

THE LEGISLATURE.

Its Organization—Senate Democratic—House Republican.

The General Assembly of the State of North Carolina convened at Raleigh at 12 m. yesterday, and was duly organized in both branches, the Senate being controlled by the democrats and the House by the republicans and their allies—the so-called independents. The Senate was called to order by Lt. Gov. Stegman, and the roll of Senators being called 49 answered to their names and were sworn in. A quorum being present the Senate at once proceeded to the election of officers, and Mr. R. M. Furman was re-elected secretary and Mr. W. V. Clinton was re-elected doorkeeper, each by a unanimous vote of both democrats and republicans. The election of the other officers was postponed until today. On motion of Senator Poir a message was sent to the House informing that body of the Senate's organization. On motion of Senator Shover a committee was appointed to wait on the Governor and announce the resignation of the Senate to receive any communication which he might wish to send them. The Senate then adjourned. Of the 49 Senators as present 59 were democrats, 8 were republicans and 3 independents.

Much interest was manifested in the organization of the House, so it was one of the first things to be done. The balance of power would vote, but the result was just what we predicted last week, and that was the election of John R. Webster as speaker. There were 118 representatives present out of 120 elected. Lee S. Overman, Esq. of Salisbury, was placed in nomination for speaker as the regular nominee of the democratic caucus and Mr. Webster was placed in nomination as the republican candidate. Webster himself made a speech, something that we have never before heard of a candidate for speaker doing. He stated that he was a democrat and all that sort of stuff, that independents usually say when they are about to join the republicans. When he finished his harangue old Dr. Worth of Randolph, arose and in his honest, straight forward manner made a few remarks as to the duty of democrats, and in conclusion turning towards Webster, said if any democrat of such pretensions to be a democrat, was willing to be used as a tool by the republicans, may the Lord have mercy on him! This was greeted with some applause and caused Webster's face to turn as red as a beet. Amid suppressed excitement the roll was called, and the vote announced 59 for Webster and 57 for Overman. Webster's election was greeted with clapping of hands and shouts of praise by the negroes and republicans, which we wish could have been seen and heard by every democrat in North Carolina who voted for an independent. It would have made him regret and be ashamed of his vote.

The election of chief clerk was next in order, and for this office the democrats nominated Col. John D. Cameron who has held that position ever since 1872, and the republicans nominated Mr. George M. Bull, who was a republican member of the last Legislature and is a son of the former solicitor of this district. The vote stood 60 for Bull and 58 for Cameron, the independents voting for this full blooded republican against Col. Cameron! Yes, a regular bargain had been made between the independents and the republicans, by which Webster was to be elected Speaker and the other offices were to be filled by "the tried" republicans, and thus it is that the democrats have lost control of the House. It is a source of much mortification to the former friends of Mr. Richmond Pearson that he should have deserted his party at such a crisis and voted with the republicans. We hope he will find congenial companions among his new associates! But he and Overman need never expect to be ever again countenanced by the decent democrats of North Carolina. They have deliberately made their beds, and there let them lie!

Tyre Cook was the leader of the republicans, and on his motion the House adjourned until today for the election of the other officers. While we regret and feel ashamed that men, who heretofore were democrats, have now joined the republicans, yet we are pleased to know that they are powerless to do any harm. The democratic majority in the Senate will be North Carolina's backbone against their schemes, and will battle their attempts at pernicious legislation.

Our Washington Letter.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31, 1886.

The Congressional calendar vacated will close next Tuesday, and the session will then re-open. The United States has been practically deserted by Congressmen and Senators for the past several days. Thursday the remains of Senator Logan were taken thither to be interred, and today the Senate Chamber was the scene of his impressive funeral. Almost everybody in attendance in official and social circles were present, and a long procession of citizens, with an honorary military band in charge of General Slocum, followed the increased Senators to their country.

For twenty-four hours preceding the funeral the Senators' remains reposed in a temporary chamber in the rotunda of the Capitol and the public passed through to view them. The day was the same in which took the bodies of President Lincoln, Chief Justice Chase, President Garfield, and Thaddeus Stevens.

There has been a great deal of talk among Illinois Congressmen regarding the political effect of General Logan's death. Said Representative Townsend: "It will do more to throw the State into the control of the Democracy than any other event I can conceive of." The late Senator has been able to hold his party together with more success than other men in the State, by reason of his popularity among the soldier element and with the masses of the people. Now that the R. Republicans are without a strong leader in Illinois, the Democrats have an excellent chance of carrying the State at the next election. As to the Senator's success in the Senate, the two most prominent opponents are Gov. Oglesby and ex-Governor Fawcett of Chicago. It is thought it can be said that both of the candidates for Vice President in 1872 are dead, and both from the same cause. Strongly enough, too, in the case of Messrs. Hinckley and Logan, the path of mourning fell upon holiday festivities in their respective homes.

There is nothing in President Cleveland's conduct to excite any feeling on the part of the public, but he is suffering from another attack of rheumatism. The illness is again peculiarly distressing, and for the past week he has spent most of his time between the bed and lounge. He has been abstaining from all unnecessary exertion in the hope of being able, by such care to be up and ready to see the people on New Year's day. The extent of the whole country are looking upon the action of Congress from the Interstate Commerce bill. The bill proposes to give more power to the Interstate Commerce Commission, and the one side and the other of the two parties in this bill are taking the railway companies from being a mere party to a short haul, and that for a long time. People expect to fix it, while the long and short of the long and short of the proposition is put forth. No rational company should charge more dollars for carrying a ton of freight than it is charged for carrying a ton of freight of the same weight. As much as \$800 a year has been charged for freight in Nevada from the East, when the freight on the same through to St. Louis from the same point East was but \$200.

Whether the opposition of the bill to the Interstate Commerce bill has anything to do with the opposition of Senators to the Railroad attorney bill, is one of the latest rumors at the Capitol. It is easy enough to understand why a number of Congressmen are in receipt of hard money returns from a subsidized railroad company. It is supposed to be a bill for the purpose of its passage, he will be compelled to resign his seat and retire from legislative life, or to renounce his professional engagements with the corporations. The matter that a Senator or Representative is seeking to defeat this proposed legislation creates a formidable suspicion that it is not already in the process of the means to express to the public at least open to socialist reform. Besides trying to render such conditions impossible upon the general opinion of the Senate impossible and to facilitate the progress of whole some legislation.

There is nothing of deal of extra session bill in connection with the Treasury surplus problem. Many public men believe, unless it can be satisfactorily solved during this session, that the President will call the Fifth Congress in extra session near the first of March to perform the task of relieving the Treasury of some of these surplus millions. One view points to the fact that if any revenue measure is brought before the House, it is sure to spring the Taff question, and that, since it seems impossible to pass any bill during the fourth extra session would be too likely to comply with the President's wishes than the present one.

Broth in Texas.

Texas is a great country. At this time thirty thousand people in twenty-two counties of that State are suffering for the necessities of life. Many will perish unless relief from abroad is provided. This is all on account of a severe and protracted drought in North Carolina the weather is sometimes too hot and occasionally too cold at times it rains too much, and we have dry spells every summer, but here we never have an entire failure of crops. There is always enough to eat and some to spare, and the same people who will go to Texas to come North Carolina is not good enough for them.

A Murderous Lover.

From the Press-Scout, Boston.

Henry Cunningham and a young woman by the name of Bunting, with whom he was engaged to be married, attended a party in the southern part of the city on Wednesday evening last. After the party, as they were returning home, Cunningham offended at the attentions paid her by some one at the party accused her of unfaithfulness. In the neighborhood of Gloucester's foundry Cunningham drew a pistol saying as he did so, "I am here only for other men than you, and I intend to kill you right here." The girl in great terror seized his arm and they had a desperate struggle until some others who had attended the party came up when the girl broke from him and ran. The desperate man firing one shot as she passed around a corner. He pursued her but she eluded him and took refuge in the house of John Moore. Discovering where she had gone he knocked at the door and demanded to see the girl. Moore declined to admit him, and he then asked what part of the house she was in. Moore told him it was none of his business and closed the door in his face. The affair has been kept very quiet. A secret society when Cunningham is a prominent member, took the matter to hand and attempted to effect a reconciliation or some compromise, but failed. Square Leek, on application of the girl's step-father, issued a warrant yesterday for Cunningham's arrest, but it was found that he had left for parts unknown.

Americans Dying Young.

From the New York Times.

California comes a year of work with its seventy-seventh birthday, and in the promise of life to its forty million inhabitants from saying an "old" word in its history. It is the first time in its history that it has had a President who was born in California. As for Germany, the monarchy of the Emperor is only two years ahead of his warrior cousin, Von Moltke, while Bismarck is a mere boy of seventy-seven. How different the age is here. Of the distinguished Americans who died last year, not one had reached the age of seventy. In politics, the old veteran Sam Cameron stands alone. The statements of being long to a younger generation. All of our Presidents, since Buchanan, were men of middle age, and a few of them were young men. One of our Vice Presidents, except Wheeler, not only was a young man, but the President of our time was a young man, and a defeated candidate to reach old age. It is the first time in our history that a President and Vice President were both under the age of fifty. But Grant, Johnson, Arthur, Hancock, and Grant, Taylor, Bismarck, Wilson, all died at an age when European statesmen look forward to twenty years of active work. In the army two general-grades of seniority are retired at the early age of 50 or 55 years. In local politics there are no old men.

What is the explanation of it? The exceptional cases of longevity in a country prove that Americans are living long. The death toll proves that they do not. It is not the climate that keeps it in the pace. We are too much, we are too fast. To make life over-worked it carries too much strain, it is not allowed time for rest. We know how to work, but we do not know how to rest, and begin the day, day by day, before the old days' work is over. The strain is perpetual, the wear and tear incessant. We keep our eyes always at our feet, and the mind never rests. After success is achieved, after the powers of the mind are spent, and the experience of years has given wisdom, just when all the past life-time is ready for use and of value to the man and the nation, it is called on to make a real life where it might otherwise have been spent to enjoy the harvest of life's harvest.

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