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WEEKLY OREGON STATESMAN.

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THAT STATE PRINTING.

It seems the clerk of the Supreme Court has engaged a foreign printing house to do a part of our state printing in open violation of law, and now the bill comes in to be paid. The law requires that this work shall be done in the State, and no outside bills can be paid under the law. Messrs. Bancroft & Co., of San Francisco, are supposed to know the law, and they have taken this job "in chancery." If our present Democratic Legislature has any regard for law the bill must be rejected and the amount claimed, not paid. Under the law we hold a State printer responsible, but California printers and printing establishments only draw what pay they can get and "stand us off." Let our present Legislature show a precedent which will last for all time, on the subject of our State printing.

GRATUITOUS.

The Legislature grants some very important privileges to the United States. When the general government proposes to appropriate a large sum of money to aid in blasting rocks, the rocks are graciously donated to the general government. A gentleman from Baker county talked a canal and locks around the falls at the Dalles, during a House session yesterday, which will be a great relief to the two Houses of Congress. If the State of Oregon had concluded to reject the offer of money from the general government for internal improvements, of course the people of other States would have been surprised and disappointed. Our Legislature is certainly acting wisely in the premises.

MINUTES ECONOMY.

While our State printer is a Democrat and, of course, our enemy, we do not propose to do him any injustice, and, above all, do not propose to do any injustice to the people. The movement to cut down the amount of State printing because it was suspected the prices paid were too great, should not be countenanced by any intelligent member. Information for the people should be supplied where the cost is merely nominal, and everything should be printed and scattered broadcast over the State. It is due the people to know what their representatives are doing, and we hope no one will attempt to curtail that trifling expense.

SPOKEN IN DEBATE.

The STATESMAN claims the right to mix into the several debates in the Legislature, subject only to the consideration of the United States; and yet it is not unpleasant to be "called to an account," for any words we have spoken. If we make any mistakes we stand ready to make any amends and will proceed to do so, on notice being given. DAILY STATESMAN 2 bits per week delivered by carrier, and \$3 per annum for Weekly STATESMAN—advance payment preferred.

E. A. KIRKPATRICK.

Of Douglas, in his speech on the subject of Church taxation on Wednesday, intended to say that no discrimination should be made among the churches. We may have done some injustice to the speaker and if so, we take it back. He takes the position that no discrimination should be made—that worship should not be taxed but valuable property should, in whatever place or for whatever it may be used.

PARLIAMENTARY LAW.

Mr. Jefferson, Mr. Cushing, or any other fellow who has talked on the subject of Parliamentary Law, would surrender on looking over the session of the Oregon Legislature, after an hour's discussion of something, which in fact means nothing. Much valuable time is consumed in useless discussion.

ORATORY.

No State in the Union, having no greater number of members of Legislature can make a better showing in point of number of orators than Oregon. We can justly boast of a number of the best speakers and debaters in the United States.

PET MEASURES.

It is safe to conclude that there is not a "pet measure" in either House of the present Legislature, because it is stated in most of the speeches by members, that their action is wholly disinterested. We are much pleased to find our Legislature in such shape.

WHO ARE THEY?

It is true that a certain school book in Oregon is controlled by a ring of subsidized citizens. We are very backward in believing that such is the situation, but we will give from time to time such information as we can afford, on the subject.

A GREAT FRAUD SOMEWHERE!

Attention of Legislators is Respectfully asked.

LET US KNOW WHO STOLE IT!

Further Developments Pending.

FIGURES WON'T LIE!

We have carefully digested the report of the Secretary of State, and find many features of great importance to tax-payers, among the unaccountable features is the footing of warrants drawn in the last two years amounting to \$63,448.35 for Penitentiary purposes when the report of the Superintendent of that institution shows that a little less than fifty thousand dollars has been used in the given time. About fourteen thousand dollars has been wasted or stolen in this matter, and it is very important to know who enjoyed the profit. We have the figures as given in the two reports, and our statements cannot be dismissed as "Republican lies," because the figures are made and published by Democrats at the expense of tax-payers of the State. Is there a Democrat in either House of the Legislature with sufficient nerve to take up this matter and sit it? The sum of fourteen thousand dollars is lost, and ought to be hunted up. Mr. Chadwick has charged up each warrant allowed, and the sum exceeds Mr. Watkins' but as above stated. Now what is the matter and who has the stolen goods? We charge neither of them with stealing, but one of the parties must have the lost public funds. Which?

EXPENSIVE.

The distance from the Capital to the Penitentiary is about one mile, and the State has been paying his Excellency, L. F. Grover, a trip for visiting that institution. There are plenty of good men who would perform the pilgrimage at a much less cost to the tax-payers. In his message the Governor is particular about saving "no fees, no perquisites allowed this Department." The attention of law-makers is respectfully called to this item.

REPEAL IT.

Our law creating and paying School Superintendents, should be repealed. It is a simple waste of money, because a Board of Directors in each District is sufficient for all purposes. The people of each District are capable of self government and should have that privilege. We hope some intelligent member will introduce a bill without delay to abolish the office of school Superintendent.

ROUNDING MEETING.

A special dispatch to the STATESMAN, from Corvallis, on Saturday night last, says: "Great outpouring of the people to form a Hayes and Wheeler Club. Hon. J. N. Dolph, of Portland, addressed the multitude at great length on the political issues of the day, and was frequently and loudly cheered. Count Benton all O. K."

THE CLUB MEETING.

The Hayes and Wheeler Club meeting last evening was largely attended at the Opera House by both ladies and gentlemen. Hon. W. B. Higby, of Benton county, delivered one of the best speeches of the campaign so far, and was listened to throughout with marked attention by the large audience.

SAND.

The article of "sand," for the consumption of convicts in the Penitentiary, has cost a large sum of money, according to official reports. Whether it was that class sometimes called "pluck" is not explained. The attention of the committee is called to that point.

PERMITS.

Mr. Lawrence, of Baker county, is a most persistent worker, and like Banquo's ghost, "will not down." His head is usually clear on matters of legislation, but in political affairs he is wholly unreliable.

NOT LIKELY.

It has been whispered that a State officer receives a trifling per cent of the amount paid Bancroft & Co. for printing done outside the State, in violation of law. If such charge is true it should be hunted up, and the public interest carefully protected.

IMPORTANT WITNESS.

In examining Penitentiary matters the committee should call to the witness stand ex-Warden Myers. If closely questioned some important facts may be elicited. Let us have no "wild-washing" of office holders.

PEN PICTURES

Of Members of the Legislature.

JOHN T. HUGHES. Mr. Hughes, now an able representative of the people of Benton county, was born in Hancock county, Illinois, in the year 1840. In the ex team brigade of 1847, Mr. H. came to Oregon with his parents; settled in Linn county in 1848, it being at that time comparatively a wilderness. After receiving a common school education, he learned the business of type setting and worked at the business for five years. In 1855 Mr. Hughes settled on the farm where he now lives, and only gives away his time to legislative business on a general call of his neighbors and fellow citizens. In politics Mr. H. is a Democrat, but is in no way "hide-bound," having broad-gauge ideas in both politics and religion. He is young and would probably make an important mark in the history of the State if he would abandon the narrow groove in which Democrats move.

J. B. STUMP, of Polk county, is one of the most wealthy and active agriculturists of the House. He was born in Columbia county, Ohio, and is now forty-three years old. Having been a resident of Oregon since 1854, he is well versed in the wants of the people in all branches of industry, and therefore makes a good member. Instead of talking on every opportunity afforded, he carefully studies and digests all bills and measures proposed, and when a vote is required he knows precisely what he is doing. Reports of State officers are under his "eagle eye," and we expect to hear from him during the session in a forcible manner. Mr. Stump is a heavy built, dark complexioned, good looking individual, but lacks the aggressive character which will enforce his peculiar ideas on public affairs.

J. L. FERGUSON, of Yamhill county, is a young man of prepossessing appearance. He was born in Warren county, Kentucky, in 1839. This last date indicates a mature age, but he still looks young. Mr. Ferguson came to Oregon in 1852 and has pursued various kinds of business during his residence. Being a saddler by trade he carried on the business for some years; married Miss Jane Bird in 1854; has been a resident of Yamhill county, which county he now in part represents, for several years, and in fact is a statesman, "got his start" in Yamhill county. Mr. F. is a good speaker, taking part in most important debates in the House, and usually correct in his conclusions. While he is now a Democrat it is probable he will come over to the "side of the Lord" at an early day.

T. L. PORTER, of Linn county, was born in Boone county, Indiana, and emigrated to Oregon in 1853; is 25 years of age; a farmer by occupation. He has spent some years as a school teacher, but especially excels as an agriculturist. Being youthful in point of age and experience it is not strange that he claims to be a Democrat, and that he is ready to adhere to anything that is called by that name. In justice to Mr. Porter we must say that he carefully examines all bills and in all cases knows for what he is voting. His personal appearance is very attractive, having attained the general reputation of being the "ladies man" of the House. We cannot expect much of a "bed-rock" Democrat, but do look forward to some effective work by Mr. Porter.

M. M. MELVIN, of Coos county, is a native of Chatauque county New York; was born in the year 1830; came to Oregon in 1852. In the year 1853 he moved to California, and in 1857 returned to Douglas county where he resided for a number of years. He married in 1862 and was elected a member of the Legislature in 1866; served as county clerk one term, and afterwards moved to Gardiner where he was engaged for some time in the lumbering business, but is now an honest farmer. He is active, as a member, and allows nothing to escape his notice in the way of bills or laws in which the people are interested. Mr. Melvin is regarded as one of the most active and industrious members of the House.

E. A. KIRKPATRICK, of Douglas county, stands six feet and four inches high, is well proportioned, and physically as formidable as his stature indicates. While he "looks down" upon common people he is one of the most modest men in the House, but seldom making a speech and then in a suggestive rather than an arbitrary style. He is forty years of age; has never been married, and never belonged to any church. Mr. K. was born in the State of Illinois, has once lived in Iowa and California, coming to Oregon in 1862. He has spent much of his life in traveling, having doubled Cape Horn, and traveled extensively both in North and South America. Being liberally educated, Mr. K. has profited by his travels, and is among the best

posted men in the House. Having accumulated much wealth he has settled down to the pleasant past-time of stock growing and can afford to give the public forty days of his time once in two years, as a member of the legislature.

DANIEL W. BUTLER, of Wasco county, was born in Holmes county, Ohio, in 1831; moved with his parents to the State of Indiana at the age of six years; remained there until the spring of 1852, then moved to Oregon and settled in Wasco county, where he has since resided. He served as a soldier in the war against the Snake Indians in 1824, under Capt. Olney; also in the war of 1855-6 against the combined tribes of Eastern Oregon and Washington Territory Indians, under Col. Kelly. After being discharged from the service he retired to his farm in Wasco county, where he has accumulated vast herds of cattle and flocks of sheep. He was a member of the Legislature in 1868, and is now an active member of the House. Mr. B. combines good looks with intelligence, and a vigorous physique.

F. WINEGAR, of Grant county, was born in the year of 1829, in the State of Virginia; removed from there to Wisconsin in 1848, where he engaged in farming until 1852, when he crossed the plains to California. There he engaged in mining and farming until the latter part of 1863, when he emigrated to Oregon and settled in Grant county, where he has ever since resided as a farmer and stock grower. Mr. W. looks comparatively young, takes the world easy, is decidedly philosophical in meeting difficulties in life, and proves to be a very attentive member of the House. While he has accumulated a fortune in private business, he proposes to apply the same business principles to public affairs, now placed partially under his charge.

W. F. BENJAMIN was born in Brown county, O., in 1827; removed with his parents to Ill. in 1834, where he received such education as a very poor system of common schools at that day afforded, but by studious habits, gathered a sufficient amount to enable him to procure a certificate to teach a district school, and while engaged there, fell a victim to the "holly flame" which resulted in matrimonial alliance that has lasted up to the present year of grace, 1876. In the year 1857 he removed to Harrison county, Iowa, voted first time for Louis Cass for President—twice the last feather that broke the camel's back. In 1859, united with the Republican party, from which faith he has not departed, and if life is spared, will vote for Hayes and Wheeler in this Centennial year. Emigrated to this State in 1860; settled in Douglas county upon a farm, from which Cincinnati like, was called by the election of his county to go down to Salem to the assistance of the Lord against the mighty.

RODNEY HICKMAN LOVE, member of the House from Multnomah county, was born in Burlington, Iowa, in the year 1841; came to Oregon in 1862; went east again in 1865 but returned to Oregon in 1873, where he has since resided. Mr. Love is a printer by trade, but finding it less lucrative than almost any other kind of business, he engaged in farming and stock growing, in which he has proved a complete success. For the last two years he has been employed most of the time as salesman at the State Grange Agency, in Portland. Being a thorough business man and of liberal education, possessing the confidence of the public to an unlimited extent, he was selected as a member of the present Legislature, in which place he is certainly sustaining himself in respectable shape; and coming up to the expectation of his constituents.

PAINFULLY VOLUBEROUS.

On meeting of the House yesterday a perfect diarrhea of printed bills greeted the members. It is impossible for any member to examine all the bills now pending and it is safe to conclude that most of them will either pass or fail without that deliberation which should be given to any act which cannot be corrected short of two years. Less and better legislation should be the watchword of all the members. An act of the people's representatives so assembled should receive the most deliberate consideration, and that action which will make new laws a blessing instead of having couched in many of them some jobs which mean robbery of pockets of tax-payers.

VERY CREDITABLE.

The present condition of the grounds owned and controlled by the State Agricultural Society is certainly very creditable to that society. The buildings are being enlarged and improved, and many needed improvements made. The matter of water works, alone, costs the association about seven thousand dollars, but the improvement is of incalculable importance. Exhibitors of whatever class will find accommodations much better than ever before, and we feel satisfied that those visiting the next State Fair cannot fail to be pleased with the appointments.

WHO IS

Mr. "Clerical Aid?"

For What was he Paid so Large a Sum as MR. CHADWICK REPORTS?

Mr. Chadwick reports nearly six thousand dollars of public funds paid to some fellow by the name of "Clerical Aid." Who that gentleman is, we are not advised, but presume he has a local habitation as well as a name. The money seems to have been paid by order of "Board of School Land Commissioners," and to have been abstracted from that fund which has heretofore been held sacred for the children, who are unable to protect themselves against conmenators, and have had universal sympathy of all good citizens. We hope to see the parties in interest in this matter step to the front and explain, and to see a failure to do so properly met by the representatives of the people, in Legislature assembled. Let us have no trifling in the premises. If there is such fraud as we believe exists it is better to spend the balance of the time of the session in correcting errors, than in enacting new laws which will operate as so many new traps to capture tax-payers. Let us investigate.

WHITE-WASHING.

May be expected as "the order of the day" by the several Legislative investigating committees. We sincerely hoped there was sufficient honesty outside of partisan feeling, to protect the State against fraud, and punish such crimes and offenses as come within the jurisdiction of legislative bodies. But, from present appearances, our hopes will be blasted. When the Penitentiary business came up, where was Walter Jackson? Mr. Jackson was a most important witness, but had business just outside the State. The witness Myers seems to have been a good witness for the Superintendent, even after the charges made by him through the columns of the STATESMAN. What does this mean? Have witnesses been bullied, controlled, subsidized or run off? If so, the investigation should be continued until the whole facts can be elicited.

VERY CUNNING.

The Governor's Blue Mass organ staves our figures on the fourteen thousand dollar steal with a villainous personal attack in which the people are not interested, and we do not propose at this time to meet it that way; but if it becomes necessary, and nothing else will do those brilliant young hangers-on to clerical aid and other feats, we will endeavor to make it most interesting for them. Up to this time we have only given figures, such as are published by Democratic officials. If the Blue Mass organ can explain who stole the fourteen thousand dollars, why don't it proceed to do so? Look out for tropical figures from day to day.

WHO OBTAINED THE LOST FUNDS?

We take figures from two published reports and inquire why a discrepancy of about fourteen thousand dollars? We are met with a statement in the Governor's organ that it is nobody's business. It is highly probable that the people will inquire and demand a better explanation. Wait and see whether tax-payers can be bullied into silence in that manner.

COUNTY SEAT QUESTIONS.

There is much time wasted by the Legislature in dealing with county seat contests in the various counties where that question has not been permanently settled. A general law should be enacted which will allow the people of all counties to settle such questions themselves, and in case they fail to appeal to the courts. It is a bad precedent for the Legislature to take business out of the hands of the courts where it properly belongs.

NON-AMBUULISTIC.

The session of the House yesterday was rather dull, neither of the great orators being fully aroused, on account of dull character of most of the work. "First reading of bills" gives but little margin or opportunity for flaming speeches. Most of the session being made up of preliminary actions, the members became tired and reached the hour of adjournment with pleasure.

IN DEMAND.

Hon J. H. Mitchell has received a formal invitation to address the Hayes and Wheeler Club, of Portland, and will fix the date himself so as not to interfere with present engagements and appointments. The services of the Senator are in great demand all over the State.

STUBBORN.

W. H. Watkins & Co., furnished the Penitentiary a large amount of sundries during the past two years. What necessity there was for the article will probably be reported by the investigating committee.

LOST REPORTS.

Will They be ready by the time of next Session?

Is the Law to be thus Set Aside?

The reports of State Treasurer and State Board of Land Commissioners, are withheld from the Legislature and the people. Let us have them before the Legislature adjourns.

MORE FIGURES.

We have more important figures for Democratic office-holders, which will be given from time to time. They will receive them as rapidly as they can explain for some time to come. Tell us where that little sum rests which has been lost between the Auditor and the Superintendent of the Penitentiary.

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR THE RELIEF OF THE AFFLICTED.

The Surgeons of the National Surgical Institute, located in Indianapolis, Pacific Division, Alhambra Building, Bush street San Francisco, have yielded to the many urgent appeals from their patrons and friends in Oregon and Washington Territory and adjoining regions to revisit Portland. The former visit was highly satisfactory and encouraging, many of the patients then accepted for treatment being now entirely cured, while nearly all are greatly benefited and in a fair way of recovery. Three or more of the Surgeons will be at the Cosmopolitan Hotel in Portland, Oregon, from Monday, the 28th day of August, until Saturday, the 23d of September, six days inclusive.

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