

SQUIRE IS STRONGER.

Senator Parkinson is Not One of the Ocoosa Members.

BAD OUTLOOK FOR CALKINS.

The Bill Extending Time of Payment of Taxes is Ready for Signature—Representative Davis is Dying.

OLYMPIA, Jan. 14.—[Special.]—The Squire ranks secured a notable accession today in the positive and unequivocal declaration of Senator Parkinson, of Whatcom county, that he will vote for Senator Squire. It is well known that in one of the Bellingham bay cities which are in Senator Parkinson's district there is a strong faction that is for Calkins, a great majority in the other cities being pronounced in favor of the re-election of Senator Squire.

My relations with Senator Squire have always been pleasant personally. There are some things the senator had a voice in that I wish might have come out differently, but notwithstanding that fact I am convinced that he has done as well as possible during his year in the senate. Because I have been personally a little disappointed as to local matters, I do not think I should allow that to influence my action in so important a matter as this senatorship. It is the wish of a very large number in my county that Senator Squire be re-elected, and there are some who are much opposed to him and in favor of Calkins. I have nothing to say against Mr. Calkins personally, I believe him to be an able and high-toned gentleman, but I believe also that if Mr. Squire is elected the people will be ably represented, and that he will work with a view single to the best interests of the state. In voting for him I am aware that part of my constituency will be disappointed, but I am here to discharge my duty. In casting my vote for Senator Squire I act according to my best judgment, and after deliberately weighing the facts I am ready to stand or fall by my action.

Senator Parkinson's courageous stand is arrived today to attend the meeting of the boomers have brought hither several citizens supposed to be closely allied politically with the senator, for the deliberate purpose of urging him to vote for Calkins. It is clear that Senator Parkinson resents their interference and will follow the dictates of his own judgment and the majority of his constituents. With the open attitude of the senator has been a positive backset to the Calkins forces. They are discouraged and are noticeably less noisy and effusive in their declarations that they will beat Squire. The certainty that Squire will be elected is becoming painfully manifest to them, and they find it very difficult to conceal their chagrin and disappointment.

Mr. D. H. Gilman, of Seattle, chairman of the state Democratic central committee, arrived today to attend the meeting of the committee and to use his influence toward holding the Democracy in line on an independent candidate for senator.

"We believe that the Democrats should select a candidate and vote for him," said Mr. Gilman. "I believe that to be the general sentiment of the party, and I think the members will abide by it. The Democrats have particular reasons for not voting for Judge Calkins because of the remarks made by him in speaking throughout the state in the late campaign that 'the worst Republican began where the best Democrat ended,' equivalent to a statement that the dirtiest Republican is better than the cleanest Democrat. The man who will make such statements is a knave and a demagogue of the most pronounced stripe, and he certainly should not be made United States senator by a vote of Democrats. Again, Calkins was chairman of the committee on elections in the House, of which J. Warren Keifer was speaker, and as such chairman he dishonestly unseated ten Republicans who were elected, and seated ten Democrats who were not elected. There is no political practice so atrocious as this. It is a base assault upon the liberties of the people, and no man who abets such proceedings should receive any honor from the hands of the people."

Another thing, Calkins was a notorious tool of the Northern Pacific railway, and endeavored to wreck the Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern railway a year ago. That was not only an attempt to destroy the value of the honest investments of hundreds of deserving people, but was designed to fasten still more firmly upon the people of the state the overshadowing monopoly of the Northern Pacific railway. The tools of such monopolies should not be elected to the United States senate to represent the great state of Washington. Of all others the Democrats should not vote for such a subservient character.

Anent the falsehoods being vigorously circulated by the Calkins crowd that Squire had pledged himself to renounce Collector Bradshaw, the following dispatch was received today:

PORT TOWNSEND, Jan. 14. Hon. Watson C. Squire: I have branded the rumor that you are pledged to the removal of Bradshaw as an infamous lie.

The following is Senator Squire's reply: OLYMPIA, Jan. 14. Colored Henry Landis: That is right, I hope none of my friends will believe any such tale and lying report about me, intended to affect the result of the present contest.

WATSON C. SQUIRE.

Colonel George G. Lyon arrived today from Seattle, and made a careful canvass of the situation. He said tonight to a Post-Intelligencer reporter:

From my inquiries I have concluded that Squire will undoubtedly be elected on the next ballot in the joint convention. There seems no evidence that the slightest advance has been made by the Calkins faction, while the friends of Judge Calkins are enthusiastic it appears to me that there are too many aspiring bosses on that side—men with holes in their hats, through which protrude small lightning rods waiting for the senatorial shower storm to descend. The natural and main attack is to secure a deadlock, when, if not Calkins, some other man whom they can name, probably of their own number, will be put forward. All indications point to the utter failure of their scheme. The latest story that the Calkins faction members have started is that King county is about to repudiate Squire, and that there are members of the delegation who will not vote for him. When asked to particularize they look wide and declare that the deserters will show their hands at the proper time.

A sensational rumor is current tonight that the sack has been opened and that three members of the Spokane delegation were approached with boasts by men who claimed to be in the interest of Judge Calkins. The report could not be verified, inasmuch as all the members of the Spokane delegation that were seen declared that they knew nothing about it.

The Calkins boomers are working the Finch-Johnston-Cooper chestnut with a persistency and malevolence that indicates a motive other than that appears on the surface. Every incident bearing directly or indirectly on that matter they magnify into campaign material of vast importance, but their ulterior motive is evidently to goad Mr. Finch and his friends into a repudiation of Squire and support Calkins. Mayor Mailing, of Aberdeen, is on deck, agitating the grievances of Cooper at every opportunity. No attention is paid to the

matter, and few here seem to care anything about the dissensions of Chehalis county politicians.

There is a good deal of caustic talk about the exceedingly foolish action of the Tacoma delegation withdrawing from participation in the proceedings of the State board of trade. E. B. Calkins' intention, perhaps, say in that Tacoma wanted the headquarters or nothing, brought forth an earnest speech from Percy W. Rochester, declaring that Seattle would abide by the action of the convention, wherever the quarters were located. The result was that Seattle was chosen by a vote of 35 to 13. Mr. Calkins' ill-temper and the spirit of earnestness and fairness displayed by the Seattle delegation alienated from Tacoma many delegates favorable to that city.

Senator Long, of Lewis, introduced a bill in the Senate today, by request of the Washington World's Fair Association, to provide for a one-fourth mill tax to defray the expense of Washington's exhibit at the World's fair. It also provides for a board of ten managers, naming the executive committee of the association as such managers. They shall have power to elect an executive commissioner who shall have charge of collecting and maintaining the exhibit. A like bill will be introduced in the House tomorrow by Meany, of King, both of which bills will be referred to the joint World's fair committee. The bill is meeting with favor, and there is little doubt that it will become a law.

Three bills for the protection of laboring men, soon to be introduced in the Senate, will probably be fathered by Senator Ritter. One will provide for the establishment of a bureau of statistics and labor. It will be remembered that two such bills were defeated last session. Another bill provides for payment of workmen in lawful money. The other bill is for the protection of railroad employees, forbidding certain rules and regulations, contracts and agreements and declaring them unlawful.

S. B. No. 19, introduced by Kinnear today, is the same as the one introduced by him last session, and which passed both houses, but for some unknown reason failed to reach the governor. It provided that inasmuch as the state maintains an effective military and police force for the protection of all persons and property, it shall be unlawful for any private person or corporation to employ or maintain an armed body of men. It will prevent the employment of Pinkerton detectives.

A very important bill was presented by Hunsaker of Klickitat to the House this morning. It provides for a construction of the constitution, relative to incurring indebtedness by counties, that existing indebtedness may be funded without submission of a vote to the people, and securing the sanction of three-fifths of the voters therein. There is a question as to the constitutionality of the bill.

The bill introduced in the Senate yesterday by Esterday, to provide for printing summary reports, is to remove some of the inconsistent legislation of last year. Two bills were passed at that time, one providing for publication by the state printer and the other for printing by contract. Esterday's bill repeals the latter and perfects the former.

Advices from Ellensburg state that Representative Davis has been given up by his physicians and that relatives have been summoned to his bedside. In case of death the governor will issue a proclamation for a special election. Dr. W. D. Hare is likely to be the Republican nominee and Samuel Winslow, of Roslyn, the Democrat.

A change in the law governing schools is proposed in a bill by Taylor of Pierce. It is intended to amend section 32 so that the disposition of the general school fund shall be in the hands of the county commissioners, instead of in the district officers' as at present.

To Senator Dyer the honor of getting the first bill through the Senate is due. Senate bill No. 4, providing that nine jurors can render a verdict in civil cases, introduced by him on last Thursday, was read the third time and passed by an almost unanimous vote this afternoon.

Governor Laughton today made his first appointment of county title land appraisers, they are for Skagit county, and are June Henderson, of LaConner; C. B. Donnell, of Anacortes, and H. P. Downs, of Mount Vernon.

The taking of testimony in the McCarty-Richards contested election case began tonight. The contestant and contestee appeared by attorney and in person. The case will occupy several days.

Senator Dyer tonight suggested that if King county desires another superior judge action should be taken in Seattle. He thinks there will be no trouble in securing it if prompt action is taken.

The demand for creation of new superior judge districts throughout the state is general. Hardly a district that does not find the apportionment of a year ago insufficient. Doubtless a number of new districts will be created.

Two normal school bills are in already, and more will doubtless follow. Lynden and Willapa City are the late claimants for the establishment of schools. The Normal school at Cheney, established last year, today asks an appropriation of \$27,000.

The Democratic state central committee had a meeting here tonight and discussed matters of political interest. No reference was made to the senatorial question.

The bill extending the time of payment of taxes from January 1 to March 1 is ready for the governor's signature, having passed both House and Senate.

Hon. E. C. Ferguson, Colonel George G. Lyon, Howard Joslin and Hon. M. S. Drew are among today's arrivals.

A flood of bills poured into the House this morning. Only a few of them were of unusual importance.

OLYMPIA, Jan. 14.—[Special.]—The senate Eshelman introduced a petition of No. 6, granting to Klickitat county, for repeal of the road tax law.

The judiciary committee reported favorably on S. B. No. 14, by Dyer, relating to jury law.

First reading of bills. S. B. No. 15, by Evans—Referring to the transfer of community real property; read a second time by title and referred.

S. B. No. 16, by Dyer—To increase the number of county commissioners in counties of 25,000 inhabitants or over; read the second time by title and referred.

S. B. No. 17, by Thompson of Pierce—Relating to state library; read the second time by title and referred.

S. B. No. 18, by Kinnear—To create and establish a railroad and transportation commission; read the second time by title and referred.

S. B. No. 19, by Kinnear—To create and establish an organized or employed arm; read the second time by title and referred.

S. B. No. 20, by Dyer—To provide for the collection, exhibition and maintenance of the products of Washington at the World's fair; read the second time by title and referred.

serred to the committee on public buildings and grounds.

THIRD READING OF BILLS. S. B. No. 1, by Dyer—Fixing the salaries of judges in cities and towns having more than 5,000 inhabitants; sent to the engrossing committee.

In the House. OLYMPIA, Jan. 14.—[Special.]—After opening of House this morning petitions for the creation of a railroad commission were presented by Palmer of Garfield and Walters of Spokane.

Frater presented H. C. R. No. 5, for the appointment of a committee of three from the House and two from the senate to ascertain the number of acres of land belonging to the state in Olympia, and to ascertain if speedy purchase of same is advisable, or if the present holdings should be sold and a new site purchased; adopted. The chair appointed McKay, Jones and Palmer.

Collins of Thurston moved the appointment of a committee of five to report what committees are entitled to clerks and to recommend salaries to be paid.

The sergeant-at-arms was instructed to secure suitable committee rooms.

FIRST READING OF BILLS. H. B. No. 26, by Flummerfelt—To prevent the driving of stock from the ranges and to provide penalties; ordered printed.

H. B. No. 27, by Johnson—To provide for a superior court judge for county of San Juan.

H. B. No. 28, by Miller—Concerning the verification of pleading and precluding existing laws in conflict.

H. B. No. 29, by Schrieker—Regulating the practice of jury trials in justice of the peace courts; ordered printed.

H. B. No. 30, by Garrison—Creating and establishing municipal courts in cities of the state having more than 20,000 inhabitants; referred.

H. B. No. 31, by Johnson—To amend section 2 of act authorizing counties to contract in aid of their poor, to issue bonds for funding the same, and defining an act; referred.

H. B. No. 32, by Hutchinson—For protection of the public health, for the purpose of preventing and controlling certain contagious diseases and regulations in regard to the same; referred.

H. B. No. 33, by Johnson—For the punishment of crimes; referred.

H. B. No. 34, by Adams—Declaring that eight hours shall constitute a legal day's work on all work done by or for the state or any county or municipality thereof.

H. B. No. 35, by Johnson—Relating to the payment of traveling and incidental expenses of superior court judges; referred.

H. B. No. 36, by Johnson—To create a state board of horticulture, and to appropriate money therefor.

H. B. No. 37, by Walters—To appropriate the sum of \$27,000 for the support of the normal school at Cheney, Wash.

H. B. No. 38, by Putney—To create a normal school at the town of Willapa City, in Pacific county, and for the control and management of the same.

H. B. No. 39, by Fellows—Creating a railroad commission and defining its powers and duties.

H. B. No. 40, by Spinning—To amend the laws relating to coroners.

H. B. No. 41, by Kennedy—Requiring railroads to be fenced, etc.

GENERAL FILE. The speaker announced to the committee on committee clerks, Collins, Frater, Gaudy, Anderson, Mason and Derry.

C. R. No. 2, Van Hook—That state printer be authorized to print 500 copies of the governor's message for use of state officers, 500 for use of the members of the legislature and 500 for general distribution; amended so that total should read 1,500.

S. C. R. No. 3, by Kinnear—That the general statutes and code of W. La. Bill be referred to the joint judiciary committee, October, November and December, up to the time the schools closed for the holidays. It showed a total of 4,628 pupils originally entered, 4,161 belonging on December 10, 4,152 the average number belonging, 3,945.5 the average daily attendance, 1,105 cases of tardiness, 94.5 the average per cent of attendance and 96.5 the average per cent of punctuality.

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Constant Increase of Attendance at Public Schools.

THE DISTRICT LIABILITIES.

Satisfactory Report of the Superintendent—Changes in Teachers—The Old Schoolhouse.

At the meeting of the board of education last night all the members were present. Bills aggregating \$4,200 for improvements, repairs, supplies, etc., for the various school buildings, were ordered paid. A bill of \$32.95 from the Seattle Evening Press, for the publication of notices of school elections at different times, was laid over for further consideration, as it was said the other papers published like notices free of charge, and it was understood the Press was to do likewise.

Mr. Houghton, of the firm of Saunders & Houghton, architects of the new school buildings, being present, was asked regarding the amount of his firm's commissions. An argument resulted, as he claimed commission on the cost of grading the Mercer street school grounds. The matter was laid over until the firm presents an itemized statement.

Superintendent Barnard stated that Mrs. F. E. Nickels, a teacher in the Denny school, had been sick two months, and in accordance with a promise pursued by former school boards of paying teachers for time lost through sickness, presented her claim for the two months' time she lost. He had issued a warrant for the first month, but refused to do so for the second until authorized to do so by the board. The board refused to reject her claim for the second month's salary.

The following appointments by Superintendent Barnard of teachers to fill vacancies, were announced: Miss Hattie M. Hamlin, to fill the position in the South school made vacant by the appointment of Miss Emma K. Heald as teacher of music; Miss Annie C. Smith, to fill the position made vacant by the resignation of Miss Cheasty; and Miss Nettie A. Armour and Miss Julia Settemaler, as substitutes.

Superintendent Barnard was authorized to appoint a teacher to fill the position in the South school by the resignation of Miss Ida M. Ward, through sickness. The resignation of George W. Wells as janitor of the Mercer street school was accepted, and J. Roland, who was elected at a previous meeting to succeed Mr. Wells, as it was known that he was about to resign, was directed to report to the board of public works, requesting that electric lights be placed on Madison street at the corners of Sixth, Seventh and Eighth streets.

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A supplementary report was also presented, showing 4,312 original entries and 4,293 the number belonging since the schools reopened after the holidays. It also shows that there is an average increase of forty-four pupils for each room and of forty-one for each teacher and principal, not including specials and substitutes.