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POSSIBLE DEAD-LOCK.

No Senator Yet Elected—44 Only Are Solid for Dolph—His Chances Waning.

More Bills Introduced—Committees Appointed—Important Resolutions Adopted.

Special to THE MEDFORD MAIL.

SALEM, Jan. 24, 3:30 p. m.—No election to-day for U. S. Senator. Ballot resulted as follows: Dolph, 44; Moore, 19; Hare, 10; Bennett, 8; Moody, 4; Kincaid, 2; Williams, 1; Lord, 2. Dolph's vote was same as yesterday. Representative J. H. Scott, who has been confined to the house by illness, was brought to the state house to cast his vote, which was anti-Dolph and only changed the general result one vote. Ballot again to-morrow.

The wheels of the law making machine at Salem, are slowly grinding away, and though they are quite slow it is the general opinion of all that whatever is done will be in the line of economy, and the bills that are passed will be in line with the wants of the common people, and in this one particular, the members of the present legislature will win the distinction of doing a few things for the people who sent them there.

THURSDAY.

Senator Woodard earns the distinction of getting the first bill through the senate, which was a bill for the general expenses of the present session. It was timely, as secretary of state Kincaid had no money on hand with which to buy stamps, and as it required \$480 for that purpose, the bill was passed none too soon.

Resolution by Senator Cogswell authorizing secretary of state to purchase ninety copies of Oregon code for use of members was adopted.

Gesner, of Marion, introduced a joint resolution to amend constitution providing for the introducing of no bills conveying appropriations at least five days before adjournment, which was referred to judiciary committee.

A number of bills were introduced, among them being one by Brownell, of Clackamas, providing for a bank examiner, Holt, act incorporating Gold Hill; Vanderburg, of Coos, amending code, relative to assessment and taxation and repealing military and university tax.

Stewer, of Gilliam, providing for a simple form of deeds and doing away with private seals. Senate adjourned until Monday.

The house opened at 10 a. m. and a number of resolutions were introduced, most of which were referred to committee. Jeffery, of Jackson, had a resolution for the investigation of the reform school. When the house finally got down to business seventy-five bills were introduced, Speaker Moore's bill to wipe out railroad commission being the first. The house then adjourned until Monday.

MONDAY.

Senate convened at 1 p. m., and the usual number of resolutions were introduced and discussed.

Committee clerks were recommended as follows: Irrigation, judiciary and public lands, each 2; printing, assessment, railroads and revision of laws, each 3; enrolled bills, 10; engrossed bills, 9; others, 1 each. Compensation in most cases, \$3 per day, and none over \$5. This resolution was adopted, thereby giving employment to as many clerks as has been the custom at former sessions of this body, although the compensation in most cases is not as high as usual.

Among the numerous bills introduced we notice the following:

Brownell—To create office of state irrigation engineer, being a move to reclaim arid lands.

Price—Creating office of examiners of state and county treasurers.

Brownell—Amending code, making legal interest rate 6 per cent, contract rate 8 per cent.

Holt—Concerning appointment of judges and clerks of election.

Dawson—For relief of Ida Templeton in sum of \$20,000, for injuries sustained on public highways.

Cogswell—Requiring superintendent of insane asylum to report deaths, escapes, etc., to county courts.

House convened with usual preliminaries. Resolution regarding clerks and experts to examine state institutions was adopted, making pay for experts \$7.50 per day and clerks \$5. Resolution making sessions of house from 9:30 to 12, and 1:30 to 5 o'clock, was adopted. A few bills were introduced, after which house adjourned.

TUESDAY.

Senate called to order by president and after some debate following nominations were made for United States senator: Dolph by Brownell; Bennett, by Huston, and Hare, by Holt. After a ballot was taken on senator, following were some of the bills introduced: Holt—Amending law creating state

board of equalization, as to classification of property.

Denny—Amending act creating railroad commission, making governor, secretary of state and state treasurer said commission, without salary.

Holt—Creating office of state assessor.

Speaker Moore called house to order at 9:30—All members present except Scott.

Among standing committees appointed by chair the following names appear: Education, Jeffery; mining, Dunn; agriculture, Dunn; alcoholic traffic, Nealon; rules and joint rules, Jeffery; manufactures, Nealon.

Ninety-nine bills were then introduced, among which we make special mention of the following:

Smith, of Josephine—To repeal present system of adopting school books.

Dunn—To establish state normal school at Ashland.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

Bills 12 to 65 were read second time and referred.

H. C. R., Coon—For election of U. S. senators by direct vote of people; McGinn moved to refer to committee on revision of laws, and so referred by aye and nay vote.

In the house a number of resolutions were introduced aside from the nomination of, and balloting on United States senator: vote standing, Dolph, 29; Moore, 22; Hare, 7; Lord, 1; absent, Scott, of Linn, 1.

Burleigh offered a joint resolution asking for foreclosure of Pacific railroad mortgages.

Moorehead—Joint resolution for an amendment to constitution, placing general elections first Tuesday after first Monday in November.

Special committee reported unfavorably on a resolution for a special committee to investigate scandals at the asylum, for reason that no authoritative charges had been made.

WEDNESDAY.

House convened at 9:30 and reading of journal was, as usual, dispensed with, and as a result Hofer gave notice that he would move for a committee to investigate each journal not read.

Rules were amended so as to provide for all messages between the two houses to be placed in sealed envelopes.

Five bills passed by the legislature in 1893, and vetoed by Governor Penneyer, were sent in by the secretary of state.

First reading of bills was then taken up and Moorehead introduced a bill changing name of East Cottage Grove to Lamati.

Senate opened and immediately proceeded to the first reading of bills.

Gowan—Establishing graded school at Burns and appropriating money therefor.

Butler—Amending code, providing that judges' instructions to juries shall be in writing.

The house was packed to suffocation when the hour arrived for the joint ballot on U. S. Senator. At 12:05 the senators came in and were given seats in front, and roll call showed 89 members present, Scott being too sick to attend.

THE ROLL CALL.

After some preliminaries the fateful roll call, upon which hung, as by a thread, the fate of J. N. Dolph, began. Rumors of bolting were current, and all held their breath as the names were called. Senator Alley was the first man called upon, and saying that "As he was the third oldest free-coinage silver man in the state he would put himself on record for the choice of Lane county—Hon. Binger Hermann, a man who had never spent a dollar to promote his political interests in an improper manner." Mr. Alley voted for Dolph on the first ballot Tuesday, and his vote for Hermann was received with great enthusiasm.

Brownell's vote for Dolph was hissed.

Jeffery made an eloquent plea for Judge Hare, "a pioneer, rich in courage, and a millionaire in brains." He got several rounds of applause.

Lister's speech was to the effect that his first choice was Fulton, his second, Dolph, but it was asserted and not denied that unfair means had been used. Force and corruption had been employed, and he would now vote for Moore.

Senator McClung, of Lane, was the next man to bolt Tuesday's ballot, and voted for Hermann.

Smith, of Josephine defended the caucus and voted for Dolph.

Cole, of Multnomah, bolted the caucus and voted against Dolph.

The roll was called again and checked correctly.

TOTAL VOTE.

Dolph.....	44
Moore.....	17
Hare.....	10
Bennett.....	8
Lord.....	5
Hermann.....	4
Geo. H. Williams.....	1
Total.....	89

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WHERE WAS EDEN LOCATED?

Scholars of Distinction Do Not Agree and the Mystery Remains Unsolved.

The location of the earthly paradise, or Garden of Eden, is still a matter of dispute among orientalist and Scriptural scholars of highest reputation, says the St. Louis Republic. Some have endeavored to locate it by the fruits and mineral productions named in the Biblical descriptions as they appear in the second chapter of Genesis; others by the rivers mentioned in verses eleven to fourteen of the above mentioned chapter. The weight of investigation and tradition incline to an agreement that the Tigris and the Euphrates of modern geography are the third and fourth rivers mentioned in the Biblical description of the garden. Those who agree so far differ widely as to what rivers should now be regarded as the ancient Pison and Gihon. The Buddhistic scholars, although they reject our Bible in the greater part, incline to the opinion that the Pison is the sacred Ganges and that the Gihon is none other than the Nile. As to the last it is altogether probable that they are correct on that point because the Biblical account plainly says that Gihon "compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia." Some investigations affirm that Eden was a spot of comparatively small area located on the table lands of what is now Armenia, from which rise the Tigris and the Euphrates. A few scholars of distinction argue that the Adamic paradise was located in Africa, in the vicinity of the Mountains of the Moon. Still another school of orientalist locate the celebrated garden in the vicinity of the ancient city of Babylon. None of these theorists have been able to get the four rivers mentioned in the Biblical account properly located; neither have they found a place where one great river "separates into four heads." This being the case it is hardly necessary to add that the exact location of Eden is a mystery that will probably never be solved.

A Dangerous Neighbor.

A Canadian suffragist of Wyoming, was casting her first vote, and, woman-like, she was making a mess of it. She fooled around with her ticket and asked questions until the clerk who was attending to her case was in the last stages of patience. "Madam," he said, when he could stand it no longer. "I beg your pardon, but do you shoot the way you vote?" She had learned this famous expression among her first lessons in politics and prided herself on her knowledge. "Indeed, I do, sir," she replied, drawing herself up proudly. "Then, madam," inquired the clerk with great interest, "will you be kind enough not to begin shooting until I can get out of the state?"

Table Rock Items.

Clint Hubbs is still confined at home, suffering from the effects of that sprained ankle.

There is being constructed a new grade from the Bybee bridge up into the desert. We are not informed whether the work is being done by private individuals or by those in authority.

Otis Frierson is having made about a quarter of a mile of underground flume, to convey water from the Table Rock irrigation ditch to his place. "Kit" Carson of Central Point has charge of the work.

Mr. Dunn writes from Kansas that people in the Rogue river valley are living in a favored spot, and do not know what "hard times" mean. Where he is good men are working for their board, and a most excellent hand gets but \$6 per month.

The surveyors for the proposed rail road extension have been working on this side of the river. We are told that the line shows very easy grades, and so far nothing more expensive than the bridge over Rogue river has been encountered. Most of the people in this vicinity manifest quite an interest in the enterprise.

The weather of the fourteen days since last writing has given us five days of rain with two nights when it snowed a little; one foggy and one showery forenoon, but in both cases the afternoons were pleasant. The remaining seven days were pleasant, and on January 11th, the thermometer climbed up to 60 degrees. The coldest morning, January 18th, it was 29 degrees.

Since last writing your correspondent has visited the Rock creek placer diggings. We found enough gold in the ground to interest old prospectors, but we believe they will have to put in some machinery, and work the ground in a systematic manner, as the gold is very fine and inclined to float. We recommend the Gould process. Success to the enterprise, as it means dollars to all of us.

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