house met at the same hour. The Davis house meets daily and adjourns over.

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Immigration Notes.

The Oregon and Washington Boards are doing good work and should be liberally supported and encouraged. As a result of this work many eastern people are turning their attention to the Pacific Northwest. If the reader has any friends in the east who are likely to come here this year send their names and addresses to the undersigned and I will see that they get a supply of the best literature and full information as to this country.

Geo. S. Batty,
General Agent, Wisconsin Central Lines, Portland, Or.

JOURNAL "X" RAYS.

Directed Upon the Oregon Legislature and Lobby.

No man can serve two masters, unless it might be Mr. Mitchell.

Mitchell is likely to join the Squire Dubois, Peffer group.—Tacoma News.

The Monday morning Statesman did not appear. The sack is nearly exhausted.

Why not send a regular old-fashioned rail-splitter to the senator from Oregon?

Wanted: At Mitchell headquarters quotations on members and options for future delivery.

Jonathan Bourne is "de yellow kid" of Oregon politics. He is too much for the candidate of royalty.

Considering that a quorum of each house spent Sunday at Portland the legislature came up smiling today.

"For God's sake gentlemen, help the Hirsch-Mitchell-Fulton combination, or we sink."—Statesman's paid editorial.

The filibuster vessel Three Friends (Hirsch-Mitchell-Fulton) is a craft liable to be run down and sunk for piracy.

The Oregonian artist got the Abe-Lincoln-rail-splitter effect to perfection on his sketch of Hon. Lark Bilyeu.

"Who enters here leaves hope behind" would be a proper inscription over the Mitchell double-rump joint convention.

Lark Bilyeu is a chieftain among the Democratic braves but not quite such a Comanche as the Sunday Oregonian pictures him.

"When it comes to buying a Salem newspaper, that's dead easy. But members are hard to get at in spite of our tin-horn gold standard prosperity."—John H. M.

It was all right for Mitchell, Hirsch and Fulton to fuse with silverites, Populists and Democrats last June. But it is a mortal sin for Bourne, Barkley, Simon et al to do it now. Men of honor and principle (?) to the rescue!

Salem boasts of a Democrat who voted for John J. Ingalls for senator from Kansas some years ago. That is probably why he is now in Salem. Oregon Democrats who sell out may find it more pleasant to hunt greener pastures also.—Yamhill Independent.

Speaker Benson of Josephine, is one of the most inveterate smokers in the house; he was also one of the hardest men as prosecuting attorney that criminals of southern Oregon ever encountered. He is also a literary man and sometimes writes poetry.

Senator Mitchell met THE JOURNAL man yesterday and the following conversation ensued:

"Well, Editor, how's your poetry column?"

"Well, Senator, how's your senatorship?"

Honors were easy.

Senator Dufur on the canvass in his county made one argument that always brought down the house. It was something like this: "In the last legislature 72 Republicans employed 121 committee clerks, or on an average of 1 1/2 apiece. Elect me gentlemen, and I will take my wife down to Salem with me and then I won't need any clerk."

The other day when Senator Mitchell, Judge Carey, Chas. W. Fulton and Sol Hirsch were all gathered about Senator Hazeltine, a spectator remarked that they reminded him of a lot of Methodist Elders working over a hardened sinner, but in this case the object of their solicitude seemed the only true Methodist in the crowd.

The German parliament has heard of the Oregon legislature. It is paralyzed for want of a quorum. Out of 400 members not over ten to thirty will attend. The restaurant keeper in the Reichstag building has thrown up his contract as not enough attend to enable him to dispense pretzels and sauerkraut. It is said in the German papers that the non-attendance is due to a scheme of the aristocrats to make it impossible for a poor man to sit in parliament. Just like Oregon again!

CABINET.

Hanna May Be Appointed,

Mrs. Rickers Ambition to Be Minister to Colombia.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 8.—Among those who conferred with Mr. Hanna were Benjamin Butterworth, of Cincinnati; Judge A. C. Thompson, of Portsmouth, O.; Bishop Arnold, of the Methodist Episcopal church; Judge Dudley, of California, and Joseph Spear, a prominent Republican of California, who yesterday went with the national chairman to Canton to visit President-elect McKinley.

Spear said he expected to remain at Cleveland until Monday, when he would again go to Canton to visit McKinley, with whom he had made an appointment.

Hanna today again declined to discuss his visit to Canton yesterday. Since it seems pretty certain he will not be appointed to fill the place to be made vacant by Sherman in the United States senate, there is much speculation as to whether he will not enter the cabinet as postmaster-general.

Mrs. Rickers' Ambition.

BOSTON, Feb. 8.—Mrs. Manilla Rickers, the well-known woman lawyer and equal rights advocate, of Washington and Dover, N. H., has filed with President-elect McKinley a petition for an appointment as minister to the United States of Colombia, which position is now filled by Luther McKinley, of Manchester, N. H.

For some time Mrs. Rickers has been collecting recommendations from influential men. She is the first woman who has ever aspired in any practical way to this high position of an ambassador of the United States. To a reporter she declared her determination to leave no stone unturned in her quest for ambassadorial honors.

Mrs. Bicker was admitted to the supreme court of the District of Columbia in 1882, standing at the head of her class, in which there were 18 men. She was admitted to practice before the supreme court of the United States at Washington in 1891. She opened the New Ham pahire bar to women in June, 1890.

Goff Declined.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—A special from Canton, O., to the Mail and Express says:

Judge Goff has written Major McKinley a letter couched on such terms as to warrant the announcement that he will not be in the cabinet. The withdrawal of Goff brings up for consideration by the president-elect the whole question of who shall represent the south in the cabinet. It is safe to say he would be greatly relieved if Judge Goff, even at this late date, could be induced to alter his decision, which is not expressed in absolutely final terms.

FOREIGN.

Terrible Affairs in Crete.

Fifteen Hundred Murdered in One Town.

VIENNA, Feb. 8.—A Feue Freie Presse dispatch from Athens says that 1500 Christians, constituting the whole population of a village, the name of which is not given, have been murdered by Mussulmans.

Trouble at Canen.

CANEA, Islands of Crete, Feb. 8.—(Delayed in transit.)—Fires are still raging, and Christians still embarking. Altogether 30 persons have been killed, a quarter of the town burned and great damage done generally.

Order has been restored here. The Italian cruiser Etna landed a detachment of marines and took on board 700 refugees, who will be conveyed to the island of Syria.

The statement that only 30 persons were killed in the riot is made from an official report of the affair.

OVERLAND DELAYED.

A Collision Occurs Early Sunday Morning in California.

The north bound California overland due in Salem at 6 a. m. did not arrive until about 2 o'clock this afternoon owing to a collision that occurred in California early Sunday morning of which the following particulars are given:

What might have proved a ver disaster wreck, but was fortunately unattended by loss of life, occurred at Nord, about eight miles from Chico, early Sunday morning. The north-bound Oregon express, being 15 minutes behind time, the southbound train was ordered to sidetrack, at Nord and wait for the northbound to pass. As the train pulled up on the sidetrack, it was found that, as a box car had been left standing, it was necessary for the express to slacken speed and push the box car ahead. Just then the northbound train was seen approaching down the track with no intention of stopping. It was impossible for the engineer on the northbound to see the headlight of the southbound, as it was behind the box car. Before all the cars of No. 16 could get on the sidetrack the other train stuck them.

The engine struck the smoker first, plowing its way along to the next car, which was the tourist car, turning it completely over, but leaving the trucks on the track.

The only time at a local entertainment "standing room only," sign displayed at Reeds opera house was the former presentation of the Salem Jolly Lady Minstrels, all who have witnessed it have been unanimous for a reproduction which will be given Tuesday evening Feb. 9th the second time. New specialties will be introduced. Reserved seats 50 cents gallery 25 cents.

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