

THIRD WEEK CLOSES

Same Old Story in Senatorial Contest.

ALL-SESSION FIGHT IS LIKELY

Multnomah Gives Thirteen Votes for A. L. Mills—Mr. Hume Still Hunting for an Available Candidate.

THE VOTE AT SALEM. Table with columns for Candidate and Votes. Includes names like Fulton, West, Mills, etc.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 6.—(Staff correspondence.)—The third week of the senatorial contest was brought to a close at noon today.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—The House of Representatives today adjourned until Monday. The session was a quiet one, and no one has any strong hope or real expectation of a result before the last day.

THIRTEEN FOR A. L. MILLS.

Strength of Multnomah Candidate is Growing.

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IN THE SENATE.

Direct Nominating Bill Defeated—Bill to Reform Lieu-Land Business.

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emptions of wages from garnishment; passed.

The committee's report on Capitol buildings and grounds was read and adopted.

H. B. 24, Reed—To amend the code, indefinitely postponed.

H. B. 45, Kay—To authorize the State Land Board to invest surplus funds in municipal and school bonds; passed.

H. B. 52, Jones of Lincoln—To authorize County Courts to procure copies of field notes of original surveys; passed.

The Senate concurred in the adoption of the House resolution authorizing the committee for the investigation of the Land Department to call witnesses.

H. B. 83, Galloway—Authorizing a library tax in cities; passed.

The President appointed Senator Smith, of Yamhill, on the committee to investigate a plot against the Columbia.

H. B. 105, Hester—To reimburse W. H. Hampton; laid on the table until Monday.

H. B. 114, Hutchinson—To amend the charter of Baker City; passed.

H. B. 127, Rand—To amend the charter of Huntington.

S. P. 18, Hunt and Marsters—To amend the charter of Clatsop county so as to put constitutional amendments at the top of the ballot.

S. P. 126, Pierce—To provide for the incorporation of churches, etc.

S. P. 200, Mulkey—Requiring peace officers to apprehend children on the streets at unbecomely hours.

S. P. 201, Mulkey—To provide for the care of abandoned children.

The Senate adjourned until Monday.

Committee of the Whole Considers Several Measures.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—The House opened with prayer offered by Rev. C. A. Rabing.

H. B. 187, Miles, to regulate use of non-navigable streams by lumbering interests; passed.

The courtesy of the House was extended to G. W. Hammond.

On motion of Mr. Herrmann the House resolved that it adjourn until Monday at 11:30 o'clock.

H. C. R. 23, Hale, that a committee to investigate land affairs be authorized to call witnesses and secure legal counsel from the State Land Board.

H. R. 16, Hodson, to direct the Sergeant-at-Arms to exclude persons from the House who are not members or to whom courtesy of the House are not extended; was referred to the committee on resolutions.

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expenses of County School Superintendent of Jackson.

S. B. 172, Brownell—For separate board of Commissioners of Clackamas County.

S. B. 178, Pierce—To amend charter of Union.

S. B. 33, Williamson—To amend charter of Prineville.

S. B. 165, Rand—To amend charter of Baker City.

S. B. 151, Brownell—To incorporate Canby, Clackamas County.

S. B. 174, Brownell—To fix salary of County Auditor of Clatsop County.

H. B. 315, Galloway—To incorporate city of McMinnville.

H. B. 216, Miles—To amend charter of La Fayette.

TO ROOT OUT BUBONIC PLAGUE.

San Francisco Merchants Urges Cooperation With Federal Officials.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 6.—In view of the action of the conference of State Boards of Health held recently in Washington, which declared that bubonic plague is a contagious disease, the commercial organizations of San Francisco have held a meeting and adopted resolutions urging the Governor and city officials to co-operate with the United States Marine Hospital Service.

The resolutions, which were adopted by a joint committee representing the California State Board of Trade, San Francisco Board of Trade, San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, Merchants' Association of San Francisco, Manufacturers' and Pro-

ducers' Association of California and the California Promotion Committee, recite the fact that 32 cases have been reported by all health authorities during a period of 36 months and that the last case reported was on December 11, 1902, and concludes as follows:

"Resolved, That these merchants' joint committee hereby strongly urges the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors of San Francisco to take such steps as once as shall secure a prompt co-operation of the boards of health of the state and the United States Marine Hospital Service, to the end that all danger from bubonic plague may be eradicated, that all fears of infection may be removed, that the confidence of the people in the health of other states and territories may be restored, and that no injury, however remote, may result to foreign and interstate commerce."

"Resolved, That the officials of the state and city every aid and support of the various commercial bodies which we represent."

"MERCANTILE JOINT COMMITTEE. FRANK J. SYMMES, Chairman. L. M. KING, Secretary."

BAKER MAN SECURES PLUM.

Charley W. James is Made Superintendent of Penitentiary.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—Governor Chamberlain today appointed Charley W. James, of Baker City, Superintendent of the State Penitentiary, to succeed J. D. Lee, whose term expires March 31.

James is a native of Baker County, and is now serving as Deputy Recorder of that county. He is one of the most prominent Democrats in Eastern Oregon.

James was appointed State Land Agent when J. W. Morrow, now State Land Agent, was appointed State Land Agent. The appointment was taken as an indication that the plum at the prison would be handed down to a Marion County man.

There was a strong feeling here for the place over Sheriff F. W. Durbin and W. H. Downing, chairman of the Democratic County Central Committee. Each had very strong support for the position, and it was expected that Governor Chamberlain desired to give the superintendency to a Marion County man, but as Durbin and Downing were each uncompromising in their candidacy, the appointment of James was the result of a refusal of the Governor to choose between two candidates from the same place.

Governor Chamberlain has now made the following appointments: Private Secretary—W. N. Gaten, Multnomah County. State Land Agent—J. W. Morrow, Morrow County. Second Warden at Prison—Ed McPherson, Multnomah County. Superintendent of Prison—C. W. James, Baker County.

The next best plum to be handed out to one of the faithful is the position of Adjutant-General of the Oregon National Guard. Marion County may get this appointment, as there are two candidates from that place—Major R. H. Leabo, of the Fourth Regiment, O. N. G., and Lieutenant W. E. Prizme, a veteran of the Philippine campaign.

The Governor has also to appoint a First Warden and a bookkeeper at the prison and a superintendent for the Soldiers' Home. These have not been much discussed, but Marion Democrats may get their share of the fruits of victory from these minor places.

Baker City People Well Pleased.

BAKER CITY, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—The appointment of C. W. James, of this city, to be Superintendent of the Penitentiary, is a surprise at this time, because it was quite generally thought that no appointment from this place would be made until after the Legislature adjourns.

James had the unanimous support of the party leaders in this part of the state.

Helene Loses a Lawsuit.

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 6.—A Helena special jury has rendered a verdict in the Helene case, ordering the Helene Coal and Iron Company to pay \$100,000 to the Helene Coal and Iron Company.

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BILLS HARD FOUGHT

BIT MEASURE FOR LABOR BUREAU FINALLY WINS.

Passes House After Spirited Debate—Provides for Commissioner at \$1800 Salary.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—The bill for a labor bureau was not passed in the House today, and for a time was threatened with annihilation. It escaped little the worse and marred in only one or two particulars. It is with the engrossment of the bill that it will probably be passed early next week.

The measure was a substitute offered by the committee on labor and industry for a bill introduced by Mr. E. J. Conroy, an appropriation of \$12,000 per year, and was so "fierce" in several respects that its passage would have been impossible.

The new bill provides for a Labor Commissioner for a term of one year, who is vested with full power to gather statistics and information about labor conditions.

The measure was outlined in detail in last Monday's Oregonian. It is with the engrossment of the bill that it will probably be passed early next week.

The House resolved itself into committee of the whole to debate the bill. Speaker Harris called Mr. Malmarkey to the chair and on the floor of the House offered an

amendment, which finally carried, cutting out the allowance of \$600 per annum for a Deputy Commissioner. Mr. Hale proposed further to amend by cutting out all appropriations under the act, and the debate was on.

"I speak," announced Mr. Hale, "as a man unbiased and untrammeled. I have political favors to ask, and I do not fear to take a strong stand against this bill. I am a candidate for no office, and I stand here as a man who cannot be swayed from his honest convictions. No one can accuse me of being a laborer, but I am opposed to taxing farmers for the benefit of any labor organization. I insist that this appropriation be not made."

Mr. Hale called upon the Legislature to beware of spending money. "The appropriations of this Legislature," he declared, "will be appalling, something prodigious, enormous. It is not for me to say that this appropriation be not made."

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The committee hold that the State of Oregon is not legally bound to meet the claims and that the obligation to do so rests on the National Government.

Representative Davey's bill to increase the appropriation to the State Board of Agriculture from \$600 to \$2,000 has been amended in committee of the House so as to make the appropriation \$10,000.

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Representative Hutchinson is after the bucket-shop with a sharp stick. He presented a bill today to "suppress bucket-shops and gambling in stocks, bonds, petroleum, cotton, grain, coal, provisions and other products." The bill is quite a long one, but it is fully explained by its title.