

THE OREGON SENTINEL.

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"To the REPEAL AND PERMANENCY OF YOUR UNION, A GOVERNMENT FOR THE WHOLE IS INDISPENSABLE." — Washington.

JACKSONVILLE.

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Editorial Correspondence.

SALEM, Sept. 17th. — After spending several days rusticking, in what is known as the *Widow Hill*, I am in the Capital city of Oregon again. I am surrounded on every side by Honorable gentlemen, who are discussing, with becoming gravity, the provisions of a long law and a dog law. An attempt was made to limit the range of the animals here which Christ sent the seven ringing sheiks, but for fear that they might rebel and seize the attempt was abandoned. The dog law still hangs fire. It proposes to lay a tax upon every dog; he is a *pedo*, *assail*, or *island* of one dollar. I suppose it is on the ground that they are *lascars*. All right. Jacksonville will, under this law, become one of the fine revenue producing districts in the State. If it may produce a dog distemper.

PDX. — An interesting debate sprang up in the House this afternoon, participated in by many of the members, on the passage of the bill indemnifying Theodore Burnside for his services in hunting up the members who should have been present to prevent the election of Nemeth and Baker to the United States Senate. The Honorable Mr. Fay, of Josephine county, very properly took the lead in this debate, urging, with commendable earnestness, the suspension of the rules and the passage of the bill. Quoted a large amount of money had already been appropriated to defray the expenses of that disastrous sheikle. Men sent to the Legislature by a confiding constituency, proved recalcitrant to the trust committed to their care, violated the important obligations attaching to their responsible position, and were bound to the walls by the ministerial officers of both branches of the Legislature. The bill for Mr. Burnside's relief passed the House with only seven dissenting votes. Thus another seventy dollars is passed out of the Treasury of the State, to defray the expenses, made necessary by the infamous conduct of Democrats, shallowing into dark gaskets, for the purpose of defeating the accomplishment of the will of the majority. Democracy, in these latter days, has become a synonym for treason and disloyalty. The conspiring hosts of that once proud and triumphant party have dwindled down to a grabbling squad of treason sympathizers. Its prestige is gone, and its patriotic glory departed. May it sink deeper and deeper into latent infamy until the knell of annihilation shall sound over its dislocated tomb. A bill has been prepared, and will soon be presented to the session of the Legislature, by which the State will assume the direct tax, amounting to thirty-five thousand dollars imposed upon the people of this State for war purposes. This is a wise and economical measure, saving to the people fifteen per cent. of the whole amount. The people of Oregon are loyal to the cause, and are fully determined to support the National Government in its efforts to crush out this wanton and unprovoked rebellion.

FRIDAY SESSION.—SEPT. 18.

A rich and gay discussion sprang up in the House this morning, on motion to reconsider the vote by which the bill for the relief of Theodore Burnside passed the House, on its third reading, and would but the signature of the Governor to become a law. Haines, from our county, participated in the discussion, and acquitted himself well. Shekenson, from Coos and Curry, was bold and outspoken in his advocacy of the proposition that no man should be allowed to draw a dollar from the Treasury until he had taken the oath of allegiance, and not them, if reasonable doubts existed of his loyalty to the Government. Burnside, it appears, is a loud mouthed and boisterous scoundrel. That *Scoundrel* explains the curiosities of the Hon. Mr. Fay, in his advocacy of the bill. The former was reconsidered, and the bill submitted to a Special Committee to examine into the justness of the claim, and the legality of the claimant. This is as it should be. Dishonesty should never be rewarded. Those who are laboring for the destruction of the Government, should not be participants in its bane.

A large number of bills passed to their second reading this forenoon. In fact, both Houses have just fairly got to work, in real earnest.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

House bill, No. 1, introduced by Mr. Haines, to annul the power of the County Commissions' court over the streets and highways within the corporate limits of the town of Jacksonville, and to give free power to the trustees of that town to appropriate the road tax assessed by law within the corporate limits to the improvement of the streets and highways of the same, was defeated by a decisive majority. Mr. Mallory, in a brief and plausible speech, urged its unconstitutionality and defeated the bill. Upon a full consideration of the constitutional provisions, said to conflict with the provisions of Mr. Haines' bill, it strikes us that Mr. Mallory's arguments are more plausible than sound. However, there is ground for an honest difference of opinion, and we acquit Mr. Mallory of all hostility to the people of Jacksonville.

THURSDAY.

The Sanitary Fund.—Mr. Vandlyke and Applegate voted against the bill, but on different grounds.

IMPORTANT FACTS.

The Statute of Oregon, page 441, sec. 46, requires that: "On or before the 1st Monday in February of each year, the several County Treasurers in this State shall pay into the State Treasurer, in gold and silver coin, the amount of State taxes charged to their respective counties, which State tax shall be paid out of the first money collected and paid into the County Treasury." I have substituted the term *Treasury* in the place of *Treasurer*, in the above quotation.

Page 449, sec. 99, 1852. "Whenever any County Treasurer shall fail to pay into the State Treasury any money in hands, for that purpose, at the time prescribed by law, he shall, in addition to other penalties, be liable for the following: If he shall fail so for the space of ten days, he shall forfeit to the State twenty per cent. on the amount withheld; and if he shall fail to pay over such money for the space of thirty days after such specified time, he shall forfeit the office of *Treasurer* and be deemed a public *defector*."

I am afraid that the Treasurers of the different counties, or some of them at least, have not paid that attention to these statutory provisions that the interests of the State, and their own interests, demanded. On my examination of this book, kept by the Secretary of State, I find the following interesting state of facts:

Faefoldings entered up against the Treasurers of the following counties and the amount:

Jackson	\$644.91
Columbia	\$102.55
Josephine	\$769.78
Marion	\$809.43
Cook	\$41.22
Curry	\$161.51
Lincoln	\$13.25
Wasco	\$49.85
Clatsop	\$28.29
Lane	\$106.19
Yamhill	\$603.20

Now, an effect is being made by the members from the different counties, to pass through the Legislature a special bill reflecting said Treasurers from the payment of said forfeitures. When good reasons can be given for such selfe-bill, they will be given, but not otherwise. I am not posted as to default of our Treasurer, but presume that he can give some other reason beyond that of mere negligence. He cannot let him take the consequences.

Exercised for *SENATOR* in *Junction*—Absent of rates for State Senator of the Legislative Assembly, at an election held in the popular county, Oregon, in conformity with a proclamation of the Governor of said State, on the 8th day of Sept. A. D. 1862:

Honor Roll. O. G. Jackson, H. C. Judson, C. W. H. Muller, A. E. Rogers, C. C. Baldwin, John S. Love, Wm. H. S. Hyde and Wm. Ray—were appointed to collect subscriptions in the precinct of Jacksonville.

On motion, the following named gentlemen were requested to act as committee to collect the funds for the object of this meeting, and send the funds to C. C. Baldwin, Esq., of Jacksonville, to be by him forwarded to the State Agent:

Asst. Adj'tl. Pres'tl.—J. C. Tolman.

Prov'tl.—R. S. Morgan.

Mass. Ass'tl. Gen'l. Constant.

Batt. Collecs.—Gen'l. T. Jackson.

Col. R. H. C. Judson.

Philad'lph.—Wm. Robt.

Appleton.—W. W. Fowler.

Star City.—T. C. Moore.

St. Louis.—George Vandeveer.

Baltimore.—Sam'l Phillips.

Pittsburg.—John Evans.

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