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WOODRILL VOTES FOR EATON EVEN THOUGH HE KNOWS HE IS BEATEN.

GOVERNOR WITHYCOMBE HAPPY AND ALSO BUSY

Old "Bunch" Leaving State Offices and New Crowd Goes Into Office—New Epoch in Oregon History Marked—Kiddle Waves Olive Branch When Republican Party is Attacked.

Salem, Ore., Jan. 11.—The twenty-eighth session of the Oregon state legislature is grinding.

At 10 o'clock this morning all legislators reported for duty and the work of organization began. In the senate there was nothing to it but pretty speeches in support of Lair Thompson for president, and while the adjective box was freely drawn by his admiring colleagues it must be stated in all fairness that the tributes paid to his manhood ability and citizenship are recognized as true and correct and will stand without revision. Just to prevent an entirely unanimous vote for Thompson three senators paid their respects to Senator Wood, by voting for him. This was not in opposition to Thompson, for had their been a fight on for the presidency of the senate it is very likely the three who cast a complimentary vote for Senator Wood would have gone to the front for Thompson.

This permitted the senate to organize without difficulty and with but little time consumed. Following adjournment for the noon recess President Thompson sounded his gavel and the senate was at work on state problems.

In the house things were not so harmonious for Allen Eaton, a Union county bred boy who has been living in Lane county, had his aspirations high for the speakership. Somehow he could not see the inevitable. His was a case of having to feel the brick house topple before he realized what most of his friends were frank in telling him.

Nominations were closed with Ben Selling of Portland and Allan Eaton of Eugene as the candidates. As the votes were registered Eaton started with some strength but the farther the reading clerk got the more votes were polled for Selling, the final showing Selling 37 and Eaton 20. Eaton then took the floor and in a lengthy speech reviewed the history of his candidacy for the speakership. He said he had been a very active candidate for the place and wanted everyone to know it; that his campaign was a campaign of the city and against the country districts. While he did not dwell on this phase he said sufficient to cause the belief that the strife he had raised was not to be ended this session with the speakership, but that it was very liable to show up throughout the entire session.

Selling knew he had thirty-seven votes yesterday, but true to the game of politics he counted one he did not have and gained one he did not hardly expect to gain which left his result in number the same, and plenty to win.

The vote that everyone supposed would go to Selling, but on the final count did not, was the vote of John Gill, senior member of the firm of J. K. Gill & Co., of Portland. Bets could have been had on basis of 100 to 1 that John Gill would stand by Selling. They have been life long friends, served in former sessions together and all thought John Gill would be the last to desert the ship. But, in this great old political game where men do strange things sometimes, John Gill failed to "come through," or to use the old Populist expression he sidestepped when the test was applied to him.

Representative Stewart of Gilliam county was an unpledged member. No one had his vote promised, but it was presumed that he was inclined toward Eaton for the reason that the talk of the city against the country had some effect upon Stewart. After thinking the matter over, however, from the standpoint of the state's

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New Governor Takes Office With Password 'Economy'

Asks For Power to Put Prohibition Law Into Complete Force

Salem, Ore., Jan. 12.—With simple ceremonies, Dr. James Withycombe, republican, of Corvallis, was inaugurated governor of Oregon to succeed Oswald West, Democrat, this afternoon.

The hall of representatives was that scene of the inauguration. The members of the legislature, and state supreme court, besides friends of the outgoing and incoming chief executives were in attendance.

The chief justice of the supreme court administered the oath of office. The retiring governor delivered a long address, which consisted mainly of a review of the achievements of his administration.

The speaker of the house then announced the election, and introduced Dr. Withycombe, who delivered his inaugural address, the keynote of which was economy without parsimony.

The state legislature then convened. The first woman ever elected to the Oregon legislature, Miss Marion B. Towne, a democrat of Jackson county, was in her seat on the house side.

The legislature was decidedly republican in complexion. The house consists of 56 republicans and four democrats, the senate twenty-eight republicans and two democrats.

One of the principal laws to be passed by the legislature this session will be one providing penalties for the violation of statewide prohibition which goes into effect January 1, 1916.

The people at the election last November voted to adopt prohibition, but failed to specify what punishment should be meted out to violators.

MESSAGE IS INTERESTING.

Republican Governor Asks for Important Changes.

Governor Withycombe in his first message to the legislature, advanced numerous new ideas, and asked for ample power to enforce prohibition. He said:

Members of the Legislature:—In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, and the custom of preceding Governors, it becomes my duty, as it is my pleasure, to address to you upon this occasion a message of greeting, and, in some measure, of suggestion relative to the welfare of the State.

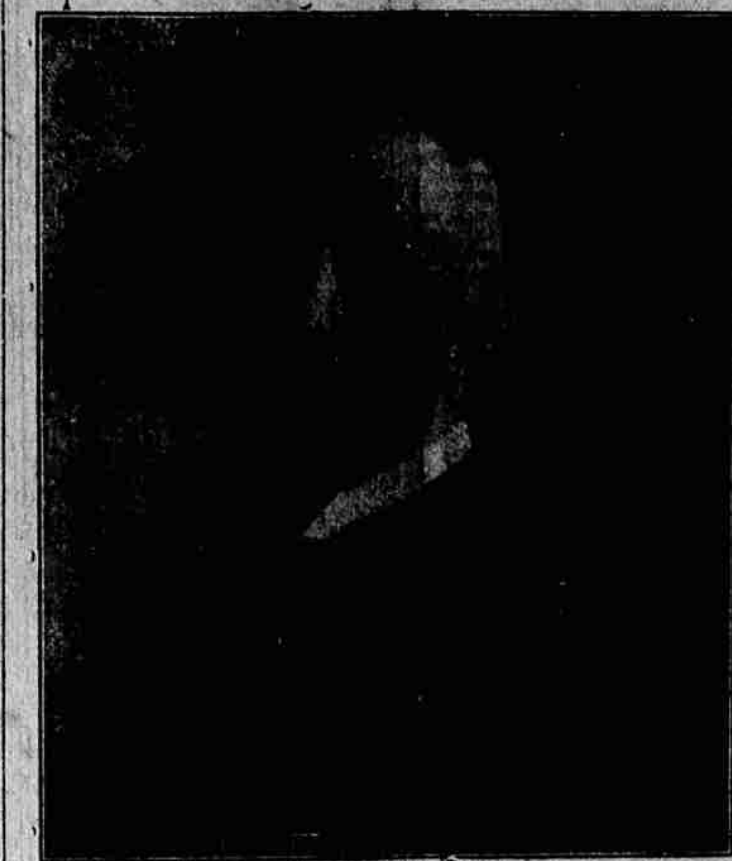
At this time, with the recent election still fresh in mind, I desire to express to the people of Oregon, through you, their representatives, my sincere appreciation and gratitude for their action in selecting me as their chief executive. The realization of the support and loyalty of my friends, demonstrated at the polls will always be among the happiest recollections of my life.

It is your duty to provide new legislation and amend existing laws for the well-being of the people who have sent you here. In all of your deliberations I would urge upon you one paramount consideration, namely that you constantly remember you are building not solely for today, but for the future. Let the record of this session be one of forward-looking legislation. Oregon is but in her infancy, and more than all else she needs sound assistance in the development of the resources Nature has given her. All that will tend to increase the productivity of her fields, her forests, her streams, and her factories, now and in the future deserves your enthusiastic attention; and all that is bound around with petty trafficking or sectional antagonism merits naught from you but disapproval.

Brevity is Sought. Especially I venture to recommend that this Legislature set a record for brevity, particularly in the number of laws passed. Nothing in the general situation demands great activity in the field of law-making, and assuredly the popular frame of mind presages thankfulness for the least possible new legislation. A short session, with a few good laws, is at this time infinitely preferable to a lengthy assembly, replete with drastic changes and burdened with many enactments carelessly devised.

It does not seem to me entirely fitting that a Governor just taking office should attempt any comprehensive summary of the detailed condition of State affairs. His lack of personal familiarity with the routine of the office naturally would make it presumptuous for him to burden you with anything pretending to be an accurate recapitulation of the several departments during the biennium. It

DR. JAMES WITHYCOMBE.



Oregon's new governor, who urges payment of all moneys from one fund.

is rather for me, then, to offer suggestions concerning ways and means for the future betterment of the State, a work in which we may all cooperate.

At the outset, I desire you to understand that I appear here today seeking no personal favors, and with no inclination to exceed the proper limitations of my office. In short, I have no "pet measures," and have no intention of exerting such power as my position may give to influence you unduly. There exists, then, no desire on my part to interfere with the legitimate functions of this Legislature. On the other hand, it seems to me the unqualified duty of the Governor to take full advantage of his position to express disapproval of legislative action, should necessity demand, using his prerogative not as a weapon of dictation, but solely to safeguard the public interest.

Wants centralization. In this connection, I venture to point out the dangers of postponing legislation until the closing hours of the session, when confusion must result from its haphazard consideration. It occurs to me further that convenience to the taxpayer and ultimate profit to the taxpayer would result from the adoption of a rule providing that all appropriation bills be presented not later, say, than the twentieth day of the session.

In the consideration of governmental development in Oregon during the past few years, one fact is clearly apparent; namely a tendency toward decentralization. Whatever the immediate causes behind it, this tendency creates a division of authority

and in a great measure the apportionment of duties among several officials in place of one. Accompanying this division of authority has come a division of responsibility, which works, it seems to me, quite contrary to the development of the highest efficiency. Furthermore, any tendency involving the employment of several heads instead of one is usually accompanied by extravagance and waste. Unless initiated too drastically, or carried beyond the bounds of good judgment, steps toward reasonable centralization in no wise merit classification as impractical.

More Appointments Desired. In this connection I think it highly fitting that in several instances of offices which are now elective should become appointive. The virtues of such a change are centralization of responsibility and a shorter ballot, which, under our system, are particularly desirable.

Economy Must Prevail. Economy probably is the keynote of this Twenty-Eighth Legislative Session; it was the dominant factor in pre-election pledges, and it now devolves upon us to see that these promises are put into practice. All that concerns expenditure merits your most painstaking attention. The principle upon which we should act when State money is concerned is the same as if that money were your own; we should insist upon receiving

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VOTE TAKEN ON SUFFRAGE TODAY

Washington, Jan. 12.—By a vote of 209 to 31, the House today voted to allow six hours of debate to the Mondell resolution proposing constitutional amendment providing for national woman suffrage. Debate began immediately.

The galleries are crowded this afternoon. Nearly 200 representatives have expressed their intention of discussing the issue.

Mondell led the debate in favor of the resolution and Raylor of Colorado and Volstead of Minnesota were his principal supporters. Henry, of Texas, and Webb of North Carolina led the opposition forces. A vote will be taken late tonight some time.

President Stands Pat. The president has indicated he will veto the Delingham Immigration bill as passed by the House and now in the Senate because it contains the literacy test.

Three Fold Problem Bothers Miners.

Denver, Jan. 11.—Mine taxation, inducements to prospectors and federal aid in the solution of the low grade ore problem will be considered by the convention of the Colorado Metal Mining association which began here today. Two hundred delegates from 30 counties in the state are in attendance.

JUDGE GOODALL, A UNION PIONEER, DIES

HELD VARIOUS IMPORTANT OFFICES IN UNION COUNTY IN EARLY DATE.

INTRODUCED BLOODED COWS AND HOGS TO THE VALLEY

Well Known Citizen of Union for Years Dead at Corvallis.

Corvallis, Ore., Jan. 11.—(Special)—The death of O. P. Goodall, formerly county judge of Union county, occurred at Corvallis, Ore., Jan. 9, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Kitty G. Turner.

Judge Goodall was 86 years of age. He was born in Jefferson City, Mo., Aug. 1, 1828.

He was a veteran of the Mexican War, having enlisted when 18 years of age and went with Price's army through too Matamoras. He came to Oregon, first in 1853, and after returning to his former home twice, finally settled in Oregon in 1859, where he has resided most of the time since; for the most part in Union and Linn counties. He was county assessor, county judge, of Union county, a member of the Equalization board, formerly identified with the Grange and Farmers' Alliance. He introduced into Grande Ronde valley the first full blooded shorthorn cattle and Berkshire swine. For the last two years he and his wife have lived at Bronzville, Linn county.

He is survived by his wife, Grace A. Goodall and ten children: Brooks Goodall, Dickinson, N. D. John U. Goodall, Goodall, N. D. Mrs. John Brown, Spokane, Wash. Mrs. W. E. Turner, Corvallis, Ore. Scott Goodall, North Powder, Ore. Mrs. S. A. Cunningham, Potlatch, Idaho.

Geo. O. Goodall, Los Angeles, Cal. Lynn W. Goodall, Spokane, Wash. Byron Goodall, Fort Canby, Wash. Frances A. Goodall, Galloway, Ore.

the owners of the collier Storstad for the sinking of the Empress of Ireland last May began here today.

PENDLETON BOWLERS HERE. Pin Smashers and Supporters Invaded City at Noon.

Exuding confidence like a frying duck does grease, 15 Pendleton bowlers and bowling supporters invaded the city at noon today, and tonight at 8:15 will match skill with the La Grande five for what promises to be the warmest match in the history of the game between these two cities. The list from which the Pendleton bowlers will be picked includes such stars and veterans at the pin game as McMonies, McDarvitt, Hoover, Myer, Noel, Book and Agres. "We're here to win," declared one and all of them.

The La Granders who hope to take the bow out of the Pendleton necks include Scott, Roesch, Walden, Humphreys and Crowe.

The match begins at 8:15 sharp and a big and exciting time is expected of the sport. A big audience is also looked for.

AMATEUR WINS PRIZE.

Jess Robertson Stands Third in National Camera Contest.

Winning third place in a national amateur photography contest is the distinction that has come to Jess Robertson, a clerk in the roadmaster office in this city. Using a railroad scene, he entered a national contest for amateurs conducted by Better Photograph, a national magazine which conducts such tests.

A great many competed in these contests, and the winning of a prize brings considerable satisfaction and gratification to Mr. Robertson.

BANK STOCKHOLDERS MEET.

Annual Election of Directors Going on This Afternoon.

Election of officers at both banks in the city is going on this afternoon. La Grande National stockholders met at 2 o'clock and the United States National stockholders met at 3 o'clock. Transaction of routine business and election of directors and officers are before both sets of directors.

FRENCH FIGHT HARD TO KEEP SOISSON HOLD

GERMANS APPLY FEARFUL FORCE TO DISLODGE THE DEFENDERS.

WITH SOISSON AS BASE, NINE THROWERS ARE SAFE

Important Point in the War Hinges on Outcome—Is Said to be Fiercer Than Any Battles Yet Fought—in Poland, Long Range Artillery Firing is the Chief Effort.

Paris, Jan. 12.—Fighting equaling in intensity any of the present war, continues at Soissons where the Germans are redoubting their efforts to recapture positions recently lost to the French. This announcement is the feature of the official war office statement today.

Possession of Soissons positions is giving the French strong advantage. If France continues to hold it, the situation may be used to cover operations for mine throwers to demolish the main line of German defenses, extending around the base of the hills north of Soissons.

As a result of the fighting, ground before the German positions is covered with German dead and wounded. French losses are fewer, but admittedly big, nevertheless.

Poland Fighting Important. Petrograd, Jan. 12.—Fighting in Russian Poland is confined to positions along the Rawa river where the Germans persist in efforts to drive a wedge into the Russian lines toward Warsaw. Elsewhere in the Eastern theatre the armies are hampered by bad weather, and are compelled to confine their activities to long range artillery duels.

Governor Believes in Simplicity.

Columbus, O., Jan. 11.—Simple ceremonies marked the inauguration of Governor-elect Frank B. Willis, of Ada, O., here today. All frills were eliminated at the special request of Ohio's new chief executive. Columbus society people sought hard to retain the inaugural ball feature, but Willis took a firm stand against it as well as the custom of issuing invitations to the various ceremonies. John Jones, farmer, from Ada county, occupied just an advantageous position at the inauguration as the best known politician in the state.

"The public elected me and the public is entitled to the best at the inauguration," was the position taken by Willis.

The new governor took the oath of office at noon and then made his inaugural address from the state house steps where everybody could see and hear him. The inaugural parade followed. Then came the public reception in the rotunda of the state house ceremonies ended at 6 p. m.

Expenses of today's inaugural were estimated at \$300. The inauguration of Gov. Cox two years ago cost \$11,000.

Jersey School Men Talk Pedagogy.

New Brunswick, N. J., Jan. 11.—With State Commissioner of Education Calvin N. Kendall presiding the superintendents and supervising principals of the middle tier of counties of the state today assembled here at the Lord Stirling school and began a two days' discussion of school management. These meetings are the second of series that Commissioner Kendall has arranged for the winter months. The first gathering of the school men took place at Atlantic City last month and was attended by the representatives of the southern counties.

CLIMATIC DATA.

Climatic data, based on readings for 24 hours ending last night at 6 o'clock:

Maximum 40; Minimum 37; Temperature at 12:30 today, 40.