[illegible] of Salem. The committee [illegible] relinquishing Willamette for the sub[illegible] postponed. This amendment [illegible] adopted.

Mr. Humason moved to amend [illegible] the name to Brosson, in honor [illegible] C. Brosson, of N. Y.; [illegible] was read third time and passed [illegible] 13—nays 10.

Mr. Carter offered a resolution, which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved by the House the Council concurring, That the commissioners of the penitentiary be requested to report forthwith—

1. The names of all persons to whom money has been paid from the penitentiary fund, the amount so paid, and the date of payment.

2. The kind of labor performed, or service rendered, or materials furnished, and the price thereof.

3. The price and extent of each lot or parcel of land, upon which such penitentiary is located, and the names of the grantees.

4. The kind of title acquired in the purchase of said lot or lots.

5. If contracts have been executed by the parties to such contracts, or if such lot, at what distance on the original contract price.

6. What sum has been received from the treasurer of the penitentiary fund, and what amount of said sum remains unexpended.

Resolved, That the report this day submitted from the said commissioners without date, is unsatisfactory.

The council having refused to concur, the house refused to recede from its amendments to the bill establishing Tualatin academy—in relation to the capital stock.

The house adopted the report of the conference committee upon the crime and punishment bill.

Mr. Coon, from committee on claims, reported adversely to the claim of Abraham Helper, and was discharged.

The Sunday bill was taken from the table.

Mr. Humason moved to amend.

The Speaker decided the amendment to be out of order.

Mr. Nelle appealed from the decision of the chair; the chair was sustained—yeas 16, nays 6.

The bill passed. Yeas—Bennet, Colby, Chapman, Carter, Elkins, Greene, Hall, Miller, Nye, Pre don, Shuck, Smith, Westerfield, R. Thompson, and Mr. Speaker—16. Nays—Ambrose, Coon, Gilliam, Humason, Hedley, Moffit, Martin, and L. S. Thompson—8.

On motion of Mr. Carter, a committee was appointed to take the deposition of G. W. R. Boyd, in relation to his knowledge of facts concerning the penitentiary.

Adj. till Monday.

COUNCIL.

Jan. 10.

Mr. Fulkerson, from select committee, reported back, amended, the bill relative to estrays; amendments concurred in.

The bill to amend the charter of the Willamette Falls Co., read third time and passed.

The bill empowering county commissioners to charter toll bridges, passed.

The bill to create and organize Columbia county, read second time.

The marriage and divorce bill was passed.

The license law passed.

The territorial road bill—from Oregon City to Port Boise—read first time.

The territorial road bill—from Corvallis to Eaton, read first time.

Mr. Phelps introduced a bill to establish Shaniam academy.

The bill for the support of the poor, from code, amended and read a second time.

AFTERNOON.—The council adopted the report of the conference committee upon the crime and punishment bill.

The bill to prevent the sale of arms, &c. to Indians, read first time.

The following bills, from code, were read first time:

The bill relating to estates in dower.

The bill relating to fraudulent conveyances.

The council refused to concur in house amendment to the bill establishing Tualatin academy.

Jan. 11.

Mr. Kelly, from code committee, reported the following bills:

Relative to notarial public; relative to bills of exchange; regulating arbitration; relating to seals.

The bill—from Corvallis to Eaton, road second time.

The bill establishing a territorial road on the military road from Myrtle creek to Jacksonville, read second time.

The bill regulating inclosures, from code, read second time.

The bill regulating the treasury department, (from code,) was read second time.

The bill prohibiting the sale of arms to Indians, read second time.

The bill relative to fraudulent conveyances, from code, was read second time.

The bill relative to dower, &c., from code, read second time.

Mr. Fulkerson introduced a bill for a territorial road from Clackamas bridge to intersect the Des Chutes road, read first and second times.

The following bills were passed:

A bill relative to support of poor.

A bill relative to estrays.

Adjourned till Monday.

HOUSE.

Jan. 10.

Mr. Westerfield presented a petition from citizens of Yamhill county, for a charter for a race course near Lafayette; referred to committee on corporations.

Mr. Miller, from select committee, reported, amended, the bill relative to a State constitution, amendments concurred [illegible]

[illegible] L. S. Thompson.

[illegible]

[illegible] relating to county commissioners.

Mr. Gilliam, from other committee, reported a bill chartering the Willamette valley railroad company.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Carter, Ambrose and R. Thompson, the committee to take deposition of G. W. R. Boyd, in relation to the penitentiary.

The bill relating to marriage and divorce, was read a second time and referred to select committee—Shuck, Nye, and Goff.

The bill relating to church road second time and referred to select committee—Gilliam, Westerfield and Bennet.

The bill relating to assessors was read third time and passed.

The bill relating to county auditors, was passed.

The bill relating to county treasurers, passed.

The Benton bill was read second time and referred to select committee—Miller, Perkins, Elkins, Carter and Hedley.

The bill to locate a territorial road from Lafayette to Corvallis, read second time and referred to select committee—Gilliam, Humason and Moffit.

A bill to authorize Geo. Ervin to keep a toll bridge across Pudding river, read second time and laid on the table.

Bill to create the office of county surveyor, read second time and referred to select committee—Miller, Carter, and Ambrose.

The bill to authorize county commissioners to charter toll bridges, was read a second time and referred to select committee—Martin, Chapman and Coon.

The bill relating to the support of the poor, from code, read first time.

The bill relating to estrays and property lost, read first time.

AFTERNOON.—The bill supplementary to the Clackamas bridge charter, read first time.

Mr. Miller, from select committee, reported, amended, the bill establishing the office of county surveyor; amendments agreed to and bill passed.

Mr. Moffit, from same committee, reported a bill for the relief of John Baker.

The house refused to concur in the council amendment, (excluding the Willamette valley from the provisions of the bill prohibiting the sale of arms, &c., to Indians.

Mr. Martin opposed the amendment.—He said that it was useless to pass the law at all, if it contained this exception, because the Indians here could purchase arms, and trade them off to Indians in other places. He said we might as well send the Indians south a wagon load of arms as to adopt this amendment.

The house agreed to same, and refused to concur in other council amendments to various bills.

Mr. Martin introduced a bill for the removal of the University to the town of Winchester.

Mr. Smith gave notice of a bill for the relief of Hutchins for keeping territorial prisoner.

On motion of Mr. Ambrose, the vote on the bill changing the name of Salem, was reconsidered.

Mr. Smith moved to insert Chemeketa instead of Brosson.

Mr. Shuck moved to insert Vallonia. Instead of Chemeketa.

Mr. Smith's motion prevailed.

Mr. Smith's motion to reconsider the Sunday bill was lost. Yeas, 12; nays, 18.

Mr. Carter reported back, amended, the bill for the protection of School lands; the bill was then read a third time and passed.

Mr. Grover offered the following joint resolution:

That the President of the council be authorized to employ some suitable person to assist the enrolling clerks, and that such persons shall be entitled to receive $3 per day.

The memorial in relation to the donation law road first time.

Mr. Ambrose introduced a bill to appoint officers for Coos county.

Mr. Martin gave notice of a bill for the consolidation of a plank road through the Chapman.

Mr. Ambrose gave notice of a bill to provide for the holding courts in Jackson county.

Mr. L. S. Thompson gave notice of a bill for the relief of T. J. Dryer.

On motion, the house resumed [illegible] to amendments of the council, [illegible] the amendments to the road and ferry bill.

The bill was amended, the amendments were concurred. Pending the adoption of the amendments, the bill was referred to select committee—Ambrose, Shuck and Perkins.

COUNCIL.

Jan. 10.

Mr. Fulkerson introduced a bill to prevent the sale of liquor to Indians.

The bill relating to amazing public road second time.

Bill relating to notes and bills of exchange read second time.

Bill regulating arbitrations read second time.

Bill relating to seals was read second time.

Bill to establish Shaniam academy read second time.

The bill regulating inclosures, and a bill to establish a territorial road, were passed.

Bill to prevent the sale of arms, &c., to Indians, passed.

Bill to amend Clackamas bridge charter, passed.

Bill to locate a road from Corvallis to Eaton, passed.

Bill regulating the treasury department passed.

[illegible] relating to [illegible] by death [illegible] relating to [illegible] dower was passed.

The house joint resolution relative to the penitentiary commissioners, was adopted.

Messrs. Perkins, Kelly and Simpson were appointed to confer with the house committee upon the amendments to the Tualatin academy bill.

Mr. Scott introduced a bill providing for the holding of courts in Linn county; read twice and referred to committee on counties.

Mr. Perkins introduced a bill to facilitate judicial proceedings in Washington Co.; read twice.

AFTERNOON.—Mr. Perkins introduced a memorial asking congress for an appropriation to the land law, which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Simpson, the vote on the joint resolution in regard to the penitentiary, was reconsidered, an amendment adopted, and the resolution again passed.

Mr. Scott reported an amendment to the Columbia county bill; which amendment was adopted and the bill passed.

The bill providing for the holding of courts in Linn county, was read a second time.

Mr. Simpson offered the following joint resolution:

Resolved, that all regular sessions of the legislature shall commence on the first Monday in November of each year, unless otherwise provided by law, laid on the table.

HOUSE.

Jan. 17.

Mr. Smith presented the petition of Arthur M. Walker for a divorce from his wife; laid on the table.

Mr. Perkins presented a petition for the passage of a stringent prohibitory liquor law; referred to committee on ways and means.

Mr. Shuck, from select committee, reported amendments to the marriage and divorce bill; amendments concurred in and the bill passed.

Mr. Ambrose reported back unamended the road and ferry bill; after various attempts to amend it was referred to select committee—Jackson, Perkins, and L. S. Thompson.

Mr. Martin, from select committee reported back, recommended, the bill authorizing county commissioners to charter toll bridges; passed.

Mr. Miller offered a joint resolution relative to memorializing congress for the organization of a company of rifles for the protection of southern Oregon.

The bill supplementary to the Clackamas bridge company, read second time and referred to select committee—Carter, Elkins and Westerfield.

Resolution relative to an amendment to land law, passed.

The bill regulating inclosures, read second time and referred to select committee—Jackson, Miller and Hedley.

The bill for the support of the poor, read second time and referred to select committee—Humason, Perkins and Moffit.

The bill relating to assessors, read second time and referred to a select committee—Shuck, Colby and Chapman.

The bill relating to executions, read second time and referred to committee on counties.

The bill relating to prisons, read second time and referred to select committee—Gilliam, Bennet and R. Thompson.

The bill relating to county commissioners, read second time and referred to committee on counties.

The bill relating to estrays, read second time and referred to select committee—Jackson, Carter and Miller.

The following bills were each read first time. The bill relating to notaries public; the bill relating to bills of exchange and promissory notes; the bill to regulate arbitration; the bill relating to seals, and the bill to facilitate judicial proceeding in Washington county.

The bill to establish Shaniam academy was read twice and referred to committee on corporations.

Mr. R. Thompson introduced a bill for the payment of T. J. Dryer $[illegible], for advertisement for joint commissioners; referred to select committee—Messrs. L. S. Thompson, Ambrose, Hyde, Martin and Humason.

Mr. Humason gave notice of a bill to locate a territorial road from Champoeg to Portland.

Mr. R. Thompson presented petitions from Morris Thomas, a minister and others praying for an act to exempt him from the law prohibiting the residence of negroes in Oregon—referred to Smith, Colby and R. Thompson.

Mr. Ambrose introduced a bill to provide for holding a term of the supreme court on the second Monday of each year; passed.

Mr. Grover offered the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Oregon, that the memorial by Indians near Sheets lake, in Utah territory, of the "Central Railroad surveying party" under the command of J. W. Gunnison, corps topographical engineers U. S. A., is a public calamity most sensibly felt and deeply lamented by all American citizens on the Pacific coast, and the friends of the great enterprise, in which the party were engaged, throughout the Union.

Resolved, that the untimely death of Capt. J. W. Gunnison is sincerely deplored, that his life has been the exponent of the accomplished American officer, and his death an example of true devotion to the public service.

Resolved, that the kindest sympathies of the people of Oregon are extended to the afflicted and friends of those who on the fifth of October 1849, near Sevier lake, fell according to one of the greatest massacres of American progress.

Mr. Grover read the account of the calamity and briefly and eloquently advocated the adoption of the resolution.—Unanimously adopted.

AFTERNOON.—Mr. Carter introduced a bill to charter a railroad from Coxcomah to some point on the river below.

Mr. Grover presented a petition from the ladies of Albany praying for the passage of a stringent liquor law; and also one from 700 citizens upon the same subject; referred to committee on ways and means.

Mr. Perkins gave notice of a bill to charter a Rail Road from the town of Salem to Champoeg.

Mr. Grover from committee on ways and means, to whom had been referred the temperance petitions, reported a bill similar to the Maine law, in accordance with prayer of the petitioners.

Mr. Smith gave notice of a bill to incorporate the Salem lodge of Masons.

Mr. Humason presented a majority report recommending the adoption of certain amendments to the road and ferry bill.

Mr. L. S. Thompson presented a minority report recommending the adoption of the following amendment:

Moved to amend by making it the duty of the road supervisors in season an amount of labor sufficient to open and keep in repair the roads in his district, in a ratio not exceeding two days' works for each and every one thousand dollars worth of property. Lost.

The majority report was adopted.

Yeas and nays called for.

Mr. Chapman said he did not understand the question.

The Speaker said the question was upon the adoption of the amendment just read.

Mr. Chapman said he had not paid attention.

The speaker said it was not the fault of the chair. Yeas 18, nays 7.

Mr. Humason moved to amend by striking out a clause excepting ministers from the same labor upon the roads as others. Carried.

Mr. Miller moved to amend by requiring all males between the ages of 18 and 50 years instead of 21 and 50 years, to labor on the roads. Carried.

Mr. R. Thompson, from select committee, reported back unamended the bill incorporating Multnomah lodge of Masons. The bill was read three times and passed.

Mr. R. Thompson presented a petition for altering the territorial road from Portland to intersection of Salem and Lafayette; referred to committee on roads and highways.

COUNCIL.

Jan. 17.

The bill to prevent the sale of liquor to Indians was amended and passed.

The following bills passed.

The Santiam academy bill; the bill to facilitate judicial proceedings in Washington county; the bill relating to promissory notes, &c.; the bill relating to notaries public; the bill relative to seals; the bill relative to administrators, &c.

Mr. Humphrey introduced a bill for the relief of Addison R. Flint and others, providing for their payment for locating a road from Marysville to Winchester, in 1851; read twice.

The bill changing the name of Salem, read second time. Mr. Simpson moved to amend by inserting Thurston instead of Chemeketa; lost.

The following bills were read first time: The bill creating the office of county surveyor, the bill relative to county treasurer, the bill relating to county auditor, the bill relative to coroners.

The bill relative to a State constitution, read twice and referred to select committee—Richardson, Kelly and Humphrey.

The resolution relative to procuring assistance for enrolling clerks, passed.

AFTERNOON.—The bill providing for holding the district court in Coos county, passed.

The bill providing for holding a term of the supreme court in Jackson county, read second time.

Mr. Miller's resolution relative to an independent company of rifles, was adopted.

Mr. Grover's resolution relative to the memorial of Capt. Gunnison, was adopted. [See house report.]

On motion of Mr. Simpson, the judiciary committee were directed to introduce a bill to prevent the closing of stolen files, when prejudicial to public convenience.

HOUSE.

Jan. 18.

Mr. Coon presented a petition from J. M. Weir and others, for a charter to supply Oregon City with water, referred to committee on corporations.

Mr. Hedley, from committee on corporations, reported back, unamended, the Santiam academy bill, passed.

Mr. Perkins, from committee on counties, reported back, unamended, the bill relative to counties, passed.

Mr. Gilliam, from select committee, reported, amended, the bill relative to the assessment and collection of taxes, amendments agreed to and the bill read second time.

Mr. Jackson, from select committee, reported back, amended, the bill relative to fences, &c., amendments adopted.

Mr. Miller, from select committee, reported amendments to the license bill—submitting the question to the people at every annual election, whether licenses to sell liquor shall be granted by the county commissioners or not; amendments concurred in and bill passed. Yeas 17, nays 5.

Mr. L. S. Thompson, from select committee, reported, unamended, the Dryer relief bill.

The bill to incorporate the Willamette valley railroad company, read second time and laid on the table.

The bill removing the University to Winchester, read second time and referred to a select committee—Miller, Perkins, R. Thompson, Martin, Bennet, Carter and Smith.

The bill appointing officers for Coos Co. passed.

The bill relating to notaries public, passed.

The bill relating to bills of exchange and promissory notes, passed.

The bill to regulate arbitration, passed.

The bill relating to seals, passed.

The bill to facilitate judicial proceedings in Washington county, read second time and referred to select committee—Smith, R. Thompson and Colby.

The bill for the relief of Jos. Baker, read second time and referred to committee on claims.

Bill regulating inclosures, passed.

The bill to prevent the sale of ardent spirits to Indians, read first time.

The bill providing for holding the district court in Coos county, was read first time.

Mr. Elkins, from select committee, reported amendments to the bill regulating county prisons; report adopted and the bill read second time.

Mr. Humason introduced a bill to locate a territorial road from Champoeg to Portland.

Mr. R. Thompson introduced a bill to incorporate the city of Portland; read twice and referred to select committee—Grover, R. Thompson and Smith.

Mr. Peebles introduced a bill to regulate officers for Columbia county, rules suspended, read three times and passed.

Mr. Smith introduced a bill to incorporate the Salem Lodge of Masons; read three times and passed.

AFTERNOON.—Mr. Ambrose offered a joint resolution requesting our delegate to use his influence with the Postmaster Gen. to have a weekly mail route established between Canyonville, Oregon, and Yreka, California.

COUNCIL.

Jan. 19.

Mr. Kelly introduced a bill to regulate proceedings in suits in equity.

The following bills were each read second time.

A bill to create the office of county surveyor.

A bill relating to county treasurers.

A bill relating to county auditors.

A bill relating to assessors.

The bill to provide for holding a term of the supreme court at Jacksonville, was read third time and recommitted.

The bill to incorporate Multnomah lodge, read first time.

Mr. Humphrey introduced a bill to provide for taking the census of Oregon.

AFTERNOON.—Mr. Powers from joint conference on the Pacific university bill reported that the committee had agreed to pass the bill as it first originated, with a capital stock of five hundred thousand dollars.

Mr. Kelly introduced a bill for the relocation of the territorial penitentiary; read twice and referred to a select committee—Richardson, Kelly and Scott.

HOUSE.

Jan. 19.

Mr. Ambrose presented a petition from citizens of Jacksonville, in relation to the Oregon City claim; referred to the Oregon City claim select committee.

Mr. R. Thompson presented a remonstrance from citizens of Portland against a part of the city charter, as proposed.

Mr. Perkins, from committee on counties, reported an amendment to the bill in relation to county commissioners; amendment concurred in and bill passed.

Mr. Grover, from select committee, reported an amendment, relative to taxes, to the Portland charter, amendment concurred in and bill passed.

Mr. Miller gave notice of a bill to locate a territorial road from Jacksonville to Coos bay.

Mr. Hedley gave notice of a bill to charter a railroad from Portland to Eugene City, on the east side of the Willamette.

The bill providing for holding courts in Coos county, read second time and referred to select committee—Grover, Jackson and Martin.

The bill to prevent the sale of ardent spirits to Indians, read second time and referred to select committee—Jackson, Ambrose and L. S. Thompson.

The bill for the relief of T. J. Dryer, read second time and referred to committee of the whole.

The bill to authorize Geo. Ervin to keep a toll bridge on Pudding river, laid on the table.

The bill to incorporate the Willamette valley railroad company, on the west side, referred to committee on corporations.

Mr. Grover presented the report of the commissioners appointed to bring the remains of the late Hon. S. R. Thurston to Oregon; referred to committee on claims.

Mr. R. Thompson presented a petition from citizens of Clackamas county, praying for a new county to be made out of the northern portion of Clackamas; referred to committee on counties.

Mr. Grover offered a joint resolution relative to adjourning the legislature assembly on the second of February; adopted.

Mr R. Thompson presented the report of the joint committee to view the site of the penitentiary; laid on the table.

AFTERNOON.—On motion of Mr. Miller the council was informed that the house was now ready to proceed in joint convention to elect Territorial officers, and the members of the council were requested to take seats in the hall of representatives.

JOINT CONVENTION.—On motion of Mr. Simpson, the convention proceeded to elect a territorial printer. Mr. Simpson nominated A. Bush. Messrs. Simpson and Jackson were appointed tellers:

A. Bush received 27 votes, T. J. Dryer, [illegible] 1, Brosson 1.

Mr. Simpson nominated J. D. Boon for territorial treasurer; Richardson and Pe[illegible] tellers:

J. D. Boon received 29 votes, F. F. Cook 2, G. E. Shiel 1, Polk 1, S. E. Hoy 1, T. Nash 1, G. Parker 1.

Mr. Simpson nominated G. E. Shiel for auditor, Phelps and L. S. Thompson tellers:

G. E. Shiel received 27 votes, Pike and Pray 1, S. E. Hoy 1, B. Shark 1, Pike 1, Lane 1.—Statesman.

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OREGON CITY:

Saturday Morning, Jan. 20, 1854.

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☞ The office of the Spectator is destroyed from town this week, and this must be our excuse for the non-appearance of editorial matter. As regards news, we are without any; the mails fail, no steamer of river navigation being aboard, to bring us anything; and even the express, which has generally been our main dependence, has this time altogether failed. Patrons will please accept our apology for the lack of interesting matter in this week's paper.

☞ Very little of importance could be recorded this week in the way of local items, and therefore we give the space usually occupied by it to the Candle Light letter of Ketch North.

☞ The Willamette river is frozen over and people are crossing with perfect safety opposite the Oregon House.

☞ The Lion party at the Lion City Exchange on Wednesday evening last, said to have been the best of the season.

☞ Snow fell on Tuesday to the depth of eight inches, which has enabled some few of our people to enjoy sleigh riding.

☞ The steamers below the falls are not able to run at all at present on account of ice.

☞ The steamer Peoria went up the river on Thursday last.

New Year's Celebration.

New Year's Day falling upon Sunday its celebration was, by general consent, postponed till yesterday. The young year made his entry crowned with smiles as we can chronicle. A change also seems to have crept over this beautiful land, and a mildness of air never imparted to us at this season even in California. It was an auspicious opening of the year. How different from the day and the season on the Atlantic coast. There the streets, roofs and fields are embroidered with snow; the falling flakes are blown by the sharp, cutting wind into the face, and even the breath itself is frozen, and gathers in a hoar frost upon the beard. In the country, the winter fruit is hanging upon the trees, and the boughs are decked in garments of purest crystal. The merry jingling of sleigh bells, joined with the glad music of sleighing parties, break upon the ear; and the cross out of doors weather and snow, are cheerful and pleasant enough. In N. Y. City, all the walks are slippery; many a gentleman, returning from a round of calls, upon the fairer portion of his acquaintance, leaves from his frequent slipping, the health of ladies fair, yesterday made slip upon the sidewalk, and bruised his wrist and seriously damaged his new beaver bought expressly for New Year's Day.

Here, however, we have not the cares of the cutting wind, nor the hoar frost to the jeweled trees, nor the music of the sleigh bells. The hills of Contra Costa are smiling with verdure. The trees are decked in their foliage of green. The air is as balmy as that of an Indian summer day, and instead of the crisps of snow, covering the fields, the wild honeysuckle and the ambrosial lotus strawberry peeping up from among the grass, the wild lilac is in bloom and the bramble is in berry, and all Nature seems clothed as on a bright morning in June, to greet the glad New Year.

The day was celebrated here in the [illegible] Village. About twelve o'clock gentlemen dressed up in regalia of expense, began to open in the streets on their round of New Year's calls. The ladies stayed at home, and provided over tables, which sumptuous lunches were spread out, and old friendships were renewed, or new ones formed, and wishes of health and prosperity through the coming year drunk in golden sherry or in sparkling champagne. The courts, banking houses, public offices, and many of the stores were closed throughout the day, and the whole afternoon gave place to the pleasures of association and of friendly greetings, and wishes for the happy New Year.

The Benevolent Hook and Ladder Company by having removed into their new and beautiful building on Montgomery street, made a splendid spread in their long room and were visited through the day by large bodies of the Fire Department and citizens generally. Notwithstanding rumors to the contrary, the streets were not so very much quiet, and there was no rioting in the shape of rowdyism or drunkenness. At night, however, there were [illegible]