MILEAGE

Drawn by the Legislators

Drew Large Sums While They Rode on Passes

The candidacy of Hon S. L. Moorhead for cheif clerk of the senate will serve one good purpose in calling attention to the mileage expenses allowed in the last legislature. We give a list below of house and senate and amount drawn by each member. In the house Hon. "Fish" Myers leads the list, having drawn mileage on four separate junketing committees. It was a cold day when "Fish" did not propose a "joint visting committee" that would swell his mileage account. If defeated once he would bob up again, or go and have a friend in the senate propose it and then get it through the house Long experience gave him the advantage of new members and his industry and cheek classify him with the immortals. Many others did the same.

In the senate the milage nestor was A. W. Gowan, but as he travels several hundred miles by stage he was probably justly entitled to it, as were many others. The constitution allows members 10 cents a mile each way for attending the legislature, and it is only where members propose various junketing trips in the name of visiting committees that the nuisance becomes appalling.

Mr. Moorhead reported the mileage for the house members. He was chairman of the committee. Of course his committee had to have a clerk during the entire session, although the only work was making one report that would go on a sheet of foolscap paper.

It is notorious that with few exceptions members of the legislature of 1895 passed free over the railroads and paid no fare during the entire session. The same legislature appropriated the sums below to pay the mileage of its members. The great bulk of this money went into the pockets of the legislators. The figures in detail makes interesting reading for the struggling taxpayer. They show that mileage was drawn in 1895 as follows:

The senate drew mileage to the amount of urprising that the president, who of all men would not be without a pass, who was only a member of the committee on rules, drew $95.60. His constitutional mileage would have been $10.80. Mr. Simon may have been on some visiting committee, but that is unusual. The thirty senators cost for mileage $74.10 each.

The sixty members of the house drew $3,374.30 mileage, or $62.37 each. The total mileage drawn by house and senate was $5,967.40. The speaker of the house drew 60 cents mileage and seems to have been on no visiting committees that cost any mileage.

Readers of THE JOURNAL are requested to cut out these figures and preserve them. In our next weekly political review we shall print the expenditures of the last legislature for clerk hire, showing the amount expended by house and senate. These figures are taken from the printed journals of the house and senate of 1895.

In the list of members of the last legislature printed below the editor of THE JOURNAL must apologize for allowing his name to appear as having drawn no mileage. To have omitted his name as a member would have made him subject to erroneous conclusions. To print his name savors of egotism. Yet it is a public duty and must be preformed.

Lines must be drawn upon public extravagance upon all alike. The legislator who sets an example of strict adherence to the letter and spirit of the constitution cannot be asked by others in the name of party, or private, or even public interest to perform unconstitutional acts. The return to constitutional principles in our state government must be made. The supreme court in the Eastern Oregon asylum decision has recognized this necessity. The only salvation of the taxpayer, the only avenue to economical administration lies in strict construction of the constitution we have.

The constitution of Oregon does not forbid the use of free passes by public officials, but as it provides mileage in certain cases the use of passes and then also collection of mileage is a double infraction that is not justified by reason, honesty or business principles.

The editor of THE JOURNAL does not need to explain why he was put on no visiting committee or investigation committees. He denounced most of those committees as mere junkets, and opposed them in every parliamentary manner, and with others of like mind succeeded in limiting them as to number of clerks and per diem of clerks. As most of those committees were mere junkets and whitewashing enterprises calculated to cover up frauds, extravagance and unlawful administration, and merely gotten up to draw mileage and employ clerks, it was rather an honor than a reflection for a member to have been left off.

The editor of THE JOURNAL lives in Salem, the seat of government, and that is supposed to be the capital and living at the Capital could not claim to be living somewhere else and was not entitled to mileage. This is said in explanation of his conduct in not drawing any, but not for the purpose any pharisaical political honesty, as he firmly believes in public servants drawing all the salaries, fees and mileage that they are honestly entitled to draw under the constitution and laws but not one cent more.

MILEAGE OF HOUSE.

C H Baker	$ 40 80
H L Barkley	5 10
S C Beach	17 10
J E Blundell	100 80
J S Boothby	129 40
J T Bridges	108 60
T Buckman	61 50
W E Burke	15 60
J A Burleigh	173 10
B P Cardwell	15 60
J L Calvert	4 50
T J Cleeton	31 20
Clarence Cole	45 60
Virgil Conn	159 60
T R Coon	106 50
T H Cooper	12 00
David Craig	2 40
C J Curtis	48 60
J D Daly	107 70
J E David	63 60
E J Davis	96 30
Geo W Dunn	90 00
H V Gates	21 90
J T Gowdy	25 80
H G Guild	31 20
J S Gurdane	166 50
HJ Hillegas	23 40
E Hofer	.....
C D Huffman	111 00
I W Hope	156 00
J A Jeffrey	89 40
D L Keyt	4 50
C F Lester	196 50
J M Long	15 60
A R Lyle	67 50
John McCracken	15 60
T H McGreer	66 00
F L Mintle	48 30
S L Moorhead	17 40
C B Moores	60
Geo T Myers	204 30
S M Nealon	88 20
Orin L Patterson	105 00
O F Paxton	15 60
G O Rinearson	15 00
J H Scott	10 50
C A Schibrede	45 00
Geo Shutrum	86 70
Calvin Stanley	22 80
Frank A Stewart	164 10
C B Smith	22 50
Ira S Smith	4 50
R G Smith	75 00
T Fleming Smith	14 40
W A Templeton	13 20
Chas F Tigard	18 60
E H Thompson	24 60
J A Wright	162 00
C P Yates	85 80
John C Young	122 70
Total for ho use	$3,743 30

MILEAGE OF SENATE.

B F Alley	$ 99 00
F A Bancroft	78 60
Henry Beckley	102 90
Geo C Brownell	10 80
N L Butler	4 80
J F Calbreath	31 20
Tolbert Carter	9 00
C A Cogswell	213 30
S A Dawson	10 20
O N Denny	15 60
Alonza Gesner	62 10
A W Gowan	234 00
W H Hobson	5 40
S H Holt	82 80
S B Huston	21 60
A J Johnson	19 80
Will R King	123 00
J W Maxwell	135 00
D A McAlister	108 00
J H McClung	48 00
H E McGinn	15 60
I L Patterson	65 40
A R Price	91 80
J H Raley	91 20
Joseph Simon	95 60
J A Smith	52 80
John H Smith	97 60
W W Steiwer	76 20
W S Vanderburg	67 80
C H Woodard	15 60
Total for senate	$2,224 10

MILEAGE FOR CLERKS.

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E A Worswick	31 20
S L Lovell	75 00

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