

WHO THEY ARE

Some person high in authority has informed the *Oregonian*, that the present Legislative Assembly of this Territory is much superior to the usual assemblies of former years. Granting that statement to be a fact and many people being naturally desirous to know what kind of men make laws for them, we propose to sketch a few pen portraits of some of the members of that august body, with whom we are personally acquainted.— We commence with the Speaker of the House, Henry Miles of Lewis county, who is an old hard-shell Democrat of life-long standing.— He is intensely opposed to the nigger in any shape, was a strong advocate of the election of the member from Lewis county to the speakership and voted for the Kentucky and Virginia Resolutions of 1798 in the Territorial Convention of 1863. He is moderately fond of the "ardent" and in company is a jolly, entertaining and social companion with a big stock of anecdotes. As a legislator he belongs to the "balance of power party."— Mr. Henry, the member of Thurston, is a young man of considerable ability. He is of a satirical turn of mind, probably caused by embittering disappointments in political life. He is a relation of the late Surveyor General, Dr. Henry, and was appointed to that office upon the death of his uncle at the special request of Mrs. Lincoln, who was a friend of the family, but the appointment was revoked at the instance of certain office-holders and Mr. Denny, who were his bitter enemies.— This disappointment has probably something to do with his present position in the Democratic party. Ruth and Longmyre from Thurston are quiet and unobtrusive gentlemen, intelligent and practical and make good members. They are Democrats in politics.—

Mr. McGilvra from King county is well known in the Territory, having been the U. S. Atty. of this Territory from 1861 to 1865. He is a lawyer of ability but of somewhat irascible temperament and consequently is not calculated for a popular leader. But Mac improves upon acquaintance and his natural talents give him a position as one of the leaders in the House. His colleague, Mr. Clymer, has had considerable legislative experience, this being his third term. He is honest and industrious and watches zealously the interest of his constituents. Mr. Eldridge of Whatcom is a Scotchman by birth, and uncompromising Radical in politics and possessed of much practical ability. As Speaker of the last House he won the good opinion of friend and foe, parliamentary tactics and executive talent being his *forte*. He is a warm friend to his friends and the House cannot boast of a better member. Mr. Van Bokkellin represents Stevens county. He is a former resident of Port Townsend, a consummate politician and an admiring friend of "the gentleman from Stevens." But notwithstanding he has many good qualities. None are more industrious than he and if you can get him to make a pledge, he will always redeem it.-- Fred. A. Clark of Pierce county is smart as a steel trap, a cheerful, companionable man and makes a good member. Mr. Morgan, of Jefferson and Mr. Ford of Chehalis were both members of the House last winter and their experience and natural intelligence will render their services useful. Mr. Simmons was formerly a resident of this county, but now

formerly a resident of this county, but now represents Clackamas. He occupies the responsible position of chairman of the Judiciary Committee and is probably somewhat fitted for that position, having had some experience in Courts and generally conducted his own cases. It is not necessary to speak of our own members, they being well known to most of our readers. With the other gentlemen in the Lower House we have no personal acquaintance, but we suppose they are superior to members of that body in former years, as has been stated by high authority. We shall at some future time say something about the *personnel* of the members of the Council, one half of whom are ranked as candidates for Congress.