

# Clackamas County Record

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## OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

Last Tuesday London witnessed the opening, with great pomp and ceremony of the English Parliament. This event, a century ago, was one of anxiety and of great interest, even on this side of the Atlantic. At such time the men, known later as American patriots, were accustomed to come together to discuss the outcome of the Stamp Act, the tax on tea, etc. and to discover in advance the mother country's probable path of tyranny and abuse.

The fine gentlemen and noble ladies, the titled retinue of England's court, knights, barons, princes, all, were present Wednesday to witness the gorgeous display, the pomp and ceremony attendant on the opening of the legislative branch of the English government.

The proceedings were in accordance with the customs established in the days when England's crown was a prize of conquest, resting on the head of this knight or that as decreed the changing fortune of war. As of old the kings' soldiers searched the vaults and darkened rooms of the capitol, once a precaution against conspirators' hidden hands, but now to no purpose, unless perchance, to reassure the king and his attendant lords that no wandering spirit of a Cromwell was hidden there, waiting their assembling, to appear, stamp with his mailed boot upon the floor, and order them "be gone to their homes."

In keeping with the ancient politeness of kings, Edward first seated himself on his throne, then motioned the queen to a seat beside him.

Then came the king's speech, of the nature as the president's message with us. The United States had a prominent place in that speech. In its beginning and most prominently, the king referred to the situation in Venezuela, congratulated his subjects on the passing of the war cloud that threatened to embroil England and America, and then passed to the Alaska boundary dispute, long a matter of contention between our government and England. The treaty settling this dispute, he observed, has been signed and ratified.

With the delivery of the king's speech, Parliament is duly opened. As has been the habit for the last hundred years or so, that body will now take up the discussion of the Irish land question.

## SENATOR FULTON.

The election of Charles W. Fulton to the United States Senate signalized a great personal triumph. Humily born, and without the advantage of inheritance or wealthy patronage, through a thousand obstacles he has paved his way to office and honor, and now ranks with the American nobility. As far as power and influence go, he is one of the chosen few who sit at the right hand of kings. And in very little else than in name does the aristocratic branch of our government at Washington differ from the titled hand that rules a European monarchy.

Americans are ever ready to laud a citizen who comes from the humble walks of life to sit in high places in the public council. Mr. Fulton has served Oregon ably as state senator and as president of the senate and he is now recipient of the greatest honor in the gift of his state. He has won his spurs in knightly fashion. It is not possible for any man to be the unanimous choice of the people for so high a place, but this voice of a majority of the peoples' representatives has named him according to the manner of selection provided in the constitution of the United States. If not the choice of every individual, he is all Oregon's choice and while he labors in the State's interest, he is entitled to the co-operation and good will of all good citizens. May success crown his efforts in our behalf.

## TAXES AND THE FARMER.

Mr. Yoder's letter in the last issue of "The Record" in which he opposes the repeal of the law allowing a rebate on the taxes of any one using a wide tired wagon probably expresses the sentiment of Clackamas County. We do not understand Mr. Yoder to be unfriendly to the appropriation for the 1905 fair, but opposed to making the distribution of the tax still more unfavorable to the agricultural community. If there is any benefit from the law allowing the rebate, that advantage goes to the farmer. This is something that can be said of very few of the laws affecting taxation. An example of the average tax law is the one providing for a 3 per cent rebate on taxes paid before the 1st of March. Large monied companies and wealthy individuals find it very convenient to pay their tax before 1st of March and take advantage of the 3 per cent rebate. The 3 per cent taken off their tax, however, must be made up and is made up from the penalty paid by those coming in a little late with their payment, usually from those coming in to pay taxes after they have realized a few dollars out of the farm. The farmers are the power in County and State affairs, if they will act intelligently and in unison. The "Record" will constantly do all it can to unite the agricultural part of the county in measures of interest to the farmer, to urge it to look well into the selecting of public servants that are incorruptible and whose hearts are with the producer, and to expose the methods and motives of designing hypocrites who fatten on the credulity of a class whose minds are devoted more to the pursuit of honest labor than to trickery and sharp practice. Letters from citizens interested in the County's welfare are always most welcome. The exchange of opinion among those interested in agriculture is just what is needed and will result most beneficially to the farmer.

Oregon's representation in Washington, from a geographical standpoint is striking in the extreme. Portland is within twelve miles of the northern boundary, yet neither a senator nor a representative in congress comes from south of the metropolis. This condition will undoubtedly have its weight in the election of a successor to the late Congressman Tongue. It may appear as a ray of hope to Ex-Governor Geer, so close to the people, yet so far away from the politicians.

## Collection of Taxes.

Collection of taxes commenced this Monday morning. For the past month a force of four clerks has been hard at work extending the different tax levies on the roll, and a great effort was made to place the roll in the hands of the sheriff by last Monday morning, when the collection of taxes should have commenced, but notwithstanding constant night work, it was impossible to complete the rolls in time. The board of county commissioners did not make the levy at its first meeting in January, but waited until later in the month and after the levy was made County Clerk Sleight held the rolls for several days until the special school levies were made. All during the past week the office of Sheriff Shaver has been besieged with people who wished to pay their taxes in order to obtain the 3 per cent rebate which is given if the taxes are paid before March 15. They have been turned away disappointed but will have plenty of time to pay up before the 15th of next month. One half of taxes must be paid before the first Monday in April or penalty and interest will be added.

## Lecture at Parkplace.

Judge John F. Caples, ex-United States Consul General at Valparaiso, Chili, will lecture in the assembly hall of the Parkplace school next Friday evening on his experience in South America. The lecture will be held under the auspices of the Mothers' Club of Gladstone and Parkplace and the proceeds of the lecture will be applied to the purchase of books for the school library. Admission 25 cents. School children, 10 cents.

Owing to the illness of County Commissioner T. B. Killen, the new board of commissioners will not meet for organization tomorrow, but the meeting will probably be deferred until the first Wednesday in March.

The state encampment of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. will be held in Portland June 25, 26 and 27.

Charles Kulow, a veteran of the civil war, died last week at his home in this city.

## MUSIC AND SONG

### CONCERT OF MISS MARY CONYERS TOMORROW NIGHT.

Mrs. A. C. Sheldon and Dom G. Zan, of Portland, will be on the program, which will be followed by dancing.

Tomorrow evening in Woodmen Hall Miss Mary Conyers will give a concert which is eagerly anticipated by the music lovers of this city. It is not so long ago that Miss Conyers' first concert was given and the delightful program is still fresh in the minds of those who attended. Tuesday night's program will be even better than the first. In addition to Mr. Dom J. Zan, whose rich baritone is very pleasing to everyone who has heard him, Mrs. A. C. Sheldon, Portland's well known soprano, will sing several numbers. Mrs. Robert A. Miller will read from Shakespeare and Miss Veda Williams and Miss Marian Lawrence, of Portland, will render piano solos. The admission fee is fifty cents to any part of the hall. Those coming early will naturally have the choice of seats.

Following the rendition of the program, which follows, the chairs will be removed and dancing will be indulged in. This is always a pleasing feature of Miss Conyers' concerts. The hall will be exquisitely decorated and no pains or expense will be spared to make the whole affair successful.

Solo..... Selected  
Mrs. Sheldon.  
(a)—Creole Lover's Song..... Buck  
(a)—Invocation..... d'Hardelot  
Dom Zan.  
Piano Solo—Moonlight Sonata..... Beethoven  
Miss Veda Williams. Selected  
Shakespearean Reading..... Mrs. R. A. Miller.  
(a)—Gipsy John..... Clay  
(b)—Love Me If I Live..... Foote  
Dom Zan.  
Piano Solo—Selected..... Miss Marian Lawrence.  
Solo..... Selected  
Mrs. Sheldon.

Next Monday the annual election of a chief and assistant chief of the fire department will be held. Two candidates are in the field, Lawrence Ruconich, of the Fountain Hose Co., and William Wilson, the present assistant chief, of Hose Co. No. 3. Ruconich and Wilson led for assistant chief last year and the fire commissioners awarded the place to Wilson. George Brown is the only candidate for assistant chief. "Three" fire commissioners are to be elected and there are four candidates: George Ely, of No. 4; C. Hartman, of Fountain; Frank McGinnis, of Hook and Ladder Co. and Howard M. Brownell, of the Cataracts.

The election will be held in the hall of Fountain Hose Co. No. 1. The judges are August Assmus and Jack Jones. E. A. Rhodes will officiate as clerk.

William Rowan has sold the Elk restaurant to Wells, the photographer.

A degree camp, having for its object the bestowal of a sick benefit upon its members, was permanently organized Friday evening after the regular meeting of the Woodmen of the World. The following officers were elected: Clarence Frost, past council; S. S. Walker, council; J. W. Noble, clerk; J. K. Morris, banker; W. G. Hall, escort; O. W. Kellogg, watchman; E. H. Cowing, Grant Olds and E. H. Cooper, managers. The constitution and by laws will be adopted at the next regular meeting.

## Dancing School.

Turney starts a school at the Beaver Creek hall. Meet every Wednesday night from 8 to 12 o'clock. Admission, gents 50 cents, ladies free.

The ladies aid society of the Congregational church will give a poverty social in the church auditorium next Wednesday night. The public is invited.

## A Painful Inference.

A teacher was instructing a class of boys and had spent half an hour trying to drive into their heads the difference between man and the lower animals, but apparently with little success. "Tommy," he said coaxingly to a little chap, "do you know the difference between, say, me and a pig or any other brute?" "No," replied Tommy innocently, but another teacher standing by laughed.

A man's good work lives after him, but it isn't always identified.—Saturday Evening Post.

## LAST OF THE SERIES.

### Rev. E. L. House Lectures on Westcott's Book.

The last of the series of three lectures by Dr. E. L. House, pastor of the First Congregational Church, of Portland, was given in the auditorium of the Congregational Church in this city last Tuesday evening. A large audience was present. The lecture was particularly interesting and was enjoyed. Dr. House reviewed the book of "David Harum" and points on the prominent parts of the work. His introduction dealt with the great books of the age. The speaker said that in the past writers had written books because they loved the art but in the present day they wrote merely for money.

Preceding the lecture Miss Grace Marshall sang a solo. She was accompanied by Miss Echo Samson.

The series has been successful in every particular and the Men's Club is to be congratulated upon securing the service of such an interesting talker as Dr. House. The first lecture was "Quo Vadis" and the second "Lights and Shadows of the Spanish War." The Men's Club will not stop with the end of the series but arrangements are now being made to get other speakers here. Probably the next attraction will be Governor Chamberlain, who has promised to speak before the club.

## PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. C. B. Smith, of Eagle Creek, visited friends in Salem last week.

Ed. Reckner was in Salem Friday viewing the legislative proceedings.

Miss Susie McGinnis has returned from a visit with friends in California.

G. Lee Harding and Carleton Harding returned Saturday from a two days' visit in Salem.

Representative H. A. Webster left last night for Astoria to attend the reception to Senator Fulton.

Col. R. A. Miller was in Salem during the last days of the legislative session, and returned home last night.

Attorney W. S. U'Ren and C. Schuebel were in Salem the last day of session and were interested spectators of the joint ballot for senator.

Miss Rita Bell, of the Sunday Oregonian staff, will arrive in the city tomorrow to attend Miss Conyers' concert and while here will be the guest of Mrs. Eva Emery Dye.

Miss L. Newland, a milliner of Cottage Grove, was in town Sunday visiting her cousin Mrs. J. U. Ross. She is making her annual trip to Portland to inspect styles.

Attorney J. U. Campbell, who has been chief clerk of the House ways and means committee, during the legislative session, returned home Saturday morning.

Mrs. Curtis J. Trenchard and Miss Anita Trenchard, of Astoria, arrived in the city Saturday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Harding. Miss Trenchard went today to Portland where she will study music.

Miss Marjorie Caufield returned last night from a three days' visit with friends in Salem. She was accompanied home by her sister, Miss Ethel Caufield, who has been stenographer for the speaker of the House during the legislative session.

H. Leighton Kelly, of the U. S. Fish Commission, who has been in charge of operations at Big White Salmon station for several months, returned here Saturday and will be attached to Clackamas station, pending the resumption of the car and messenger service. He expects to join his car sometime in March.

County Judge T. F. Ryan and Mrs. Ryan, Sheriff and Mrs. J. R. Shaver, Deputy Recorder C. E. Ramsby, Tom P. Randall, Attorneys Franklin T. Griffith, J. E. Hodges, A. S. Dresser, O. W. Eastham and Livy Stipp, Mrs. C. G. Huntley, Harry E. Draper, Eli Maddock, Miss Marjorie Caufield, Dr. E. A. Sommer, Mayor Dimick, H. S. Moody, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Porter and J. L. Swafford Theodore Osmund, Jack Caufield, were among the people from this city who went to Salem to see the legislature elect a United States senator Friday night.

Field Superintendent J. N. Wisner, Jr., has received the intelligence of the sudden death of his father at Martinsburg, West Virginia. Mr. Wisner was a man of prominence in his state. He was a lawyer of ability and was a candidate against William L. Wilson for congress several years ago.

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