

SOLONS AS ORATORS

Next Legislature Will Not Lack for Eloquence

BOTH IN SENATE AND HOUSE

Political Meetings Still Held in Portland—Senators Fulton and Brownell Have Secured Headquarters at Hotel Williamette.

SALEM, Oct. 31.—(Special).—The next Oregon Legislature will have more than usual number of orators among its members, and the sessions should have no small interest for visitors. The numerous measures of public importance which will come up will precipitate discussions in which the Legislators may exert their powers in the arena of debate. The Senate is particularly strong in members who have oratorical ability. Among the most eloquent public speakers in the Senate are Senators Henry E. McGowan, of Multnomah, Senator C. W. Fulton, of Clatsop, and Senator George C. Brownell, of Clackamas. Any of these men hold an audience in Clatsop, and will appeal to the emotions. Of somewhat different style, but no less able in argument, are Senator B. F. Mulkey, of Polk, Senator R. A. Booth, of Lane, Senator J. N. Williamson, of Crook, Senator A. C. Smith, of Multnomah, Senator F. P. May, of Multnomah, and Senator W. Ruykendaal, of Lane. In the foregoing lists should also be included three Democrats, Senator Milt Miller, of Linn, Senator Alex Sweek, of Multnomah, and Senator W. M. Pierce, of Umatilla.

In the House the list of orators must be headed with the names of the three candidates for the Speakership, Frank Davey, of Marion, B. L. Eddy, of Tillamook, and L. T. Harris, of Lane. B. F. Jones, of Lincoln, David L. Harris, of Malheur, and A. Bailey and Sanderson Reed, of Multnomah, of W. Phelps, of Marion, and T. B. Kay, of Marion, will also be heard from when the discussion is warm on the floor of the more popular branch of the Legislature. This list should also include three Democrats, who will take prominent parts in the discussions. W. R. Blythe, of Lane, Charles V. Galloway, of Yamhill, and J. A. Burleigh, of Willamette.

Not all the effective workers are in the class of ready speakers, however. The list of Legislators who will represent the several sections of the State at Salem next winter contains the names of a number of men who are known to be very able in argument when they have a subject on which to expound. These men are perhaps as much to be figured with as those who do the talking to the Legislature while in session. Among those who have already made records in this respect are Senator John D. Daly, of Benton, Senator George T. Myers, of Multnomah, Senator W. Steiner, of Wheeler, and Senator W. A. Howe, of Yamhill. Nearly all the Legislators are new in legislation and have their records to make.

Salem has not yet become the political meeting place of members of the Legislature and others interested in what the Legislature may do. Members of the Marion County delegation go to Portland when they wish to meet members from other parts of the State and to talk with what is going on in Oregon's political world. A few of the leaders have been in Salem and have met some of the Marion County Legislators. These men seemed to have no great political significance. Jonathan Bourne, who is very much talked of as a Senatorial candidate, was in Salem early this week, but went away as quietly as he came. No political sensations were sprung as a result of his visit. If he arranged for headquarters during the session, that fact has not developed. A number of rooms have been engaged for Legislators in the Eldridge block, where the Bourne headquarters were in 1901, but it cannot be learned who has the rooms. Senator C. W. Fulton was in Salem this week, and engaged rooms at the Williamette, where he will be at home to his friends after the second Monday in January. Senator Brownell also has rooms at the Williamette. Congressman-elect J. N. Williamson, who still holds his seat in the Senate, will stay at the Metcalf House, corner of State and Twelfth streets, near the Capitol, during the session.

Not much is heard here regarding the contest for the presidency of the Senate by Lewis Hayes, one of the Marion County members, and a few days ago that the strength of the several candidates seems to be about equal, but that Multnomah County could probably determine who will produce the second crop that he is gathering from his vines for this season. The berries were grown on rich bottom land, and in a section that is peculiarly adapted to the growth of such fruit, having access to plenty of Southern Oregon's sunshine, are well watered, and protected from frosts.

Only two candidates are mentioned for minor offices in the Senate. S. L. McPherson, who is a candidate for his old position as chief clerk, and ex-Representative Clarence Butt, of Yamhill County, who wants to succeed J. N. Williamson as House Marion County member, are the only ones mentioned. Representative H. C. Miles, of Yamhill County, was in Salem today. He called upon a number of members of the Legislature from this county.

TO PASS CHARTER BILL.

SALEM, Oct. 31.—(Special).—A petition was received at the executive office today from the officers of the City of Portland, asking that the Governor call a special session of the Legislature. The petition is as follows:

Portland, Or., Oct. 23, 1902.—To the Honorable T. Z. Geer, Governor of the State of Oregon: Sir, We, the undersigned officers of the City of Portland, do respectfully represent to you that, after a careful consideration of the affairs of this city, we find there is a necessity for changing the powers and functions of government in order that the several departments may be maintained and rendered efficient. This matter is urgent. The city is in a state of unprecedented rapidity. Our people demand better protection of life and property, and the construction of streets and public works of traffic of a city. The present charter is wholly inadequate. In every part of the city bridges are closed, and the authorities of the city are powerless to repair or renew them.

At the last election a charter prepared by a board of representative citizens was submitted to the people, and, by a vote of 10,807 for, and only 1203 against, we believe that no charter or law for the government of a municipality has ever been submitted to the public and received such a nearly unanimous approval. It is of the greatest importance that this charter be enacted by the Legislature in time that it may be operative and taxes levied pursuant to its provisions for the year 1903.

The welfare of Portland is of interest to the entire State, and with every progressive movement becomes more so. There are other questions of general interest to the State demanding legislative action at this time, and with all other reasons we believe that a matter so vital to this city should receive your careful attention and your judgment in determining

The necessity of calling the Legislature of the State together in special session.

We, therefore, respectfully petition you to call the members of the Legislature in special session to the end that a charter for this city that has been approved by its people, and for the consideration of other subjects which you may deem of public importance.

Yours respectfully,

George H. Williams, Thomas C. Devlin, Mayor of Portland, L. Zimmerman, William MacMaster, A. K. Bentley, A. H. Breyman, B. D. Sigler, A. L. Mills, Mat Foeller, W. C. Elliott, City Engineer, H. R. Albree, J. E. Werlein, City Treasurer, D. T. Sherrett.

Taxpayers' League Petitioners.

SALEM, Oct. 31.—(Special).—The following is a list of the signers of the Taxpayers' League petition for a special session of the Legislature, which was filed in the office of Governor Geer today:

ROSS, R. D. Inman, William MacMaster, Allen & Lewis (by F. A. Spencer), Isaac White, W. M. Killingsworth, Walter F. Burrill, R. A. Booth, George W. Bates, E. M. Moors, A. J. Gley, A. H. Breyman, D. W. Hoelberg, Walter J. Burns, H. C. Wortman, Thomas Scott Brooke, G. G. Gammann, Paul Resinger, F. A. Heitkamp, J. N. Teal, J. Goldsmith, W. M. Ladd, H. W. Fries, A. P. Pike, William S. Gibson, Roderick L. Macleay, J. C. Almsworth, Leo Friede, R. Livingston, George D. Ramsell, George W. Bates, E. T. Williams (by D. Mackay), G. Rosenblatt, C. A. Bennett, O. H. McGowan, R. G. Jubita, G. W. Russell, C. O. Hill, Jacob Rosenthal, John W. Cook, F. S. Noyes, E. S. Aldrich, P. W. Mulkey, Hahn, A. H. Devers, J. C. Flanders, Benjamin I. Cohen, Dr. L. M. Davis, F. M. Sells, Thomas C. Devlin, Holt C. Gorman, E. Neundorfer, J. Reed, Mar. Winch, Ben. Sealing, E. L. Harmon, D. Honeyman, David S. Stearns, S. A. Brown, J. Land.

JOSEPHINE COUNTY'S WEALTH.

Assessment Roll Shows Increased Valuation of \$97,365.

GRANT'S PASS, Oct. 31.—(Special).—The Josephine County officers have completed the assessment roll for this county for the year 1902. The gross valuation of all properties in the county for this year is \$1,351,945. This is an increase of \$7,365 over the valuation of last year, as shown by the assessment roll of 1901. The exemptions for this year amount to \$135,500, leaving the above-mentioned gross amount.

The remarkable increase shown this year has largely been made in mining properties. A number of mines that were but holes in the ground last year are producing properties this year. A number of mines have added to their equipment and have likewise greatly increased their value. There has also been an increase in the value of farm lands and town property. This increase will be much greater this year than last, as the holders of the land in the County Court has been doing much good work during the past month in the matter of raising the taxable value of a number of Josephine mines that were paying practically no taxes at all. One mine, in particular, that produces from \$5,000 to \$35,000 monthly, and which could not be bought for less than \$1,000,000, has been paying taxes on but \$400. There is a number of such instances as this, which taken together make a shameful condition of affairs in regard to the general tax-roll of the county. The court has been uprooting things in general, and is slowly getting things adjusted.

Surveying for Irrigating Ditches.

The Golden Drift Mining Company, which is putting in the big power dam across Rogue River in the Dry Diggins district, three miles above the city, has its surveyors at work on the route for the irrigating ditches the company will put in. The company will put in two ditches on this side of the river instead of one, as was formerly announced. This will save the pumping of the whole amount of water for the two ditches at the dam. The upper ditch will start at an altitude of 50 feet above the level of the river, and the lower ditch will be pumped into it by a system of large rotary pumps. This ditch will follow the base of the mountains about Grant's Pass and will save water for all of the city and the farms and orchards below here as far out as Louse Creek Valley, north of the city several miles.

The lower ditch will reach the lowlands of the Rogue in the immediate vicinity of the dam and the farms near this city that lie along the river. Manager Ament, of the Golden Drift Company, states that they expect to have the ditch constructed and water flowing through it in time for next season's crops. In the meantime the monster pumps and pipe lines will be laid for the operation of hydraulic giants in the lower fields of the company in the Dry Diggins.

Ripe Strawberries in October.

There are not many countries that can boast of ripe strawberries during the latter part of October, but a quantity of them were brought into this city yesterday by Lewis Hayes, from his farm on Applegate River, in Josephine County. The berries were large, sweet and of excellent flavor. Mr. Hayes produces them the best berries he has had this season. They are a portion of a second crop that he is gathering from his vines for this season. The berries were grown on rich bottom land, and in a section that is peculiarly adapted to the growth of such fruit, having access to plenty of Southern Oregon's sunshine, are well watered, and protected from frosts.

FUNERAL OF J. H. CHAPMAN.

Prominent Grant's Pass Man Is Laid to Rest.

GRANT'S PASS, Oct. 31.—(Special).—The funeral of J. H. Chapman, occurred in this city this afternoon from the Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. J. W. McDougall preaching the funeral sermon. Mr. Chapman's death was the termination of an illness of many months. He was born in Cleveland, O., 55 years ago. He was a member of the Grand Army, having served through the Civil War with the 11th Illinois. He came to Grant's Pass about 1870, and has been a resident of Grant's Pass for the past nine years. Mr. Chapman was a most esteemed citizen, and has been a devoted follower of the Methodist faith all his life. He leaves a wife and five children. The remains were laid to rest in Odd Fellows' cemetery.

Notes From Elma.

ELMA, Wash., Oct. 31.—(Special).—The Elma Echo has again changed hands, making three times in its brief career of three months.

The Republicans of Elma and surrounding country are to have a rally at Person's Opera-House Saturday evening, November 1. Hon. J. A. Hutchinson, County Attorney of Montesano, is the chief speaker. This is the opening of the present campaign of the Republican party in this section. The city is in a state of unprecedented rapidity. Our people demand better protection of life and property, and the construction of streets and public works of traffic of a city. The present charter is wholly inadequate. In every part of the city bridges are closed, and the authorities of the city are powerless to repair or renew them.

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BOY BURNED WITH HOUSE

HARRY VOLLESTEDT, OF LEHANN, MEETS A HORRIBLE DEATH.

Mrs. Vollestedt, in Attempting to Rescue Her Invalid Son From the Flames, Also Badly Injured.

LEHANN, Or., Oct. 31.—(Special).—Harry Vollestedt, the 8-year-old son of Henry Vollestedt, met a horrible death late yesterday afternoon, in the burning of his father's residence. Mrs. Vollestedt, in attempting to rescue her son, was also badly burned, but it is thought she will recover. The fire occurred about 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Mrs. Vollestedt was out in the field at work, and Mrs. Vollestedt had gone out to milk the cows. Mrs. Vollestedt is hard of hearing and did not notice the house was on fire until it was nearly consumed. As soon as she saw the flames she ran to the house to try and save her son, who was an invalid and unable to get out himself, but she was unable to reach him. She was badly burned about the face and arms, but to serve under existing conditions. Mr. Horton also withdrew from the committee. The union thereupon appointed Dr. W. E. Carll as its representative on the committee, and he will join with Mr. Albright in choosing a third member. When this is done the arbitration will be resumed, probably tomorrow.

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UNKNOWN THREE-MASTED BARK IN DISTRESS OFF NORTH BEACH.

Steam Schooner Has Gone to Her Assistance, but Nothing Is Known of Efforts for Her Rescue.

ASTORIA, Oct. 31.—(Special).—Early this morning word reached this city that an unknown three-masted bark was in the breakers off North Beach. Her sails were gone and she was flying signals of distress. The bar tugs had already gone out, but after a great deal of signaling they were notified of the vessel's dangerous position, and the Tatosue at once went to the scene. At dark this evening the unknown craft was at anchor a short distance from the breakers at Willapa Bay. A steam schooner, supposed to be the Sequoia, was then trying to pass a line to the ship, but whether or not the effort was successful cannot be learned. The ship is flying signals which could not be read in the haze. That the ship is not in immediate danger is evident, as she was anchored at the same spot during all of last night. When the tug Tatosue went to her assistance to day the weather was very rough, and the waves washed over her. She was unable to find the ship on account of the fog.

BIG INCREASE IN MARION.

Property Valuation \$308,246 Over That of Last Year.

SALEM, Oct. 31.—(Special).—County Clerk J. W. Roland today completed the assessment summary of Marion County for the year 1902. It shows a total valuation of \$2,251,070, as compared with \$2,594,622 in 1901. The exemptions in 1902 amount to \$200,128, against \$200,056 a year ago. There was a total taxable valuation of \$2,050,942 in 1902, as compared with \$2,394,566 in 1901, or an increase of \$308,246. The summary shows an increase of \$100,000 on taxable land, \$40,000 on non-taxable land, \$40,000 on improvements on deeded lands, \$40,000 on rolling stock, \$50,000 on steamboats, machinery, etc., and \$40,000 on merchandise.

The summary is as follows:

Titillable land, 181,000 acres.....	\$1,008,100
Non-taxable land, 333,125 acres.....	1,112,515
Improvements on deeded lands.....	735,230
City lots.....	364,704
Improvements on city lots.....	570,209
Improvements on lands not deeded.....	10,250
Railroad bed, 99.93 miles.....	255,250
Telephone and telephone lines, 281 miles.....	20,481
Street railway bed, 9.13 miles.....	9,130
Rolling stock.....	51,475
Steamboats, machinery, etc.....	160,000
Merchandise.....	402,722
Farm machinery.....	129,322
County property.....	1,412,515
Notes and accounts.....	262,568
Shares of stock.....	27,440
Improvements on rolling stock.....	40,000
Horses and mules, 6302.....	300,000
Cattle, 15,453.....	208,751
Swine, 8159.....	100,000
Gross value of all property.....	\$2,251,070
Exemptions.....	600,128
Total taxable property.....	\$1,650,942

COUNTERFEITERS TAKEN.

San Francisco Officials Make Important Capture.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 31.—An important capture of counterfeiters aided by the police early this morning, when two men giving the names of Harold Jones and Harry Peterson were taken into custody, after a hard struggle. The men have been under surveillance for some weeks past, and, according to the authorities, have passed a great quantity of bogus half dollars. Thirteen counterfeit 50-cent pieces were found on Peterson, and one or two on Jones.

Notice of the operations of the two was sent to this city by Seattle, and it is believed that fully \$100,000 worth of the stuff has been unloaded by them on the coast. Plaster-of-paris and other articles used in counterfeiting were found in their room, but no molds, which however, the police believe they will yet discover.

Interest Continues in Institute.

MINNIVILLE, Oct. 31.—(Special).—The teachers' institute continues in interest and attendance. Today President Campbell, of Eugene, delivered an address upon methods of teaching. President Campbell and S. Y. Gillan, of Milwaukee, delivered short addresses before the college students. President Campbell presented a practical knowledge in higher education. Professor Gillan's theme was "The Public School the Unifying Influence in America."

Received at the Asylum.

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