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COLORADO'S CONTEST

The gubernatorial contest in Colorado was disposed of in joint convention of the general assembly at Denver, March 16. By a vote of 51 to 41, Alva Adams, democrat, was ousted, and James H. Peabody, republican, was given the place. Ten republicans voted with the democratic members for Adams. Newspaper dispatches agree that Mr. Peabody was given the seat after he had given his pledge to resign and surrender the chair to Lieutenant Governor Jesse F. McDonald. An Associated Press correspondent, under date of March 16, says: "It was more in the nature of a party than a personal triumph, for both Peabody and McDonald are republicans and Adams is a democrat. Although the republican majority on joint ballot is thirty-five, the membership of the legislature being sixty-six republicans and thirty-one democrats, it had been found impossible to gain for Peabody enough republican votes to reinstate him as governor for the remainder of the biennial term ending in January, 1907. Twenty-two republican members of the general assembly, according to report, refused to be bound by any action in caucus on the contest and entered into a compact not to vote for Peabody. A majority of them, however, were in favor of seating the lieutenant governor in the governor's chair if means could be found to do so legally. Finally the leaders of the opposing republican factions arranged a compromise by which Peabody would be vindicated by being declared elected and McDonald would be made governor.

"At the conference at which the bargain was made pledges were given to the independent republicans by the heads of four large corporations who had been active supporters of Peabody that he would retire after being seated and permit Lieutenant Governor McDonald to take the office of governor. "Governor Peabody's resignation, it is said, was placed in the hands of W. S. Boynton and will be filed by him with the secretary of state tomorrow."

Governor Adams immediately surrendered his office, although he received a number of telegraph and telephone messages urging him to hold his seat by force. He declined to follow this advice. He said he felt outraged at the action of the general assembly and expressed surprise that Mr. Peabody should become a party to what Governor Adams termed a conspiracy to secure the office for a man who had no claim whatever to the place. Governor Peabody promptly took the oath of office and as promptly took possession of the gubernatorial quarters.

Recently it was proposed that the legislature ignore the claims of both Adams and Peabody and declare that Lieutenant Governor McDonald was entitled to the place; but the Colorado supreme court, being appealed to, held that the legislature had no power to give the place to McDonald and must choose between the men who were candidates at the last election, Adams and Peabody. Some one suggested that Peabody give a written pledge that in the event he was seated he would resign and that the legislature formally declare him entitled to the place and then McDonald could become governor without seemingly violating the rule laid down by the court. Complying with the pledge Peabody retired March 17, and McDonald became governor.

MAJOR WARNER ELECTED

On the fifty-seventh ballot of the session, and the seventh ballot on Saturday, March 18, the date of final adjournment, the Missouri legislature elected Major William Warner to be United States senator, succeeding Senator Francis M. Cockrell.

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