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SIXTIETH SESSION CONVENES AT WASHINGTON AND PROVES SOCIAL OCCASION.

ILLINOIS SPEAKER RETAINS OLD POST

John Sharp Williams Is the Only Other Candidate for Office-Capitol Filled by Spectators—Day's Meeting Short and Legislation Is to Come Later.

Washington, Dec. 3.-The meeting of the sixtieth congress Monday resembled a social function rather than the gathering for the transaction of important business of the country. So great was the demand for an opportunity to see the national legislature started in its work that the galleries of the house were reserved for the families and friends of members with very few places left for the general public unprovided with tickets. In the senate the same condition prevailed except that a larger space was kept for those who came without tickets.

Joseph Cannon was re-elected speaker by 207 votes over John Sharp Williams' 154 ballots.

Capitol Filled Early.

Early in the day the capitol was filled with spectators, and in all the corridors leading to the gallery entrances there were lines of men and women extending for long distances, and many of these people stood for a couple of hours in a vain hope of gaining admission as the more fortunate should become wearied in watching the proceedings and give up their

In each of the houses the session was short and the business done was confined to the adoption of formal resolutions notifying the president that congress had assembled, in the swearing in new senators and representatives and other perfunctory acts that always accompany the organization of a new congress. Both houses adjourned in respect to members who



dled since the close of the last congress, Senators Morgan and Pettus of Alabama and Messrs Slemp of Virginia and Smith of Illinois, having passed away during the recess.

Cannon Makes His Bow. When the applause had subsided, Speaker Cannon spoke as follows: Gentlemen of the House of Representatives: We are to-day organizing the sixtieth congress, marking the one hundred and eighteenth milestone in the history of government by the people under the constittuion. Our predecessors in the years that are passed have left to us an example of wisdom, moderation and courage that has never failed to preserve the ideals and the interests of republican government in many crises, whether of peace or war, adversity or prosperity.

Each generation of statesmen has had its own peculiar problems and its own particular embarrassments. No probems of government ever recur in exactly the same way. The formulas of action in one exigency may never be applied safely in another. Government, so far as it relates to courses of action, has no fixed precedents: and no veneration for those who have gone before, justifies living men in approaching live problems with purpose or with vision circumscribed."

Fairbanks at Old Post. The senate convened promptly at 12, noon. After Vice-President Fairbanks sounded the gavel the proceedings were opened with prayer by Rev. Edward Everett Hale, chaplain of the

senate. Messrs. Robert L. Owen and T. P. Gore of Oklahoma, not having been elected to the senate by their legislature, were not received by the senate, and their credentials will not be accepted until after their formal elec

tion on the 10th inst. First Legislature Opens. Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 3.-Oklahoma's first legislature convened here Monday in the temporary state capital. Great interest was manifested in the incident, and every available seat was filled. The day was taken up in organizing both houses. Gov. Charles Haskell did not deliver his message til Tuesday. Monday evening the Democrats, who are in entire control, held a caucus and decided upon a definite programme of procedure.

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