

## OLYMPIA CORRESPONDENCE.

OLYMPIA, Feb. 3, 1864.

The joint resolution fixing the adjournment *sine die* for the 1st instant was reconsidered, and the session will expire by limitation on Thursday next. Practically, however, the session closed on Saturday last; there being no quorum of either House present at the Capitol since that day.

Upon the introduction in the House of the Resolution relative to Capt. Tucker and the other officers of Co. K, a substitute was offered by Dugan, of Walla Walla, endorsing the patriotism of Col. Steinberger, and expressing regret at his removal. This was a dose that the Union members were not prepared to swallow; but as the democracy were determined to press it, the friends of Capt. Tucker withdrew the original Resolution, and the substitute fell with it. This substitute resolution was sustained by the same men who voted against the bill extending the right of suffrage to our own citizens serving in the army of the United States in this Territory.

If the course of our Territorial Secretary has been singular, he cannot be charged with inconsistency. His office was the headquarters of the "War Democrats" (if you can tell what that means) all through the session, and they have parted with an excellent understanding. Conscience, however, seems to have smitten him, for I am informed that he has obtained the signature of every member of the Legislature, with the exception of Messrs. McGill and McLane, to a paper which, upon the first reading, members supposed to be nothing but a mere acknowledgment of his competency; but which, upon further examination, proves to be a very cunningly drawn endorsement of his action in taking the appointment of Printer into his own hands, and giving the work to a Copperhead! But Mr.

Evans will, I think, have some difficulty in explaining his conduct to the satisfaction of the Government, notwithstanding this endorsement surreptitiously obtained.

As was the case last year, the Secretary is without funds to pay the members and officers of the Assembly. Where the blame should attach, I have no means of knowing.

Several attempts were made in the Council to introduce Union Resolutions, but the War Democrats, afraid to meet the issue, on each occasion resorted to the strategic measure of breaking a quorum, being ably aided by their presiding officer.

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