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OREGON LEGISLATURE. Seventh Biennial Session.

WEDNESDAY, Sep. 18.

Senate was opened with prayer by Rev. J. L. Parrish. It was announced that W. L. White had been appointed Enrollment Clerk, and W. A. Holbrook Engraving Clerk. Senate Bill 9, relating to elections, was ordered printed. S. B. 10, to provide for a wagon road from Jackson to Grant and Baker counties, took the same course. Mr. Baldwin introduced a bill to appropriate \$10,000 to construct a wagon road in Grant and Baker counties. Mr. Wester introduced a bill relating to assessors; also, to amend the act relating to rights of married women. Mr. Hanna, a bill to amend the act creating the office of Register of Lands at La Grande. Mr. Baldwin introduced S. J. R. 6, submitting amendments to State Constitution. Provides the Governor's salary to be \$2,500; Sec. of State, \$2,000; Chief Justice of Supreme Court, \$3,000; Associate Judges, \$3,000; members of the Legislature \$5 per day and \$3 for every 20 miles traveled in going to and returning from each session; the presiding officer of each branch of the Legislature to receive \$7 per day; that the State debt shall not exceed \$250,000, except in case of war or invasion. Ordered printed and made special order for the 28th inst. The House joint resolution relieving Judge McArthur from the duty of holding court in Grant county this fall, came from the House, and the Senate passed it. In the afternoon it was announced that H. K. Hanna had been appointed Clerk of the Judiciary Committee. A motion to admit Mr. Mosher, ex-Senator from Douglas county, was lost. A bill was introduced for the relief of Baker county. Senate adjourned.

House opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Wood, of Dayton. A resolution in respect to the memory of Hon. J. Baker, deceased member of the last House of Representatives, was introduced by Mason, and passed. The following bills were introduced: to regulate holding of courts; to incorporate Lafayette; to regulate trials for divorce; to repeal sections of the civil code; to provide for bounties on scalps on wild animals; to provide for mechanics' and laborers' liens; to amend the act regulating criminal and civil procedures in Justice's courts; to incorporate Roseburg. All passed to their second reading. Mr. Crawford gave notice of a rule to provide that nothing should be printed without a special order—failed to carry then for want of a two-third vote.

Mr. Burbank offered the following: Resolved, That the Committee on Public Buildings is hereby instructed to proceed with the investigation of the books and accounts and expenses of the Commissioners on Penitentiary Building and report to the House at as early a day as practicable, and that the Committee be empowered to employ a clerk. Adopted. A joint resolution relating to complaints against Stearns Tug Astoria, and empowering Committee on Commerce to investigate, was adopted. A joint memorial asking aid from Congress to remove obstructions from Tualatin river, was referred. Two hundred copies of the mechanics' and laborers' lien bill were ordered printed. The joint resolution rescinding the action of the last Legislature as relating to the 14th and 15th amendments was adopted by a vote of 33 to 15. House agreed hereafter to meet at 10 A. M. and 1:30 P. M.

THURSDAY, Sep. 19.

After prayer in the Senate by Rev. Mr. Wood, of Dayton, Mr. Webster presented a petition from Coos county, asking for internal improvements. A report on mileage was presented. The following disposition was made of the Governor's message: That portion relating to apportionment, to a select committee; State Geologist, to committee on Mining; State taxation, to committee on Ways and Means; State Lands, to committee on Public Lands; Board of School Land Commissioners, Public Instruction; Agricultural College, Mute and Blind Schools, to committee on Education. Hon. James H. Slater and Hon. H. W. Corbett, were invited to seats within the bar of the Senate. The bill asking for a remittance of \$313,314 State tax was read a second time and referred. The joint resolution of the House relating to complaints against the steam tug Astoria, was concurred in. In the afternoon, S. B. 17 was introduced, to regulate taxation upon foreign insurance corporations

doing business in the State. Also, a bill to regulate the traveling and incidental expenses of Judges of the Supreme Court, which was referred to Judiciary Committee. The House Joint Resolution in regard to the 14th and 15th Amendments was taken up, and on motion made the special order of Friday, Oct. 4th. A joint resolution that a committee of both houses be raised to go to Oregon City and examine and report upon Canal and Locks, was passed, and Messrs. Bristow and Myers were appointed. Mr. Fay introduced a bill providing a special election for State Printer, November 5th.

In the House in the morning, Mr. Patton introduced a bill to amend the soldier's bounty; also, a bill to provide for the construction of a capital building, appropriating \$100,000. Amendments to rules 20 and 21 were asked to be acted upon to-morrow. Amendment to rule 43, providing the printing of bills, etc., should not be done without a direct order from the House, was passed 31 to 17. A bill to amend sec. 35, chap. 14, title 3, General Laws, was introduced by Simpson; also, a bill to provide permanent location of State Agricultural College—100 copies ordered printed, with report of Commissioners. A bill to regulate fences in Umatilla county was offered. A joint resolution to examine into the State printing, and with power to employ an expert, was passed, 33 to 10. The House concurred in the Senate resolution to visit and examine Canal and Locks at Oregon City, by committee, and appointed Messrs. Powers, Cooper and Waldron. Adjourned.

FRIDAY, Sep. 20.

Rev. Mr. Campbell offered prayer in the Senate. Leave of absence was granted Mr. Bristow until Monday. Brown of Baker gave notice of a bill to provide for a Deaf Mute School. A number of bills were read and referred.

After dinner Messrs. Brown, of Baker, Hoult and Crystal were appointed a select committee on apportionment. A bill to locate permanently the State University was presented.

A message from the House announcing the adoption of the H. J. R. No. 8, providing for a joint committee on public buildings, was concurred in by Senate; also, announcing the adoption of the Joint Memorial asking Congress for an appropriation to improve Tualatin river, was concurred in. The resolution authorizing the committee on State Printing to employ an expert, was taken up and discussed, but nothing was done with it. The preamble was opposed because it charges fraud upon the State Printer.

In the House the memorial asking Congress for aid for the Tualatin river, was adopted. Amendment to rule 20 was lost; to rule 21 was adopted. Parts of the message were referred. The resolution for a joint committee on Public Buildings was adopted. The following bill was introduced by Cogle, a bill to amend the act relating to assessment and collection of taxes; Biles, to amend the act incorporating East Portland; Stott, to protect incorporated towns; Simpson, to provide for election of Supreme and Circuit Judges in distinct classes; La Dow, to provide for purchase of certain wagon roads in Oregon; same, for relief of Umatilla county; Corwin, to aid in the construction of a wagon road from Tillamook to the Willamette valley; Corwin, to abolish the grand jury system.

That part of the Governor's message relating to clerical force in the various State departments, was on motion referred to a special committee of three with instructions to examine fully the work performed and compensation allowed by law therefor, and the amount paid on account thereof, and report to the House whether any legislation is required in regard thereto. Patton, Collier and Shelton appointed.

SATURDAY, Sep. 23.

Rev. J. L. Powell opened the Senate with prayer. The bill to provide a road through Jackson, Grant and Baker counties was reported back with amendments; also, S. B. No. 1, in reference to public roads. The Joint Committee on Public Buildings was instructed to examine the books and papers of the Superintendent of the penitentiary. Senate bills No. 13, 14, 15 and 16 were read a second time and referred. S. B. No. 1, relating to public roads, was referred to committee of the whole. Bill relating to the appointment of an expert to examine the State Printing was made the special order of Thursday following. The President-appointed Messrs. Dolph and Tolon joint committee on Immigration. The House having failed to concur in relation to appointing a committee on apportionment, the Senate appointed Cornelius and Myers to confer with the House committee upon the subject of the difference between them. Fifty joint rules were ordered printed for the use of the Senate. Adjourned until Monday.

Rev. P. S. Knight opened the House with prayer. A motion to adjourn until Monday was lost. The bill for regulating ferries was ordered engrossed and to be read a third time on Monday; also, the bill for changing the

times and places for holding courts in the Fourth District. The House concurred in the S. J. R. directing the Committee on Public Buildings to examine books, etc., of the Superintendent of the Penitentiary. A resolution by Mr. La Dow directing the Committee on Elections to report to the House all papers and evidence pertaining to the Clackamas county contested seats, was laid on the table. A joint resolution directing the Secretary of State to pay the mileage of the members to and from their places of residence, passed unanimously. The Committee on Judiciary was empowered to employ a clerk. A bill to incorporate Forest Grove, and one for the relief of Umatilla county—the latter providing for the remittance of \$35,000 due the State and appropriating \$5,000 for the benefit of the school fund, were introduced. Mr. Cogle was granted leave of absence. A motion to adjourn until Monday was lost.

In the afternoon Messrs. Allen and Johnson were absent. The bill providing for a State Capitol building was read a second time, and referred; also, the bill relative to volunteer bonuses; also, the bill providing for the election of Judges of the Supreme and Circuit Courts, and the bill making an appropriation for Roseburg. The bill regulating the times and places of holding Circuit and County courts came up for a third reading, and was referred to a special committee, consisting of Gingles, Clow and Caples. A bill authorizing the State to loan certain parties \$10,000 for the purpose of building an Academy at La Grande was introduced, and passed to a second reading. A. J. R. was offered instructing the Judiciary Committee to report whether in their opinion any legislation could be made to regulate the tariff charged on freight and passengers by corporations now navigating the Columbia river, and if the committee think such legislation constitutional, it be directed to report a bill for that purpose. Adjourned.

MONDAY, Sep. 23.

Senate met at 2 P. M. Several committees to whom bills had been referred reported them back, with recommendations. The following bills were introduced: Mr. Bristow, to amend an act to prevent frauds in elections; Mr. Watson, to dispose of the title lands in Oregon; Mr. Dolph, to provide for a record of patents, decrees, conveyances, etc.; Webster to regulate civil and criminal procedure in justice's courts. The bill to locate the State University at Eugene was read a second time, and referred; Senate bill 18, to pay \$1,000 per annum for the traveling and incidental expenses of Supreme Judges, was passed. A message from the House announcing the adoption of the H. J. R. in relation to mileage of members, was referred to Judiciary Committee. A message was received from the Governor announcing that he had signed the bill to relieve Judge McArthur from holding court in Grant county for 1872. Adjourned.

In the afternoon the House opened with prayer by Rev. A. F. Waller. Quite a number of bills were reported back from committees. A joint resolution to reprint 200 copies of the laws of 1868, and provide each member a copy, was referred to select committee—Andrews, Patton and Corwin. Various bills past to a second reading. The following bills were introduced: To amend the law relating to the duties, compensation, etc., of the State Treasurer; to amend the act regulating fees; to protect out-door religious worship; to authorize the loan of \$10,000 to create two academies in Umatilla county. Notices of a number of bills having been given, the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, Sep. 24.

Senate opened with prayer by Rev. S. C. Adams. A number of bills were reported back by Committees. Mr. Watson introduced S. B. No. 25, to provide for the sale of tide and overflowed lands; also, a bill to amend the act to provide for the construction of the Canal and Locks at Willamette Falls; Mr. Strahan, a bill to authorize the Supreme Court to appoint one or more bailiffs—rules suspended and the bill passed. The bill to provide for the construction of a wagon road from Jackson through Grant and Baker counties, was passed. \$25,000 is appropriated for it. The bill to define boundaries of Grant county was passed. At 12 o'clock the Senate proceeded to ballot for U. S. Senator:

Mr. Cornelius nominated John H. Mitchell. Mr. Bristow nominated H. W. Corbett. Mr. Hoult nominated ex-Governor Whiteaker. Mr. Brown of Baker, nominated J. H. Slater. Mr. Myers nominated J. W. Nesmith. The roll being called the vote stood as follows: For Mitchell—Messrs. Brown, of Marion, Cornelius, Cowles, Dolph, Hannah, Moores, Powell and Watson—8. For Corbett—Messrs. Bristow, Crystal and Webster—3. For Slater—Messrs. Baldwin and Lieuallen—2. For Whiteaker—Messrs. Hoult, Mon-

roe, Patterson and Strahan—4. For Nesmith—Messrs. Crawford, Myers and President Fay—3. There being no choice the Senate adjourned till 2 P. M.

In the afternoon the bill to appropriate \$15,000 for mileage of members passed. In the House in the morning Mr. Burbank was called to the chair. It was moved to vote for U. S. Senator at 12 A. M. The bill to purchase the Meacham, Canyon and Blue Mountain Wagon road, on second reading was referred to a select committee of three—Messrs. Cooper, LaDow and Thornbury. The select committee to whom was referred the bill to provide aid for the Portland, Dulles and Salt Lake Railroad, reported it back with amendments, and recommended its passage. The amendments were adopted, and the bill was ordered engrossed and printed. The resolution to vote for U. S. Senator at 12 M. was reconsidered, and the hour 3 P. M. selected. The bill to amend the charter of Jacksonville; to amend the act relating to the holding of property by aliens; to incorporate the town of Forest Grove, were severally passed.

At 3 o'clock P. M. the House proceeded to vote for U. S. Senator, the same persons having been put in nomination, as in the Senate. The following is the vote: For Mitchell—Messrs. Biles, Eashy, Barin, Crawford, Corwin, Cooper, Cogle, Caples, Darst, Downing, Engle, Gingles, Harrison, Hirsch, Johnson, Langell, Matlock, Martin, Powers, Patton, Simpson, Thornbury, Walker, Washburn and Speaker Mallory—25.

For Corbett—Messrs. Allen, Burbank, Collier, Riley, Riddle, Stott and West—7. For Slater—Messrs. Andrews, Blakeley, Cranor, Curran, LaDow, Onstein, Stephenson, Shelton and Wright—9. For Whiteaker—Messrs. Crooks, Mason and Willoughby—3. For Nesmith—Messrs. Clow, Grant, Hodgkins, Waldron and White—5.

WEDNESDAY, Sep. 25.

In the Senate the following bills were introduced: Mr. Bristow, to amend the act to prevent fraud in elections; Hanna, to amend the act to appoint a Register of State Lands at La Grande—100 copies ordered printed; Cornelius, to designate the Pacific University at Forest Grove, as the State University—appropriates \$10,000—100 copies ordered printed. S. B. No. 5, to protect fish and game, was read a third time and passed. At 12 o'clock the Senate proceeded to the Hall of the House, and voted for U. S. Senator, Fay presiding, as follows:

For Mitchell—Brown of Marion, Hannah, Moores, Powell, Watson, Biles, Barin, Bushy, Crawford, of Clackamas, Corwin, Cooper, Cogle, Caples, Darst, Downing, Engle, Gingles, Harrison, Hirsch, Johnson, Langell, Matlock, Martin, Powers, Patton, Simpson, Thornbury, Washburn, Cornelius, Cowles, Dolph, and Speaker Mallory—32. For Corbett—Bristow, Crystal, Webster, Allen, Burbank, Collier, Riley, Riddle, Stott, West, Walker—11. For Slater—Baldwin, Brown of Baker, Lieuallen, Myers, Andrews, Blakeley, Curran, LaDow, Onstein, Shelton, Wright—11. For Nesmith—Crawford, of Linn, Clow, Hodgkins, White—4. For Whiteaker—Hoult, Patterson, Strahan, Crooks—4. For Prim—Tolen, Cranor, Grant, Mason, Stephenson, Waldon, Willoughby and President Fay—8. For Gates—Monroe.

The convention adjourned by a vote of 38 to 33; the Democrats and Corbett men voting for the adjournment. In the afternoon, a petition was presented from citizens of Union county praying for a change of the county seat from La Grande to Union. The H. J. R. in relation to Indian hostilities was received, read and adopted. After various bills were amended, and other routine business attended to, Senate adjourned.

Rev. Mr. Stewart offered prayer in the House. A remonstrance from the citizens of Lafayette was presented against granting a charter of incorporation for said town. A petition for aid in the construction of a free wagon road across Blue Mountains, was presented. A petition in relation to temperance legislation was presented. Mr. Burbank gave notice of a bill relating to incorporations; Caples, relating to the Agricultural School Lands; also, to the appointment of a State Geologist. The following bills were introduced: By Mr. Corwin, a bill to amend the statute relating to certain privileges of citizens; Mr. Martin, to amend the law regulating the appointment of road supervisors; Mr. Johnson, a joint resolution relating to Indian hostilities in the State of Oregon—adopted; Darst, a bill amending the act relating to taking up estrays; La Dow, a bill on the same subject; Mr. Patton, a bill authorizing the Secretary to sell certain copies of the Code at \$3 per copy.

Reports of committees consumed the greater part of the afternoon. A bill was introduced by Cogle, for the relief of Dr. J. C. Hawthorn, and gave notice of a bill to supply Portland with water. Adjourned.

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