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## OREGON'S NEW CHIEF.

### Chamberlain Now Wears The Toga.

#### Oath Administered.

Was Sworn In At Salem Last Wednesday By Chief Justice Moore.

The morning of the most eventful day of the Oregon Legislature, the inauguration of Hon. Geo. E. Chamberlain as Chief Executive of the state, dawned bright, crisp and fair over the Capital City Wednesday and her many natural and architectural beauties were displayed to the fullest extent. Long before the sun made its appearance above the horizon many people were astir upon the streets, and the feature of the day's proceedings of the Legislature was the general topic for discussion.

Governor Geer and Governor-elect Chamberlain were both abroad early, the one preparing to relinquish the high office which he had administered faithfully and well for four years past, the other preparing to take up the reins of government where his predecessor was to lay them down. Governor-elect Chamberlain arrived at the capital at about 10 o'clock and went to Governor Geer's office, where the executive and the executive-to-be, the republican governor and the democratic governor-elect, chatted together and to a few friends while they waited the summons of the joint assembly.

Promptly at the hour of 11 the approach of the members of the senate was announced. Upon their arrival President Brownell was invited to take the chair, which he did, Speaker Harris taking a seat upon his left. President Brownell read the provision of the constitution, which provides the manner of the canvass of the vote for governor and the inauguration, and in accordance with those provisions appointed a committee to canvass the vote, composed of Speaker Harris, Wheelton and Galloway from the house, and Sweek and Carter from the senate.

At 11:45 President Brownell announced that it would be impossible to complete the count before the noon hour, and the inaugural ceremony would be postponed until 2 p. m.

Both houses convened separately at 2 p. m. and at 2:15 the joint session reopened, President Brownell as before occupying the chair and Speaker Harris a place at his left. The justices of the supreme court occupied places on the speaker's rostrum. The committee which had been appointed to canvass the vote for governor reported that it had completed its work and that the vote had been found correct. President Brownell then appointed a committee to notify the governor and the governor-elect that the legislature was ready to proceed with the inauguration.

The committee retired and within a few minutes returned, and escorting Governor Geer and Governor-elect Chamberlain, who walked arm in arm down the broad center aisle, to the accompaniment of a storm of applause from the assemblage. Arriving at the speaker's rostrum, the governor and governor-elect were seated, and President Brownell announced that Governor Geer would deliver his final message. The outgoing governor then advanced and read his message.

The reading concluded, Chief F. A. Moore, of the Oregon supreme

court, administered the oath of office to the new governor. The silence throughout the room as the ceremony was carried out was intense. The chief justice spoke in a clear, distinct voice, and Mr. Chamberlain made his replies in a voice equally firm and distinct. The ceremony concluded, Governor Chamberlain read his initial message which was quite lengthy, and, although he was given the undivided attention of the vast assemblage during its delivery, being frequently interrupted by generous and spontaneous applause, he abbreviated the delivery by a brief extemporaneous explanation of the more lengthy clauses. It required just one hour and ten minutes from the time of Mr. Chamberlain's introduction until he had pronounced the final words of his message and took his seat.

#### CAN'T HUNT MELDRAM.

Surveyor-General Meldrum, to all appearances, is rather amused at the tenor of the dispatches from Washington regarding the mismanagement of his office and the foreshadowing of his dismissal. He says he thinks Special Agent Green has been stirring up charges against him, though what these charges may be General Meldrum has no idea. "There have been no specific charges made yet," he said, "and there will be time enough to meet them when they appear. This special agent is paid to stir things up. He has been in and out of this office for the past four months, and wants to earn his salary. If I were paid \$6 a day and my expenses I'd prefer charges against every officer in the county."

"Do you expect anyone here within a few days to relieve you?"

"I do not know what to expect, further than what I see in the newspaper. If this man comes from Washington to relieve me, he'll find the building here all right. There is no danger of my walking off with that. The gentleman will no doubt be glad of the agreeable change from the blizzards of the Atlantic Coast to the green fields and pleasant weather of Portland. It is a good time of year to make such a trip."

"What do you think of the talk about dismissing Chief Clerk Waggoner, who resigned a few weeks ago?"

"I don't see what charges they can bring against Waggoner. He was the best chief clerk the office ever had, but there were movements on foot to force him out of the position, so he resigned. The whole matter is stirred up by Special Agent Green, who is in the employ of Hitchcock."

The General then turned to one of his clerks and began giving directions in regard to the filing of some applications for mineral surveys in Eastern Oregon.

#### Grateful Acknowledgment.

To the many kind friends who aided us in the Experience Social on Friday evening, we desire to say "thank you," and desire earnestly for you Heaven's richest blessing, which is not to be estimated by silver and gold.

Total receipts \$100.50.

Mrs. ELLA CLARK.

Prince Cupid the new delegate-elect to Congress from Hawaii, is in Washington. He will be the first Prince to have a seat in our national legislature, but not the first Cupid ever seen there. It is thought that he will have a bill introduced to change his name. Prince Cupid is a native of Hawaii, of mixed blood, his mother being a native princess, while his father was a retired English sea captain and adventurer, who settled in Hawaii.

## STOCKMAN COUNTY.

### A Clipping From The Dalles Chronicle.

#### Our Opinion About It.

Strenuous Efforts Are Being Made By Representative Burgess Of Wasco.

Salem, Jan. 16.—Representative Burgess, of Wasco, is fathering a bill to create the new county of Stockman from the south-eastern corner of Wasco and a section of territory from the northern part of Crook. The measure has been referred to the house delegations from the Twenty-first and Twenty-eighth districts, comprising six representatives. All of them, it is said, are favorably disposed toward the enterprise. Wasco county is reported to contemplate secession with indifference and even with approval, but objections come from Crook on the ground that it is thus to be deprived of a valuable portion of its taxable property and much of its population, and that it can ill afford the loss.

The new county would lie between John Day and Deschutes river and Sherman, Crook and Wheeler counties. Its dimensions would be about thirty to forty miles, or a little over a total of 1200 or more square miles. Its area would be about forty-one townships. Of this area nineteen townships would come from Warco and about twenty-two from Crook. The part in Crook has an assessed valuation of \$385,000 and that in Wasco about \$535,000, a total of \$920,000. In the proposed county are about 200,000 sheep, 8000 cattle and 4000 horses. The population is approximately 1500, most of whom are represented as desiring to have the county organized. Representative Burgess says that the petition for the county will have 400 signers—voters and taxpayers. They have been trying to get county organization for ten years.

The proposed temporary county seat is Antelope. This town is in the center of the district concerned. The question of the permanent seat of the government however, will be submitted to the voters at the next general election, and Antelope, Shaniko, Ashwood and Cross Keys, will contest for the honor.

The principal argument for separation from Wasco by the advocates of the new county is in their remoteness from the county seat. The Deschutes river forms a natural barrier and a proper boundary. To reach The Dalles people have to go to Shaniko, take the railroad, pass through the entire length of Sherman county, transfer to the O. R. & N. at Biggs, and go down the river to their destination—a distance of 111 miles from the southern boundary of the present county. The greatest distance any taxpayer would have to travel to reach Antelope, the county seat, from the remotest confines of the proposed county, would be 22 miles. The mileage alone of a witness in a lawsuit going from Shaniko to The Dalles is \$13, making a burden on litigants in Wasco county. The city council of Antelope has taken an active interest in the project, and has offered to furnish court room and free accommodations to all officers until the county seat is permanently established.

The opposition from Crook county is based on the ground that it is proposed to take away \$365,000 of its \$1,000,000 taxable property and a considerable portion of its already sparse population.

The above was taken from The

Dalles Chronicle of January 17th and was evidently written by Mr. Burgess himself. As printed it makes a very plausible showing for county division, but we trust that the legislators who have the matter in hand, will consider all sides of the question before making any recommendations. The advantages to be derived by the people of the proposed county of Stockman, are microscopic in comparison to the disadvantages, which would naturally follow upon the creation of such a county. The scheme has been fostered by a bunch of "grifters," with one sole object in view, and is no new project. We do not believe the time ripe yet, if ever, by several years, for such a division and trust that the honorable legislature will see fit to refuse it.

#### Upper Eye Grass.

School is over half out and over half the pupils have been neither tardy nor absent.

Mr. Rasmussen and Mr. Evans intend to start for Shaniko the first of next week.

There is to be a dance at Mr. Ed Jones' tonight. We hope they will have a good time.

Chester Evans will kill all the rabbits on the flat if he is given time enough.

He has been very industrious of late and as a result of his industry he has a 22 cal. rifle.

We believe that gun wad story from Haystack as they send a little of their surplus fog over here once in a while.

Dave Grimes thinks the next time he shoots rabbits he'll take two or three extra arms along instead of one.

Mr. Dinwiddie's mail sack came back Wednesday after a two week's absence. There was every indication that it had been on a spree, as it was found in the middle of the road and contained only half the regular mail. Mr. Dinwiddie says its third or fourth time his mail sack has gone on a spree and twice it never came back. Other parties have lost in some way a letter containing a money order. Wonder who is to blame.

January 16.

#### A Phenomena of the Deschutes.

While the Prineville Board of Trade was in session discussing irrigation matters, and natural phenomena peculiar to the Deschutes valley, the venerable patriarch told of a peculiar rainfall. His wife was ailing and while he was waiting upon her, he noticed a peculiar black funnel shaped cloud and presently a bombardment of the roof. The concussions were muffled, still the weight seemed so great, he ventured to open the door, and lo it was raining frogs in torrents. The patriarch ceased amid a hush more eloquent than applause. Then the judge (who never was a judge) verified the story by relating a similar fact which happened while he and his wife were on a fishing excursion. Immediately after pitching tent a funnel shaped black cloud appeared that was just like the patriarch's, which was followed by a similar downpour of frogs.

The judge told how disagreeable it was during the night when the nasty slimy things worked their way around and under the covers and nestled against their bare feet and legs, but he had his revenge in the morning when he used the frogs for bait, and he caught enough large trout to last the family a year. The critic inquired the species of frog, the judge did not know, but the patriarch unhesitatingly said green heads, black heads, yellow heads, and all kinds of frogs.

## NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

### Items of Interest Gathered Here and There

#### Some Stolen, Others Not

Outlings From Our Exchanges—News Notes of the Week—Timely Topics.

Yankee honesty has again prevailed against the wiles of European diplomacy. Our arbitration proposal is virtually accepted by all the principals, and the Venezuelan difficulty will no doubt be settled by The Hague tribunal.

According to a news dispatch the Pope has ordered all persons living in the Philippines, who endeavor to create a National church in the islands, thereby cutting loose from the mother church, to be excommunicated.

The Prussian government now owns all the railroads of importance within its limits except two. It has just arranged to buy six that are now in private hands, with a total length of 550 miles. It will pay the market price.

Certain Europeans hailed with delight what they were pleased to term Uncle Sam's opportunity to either guarantee Venezuelan good behavior or clip the wings of the Monroe doctrine. What they really do see is the United States government successfully engineering fair play.

The first county school of agriculture and domestic economy to be established in the U. S. is in Dunn Co., Wis. A lively interest is taken in the institution by the people of the county generally. A fine course of study is presented to boys who will return to the farm, and to girls who may be chosen as farmers' wives.

Governor Geer granted a full pardon to W. R. Smith, of Silverton, serving a two year sentence for assault with a deadly weapon on Charles Hinkle last February. Pardons were also granted to Mrs. Etta Horton, serving a one-year sentence for adultery, from Harney county, and J. F. Preston, serving five years for assault and robbery from Jackson county.

On Jan. 1, a second installment of the Chinese indemnity was due and was as before paid on a silver basis. The European powers claim that it should be paid on a gold basis, and the price of silver has fallen so low that it almost doubles the size of the amount China must pay. The probabilities are that this matter will have to be arbitrated before it is settled.

Mareoni has at last made a practical trial of wireless telegraphy and has been able to send messages from Newfoundland to the signal tower on Cornwall hill, England. This is the first time that regular messages have been so transmitted. The most heretofore done was to get certain signals from shore to shore. Messages have been received from steamships on the ocean, however.

President Roosevelt has done a thing that few Presidents would care to undertake and that is the suggesting to a state that a prominent candidate for the United States Senate would be distasteful to him. This, he is said to have been in the matter of Smoot, of Utah, who is a prominent Mormon and for that reason his election is said would be resented by a number of senators. The Senate would prefer to have the matter settled in Utah than have it thrown into the Senate. For if he

is elected some of the Senators will probably raise objection on the floor of the Senate when he seeks to qualify.

#### Grandma Peck's Dilemma Solved.

We are asked what is the difference between a dance and other gatherings where whiskey is allowed and drunkenness is rife.

Well now Grandma, we must confess that it is six to one and a half dozen to the other. But to distinguish between those who attend, knowing that such things are to be expected and allowed, and those who go to a gathering with no such intention is easy. However since Grandma seemed able to discern the minister's meaning when he did not name the "certain thing" of which he spoke, she is wise above her years and should be able to discern these knotty questions herself and not "hop onto" the preacher and other people so generally without an introduction or further acquaintance. The preacher was at the school-house some time after his remarks, and remained in the neighborhood over night, so that Grandma Peck did not need to come clear down to Prineville and get her self into print to be heard or seen on the subject! Now we were informed by the preacher before he left Haystack, that he had reference more to the drunkenness than any thing else, in fact it was the Christmas festivities in general which he referred to, for certain of the young people had confessed that they could not accept the Christ he preached, and do the things which they intended to do during that season. Whether it was dancing drinking or other profane customs, it was confessedly that which kept them from confessing Christ, as he said, and there was no occasion to take exceptions to his remarks, since they were said in the utmost kindness and without any reproach or spirit of scolding. His whole attitude toward such things was beyond reproach, as all testify during his meetings, and he deserves better attention from old and young at the meetings held in the Haystack schoolhouse, than he is accorded. Let us turn out and hear what he has to say for his self on Sunday night, and let us see to it that our children behave themselves in a manner that is becoming to the worship of God.

A NEIGHBOR.

#### Communication From Director.

Mr. Editor:—

There has been a good deal said about putting a baptistry in the Union church. Any one assuming to do so will please show up their rights through the local paper; until they show good authority the directors forbid any one doing so.

Heretofore the directors have left it to the preachers of the several denominations, Sunday schools and others to arrange for the use of the house as it best suited their purpose, but the time may come, if it has not already, when the directors may feel themselves called upon to exercise the duties of their respective offices of trust.

All are entitled to share the time equal for religious service; any one refusing to share the time equal or assuming undue authority will be liable to penalty of having the doors closed against them.

The Ladies Aid Society which re-arranged and carpeted the pulpit and the place the choir occupies shows benevolence, good taste and is commendable.

Heretofore we have all got along well in the use of the house. I hope we will so continue and that we will have due respect for each other, that we will build up together that we may be better qualified for purposes of usefulness in the society in which we live and look forward with bright anticipations of days to come.

I expect in the near future to arrange for a meeting to elect officers and tend such other business as may come before the meeting. Mr. Allen a director is absent at present, but I feel confident he will concur in what I may do in the matter. There are some papers belonging to the company they were in the hands of the secretary Mr. Belknap, he is absent. If any one can tell us where to find them we will take it as a favor.

A. ZILL, Director.