

THE FIRST VOTE.

W. Corbett Received 36 Votes and Judge Bennett 24—Forty-Six Required to Elect.

Both branches of the legislature balloted separately for United States senator Tuesday. The result follows:

	Senate.	House.	Total.
Corbett.....	13	23	36
George.....	6	10	16
Williams.....	1	4	5
Bennett.....	6	18	24
Eakin.....	2	3	5
Cotton.....	1	—	1
Hewitt.....	1	—	1
Dunne.....	—	1	1
Kills.....	—	1	1

The Oregon senatorial situation was unchanged on first joint ballot taken Wednesday. Corbett again received 36 votes and the others are divided among minority candidates much the same as the first day.

Routine in Two Houses.

The routine work in both houses Tuesday did not develop anything of great importance. The senate concurred in the house resolution for an investigation of the books and accounts of the secretary of state, penitentiary, Soldiers' Home, state school land commissioners and insane asylum.

Arising to a question of privilege, Senator Fulton heatedly denied a statement that the Clatsop delegation is in collusion with Secretary of State-Elect Dunbar in the distribution of partongae in the latter's office in the interest of the anti-Corbett men.

In the house, the bill to incorporate Condon, Gilliam county, was passed. Bills and resolutions were introduced in the house as follows:

By Fordney, fixing the time of holding terms of court in the sixth judicial district. By Myers, providing that a joint committee be appointed to investigate the salmon industry of the state and report at the next session, its expense not to exceed \$500. This is a substitute for a resolution on the same subject killed last week.

Moody of Multnomah, introduced two bills, one to repeal the present law authorizing the payment of taxes with county warrants, and the other to provide that county warrants shall be redeemed in the order of the date of the treasurer's indorsement upon them.

The bill authorizing the state to refund to Lincoln county nearly \$1,000, paid on account of property assessed in the Siletz Indian reservation, which was recently decided not to be assessable by that county, passed without objection.

Two more investigating committees were set on foot today, one to investigate the school land commission, and the other to examine into the management of the state school for the blind.

The Multnomah senators held a meeting this afternoon and organized as a committee, by electing Haseltine chairman.

Following is the full text of the resolutions introduced in the house by Ross of Multnomah, providing for the celebration of the 40th anniversary of Oregon's admission into the Union:

"Whereas, There occurs in 1899 the 40th anniversary of the admission of Oregon as a state and the semi-centennial anniversary of the extension of the laws of the United States over the Oregon country; and,

"Whereas, The appropriate observance of such anniversary is conducive to creating and enlightening a true commonwealth spirit, fostering the zealous study of its history and institutions by its people; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the speaker of the house appoint a committee of three, who, with two appointed by the senate, shall constitute a joint committee to arrange for appropriate exercises by the senate and house of representatives of the legislature of Oregon, assembled in joint assembly on the 14th day of February, 1899; and further be it

"Resolved, That the governor be requested to appoint a committee of arrangements for the celebration of the semi-centennial anniversary, to be held at Portland, Or., on June 15, 1899."

Curtis of Clatsop, introduced in the house, by request of ex-Representative U'Ren, a joint resolution for an amendment to the constitution providing for the initiative and referendum plan of making laws. By its terms, "the legislative assembly shall have power to refer any bill to the legal voters of the state for approval or rejection. Five thousand legal voters of the state shall have the right and power to propose any bill or constitutional amendment to all the legal voters for approval or rejection." It is made compulsory for the legislature to refer to the voters every increase in any appropriation of public funds, every increase in salary of any public officer and every new appropriation of public funds.

Bids have been opened at the navy department for the construction of four harbor-defense vessels, of the monitor type, authorized by congress at an expenditure of \$1,250,000 for each monitor. Four per cent allowance was made in favor of the Pacific coast builders. From the face of the bids, the lowest bidders for the four vessels were Nixon, Newport News, Bath and Union Iron works, who each bid for one monitor.

ORATORY ON TAP.

Senate Regaled by Four Good Speeches—Much Routine Business Done

Oratory was on tap in the senate Wednesday, and four very good speeches were made. Daly of Benton, and Brownell of Clackamas, spoke in the forenoon on the repeal of the law authorizing the railroad commission, and in the afternoon Fulton of Clatsop, and Dufur of Wasco, uncorked their eloquence in favor of a joint committee to make an examination of the premises, and report some project for circumventing the obstruction to navigation of the Columbia river at Celilo. It opened a wide subject, and Fulton especially revealed in the industrial glories of the future Inland Empire when it shall have free water access to the sea. Selling of Multnomah, opposed the resolution on the ground of economy. On motion of Taylor of Umatilla, it was tabled. His objection was made to the present form of the resolution, but it really goes deeper. He has little faith that United States officials would attach much weight to any report a legislative committee might make, but if it must go through, he wants the committee to be composed of the best-equipped men in the legislature for such an investigation.

Thursday's vote for senator: Corbett, 36; Smith, of Clatsop, 24; George, 17; Eakin, 6; Williams, 3.

The ways and means committee held a joint meeting, and, among others, listened to the case of the Salem Orphans' Home, which asks for \$5,000; that of W. T. Wright, of Union, who is out of pocket \$25,000 and four years' interest by reason of the hitch in the Eastern Oregon asylum matter, and that of John Hall, who wants relief to the extent of nearly \$10,000, being 10 per cent and interest for collecting the state's part of the mortgage taxes from Multnomah county in 1894, when he was deputy district attorney. He alleges that he was employed by ex-Secretary of State McBride to assist the attorney-general. The ways and means committee expect to complete their work early next week.

Michell of Wasco, in the senate, and Myers of Multnomah, in the house, introduced a bill authorizing express companies to bring sheep into the state in lots of not more than five animals each, without having them inspected. The object is to do away with the troublesome and expensive requirements which subjects even a single sheep to official inspection. Express companies do not transport sheep to market or between ranges, but handle chiefly the finest animals designed for breeding purposes.

Flagg of Marion, introduced in the house a resolution calling upon the secretary of state to have a ceiling built over representative hall at its first story, and to have the upper story divided into committee-rooms. It is supposed that such an arrangement will greatly improve the wretched acoustics of the chamber, and it would certainly relieve the press for accommodation of committees.

"We can spare the spectators' gallery, in these times of vigilant newspapers," said Flagg. The resolution was passed.

The bill putting the district attorney of Multnomah county on salary and diverting his fees into the county treasury passed the senate without objection.

The Marion county delegation concluded to amend the salary bill for Marion county by raising the allowance for deputy hire in the clerk's office from \$1,250 to \$1,800 per year, reducing such allowance for the recorder from \$750 to \$600, and changing wholly the scheme of the assessor's pay. Instead of allowing him a per diem of \$4 and \$3 for field and \$2 for office deputies, he is to be paid \$1,200 per year, and will be allowed \$2,500 for deputies. It is estimated that the new schedule will save Marion county about \$8,000 a year.

When the Mackay bill to allow the Port of Portland commission to build a drydock came before the Multnomah delegation, the point was raised that it might interfere with the projected enterprise of Wolff & Zwicker. Pending inquiry into this phase of the matter, no action will be taken on the bill.

One of the several bills for the abolishment of the railroad commission passed the senate without a dissenting vote, on a favorable report of the committee on federal relations. It was the bill of Daly, of Benton, that passed. The author spoke strongly in favor of the repeal, and Brownell also improved the opportunity to go on record with an eloquent appeal for it.

Fulton's amendment to the Astoria charter, which has passed the senate, changes the charter in but one respect. The charter now authorizes the council to grant street railway franchises for a period of years only.

Sherwin of Jackson, introduced in the house a bill for an act to promote the beet-sugar industry in this state by paying a bounty of \$1 per ton for all sugar beets harvested for the purpose of being manufactured into sugar, for a period of six years. It carries the emergency clause.

THIRD ECONOMY BILL

Senate Votes to Abolish Equalization Board and House to Abolish Railroad Commission.

The third economy and reform bill passed the senate Thursday afternoon, repealing the law treating the state board of equalization. Considerable oratory was indulged in before the bill was put on its final passage. It was finally passed by a vote of 17 to 12.

The feature of the forenoon session in the house today was the passage of a bill abolishing the board of state railroad commissioners. When the bill came up on final passage, after a suspension of rules, there were but four absentees. The vote of those remaining was unanimous in favor of the bill.

Friday's vote for senator: Corbett, 36; M. A. Miller, of Lebanon, 23; George, 10; Gatch, 5; Eakin, 6; Williams, 4.

In the Senate.

The house bill providing for the incorporation of the city of Condon passed the senate.

The house bill remitting the overpaid taxes to Lincoln county was passed.

The house bill amending the statutes relating to circuit court terms in the third judicial district was referred to the committee on judiciary.

The house bill to regulate salaries of county officers in Washington county was referred to the senators from Washington county.

The house bill to incorporate the city of Ashland was passed.

The committee on revision of laws reported back favorably the senate bill providing for placing the American flag on all schoolhouses. It was ordered engrossed for third reading.

The committee on penal institutions reported back favorably the senate bill providing for working misdemeanants on public highways. It was re-referred for specific amendment.

The committee on education reported back favorably, with slight amendment, the bill regulating qualifications of electors at school meetings and school elections. The bill was lost by a vote of 15 to 10 on final passage.

The committee on agriculture reported back the senate bill in relation to Eastern Oregon agricultural societies favorably; it was ordered engrossed for third reading.

The committee on judiciary reported back the senate bill fixing the statutory rate of interest at 6 per cent. Mulkey moved an amendment placing the rate at 5 per cent; the amendment was lost. Ordered engrossed for third reading.

The senate bill fixing the terms of circuit court in the seventh judicial district was reported favorably, and under suspension read a third time and passed.

The senate bill calling for a constitutional convention in September, 1899, was reported back with amendments and adopted. The bill was ordered engrossed for third reading.

The senate bill to establish a rule of pleading in cases of arson was reported back favorably and ordered engrossed for a third reading.

The house bill relating to the terms of circuit court in the third judicial district with amendments was adopted, and the bill ordered to third reading under suspension of rules was passed.

In the House.

A bill creating the office of game and forestry warden in each county caused lively discussion in the house, but was passed by a vote of 38 to 20. Many were opposed to it by reason of the expense to the state, claiming the wardens would cost the state \$30,000 annually in salaries alone. Some claimed their counties did not need such wardens at all. Flagg of Marion, made a good talk against the bill, but to no purpose.

A measure providing for the appointment of supreme court commissioners was read a second time and referred to the judiciary committee.

Young's bill, providing for exempt certificates for volunteer Astoria firemen, was taken up, read a second and a third time, and passed.

A special order for 10:30 was at this time brought up and passed. The measure amends section 291, title 1, chapter 3, Hill's code, and its effect will be to take the publication of sheriff's sale notices out of the hands of the sheriff and place it in the hands of the judgment debtor or his attorney.

A bill by Reeder, relative to the correction of defects in deeds for lands sold under execution, etc., came up for final passage. The vote stood: Ayes 17, noes 41, absent 2. Reeder himself voted in the negative, promising to bring the bill up in another form later in the session.

A bill by Moody provides for a change in the Oregon law relative to the commission of nonresident attorneys to practice, so as to make it conform with the statutory law of Washington, thereby allowing Oregon attorneys to handle legal business in Washington.

Curtis' bill to regulate and protect sturgeon-fishing was, on motion of Roberts, made a special order for 3 P. M. Monday. The measure protects sturgeon from March 1 to November 1.

The senate bill conferring authority upon Eugene divinity school to issue degrees and diplomas was read the first and second times and referred to the committee on education.

JOSEPH SIMON NAMED.

Republican Caucus Chose for Senator—Corbett Withdrew From the Race.

State Senator Joseph Simon, of Portland, was nominated for United States senator Friday night by a caucus of 63 Republican members of the legislature.

Without nominating speeches or any other method of putting forth candidates to be voted for under a secret ballot, Simon received 41 of the 63 votes, and he was subsequently declared the unanimous choice of the caucus, on motion of Senator Fulton, of Clatsop.

Corbett's Letter of Withdrawal.

When the caucus had assembled, with Senator Michell, of Wasco, in the chair, and Representative Moody, of Multnomah, as secretary, the organization that was first effected by the regular Republicans, there was a roll-call, and then Representative Ross, of Multnomah, in careful terms announced the definite withdrawal of Mr. Corbett's name as a candidate, and read the following letter:

"Portland, Or., Oct. 6.—Gentlemen of the Republican Caucus of the Oregon Legislature: I am sensible of the honor which you have conferred on me in making me the Republican caucus nominee for United States senator. Although I have been assured of the support of a large number of friends to the end, and notwithstanding that I am the majority candidate as declared in the caucus, I am convinced that my continued candidacy for senator would precipitate a deadlock and tend to disrupt the party, creating sores which it would require a long time to heal. For a period of 40 years I have given the party the warmest affection and the best service of which I am capable. I do not now desire any personal ambition of mine to stand in the way of party harmony or of the continued triumph of Republican principles. I am therefore constrained to withdraw my name as a candidate. In doing so, I desire to assure my friends and the party of my continued zeal and active co-operation in permanently securing the important principles for which we have so earnestly contended.

"I beg leave to thank my friends for the loyal and generous support which they have accorded me. I earnestly hope that without further delay a senator may be elected who is and has been in accord with the sound financial principles of the party as embodied in the Astoria platform. Very respectfully yours, H. W. CORBETT."

SESSIONS WERE SHORT.

Senatorial Question Overshadowed Legislation at Salem.

The senatorial question quite overshadowed legislation Friday. Both houses attended to some routine work in the morning, and then adjourned.

The Senate.

In the senate, Kuykendall's bill defining the qualifications of voters at school elections, which lacked one vote of passing Friday, was brought forward again as a new bill, by unanimous consent, and finally passed under suspension of the rules. The property qualification of the present bill is only \$100, which must stand on the assessment roll to the credit of the voter in the regular assessment prior to the election at which he or she is then qualified to vote. The new measure also provides that in school districts having less than 1,000 inhabitants, a widow or male citizen, otherwise qualified, may vote without the property qualification, if he or she have children of school age in the district.

The committee on ways and means reported back to the senate a joint resolution authorizing the secretary of state to turn over to the officers of the Indian war veteran camps copies of the history of the Indian wars. The resolution was adopted.

Mulkey offered an amendment to the house joint resolution providing for the payment of \$1.50 per day to rejected recruits by adding that the further sum of \$3 per month be paid to those mustered into the service, and that such payment continue until they are mustered out. The amendment was debated. The resolution and amendment were referred to the committee on judiciary.

The house joint resolution appropriating \$25,000 to rebuild the burned portion of the Oregon agricultural college was referred to the ways and means committee, which is to report Saturday at 10 A. M.

Senator Adams called up the bill authorizing school districts to contract debts. It was read a second time, and under suspension read a third time and passed.

In the House.

The chief measure before the house was the Hill registration bill. Hill made a strong speech in favor of its passage, showing the great necessity for such protection of the ballot-box, and urging it for the favorable consideration of the members. His was the only speech upon the bill, which was passed by a vote of 48 to 10.

Selling's bill fixing the compensation of the district attorney for the fourth judicial district was referred to the Multnomah delegation.

The committee on education reported back a measure providing a suitable time for holding teachers' quarterly examinations, with the recommendation that it be not passed.

OREGON'S SENATOR.

Joseph Simon, the Caucus Nominee Gets 64 Republican Votes on First Ballot.

The nominee of Friday night's public caucus, Joseph Simon, was Saturday regularly chosen United States senator by the legislature in joint session. He received the full Republican vote, except that of Senator Kuykendall, who was absent. All the members seemed to recognize the binding force of the caucus, and there was no attempt to evade or disregard it.

The result was as follows:

Simon.....	64
Bonnett.....	23
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Joseph Simon.

Joseph Simon, the new United States senator from Oregon, was born in Germany in 1851. The family moved to California when Joseph was but one year old, and, after five years' residence there, came to Oregon, in 1857. Since that time Mr. Simon has continuously resided in the city of Portland. He obtained his education in the public schools of Portland. In 1872 he was admitted to the bar, and is now, for many years past has been a member of the law firm of Dolph, Mallory & Simon.

In 1877 Mr. Simon was elected to the city council of Portland, and served as a councilman for three years. In 1878 he was elected secretary of the Republican state central committee, and managed the state campaign of that year. In 1880, 1884 and 1888 he was chosen chairman of the Republican state central committee of Oregon, and had charge of the national and state campaigns of those years in Oregon. In 1892 he was chosen a delegate to the Republican national convention, which met at Minneapolis, and was there selected as the member of the national committee for Oregon. In 1880, 1884, 1888, 1894 and 1898 Mr. Simon was elected to the state senate from Multnomah county. At the expiration of the present term, to which he has just been re-elected, he will have served 20 years as a member of that body.

At the sessions of the state senate of 1889, 1891, 1895 and 1897, and the special session of 1898, Mr. Simon was chosen president of the senate, and the state having no lieutenant-governor, he presided over the senate and over the joint conventions of both houses.

In the Senate.

The senate resolution providing for a constitutional amendment repealing the clause creating the office of state printer was passed Saturday.

The house bill creating the office of game and forestry warden in each county was called up by Senator Michell as a special order of business for the hour, and read the first time.

The committee on ways and means reported back the house joint resolution providing for an emergency appropriation of \$25,000 for the Oregon agricultural college at Corvallis. The senate did not concur.

A bill by Dufur to provide for payment of justice court fees into the county treasury was read for the first time.

A senate bill by Morrow, fixing the time for holding terms of circuit court in the sixth judicial district, was read a second and third times, under suspension of the rules, and passed.

A bill by Harmon to protect elk, deer and other game was read the first time.

Hill's registration bill was read the first and second times, and referred to the committee on printing.

A house bill granting Astoria firemen privileges of exemption was read the first and second times, and under suspension the third time, and passed.

A house bill authorizing the county court of Multnomah county to acquire and operate a ferry at Sellwood was read the first time.

In the House.

The Sellwood ferry bill, by Beach, was introduced in the house Saturday, read a first and second times, and passed by a vote of 56 to 8. The bill authorizes Multnomah county to establish, acquire and operate a free ferry at Sellwood.

Maxwell introduced a bill for the regulation of fees to be charged and collected by the county clerk of Tillamook county. Under suspension of rules the bill was read the first, second and third times and passed.

Speaker Carter this morning signed the senate bill establishing a free ferry at Corvallis, and the bill abolishing the railroad commission.

Young's fisheries bill, reported on favorably, was read a second time and referred to the committee on fisheries.

Hon. J. H. McClung was extended the courtesies of the house. A resolution providing for an appropriation of \$25,000 to rebuild the mechanical hall at the agricultural college came up in a new form Saturday. Nichols of Benton introducing a bill providing for an appropriation of that amount.

A committee appointed to look into the cost of the house calendar reported that the average cost daily during the extra session was \$26.11, and that it could probably be printed for \$17.50 if unnecessary items were omitted. The report was amended to read: "That the calendar shall not be printed again during this extra session at a cost to exceed \$20 per day."