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LEGISLATIVE FIGHT IS RED HOT

A Terrific Dead-Lock From the Start.

SENATE CAUCUS TIED ON PRESIDENT FOR EIGHT BALLOTS

House Caucus Gives Davey, Harris and Eddy Equal Vote.

On Sunday Oregon's legislators transferred the scene of their operations from Portland to Salem. All was in readiness for business this morning when the two houses were called to order. The trains Saturday evening and all day Sunday brought large delegations from Portland, including not only the members of the legislature, but the innumerable candidates for election to the subordinate positions in the organization of the houses, and also a small army of applicants for committee clerkships. On Sunday evening the corridors of all the principal hotels were thronged with politicians and strangers, and the city presents a scene of unusual activity, politically. From the fact of the intensely interesting session that is promised, the attendance of strangers is even larger than ever.

The advance guard arrived on the late train Saturday night. Among the arrivals at that time were State Senator Smith, of Multnomah county, who has made a vigorous candidacy for the presidency of the state senate. He is headquartered at the Willamette, and was surrounded by his supporters immediately after reaching the hotel. The Sunday morning train brought Senator Geo. C. Brownell, of Clackamas county, Senator Smith's opponent as presiding officer of the senate. Mr. Brownell also has rooms at the Willamette. On the same train came Senator C. W. Fulton, of Astoria, who has established headquarters at the Willamette. Mr. Fulton is making a vigorous fight for the United States senatorship, and was warmly received by numerous political supporters at the

hotel. Representatives Eddy, of Tillamook, and Harris, of Lane, who made the race for the speakership with Frank Davey, of this county, also arrived on the morning train Sunday, while the remainder of the legislators and members of the third house reached the city on the trains last evening.

Last evening it was claimed by the Eddy men that that gentleman had the speakership for a certainty, and no effort was made to conceal their joy at the prospect of success. The Marion county delegation, who are pushing everything for Davey, saw it differently, and felt confident that their man would be the winner, and the Harris men claimed that in the three-cornered fight it resolved itself down to an alignment between Harris and Davey as against Eddy, and that, therefore, the latter was a sure impossibility. This would seem that Harris and Davey had agreed to stand by each other, and in that event the Marion delegation felt confident that their favorite would win out, as he is the stronger of the two, and all concede that if Mr. Davey did win Oregon would have a most accomplished speaker.

Senate Caucus.

The first reports from the senate caucus presaged a dead serious fight, being a tie vote on candidate for president, in which Senators Brownell and Smith each received 11 votes. Seven ballots were taken with the same results, and it looks as though there would be a battle for the control of the organization. Senator Fulton is chairman of the caucus, and represents the Brownell faction, with Booth, Kuykendall, Williamson and others. In short this is the Mitchell faction, with Brownell as its figurehead. Many predict that having the chair of the caucus, and with Williamson present, who will be a congressman after March 4th, this faction has a strong advantage, and that, if necessary, it can use federal patronage to gain the day.

On the other side are such men as Senators McGinn, Daly, Croisan, Far-

rar, Hobson, Howe and others, who may be designated as the Simon faction, with Senator Smith as its candidate for the presidency of the senate. This set of men has some good fighters, and as they are looked upon as being against the Jack Matthews combination they have the public sympathy, which, it is believed by many, will more than offset the advantage of having the federal prestige at their back.

Another caucus will be held late in the afternoon or tonight, and the fight may be prolonged indefinitely. This unexpected struggle may defer the inauguration ceremonies, and in many ways complicate the work of the session.

House Caucus.

The three candidates for the speakership mustered nearly equal strength in the house caucus, which was convened immediately following adjournment. Several successive ballots found Davey leading with 17, while Eddy and Harris each had 15. While 24 was necessary for the caucus nomination, 19 was the greatest number of votes received by either of the rival candidates. Davey received the Eastern Oregon vote, which added to his strength.

This result is rather severe on the Oregonian's prediction that Eddy would sweep everything before him, and is, of course, very gratifying to Mr. Davey and his friends.

As a pointer on senatorial matters neither of the caucuses prove anything, except that there will be a fight such as never has been known before. The sudden death of Congressman Tongue also eliminates some elements from the senatorial slate, which had begun to be considered portentous. Many think that this will line Binger Hermann up for congress, and remove his immediate influence as far as the senatorship is concerned. Many also suggest that the vacant seat in congress may in some measure influence Governor Geer's actions, and may possibly prove a solution to his senatorial problem. But the same conclusion can be drawn in regard to any other senatorial candidate from this congressional district. Brownell is said to be a congressional candidate, and it is now apparent that Fulton is the only avowed candidate for senator who will not be directly affected by this sad event.

In the Senate.

Senator Fulton, by virtue of having been president of the senate last session, called that body to order at 10 o'clock promptly, when Senator Booth placed in nomination Senator Daly for temporary chairman, which carried without dissent. Ex-Chief Clerk S. L. Moorehead was placed in nomination by Senator McGinn, and elected.

After appointing committees on credentials, composed of Senators Booth, Hobson, Mulkey, Hunt and Ware, the senate adjourned for caucus.

In the House.

Promptly at 10:30 A. C. Jennings, clerk of the 1901 house, called the session to order. On Motion of Wheatdon, of Coos, Robert E. Emmett was placed in nomination for temporary speaker, and was elected by acclamation.

Eddy, of Tillamook, nominated A.

C. Jennings as temporary clerk, and he was elected. Shelly, of Lane, moved a committee of five on credentials, and Judd, of Marion, did the same for a committee of five on rules. Both motions prevailed.

The committee on credentials consists of Shelly, of Lane; Nottingham, of Multnomah; Burgess, of Lake; Hale, of Josephine; Claypool, of Linn. The committee on rules is: Judd, of Marion; Bilyeu, of Linn; Hawkins, of Polk; Reed, of Multnomah; Miles, of Yamhill.

The house then adjourned until 2 p. m.

BROWNELL AND HARRIS WIN OUT

Both caucuses came to a sudden end and "state prison" on the other, close about 2:30 o'clock by choosing

Brownell president of the senate and Harris speaker of the house.

The special street car that will run every 10 minutes for the benefit of the legislators has "state house" on one side.

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Henry McGinn is also here, and the public will know what for in due season.



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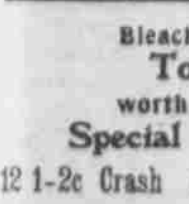
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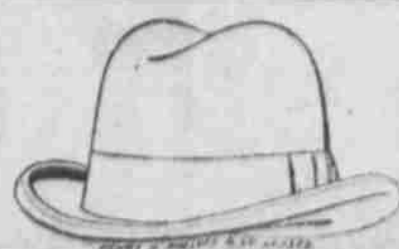
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