

## Another Letter from Puget Sound.

[FROM AN OCCASIONAL CORRESPONDENT.]

OLYMPIA, W. T., December 22, 1862.

### Legislative Doings.

When I wrote you, on the 13th instant, the upper branch of the Legislature of this Territory, the Council, was balloting for Sergeant-at-arms. That entire day was consumed in the effort to elect that officer. 78 ballots were had on the following day, when a compromise was effected by taking up a new candidate. On the 180th ballot C. S. Kingsley of Vancouver was elected.

On the 16th Gov. Pickering sent his Inaugural Message to the Legislature. On the 17th he sent a Special Message to the House of Representatives, declaring the office of Public Printer vacant, by reason of the late incumbent having left the Territory, and appointing George A. Barnes to fill the vacancy until the Legislature should see proper to elect a printer. At the time the message was received the House was considering a resolution to go into joint convention for the purpose of electing a Public Printer. The resolution was put through under a suspension of the rules, and sent to the Council. That body, after a lengthy discussion, postponed the resolution until the 5th of January. The printing question is exciting considerable interest, and efforts are being made to connect it with the removal of the capital, the Apportionment bill, or the relocation of the Penitentiary. There are seven candidates for Public Printer: T. F. McElroy, B. Fustian Kendall, J. M. Murphy, Charles Prosch of the Puget Sound *Herald*, R. Reese of the Walla Walla *Statesman*, G. A. Barnes and Ex-Gov. H. M. McGill. Prosch, McElroy, Reese and Murphy are practical printers.