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STATE CAPITAL GOSSIP.

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The Pennsylvania Legislature organized yesterday at noon by the election of its officers and the appointment of its employees. It then passed resolutions relating to rules for the session, and preparations for the inauguration of the Governor, and adjourned to-day until 10 a. m. Thursday, Jan. 15. The fun began on Friday previous, when the different candidates for Speaker arrived in the city. There were five from the country, viz: Thompson of Warren, Burdick of McKean, Finley of Washington, Baldwin of Lancaster, Baker of Delaware, and Capp of Lebanon, and two city candidates—Messrs. Brooks of Philadelphia, and Stewart of Allegheny. Stewart had not the full support of his delegation and so could hardly be said "to be in it," but he got "in the swim" with the final victors all the same. Brooks of Phila., had the full Phila. delegation behind him, and was positive of success. The country gentlemen all had a good following, with Thompson in the lead. The hope of Philadelphia was that the country members would be split up and sooner or later go to Brooks. The "hayseeds," as they got nicknamed, knew their hope was in positive organization and pulling together. It soon became evident that four out of the five must yield or all go to the wall; then Thompson as chief, and Senator Allen of Warren, with Granger Taggart of Montgomery, as "best man" started to try and reconcile all the differences. Captain Baker of Delaware, soon declared he was ready to drop out and throw for Thompson. By Monday all the country candidates, with Stewart of Allegheny, got together and after counting votes decided to unite on Thompson. In two minutes the placards were all down, and all "the gentlemen from the country" in Harrisburg were langhing and shaking hands and congratulating each other on what they jokingly called the "buckwheats' victory." While this was going on, the Phila. delegation sat in solemn council in the Commonwealth Hotel and sadly concluded they would have to put crepe on Mr. Brooks, but would save their reputation by throwing their full vote to a certain country candidate whose name was not Thompson. But, alas! for Phila.; by the time they got up to the Lochiel with that proposition, every country candidate was pledged to Thompson, and the jig was up. The next move of Phila. was to make Mr. Brooks chairman of the caucus, but already nearly all the "hayseeds" had pledged themselves to Baker of Delaware, so it was flopped again. One party remarked, in language more profane than legislative, that "there were more blanked independent country ducks in this Legislature than he had ever seen." So it was, and the country members were so full of "tickle and laugh" that after the caucus had elected Thompson the reaction came, and in that reaction Phila. dropped most of the minor positions from the Slate Committee. After the announcements from that committee, and the election of their selections by the House, there was more kicking than after a country primary. However, the fact that the country completely outgeneraled the city on the Speakership, helped to soothe many an angry member who was disappointed in not getting "his man in."

Speaker Thompson seemed to catch on from the start to the adjournment to-day, when the Republicans of the Senate and House went into joint caucus for nominations for U S. Senate. Over the calling of the caucus at this date there was some kicking, a few wanting it postponed until Thursday, 15th. The majority could see no use in that as there was, so far as anyone could discover, only one candidate, viz: J. D. Cameron. Those opposed to Senator Cameron did not suggest any name, or probable name of any gentleman, who was in the field, so the conclusion was that, as there was only one candidate, the business had better be done with. The caucus came to order duly on time, with Senator G. Handy Smith in the chair. Motion for adjournment was voted down by a very large majority. Senator Thompson of Dauphin, nominated J. D. Cameron in a good speech, and Senator Gobin of Lebanon, seconded it in a better one. He said "J. D. Cameron would vote for the Federal Elections bill, all statements to the contrary notwithstanding." Whereupon Mr. Coray of Luzerne, said "Senator Cameron had been non-committal on the bill and staid so until 'he was smoked out.'" This caused Dr. Towler of Forest, to remark "that everybody knew that a man with Scotch blood in his veins could not be 'smoked out.'" The House laughed, the election proceeded, and J. D. Cameron, the sole candidate, was duly made the nominee of the Republican for U. S. Senator.

Senator Cameron was called upon by nearly all the members of the Legislature, and it was very evident that the Senator had no intention of doing anything but what his party and State desired. Even the granger element will be satisfied with his course or evidences go for nothing.

THE Republican Senators have perfected a financial bill, which while it does not embrace all that every Republican would like to see in such a measure, promises to afford speedy relief to the money market, without going to the dangerous extreme of an over-inflation of the currency, and for that reason alone it should speedily become a law. But will it? Will the Democrats, who have been professing so much distress on account of the financial stringency, allow this relief measure to be adopted without unnecessary delay, or will they, true to the past record of their party, attempt to delay or defeat it by offering impracticable amendments and by resorting to filibustering? We shall see.

SENATOR INGALLS has gone home to remain until his successor is elected, and every good Republican whether agreeing with Mr. Ingalls in all things or not, will hope that he may be his own successor. Aside from politics entirely, men of his calibre are too scarce in Congress for the good of the country, and for the Kansas legislature to send an unknown nobody to the Senate as the successor to John J. Ingalls would be an act of folly that its members would not fail to regret in the future.

CONGRESS should lose no time in passing a law providing for the immediate disarming of every Indian on a reservation, and care should be taken in framing it to see that it contains a provision to prevent their again acquiring arms. Feed them, if necessary, but do not allow them to possess rifles, which may at any time be used to murder white people. Senator Pettigrew, of North Dakota, has introduced a bill which seems to just about cover the ground.

SENATOR ELECT IRBY, of South Carolina, who was elected by Farmers Alliance votes, now says he is a Democrat first, and that the farmers will have to look to that party for the legislation they wish. There's a lesson in that remark for old time Republicans to think over.

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