



LEGISLATORS WILL MEET IN SALEM NEXT MONDAY

An Interesting Classification of the Members of Both Houses Giving the Business They are Engaged in

The Oregon state legislature will convene in biennial session at Salem on Monday, January 9th, and will continue in session for forty days, making new laws and unmaking old ones. The membership of the Oregon legislature numbers 90, 60 members of the lower house and 30 of the senate. An interesting compilation of the occupations of the members of the two houses has been made.

In the Senate the classification is as follows:

- Farmers—E M Croisan, of Marion; Peter McDonald, of Union and Wallows. Lawyers—O P Coshov, of Douglas; Geo C Brownell, of Clackamas; Dan J Malarkie, of Multnomah; J Bowerman, of Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler; W M Pierce, of Umatilla, Morrow and Union; John L Rand, of Baker, Harney and Malheur; J S Coke, of Coos and Curry. Bankers—E V Carter, of Jackson; E W Haines, of Washington. Physicians—C J Smith, of Umatilla; J Tuttle, of Clatsop. Merchants—W H Tolson, of Marion and Union; W A Howe, of Yamhill; C W Nottingham, of Multnomah; Sig Sichel, of Multnomah. Printer—C W Holson, of Multnomah. Druggist—W A Miller, of Linn. Hope dealer—Squire Farrar, of Marion. Lumberman—R A Booth, of Lane, Josephine and Douglas. Real estate dealer—N Wheelon, of Wasco. Steamboatman—Herbert Holman, of Multnomah. Stock raiser—J A Laycock, of Grant, Crook, Klamath and Lake. Wool buyer—P Avery, of Benton. Dentist—G S Wright, of Yamhill, Tillamook and Lincoln.

- LIST OF REPRESENTATIVES In the House the classification is: Farmers—J L Calvert, of Marion; John S Ritchie, of Marion; F D Corbett, of Linn; I A Munkers, of Linn; D H Jackson, of Jackson; H Von der Hellen, of Jackson; V A Carter, of Benton; F H Fawk, of Polk; W T West, of Tillamook and Yamhill; M S Barnes, of Washington; A B Flint, of Washington; W K Newell, of Washington; J N Bramhall, of Washington; Frank Jagger, of Clackamas; C C Kanev, of Wheeler, Sherman and Gilliam; J N Bourgeois, of Wasco. Merchants—J G Graham, of Marion; G W Griffith, of Lane; J S Gray, of Douglas; H G Sonnemann, of Douglas; S B Hermann, of Coos; J N Laws, of Clatsop; J N Burns, of Clatsop. Lawyers—R G Smith, of Josephine; W I Vawter, of Jackson and Douglas; S B Lindicum, of Multnomah; W T Murr, of Multnomah; N C McLeod, of Union; A A Jane, of Wasco. Bankers—J S Cooper, of Polk and Lincoln; J H Settlemier, of Marion; A L Mills, of Multnomah. Physicians—R E L Steiner, of Lake, Klamath, Grant and Cook; W G Cole, of Umatilla. Lumbermen—I H Bingham, of Lane; B C Miles, of Yamhill; E B Colwell, of Multnomah; M F Henderson, of Multnomah; W R Hudson, of Multnomah; Geo C Mayer, of Columbia. Printers—A B Cavender, of Linn; A A Bailey, of Multnomah. Manufacturers—T B Kay, of Marion; S M Mears, of Multnomah. Fisherman—Robert Burns, of Clatsop. Druggist—F H Caldwell, of Yamhill; C G Huntley, of Clackamas. Fruit canner—Geo W Holcomb, Jr, of Multnomah. Insurance—A J Chapron, of Multnomah. Steamboatmen—Capt T J Crang, of Multnomah; Madison Welch, of Multnomah. Stock raisers—John S Shark, of Klamath, Lake, Crook and Grant; Jay H Dobbin, of Wallowa and Union; J L Stitz, of Malheur, Harney and Gilliam; R N Donnelly, of Wheeler, Sherman and Gilliam. Real estate dealer—W M Killingsworth, of Multnomah. Miner—A P Smith, of Baker.

The Oregon Express Meets Disaster

SUBSUN, Cal., Dec. 31.—Through a misplaced switch the Oregon Express train, 14 hours late, ran into a gravel train standing on a side track at this place. Engineer Henry Peterson, of the passenger train, was killed and a passenger from Martinez slightly injured. Both trains were badly wrecked.

The wrecked passenger train was No. 11, from Portland known as the Shasta Express. It should have arrived in San Francisco last night, but was delayed by the prevailing storms in Northern California.

The accident occurred this morning while the express was running as an extra. The misplaced switch which sent it onto the siding where the gravel train stood is alleged to have been left open through the carelessness of a brakeman. The gravel train was struck with great force, although Engineer Peterson made every effort to avoid the disaster. No one was seriously hurt, though all the passengers were badly shaken up.

Chadwick Will Not Be Arrested

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Dr. Chadwick, of Cleveland, who is under indictment in Cleveland, with his wife, Cassie L. Chadwick, for uttering a forged check here today on the steamer Pretoria. Dr. Chadwick and his daughter occupied one of the poorer staterooms in the second cabin. Dr. Chadwick will not be placed under arrest, but will go to Cleveland as the guest of Sheriff Barry, who is an old friend.

"There will be no arrest or even detention," Mr. Barry said.

Dr. Chadwick, who had previously been informed of his indictment and probable arrest, consented to return to Cleveland without formality.

Dr. Chadwick gave the Associated Press a long interview on his arrival. In reply to questions he said:

"I am inexpressibly shocked by the recent turn of events. I am innocent of all charges against me, and can point with pride to a 35-year residence in Cleveland. I cannot believe that the dreadful things printed by the papers are true. I am entirely without information as to the case except what I read in the papers and what you have been good enough to tell. So I can say nothing of the awful charges against my wife. My life the past few weeks has been a living death, and I hope no man will ever go through what I have undergone. To think that my professional career, which has always been successful, should be blighted. My daughter, Mary, poor little darling, I love her with my life.

Auto Owner Sent to Jail

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Senor Avellaneda, son of a former president of the Argentine Republic, who resides in Paris, has been sentenced, according to a Herald dispatch from that city, to one month's imprisonment, a fine of \$100 and \$2000 damages for an automobile accident, which occurred last June. A young woman who was run down by Avellaneda's machine, died the next day. Developments at the trial of the machinist led the police to prosecute the owner, who witnesses declared, was handling the car himself.

International Marriage.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Miss Marguerite Hyde ("Daisy") Leiter, the youngest daughter of the late Levi Z. Leiter and Mrs. Mary T. Carver Leiter, of Chicago, was married at noon today to Henry Molinaux, Paquet Howard, the 19th Earl of Suffolk, and Berkshire. The ceremony occurred in the Leiter residence in this city, the Rev. Roland C. Smith, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, officiating. Only the family witnessed the ceremony. The couple left later for New York, and expect to sail for England Wednesday.

Crater Lake Railroad.

A correspondent of the Portland "Telegram" at Medford reports that organization has just been completed among capitalists of that city for the building of a railroad to Crater Lake. This road will tap one of the best sugar pine belts of timber on the Pacific Coast, and will also make a fine scenic route to the wonderful Crater Lake and National Park. Work will begin as soon as a right-of-way is secured and weather permits.

Hall Succeeded by Heney.

PORTLAND, Dec. 30.—This morning ex State Senator Charles Hilton, U. S. District Attorney John Hall and Chief W. J. Bart, of the secret service, were before the grand jury in the fraud investigation. The prosecution has been taken out of Hall's hands by the government and given to Special Prosecutor Heney. No indictments were rendered up to the noon adjournment.

A. F. McCloud has bought from H. G. Sonneman lot 6 in block 2 at the intersection of Pacific avenue and Third street. The property was formerly owned by Max Weiss of Roseburg and has been occupied by the Union Saloon, Simpson's barber shop, Little Joe's restaurant, and A. Slocum's office. The new proprietor will establish an irrigating emporium in the corner building at an early date.—Glendale News.



THE RETIREMENT OF AMERICA'S GREATEST ACTOR. Joseph Jefferson, America's greatest actor and easily the greatest character-comedian in the world, has retired from the stage, on which he made his debut seventy years ago at the age of six.

JUDGE HAMILTON SUSTAINS THE PROHIBITION ORDER He Holds That No Error Was Made in Holding the Election in Douglas County

Following is Judge Hamilton's decision in the Douglas County Prohibition case: "In the Circuit Court for Douglas County, state of Oregon.

Max Weiss, plaintiff, vs M. D. Thompson, county judge; A. E. Nichols, J. C. Young, commissioners and Zopher Agee, county clerk of Douglas County, defendants. The above named cause came on to be heard, plaintiff appearing by W. W. Cardwell and J. O. Watson, his attorneys; and defendants appearing by Geo. M. Brown, District Attorney and Dexter Rice, their attorney. The court having examined the alleged errors of defendants as set forth in plaintiff's petition, finds that there was no error committed by defendants as alleged in plaintiff's petition. It is therefore ordered that the petition of the plaintiff be dismissed and that defendants recover from plaintiff their costs incurred herein.

Dated this 30th day of December, 1904. J. W. HAMILTON, Judge."

The foregoing decision signifies that Deer Creek or North Roseburg precinct will remain "dry." Judge Hamilton having sustained the order of the County Court, declaring prohibition in effect after Jan. 1, 1905, in those precincts in the county where a majority of the votes at the last election favored prohibition. Included in these "dry" precincts is Deer Creek, which was the only one involved in the case. The plaintiff sought to have the County Court's order annulled in so far as Deer Creek was concerned, alleging that the election was fraught with irregularities. Judge Hamilton, in his decision, however, holds that no errors were committed.

By this decision seven saloons in that part of the city of Roseburg embraced in Deer Creek precinct, will have to suspend business today, Jan. 1, 1905. The saloons are conducted by the following parties: S. W. Dugger, Johnson & Clark, T. C. Bloomer & Co., Chaddock & Chappell, C. L. Reed, F. Poquette and B. F. Goodman.

HENEY IS NOW THE WHOLE THING District Attorney Hall Removed from Office By the President upon Mr. Heney's Recommendation

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 31.—President Roosevelt today removed United States District Attorney John Hall, of Portland. No explanation of this action is given, beyond the statement by Attorney General Moody that it was "done in furtherance of general purposes of the prosecution of the land fraud cases." There is excellent authority for the belief that Hall has been accused of lack of diligence in the filling of the District Attorneyship. Heney will continue to handle the land fraud cases.

Attorney-General Non-Committal. WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—President Roosevelt today directed the removal from office of John H. Hall, United States District Attorney for Oregon. Mr. Hall has been prosecuting officer of the Government in the land fraud cases, and the removal is made in connection therewith. The announcement of District Attorney Hall's removal was made by Attorney-General Moody as he left the White House, after a conference with the President. He declined to say what charges, if any, had been made against Hall, but added that for the good of the service it was believed best to dispense with him, particularly in the land fraud cases in Oregon, the prosecution of which has been conducted by Hall. Earlier in the day Senator Fulton, of Oregon, had a talk with the President concerning the land fraud cases which have been instituted by the Government in Oregon, but whether

the conference had any relation to the removal of District Attorney Hall could not be learned.

The conduct of the District Attorney's office at Portland has been inquired into by the Government representatives, and reports of the facts adduced have been transmitted here. The reports allege that there has been obstruction of justice; that certain prominent men have been shielded, and that attempts have been made to prevent certain parties giving evidence in the land fraud cases.

Mr. Oliver E. Pagin, of Chicago, Special Assistant Attorney of the Department of Justice, has been sent to Oregon to assist in the prosecution of the land fraud cases.

District Attorney Hall's Statement. "If it is true that the President has removed me, I have no knowledge of what has prompted him to take this action. I have not been advised by any person of the nature of any charges against me. But I intend to go to the bottom of this affair, and have no fear but I can convince any fair man that I have never been guilty of any act while in office that would reflect any discredit upon me. "I do not even know who has prepared the charges against me, but I am very much surprised that the President of the United States would so condemn an officer whom he had so recently appointed for meritorious service, without a hearing or without any chance having been afforded me to defend myself.

"The office of United States District Attorney is a very small matter to me compared with my own good name, and I shall leave no stone unturned to show the people of this state that I have been attacked in the dark by weapons of falsehood and misrepresentation."

Heney is the Whole Thing.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Hall's removal is in effect merely a suspension. He is to be temporarily sidetracked pending the conclusion of the land fraud cases, and Mr. Heney will have full sway both before the grand jury and in court while these cases are on trial.

The President early today directed that Hall be removed whenever Heney thought it expedient to get him out of the way, and Heney wired back recommending Hall's prompt dismissal, which was ordered at noon.

Hall has been given no chance to answer the charges against him, which intimate that he is hindering prosecution of the land fraud cases, and standing between the law and some suspects. The Attorney-General says that when the land cases are concluded, the charges against Hall will be investigated, and he will have full opportunity to make reply and explanation. If his answers are satisfactory, it is intimated that the President will again take up Hall's case, and probably send his nomination to the Senate. Otherwise, Hall's dismissal will stand for the present. Assistant District Attorney William W. Bancs will transact the business of the District Attorney's office in all save the land fraud cases, no charges having been made against him. It is to be noted that Hall was appointed in November by the President, at the request of the Attorney General and Secretary Hitchcock. Now Hitchcock has turned against him, and the President practically reconsiders the action he recently took, without regard to the wishes of the Oregon Congressional delegation.

Senator Fulton makes no comment on the action taken today, further than to express the opinion that it would have been only justice to Hall to have allowed him to answer the charges against him before removing him.

Corvallis Saloons Close

All the saloon men of this city are preparing to close their business next Saturday evening, in accordance with the decision of the late prohibition election. Adam Ael, of Westerfelt's saloon is making preparations to open up a public lunch counter in that building, and one or two other saloons may continue to operate billiard and pool rooms. But all are perfectly willing to abide by the decision of the people, and will voluntarily close up, although each one will have several hundred of dollars worth of stock and furniture on hand that will be a dead loss to them.—Corvallis Gazette.

B. H. VanBuren Dead.

B. H. VanBuren, aged 77 years, died at Comstock on December 27, 1904, his death being ascribed to old age. The remains were shipped to Jefferson for interment. He was the father of G. H. VanBuren, the S. P. Agent at Comstock and had two other sons residing at Astoria.

MITCHELL AND HERMANN INDICTED BY GRAND JURY

Puter's Testimony Brought About the Indictment of Both Congressman and Senator

PORTLAND, Dec. 31.—United States Senator John Hipple Mitchell and Congressman Binger Hermann were indicted by the grand jury which returned its findings at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon. The charge against them is conspiracy to defraud the Government of public lands. George Sorenson was also indicted. Bonds have been fixed at \$4000. The charge against Sorenson is that he attempted to bribe District Attorney Hall, offering him \$5000 to influence favorable consideration in the case of Puter and others.

Puter Implicates Hermann and Mitchell.

It was principally upon the testimony of Puter that Hermann and Mitchell were indicted and the charges against them as sworn to by Puter are in brief as follows:

Puter Goes to Washington.

Before he left Portland, it is said, he went to F. P. Mays and secured from him a letter to Senator Mitchell, though in fact he was well known to the Senator. Arriving at Washington, the land speculator went to the office of Senator Mitchell and conferred with him in regard to having his claims taken from the suspended list and put through to patent as soon as possible. He told the Senator, it is said, that he had already sunk a large amount of money in the claims, and that Emma L. Watson, a hard working and honest girl, had also invested in them as his suggestion. It was necessary for him to have some influence with the Commissioner to secure favorable recognition of his claims, and he therefore would like to have the help of Senator Mitchell. He promised to make it right with the Senator in event that he would give to Puter his will and assistance.

Leads Past to Patent.

Mr. Puter then went to see Binger Hermann, and talked the matter over with him. Hermann did not see that anything could be done to the lands unless some action should be taken which would make the transaction of record in the office.

Puter then got into a hack, so it is said, and went to the hotel of Senator Mitchell, the Dwyer House, and told him of the conversation with Commissioner Hermann. The famous Puter-Watson affidavits were then made in the hotel of the Senator, and it is said that Senator Mitchell dictated the papers to his own stenographer and had them delivered to Mr. Puter as soon as finished. The affidavits, which told of the settlement of the land and of its cultivation and of the character of the persons making the filings, were then sent to Mr. Hermann, who took them under consideration.

Puter Says He Paid Mitchell.

At this time, it is said, Mr. Puter laid down two \$1000 bills on the table in front of the Senator and told him to take them and see what he could do to help the lands through to patent. The Senator, the story has it, did not wish to take all of the money and pushed one of the bills back, but Puter insisted that \$2000 was not too much to pay for the service and the money was taken by the Senator. When Puter left, it is said, Senator Mitchell followed him to the door and told him that he would do the best he could for him.

The next day, Puter went to Hermann and asked him how things looked and Mr. Hermann told him that he thought upon reconsideration it would be possible to put the lands through. He asked Mr. Puter to come back in the afternoon and said that he had turned the matter over to W. A. Richards, his assistant.

Puter went to Mitchell, it is said, and got him to take him to Richards and introduce him. The Senator introduced him as one of the best men of Oregon, perfectly reliable and upright.

Leads Past to Patent.

Mr. Puter and Mr. Richards had an extended conference. The latter knew nothing of the Davis and Loomis letters and could only judge from what he saw in the affidavits and proofs of final settlement which he had before him. Influenced, therefore, by those and by the recommendation of Senator Mitchell and Mr. Hermann he allowed the lands to go to patent. He also read the Loomis and Ormsby reports which made a fair case for the homesteaders and all considered saw no reason why the lands could not be passed, especially as he was influenced by sympathy for the hardship undergone by Emma L. Watson and Maud Witt in their efforts to gain a claim upon which to make a home, as shown by the talk of Puter and the reports of Loomis and Ormsby.

This completes in part and roughly the story of the alleged connection of Senator Mitchell and Mr. Hermann with the conspiracy.

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