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ganizes for the Session.

SENATOR F. P. MAYS CHAIRMAN

Six Committees Appointed to Pass on To Reform Jury Drawing, Fees for

Will Be Given Consideration

If Submitted in Writing.

Multnomah Delegation Or-

Stateen of the 20 members of the Multnomah legislative delegation, including the joint Senators and the joint Representatives, attended the meeting in Senator Mays' office, Chamber of Commerce build. ing, hist evening, to organize for the session. The absences were Senator Por-ter, who lives in Oregon City, Senator Inman, who has sickness in his family. Sen

atur Josephi, who is ili, and Representa-tive Waison, who is in California. Al-sent regrets at being unable to attend. The meeting was all business. There was no suggestion of politics. Regular Citizen Republicans, Der crats and Populists all joined hands to present a solid front at Salem. Represen tative George L. Story, Republican, was elected temporary chairman, and Repre-sentative George W. Holcomb, Citizen-Republican, as chairman, and Representalive Frank A. Heitkemper, Citizen Demo-

erat, as secretary.
All committees and chairmen, except the head of the committee on city affairs, were appointed by the chair. Senator Mays was made chairman of the city committee on motion of Representative Orton, Secretary Heitkemper taking the vote on the motion. The committees are:

City affaire Senator Mays, chairman: Sena-or Emith, Senator Jacobi, Representative Hadoomh, Representative Heithemper, Labor laws—Representative Orton, chairman;

Judiciary-Representative Shiptey, chairman Representative McCraken, Senator Porter County affairs-Representative Watson, chairman, Senator Sweek, Representative Notting-barn, Representative Schumann, Representative

Taxation-Schator Inman, chairman; Senator Sweek, Representative Nottingham, Primary and other election laws—Senator Hight, chairman, Joint Representative Dresser, Representative H. A. Smith.

All bills originating with the delegation, or presented to it for introduction, will be

referred to these committees.

The members of the delegation have been approached individually on a great many subjects of legislation. The delegation voted to give full hearing to all through petition or remonstrance. All such matters should be offered in writing and addressed to Frank A. Heitkemper, coretary of the delegation. He will lay them before his colleagues for action

CONSOLIDATION OF OFFICES. County Clerk to Be Restored and

Anditor to Be Elective.

Members of the delegation shy at ques-tions respecting their attitude in the matter of legislation affecting county offices, but The Oregonian learned definitely vesterday that a bill has been prepared to abolish the offices of Recorder and Clerk of the Circuit Court and restore the office of County Clerk as it was prior to the first Monday in July, 1888. Section 15, article 7, of the constitution provides that "wherever the number of voters in any county shall exceed 1990, the Legisla tive Assembly may authorize the elec-

of one person as Clerk of the Circuit fourt, one person as Clerk of the County Court, and one person as Recorder of Conveyances." The county reached the dignity of 1200 votes many years ago, but it was not until 1887 that the Legislatute abulished the office of County Clerk and divided its duties. If the office of County Clerk is restored, consolidation will not take effect until the first Monday in July, 1992, so the present terms of the present officers will not be affected.

officers will not be affected.

Another bill proposes to make the office of County Auditor elective. The delegation believes that as the Auditor is a check on the County Court, he should not, as now, be dependent upon the court for

SENATOR SWEEK'S BILLS.

enator Sweek has prepared several bills for introduction. One relates to the makeup of jury lists and the drawing of juries in Multnomah County. The bill provides that as now the County Court, shall at the beginning of the year, make a list of 800 persons eligible for jury duty. From this list the Clork of the Circuit Court will draw, under the supervision of the Circuit Judges, panels for the regular terms of court. Under the present law juries are drawn by the Clerk and Sheriff, and there is no supervision. Methods of drawing juries in other coun-

ties will not be amended.

Another of Senator Sweek's bills will require barbers to close their shops on Sun-A statement has been circulated that the Senator is not in sympathy with legislation of this character, and that he will introduce the bill simply to be oblig-ing. He said yesterday that he favors Sunday closing of barber shops, that rep resentatives of the Barbers' Association requested him to introduce the bill, and that he will do all he can to pass it. The Senator's third bill provides for the sayment of fees in Justice Courts. No chedule of charges has been decided upbe advanced. The aim will be to make the courts self-sustaining.

To Shut Off Troutdale Actions.

Some member of the Multnomah dele ctions in Justice Courts to be filed in the district in which the defendant resides. This measure will be prepared by the Taxpayers' League. It aims at such praces as have recently inconvenienced a mber of Portland people, who have en compelled to make defense to actions been compelled to mal begun at Troutdale.

The Multnomah delegation will introduce a bill to reduce the salary of the Sheriff from \$4500 to \$2506.

CROWDS ARE COMING.

To Witness the Fight Between Tracey and Case.

If all the people that have expressed the determination to witness the Tracey-Case fight Friday evening attend the large hall will be crowded to the doors. In all probability it will be a long time before two such noted puglists will again meet in this city, and late advices re-ceived indicate that lovers of the sport ceived indicate that lovers of the sport from all parts of the state will be in attendance. Both of the principals are top notchers, and have defeated men of National reputation. The men were visited yesterday at the different training quarters and from all indications are in splendid condition. Neither of the pugillets is disposed to brug or bluster, but a quiet confidence seems to have taken possession of both camps. Patrons of square sport will be pleased to learn that Mr. Jack Grant is the manager, a sufficient guarantee in itself that the fight will be conducted in a manner to satisfy the audience and make ring events popular in this city.

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FREIGHT RATES MUST BE LOW AS COMPETITORS HAVE.

Decision of Interstate Commerce Commission-Cannot Have Lower Rate on Mileage Busis,

fixes the rate between New York and San Francisco, and the carriers, in pursuance of their own interests, have recognized the desire of Chicago and Missouri River points to do business on the Pacific Coast, and for that reason have given to Chicago and points on the Missouri River a rate in no case higher, and in many cases lower, than obtains at New York. The commission says if these railroads The commission says it these railroads have carried the rate at which water competition fixes 1400 miles from the Atlantic seabourd, they must not stop there. Neither the desire to do business nor the right to do business ceases with the Missouri River. Denver, 1000 miles west of Chicago, may demand the same treatment which its rival cities have received. ent which its rival cities have received. It is held by the commission that the rates complained of are in violation of the 4th and 3d sections of the act to egulate commerce, and that, as a matter of general application, rates at Denver to or from the East, or to or from the Pa-cific Coast, ought not to be higher than those between San Francisco or other

at Denver. The commission also decides that Denver is not entitled, by reason of its being nearer San Francisco, to a lower

Lamont and a few others were success Lamont and a few others were successful in gaining a conference with him, Mr. Hill had much business to transact, and besides was not feeling well. He announced this as he left the train. When Mr. Hill arrived at the Grand Central Station he was met by Daniel S. Lamont. They went to Mr. Lamont's office, where, it is said, Mr. Hill met J. P. Morgan and other prominent railroad men of gan and other prominent railroad men of the East. Mr. Lamont is vice-president of the Northern Pacific. Then Mr. Hill went to the office of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., where he met Jacob H. Schiff. From there Mr. Hill went to his own office. He was met here by Darius Miller, president. and M. D. Grover, general counsel, of the Great Northern. What was accomp-lished at the conference could not be learned tonight.

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DENVER WINS ITS FIGHT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.-The Interstate Commerce Commission today, in an opin-ion by Commissioner Prouty, announced its decision in the case of George J. Kindall and the Deaver Chamber of Com-merce against the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Company, and others. The case involves the legality of greater freight charges to Denver than to San Francisco from the Missouri River and points east; greater freight charges from Denver than from the Missouri River and Denver than from the Missouri River and points east to San Francisco; greater freight charges to Denver than to the Missouri River and points east from San Francisco; greater freight charges from Denver than from San Francisco to the Missouri River and points east.

Water competition, the opinion says, if the rate between New York and

Pactile Coast terminals and the Missouri River or points east.
In the case of east-bound traffic, the carriers' contention that the rate of sugar might be higher to Denver than to the Missouri River is sustained, it being found that the conditions governing the traffic are different when it is carried to Missouri River points than when it stops rate than that in force from the Missouri

PRESIDENT HILL MUCH SOUGHT. Conference in New York With the

Big Railroad Financiers. NEW YORK, Jan. 8.-J. J. Hill arrived his arrival in town in the afternoon until bed time he was busy conferring with prominent Wall Street financiers. It was Mr. Hill's first appearance in New York since he became one of the "Big Three," who have recently conducted great railway deals. It is understood that only J. Pierpont Morgan, John D. Rockefeller, Daniel S.

Northern Pacific Sald to Be Headed

SOUTH BEND, Wash., Jan. &-Survey-ors have just returned from another ex-amination of the survey of a branch of extending down the river to Ilwaco. It is surmised that the Northern Pacific has an eye to a share of the beach traffic during the Summer, as well as to a convenient terminus on the Columbia.

BOADS WILL SAVE MILLIONS. Scheme to Dispense With Traveling

and freight agents and other officials directly engaged in the solicitation of business for the lines. Should the plan be carried out, it means the discharge of more than 50,000 men and the annual saving of millions of dollars to the carrying companies will be the result. The intencompanies will be the result. The inten-tion of the railroads to bring about the new reform came as the result of the recent big deal engineered by J. Pierpont Morgan, James J. Hill, John D. Rocke-feller and others."

ORGANIZE FOR A RAILROAD. Citizens of Gilliam County to In-

corporate for \$500,000. CONDON, Or., Jan. 7.—An enthusiastic was held in this city Saturday to discus the feasibility of organizing a company to construct, equip and operate a railroad between this point and the Columbia River. More than 100 representative ditizens of the county were present. Mayor Dunn called the meeting to order, and W. S. Myers, a prominent wheatgrower, was elected chairman, with S. A. Pattison as secretary. A committee recommended that a joint stock company be formed, with a capital of \$500,000. A committee on permanent organization and incorporation was elected, as follows:

elected, as follows:

S. B. Barker. Ed Dunn. Condon; B. T.
Snell, H. D. Randsil, Olex; Fred Tobey,
W. L. Barker, Arlington: John Shorb,
Ralph Froman, Ferry Canyon; W. J. Edwards, A. Greiner, Mayville; G. Schilling,
H. L. Propst, Matney; C. A. Danneman,
W. R. Boyer, Clem; A. B. Lamb, Will
Hoover, Fossil; R. M. Johnson, Lone Rock.
The proposed road will be about 50 miles
long, and with but little expensive grading. The wheat crop of 1200 in the territory which this road will tap amounted
to 1,000,000 bushels, much of which is now
being hauled in wagons 40 to 60 miles, at a ing hauled in wagons 40 to 60 miles, at a cost to the farmers of \$85,000.

Another meeting will be held next Saturday, at which time a permanent organization will be effected. The farmers and business men are in earnest in this mat-

ter, and the prospects are good that the road will be built, To Pay Fare of Stranded Miners. of War has submitted to Congress an estimate for an appropriation of \$930 to reimburge the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, of San Francisco, for transportation furnished a party of \$22 stranded miners who were left helpless at Forg Wrangel. At the time these miners at-standing. ASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The Secretary | he could not have Wrangel. At the time these miners at-tempted to secure transportation to the states from the Government, it was found that neither the War nor the Treasury Department had funds available for bringing these men back, but this steamship company was requested to bring them back, on condition that they would do so taking the risk of being reimbursed by act of Congress. In all probability the provision for this small am ount will be inwhich will be passed at the present ses-

Low Rate to Inauguration. CHICAGO, Jan. 8.-The Tribune says: Western roads have agreed to make auguration of President McKinley March 4. Tickets at this rate will be sold on February 25 and March 1 and 2 from the western state lines of Colorado and Wyoming, and on February 27 and 28 and March 1 from points west thereof, but no tickets will be sold to reach East-orn gateways before March 1. Tickets

will be good to return until March &. OLYMPIA, Wash, Jan. 8.—The Supreme fourt has reversed judgment in the case of F. C. Doremus, respondent, vs. Samuel ot, defendant, and the O. R. & N. Co., pellant. This case was brought to recover damages for personal injuries re-ceived by Doremus from the alleged care-lessness of defendant, Boot, who was con-ductor on the company's freight train at the time of a collision with an extra train near Starbuck, Columbia County,

Sale of Railroad Lands. JAMESTOWN, N. D., Jan. 8. — The Northern Pacific has sold all its lands in this state, amounting to 1400,000 acres, to a syndicate of New York and East-ern capitalists. Ranches will be estab-

Deep Snow at Vancouver, B. C. VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 8.-Vancouver is covered with from three to four feet of snow. It is still snowing and threat-ening to change suddenly into a thaw. Owing to the weight of snow on its roof the Vancouver Sash and Door Factory roof and Lee's stable and carriage house roof collapset, causing a loss of about \$5000. The tram system in the city and between Vancouver and Westminster is suspended. The local shipping in both

Start for Copper River Gold. Scheme to Dispense With Traveling
Passenger and Freight Agents.
CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—The Record tomorrow will say:
The financial powers controlling the destinies of the great railway systems of the Nation are reported to be planning one of the biggest economical reforms in the history of American railroad operations. The intention is to dispense with passengers will take the overland route from Katmai bound for Nome.

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Oriental Rug Auction today, 10:00 a. m., 2:30 p. m. Third floor. Carpets and Curtains at Clearance Sale prices. Third floor.

About Oriental Rugs



This morning at 10 o'clock commences the first sale of this magnificent collection of Oriental Rugs-worthy Rugs, every one of them, and the Meier & Frank Co. guarantee on every one you buy. These Rugs gathered by an organization, with an immense purchasing power annually, gathered for auction sales in their own establishments, comprising ten of the leading department stores in the country, and only through a very intimate acquaintance were we able to bring this superb collection to Portland. This auction sale will be conducted in an honorable way. No "Cappers," no "Gold Brick" Rugs. Seems to have worried a near competitor of ours, this rug auction.

One of the great pleasures of modern retailing is clean competition. It has always been the policy of this concern never to refer to a competitor, large or small, in the columns of the dally newspaper, but when a competing concern comes forward with unreserved remarks attacking the honesty of a concern which for nearly half a century has enjoyed the respect and confidence of the community, then it's time to reply. Competition is the coal in the furnace. It is the steam-maker of progress. Without it wheels would not turn. It must live forever or the world must decay. It is the life of trade, and trade by the way is the life of the universe. We have lived on it, thrived on it. Man is net satisfied to have just as much as his neighbor. Supremacy is the idea, and because we lead in the race for the tape, a competing firm grows angry; real angry. Even calls names. Just think! A 20th century merchant bumping his head against conditions existing in a competitor's store, but enough said. This is no fake Rug auction, no "Gold Bricks." Genuine Orientals, and the sale takes place at 10:00 a. m. and 2:30 p. m. Third floor.

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Men's Clothing, Cloaks, Suits, Furs, China, Kitchen Utensils, Silverware, Groceries, all at Clearance Sale

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(Second floor.) Dress Goods, Silks, Cottons, Hoslery, Underwear, Shoes, Laces, Trimmings, Notions, all reduced.

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WORKING ON THE INDEX. New Assessor Takes Up the Task

Neglected by Greenleaf. By order of the Board of County Com-missioners. Assessor McDonnell yester-day put a force of deputies to work on the 1899 tax-roll index left in an unfintished state by the ex-incumbent of the office, Captain R. S. Greenleaf. The work is only completed as to letters A and B, and the personal property has not been indexed at all, nor any data prepared for indexed at all, nor any data prepared to:

it. This will now be done, and the names
inserted where they belong in the alphabetical arrangement. Mr. Greenleaf, it is
sald, assured the board about a month
ago that the index was well along, and
he desired to finish it before he retired he desired to finish it before he retired from office, and could do the work more satisfactorily and quickly than they could have it performed by others. He intimatarmy of cierks, and it appears strange that he led the County Commissioners to believe that he would have the index faished by the time he term of office ex-

standing.
It is said that \$1200 has probably beer spent on the work. The commiseveral months ago objected to consumed on the work and num men employed, and as a result of the dispute between Assessor Greenleaf and the commissioners over the matter, the work on the index was suspended by Mr. Greenleaf. The commissioners then demanded the index and the data from which it was being made up, and Mr. Greenleaf positively declined to surrender the same, alleging among other reasons that he required the use of the matter in connection with other work in his of-

In the vault of the Assessor's office there In the vault of the Assessor's office there are stacks of paper slips, on which are pasted the cards, on which are written the names of property-owners, together with the number of the page on the assessment or tax roll, on which the property described appears. About a dozen cards are pasted on each slip, and the purpose of pasting was for the conveni-ence of the typewriters in writing the index. This saves the necessity of lift-ing one card from another every time a name is written on the typewriter in preparation of the index. The names are first written on cards in order that the names may be assorted alphabetically. Mr. Greenleaf's idea was that by the past-Mr. Greenleaf's idea was that by the past-ing system more speed could be obtained by the typewriters. The County Commis-sioners objected to the new method, al-leging that it cont too much money. The pasting had not all been done when the mmissioners first took exceptions to the heme. No pasting has been done since, ad it is doubtful if there will ever be and it is doubtfu

PASSED WORTHLESS CHECKS

Lawyer Arrested for Obtaining Money Under False Pretenses.

Lawyer C. C. Palmer, known as one of the most able members of the Portland bar, was arrested yesterday by Detective. Ford and Polloeman Barter, charged with obtaining money by false pretenses, on the complaint of J. B. Nye, of the Hoffnan House, who says he was induced to art with \$20 by means of a bogus check Palmer gave him. Palmer, who is a graduate of Williams

Palmer gave him.

Palmer, who is a graduate of Williams College, and received his education along with the sons of President Garfield, has told his friends that his troubles have been caused by gambling.

In addition to J. B. Nye, it is charged that Fritz Strobel, Scott Morrill, and J. L. Hartman were each Induced to cash worthless checks that Palmer tendered them, and that the checks in all aggregate about \$150 or \$200.

Nye in his bill of complaint states that Palmer gave him a check dated December 3, for \$30, on the Ainsworth National Bank, when the defendant knew that he had no funds in that bank. Nye gave him \$20 on Sunday, December 30, and has since been unable to obtain settlement.

Palmer was a partner in the law bustness of Judge Woodward until last Novamber, and spent most of his own pri-

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satisfactorily and quickly than they could have it performed by others. He intimated that there was time to complete the remaining work on the index before he went out of office. It is now obvious that he could not have finished the work in

SUICIDE BY POISONING. Man Takes His Life With Carbolte

Acid-No Apparent Cause. From a motive that is so far unknown, John Wesley Karsteter, 42 years old, of Hillsboro, committed suicide yesterday moraling at the Belvedere Hotel, by swalowing carbolic acid. Coroner Rand stated

At the inquest, Coroner Rand stated that in view of the increase of cases of carbolic acid poisoning he hoped the law would be so amended in the near future that every druggist who sold carbolic acid to a customer would be required by law to keep a record of that customer's name and address. If this were done, the Coroner thought the sale of such a deadly polson as carbolic acid would be reguinted.

The evidence in Karsteter's case showed hat he had been a guest at the Belvedere that he had been a guest at the Belvedere Hotel for about 10 days, and that Monday night, shortly before he retired to rest, he litughed and joked with the other guesta as usual. He was known as a jolly man. Yesterday morning when Karsteter did not appear at breakfast, his relative, Arthur Stipe, who is a bell-boy at the hotel, thought Karsteter was sick, and on visiting the room found Karsteter dead in bed. A partially empty bottle containing carbolic acid and a tumbler containing carbolic acid and a tumbier smelling of the deadly drug were on the

Stipe testified that Karsteter halled from Diamond Cross, Ill., and that he had more recently been employed as foreman on the Ladd farm, but moved to Hills-horo about two months ago, so that his son could attend the High School there. The witness knew Karsteter well, and could assign no cause for the suicide. Karsteter had come to Portland to effect the purchase of a feed-stable at Fourth and Ankeny streets. Karsteter's

family relations were pleasant. The jury decided that Karsteter committed suicide by carbolic acid poisoning.

Dr. 8, T. Lankhater, of Hillsboro, said last night that he treated Karsteter for some time for heart and stomach troubles. The bottle of carbolic acid was bought one week ago. Dr. Linklater was not inclined to believe that Karsteier committed sui-cide, but probably was not conversant with the facts of the case as brought out at the inquest.

Donnelly and His Cryptogram. PORTLAND, Jan. 8.—(To the Editor.)— The recent death of Ignatius Donnelly has called forth remarks concerning his literary work, and in particular concerning the cryptogram which he claimed to have discovered in Shakespeare's plays. For the sake of any readers who may not For the sake of any readers who may not have noticed this claim, it may be said that Mr. Donnelly published a large volume, some years ago, in which he maintained that certain words were so arranged, at ascertained points in the Shakespeare Folio of 1621, as to form complete sentences; that these sentences recited passages in Shakespeare's private history; and that it appared from them that Sir Francis Bacon was the true author of the plays, though, for reasons of his own, he put them forth under a false name. So far as the cryptogram

cline to say whether my troubles have been caused by gambling or not." Friends her trying to settle the case.

book to persuade the world into the been caused by gambling or not." Friends her that he had made such a discovery, he perpetrated a fraud, and deserves to be classed with freiand and with Collier, No middle ground is temable.

A cryptogram, when once revealed, com-pels the belief of every thinking man. If some one should discover that the middle words of the middle verses of the shap-ters in the book of Job, when picked out ters in the book of Job, when picked out and arranged together, made complete sentences, the conclusion would be irresistible that the translators manipulated the translation in order to produce this result. Just so with Donnelly's cryptogram. If the phenomenon really exists in the Folio of 1823, it did not occur accelerations. cidentally; there was a motive for con-cealing the sentences, coupled with a hope that some one, at a later day, would reveal them. The trouble in Mr. Don-nelly's case was that, while displaying page after page of alleged results, he de-clined to furnish the public with the key by which such results were obtained. The reason given was that he had not yet fully

reason given was that he had not yet fully used the key, and wished to complete his experiment. It is to he hoped that the key, if there really is a key, will now be found among his papers.

While there are grave reasons for rejecting the Baconian theory, it must be admitted that the theory of Shakespearian authorship is also beset with difficulty. How could a man who wrote the hand that Shakespeare wrote, produce such admirably clean and legible "copy" for mirably clean and legible "cop the press as was furnished to the ers? What became of Shakespeare's 11-brary, if he had one? And do not Ben Jonson's lines, set opposite the yeary wooden Droeschout print, read as if they were satirical?

RICHARD H. THORNTON. Montavilla Mass Meeting

The Montavilla Sub-Board of Trade is making a special effort to arouse the citizens of that section and build up a strong organization. A mass meeting of citizens of Montavilla has been called un der its auspices to be held at the Odd Fellows' Hall, North Montavilla, on the evening of January 17. Circulars setting forth the object of the meeting have been printed and will be distributed all through that distributed. It is desired that all differences be set saide, and that every citizen should come out and identify him-

self with this movement. Women with pale, coloriess faces, who feel weak and discouraged, will receive both mental and bodily vigor by using Carter's Little Liver Pills.

When you feel bad, take Hood's Sar-aparilla. It will make you decidedly

