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Oregon Again Secures Good Position—
Washington Correspondent is Pleased
at the Success of Oregonians.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23, 1899.
EDITOR CHRONICLE:

It has been shown that our state has been handsomely recognized in the organization of the senate. Now that the house is in working order, Oregon has similar reasons for satisfaction. Some newspaper man at home lately made the criticism that Oregon representatives would arrive here too late to acquire suitable places on congressional committees, but the writer who thus belittled can reverse the criticism then made and possess his soul in patience, with some little faith that there is tact as well as brains at work to further Oregon's interests.

The success for our state in the past, to secure appropriations for important objects, was greatly due to the fact that we had good workers on both house and senate committees. Usually there were members on the same committee in each house, who worked to advantage to secure legislation and win appropriations. This was instanced when Senator Dolph was on the senate committee for rivers and harbors and Representative Hermann on the similar house committee, as by working together their influence was productive of good results. It was the remark of all statesmen that for years (when that was the case) Oregon secured far more money appropriated for rivers and harbors, in proportion to representation, than any other state in the union.

This fact was so well appreciated, and matters so well handled, that although our members were not here in advance of the opening of congress, the representation of Oregon on committees is all that can be reasonably asked for, and greater, considerably, than the majority of members possess. A morning paper tells an amusing anecdote of a member of the house from Chicago, who approached the speaker with smiling face and made the remark that he felt proud of belonging to one very important committee. Speaker Henderson expressed his gratification that the honorable gentleman was pleased and inquired what committee he referred to. The answer was "I am a member of the committee of the whole." Indeed, though from an imperial city, he had been appointed to but one very immaterial position.

And this was not an isolated instance. There are other members of the house who serve on no important committees, which greatly restricts their influence. It usually requires experience and service to place a member where he can command position on influential committees. In the senate there are ninety members, and at present there are five vacancies. The membership of the house is 356, four times that of the senate when full. As there are the same committees in each, the chance for position is four times as good in the house as in the senate. This will show that Oregon has been well treated and proves that some good work was done to secure it. The pressure for important positions is very great. Speaker Henderson must have a very friendly feeling toward our state to place Mr. Tongue as

he does, and to put Mr. Moody, a new member, on three different committees. Such result is not achieved at haphazard, so it is safe to imagine good management somewhere.

Rivers and harbors was the committee where Mr. Hermann was so successful at the time when Mr. Dolph was in the senate and member of the same committee there, and they worked together so successfully. It was conceded that no representative had ever achieved so much for his state as did Hermann, but that was greatly due to having had an efficient ally in the senate.

Two congresses later we find Mr. Tongue on the house committee, as Mr. Hermann had been, while Senator McBride fills the similar place on the senate committee that Mr. Dolph did afloat. The labors of those two should so harmonize as to secure valuable results. Tongue is also chairman of the house committee for irrigation and reclamation of arid lands, of which Ellis was formerly chairman, Senator Simon being a member of the corresponding committee in the senate. These two positions place the senior Oregon member in good shape before congress. Rivers and harbors is a very important committee and efforts had to be made to secure it. He succeeded where many influential men failed. This speaks well for him personally and confirms the fact as to the speaker's friendly feeling for our state, as well as for its representatives. Any one not aware of the conditions and contingencies that attend congressional life may not be able to appreciate fully as to the value of committee appointments.

Mr. Moody is a new member and few new men obtain important positions on committees. It must be borne in mind that each house has nearly the same committees; but it is, for reasons stated, much more difficult to obtain good places in the house.

Mr. Moody is also a member of the committee on public lands, another committee in which Oregon is greatly interested and of much value to the nation. In this he follows his predecessor, Mr. Ellis, a recognition that Oregon is one of the public land states, so is interested. This is a position new members seldom fill at the first session. As Senator McBride is on the corresponding senate committee, here is another instance where Oregon is well represented. There is as much in possessing tact as in doing hard work or hard work, so we can pleasantly realize that matters have been well managed to secure such high standing.

Mr. Moody is also on mines and mining, that covers great questions, and on expenditures in the interior department. As a new member he has cause to feel complimented by appointment on these good committees. I cannot say how he was so fortunate, but know that he has reason to believe that his congressional career opens auspiciously.

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NOTICE.
STATE OF OREGON,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
SALEM, NOV. 21, 1899.

In accordance with the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act submitting to the Electors of the State of Oregon at the general election to be held on the first Monday in June, 1900, the pending Proposed Constitutional Amendments," approved February 18, 1899, T. T. Geer, Governor of the State of Oregon, do hereby certify the following proposed amendments to the Constitution of the State of Oregon, as certified to by the Secretary of State, to be published for five consecutive weeks in THE DALLAS CHRONICLE, a newspaper published in the Seventh Judicial District of the State of Oregon.

Done at the Capitol, at Salem, Oregon, this 21st day of November, A. D. 1899.
T. T. GEER, Governor.

By the Governor:
F. L. DUNBAR, Secretary of State.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION, NO. 1.
Be it resolved by the senate, the House concurring: That the following amendment to the Constitution of the State of Oregon be and is hereby proposed:

That section 10 of Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Oregon be and the same is hereby amended, and in lieu thereof section 10 of Article XI shall be as follows:

ARTICLE XI.
Section 10. No county, city, town, school district or other territory or district shall be allowed to become indebted in any manner or for any purpose to an amount exceeding in the aggregate the aggregate amount of the taxable property therein to be ascertained by the last assessment for state and county taxes previous to the incurring of such indebtedness.

Adopted by the Senate, January 30, 1899.
C. W. FULTON, President of the Senate.
W. F. KEADY, Speaker of the House.

Adopted by the Senate, January 31, 1899.
JOSEPH SIMON, President of the Senate.
CHAS. B. MOORE, Speaker of the House.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION, NO. 13.
Be it resolved by the senate, the House concurring: That the following amendment to the Constitution of the State of Oregon, in lieu of section Ten of Article seven (7), be and the same is hereby proposed, to-wit:

SECTION TEN.
The Legislative Assembly may provide for the election of supreme and circuit judges in distinct classes, one of which classes shall consist of five justices of the supreme court, who shall not perform circuit duty; and the other class shall consist of as many circuit judges as may be deemed necessary, who shall hold full terms without assignment and who shall take the same oath as the supreme judges.

The Legislative Assembly may create as many circuits as may be necessary.

Adopted by the Senate, February 14, 1899.
C. W. FULTON, President of the Senate.
Concurred in by the House, February 13, 1899.
W. F. KEADY, Speaker of the House.

Adopted by the Senate, January 31, 1899.
JOSEPH SIMON, President of the Senate.
Concurred in by the House, February 6, 1899.
CHAS. B. MOORE, Speaker of the House.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION, NO. 10.
Resolved by the House, the Senate concurring: That the following amendment to the Constitution of the State of Oregon be and hereby is proposed:

That the Constitution be amended by adding Article XIX, as follows, to-wit:

ARTICLE XIX.
Section 1. The necessary uses of lands for the construction of reservoirs or storage basins for the purpose of irrigation or for rights of way for the construction of canals, ditches, flumes or pipes to convey water to the place of use for any other private or public purpose, or for drainage, or for drainage of mines or the works thereof, by means of roads, railroads, tramways, cuts, tunnels, shafts, holding works, drains, or other structures, or for the complete development or any other use necessary to the complete development of the natural resources of the state or preservation of the health of its inhabitants, is hereby declared to be public property and is hereby declared to be held in public trust and subject to the regulation and control of the state.

Section 2. The right to appropriate the unappropriated water of any stream to beneficial uses shall never be denied.

Section 3. The use of all waters now appropriated for sale, rental or distribution, also all other water, private or public, for irrigation, but which, after such appropriation, has heretofore been or may hereafter be sold, rented or distributed, is hereby declared to be a public use and subject to the regulation and control of the state in the manner prescribed by law. But the right to use and appropriate such waters shall be subject to such provisions of law for the benefit of private property as may be hereafter provided in section 3, Article 1 of the Constitution of the State of Oregon.

Section 4. The right to collect taxes or compensation for the use of water applied to irrigation, city, town or water districts or family uses thereof, is hereby created, and cannot be exercised except by authority of and in a manner prescribed by law.

Adopted by the House, February 15, 1899.
W. F. KEADY, Speaker of the House.
Signed March 7, 1899.

Adopted by the Senate, February 17, 1899.
C. W. FULTON, President of the Senate.
(Signed March 28, 1899.)

Adopted by the House, February 15, 1899.
CHAS. B. MOORE, Speaker of the House.
Concurred in by the Senate, February 17, 1899.
JOSEPH SIMON, President of the Senate.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION, NO. 2.
proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the state of Oregon, by repealing section 35 of Article I.

Resolved by the House, the senate concurring; That section 35 of Article I of the Constitution be and hereby is repealed.

Adopted by the House, January 31, 1899.
W. F. KEADY, speaker of the House.
Concurred in by the Senate, January 30, 1899.
C. W. FULTON, President of the Senate.

Adopted by the House, January 30, 1899.
CHAS. B. MOORE, Speaker of the House.
Concurred in by the Senate, February 14, 1899.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION, NO. 7.
Be it resolved by the Senate, the House concurring: That the following amendment to the Constitution of the State of Oregon be and is hereby proposed:

ARTICLE I.
The elective franchise in this State shall not hereafter be prohibited to any citizen on account of sex.

Adopted by the Senate, February 6, 1899.
JOSEPH SIMON, President of the Senate.
Adopted by the House, February 6, 1899.
CHAS. B. MOORE, Speaker of the House.
Adopted by the Senate, January 31, 1899.
C. T. TAYLOR, President of the Senate.
Adopted by the House, January 31, 1899.
E. V. CARTER, Speaker of the House.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
STATE OF OREGON,
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE,
I, F. L. DUNBAR, Secretary of State of the State of Oregon and Custodian of the Seal of said State do hereby certify that I have compared the preceding copy of Senate Joint Resolution No. 4 of the Legislative Assembly of 1899, entitled "Municipal Indebtedness Amendment" with the original copy of said resolution as filed in this office, and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and the whole thereof.

In TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed hereto the seal of the State of Oregon.
Done at the Capitol, at Salem, Oregon, this Third day of November, A. D. 1899.
F. L. DUNBAR,
Secretary of State.

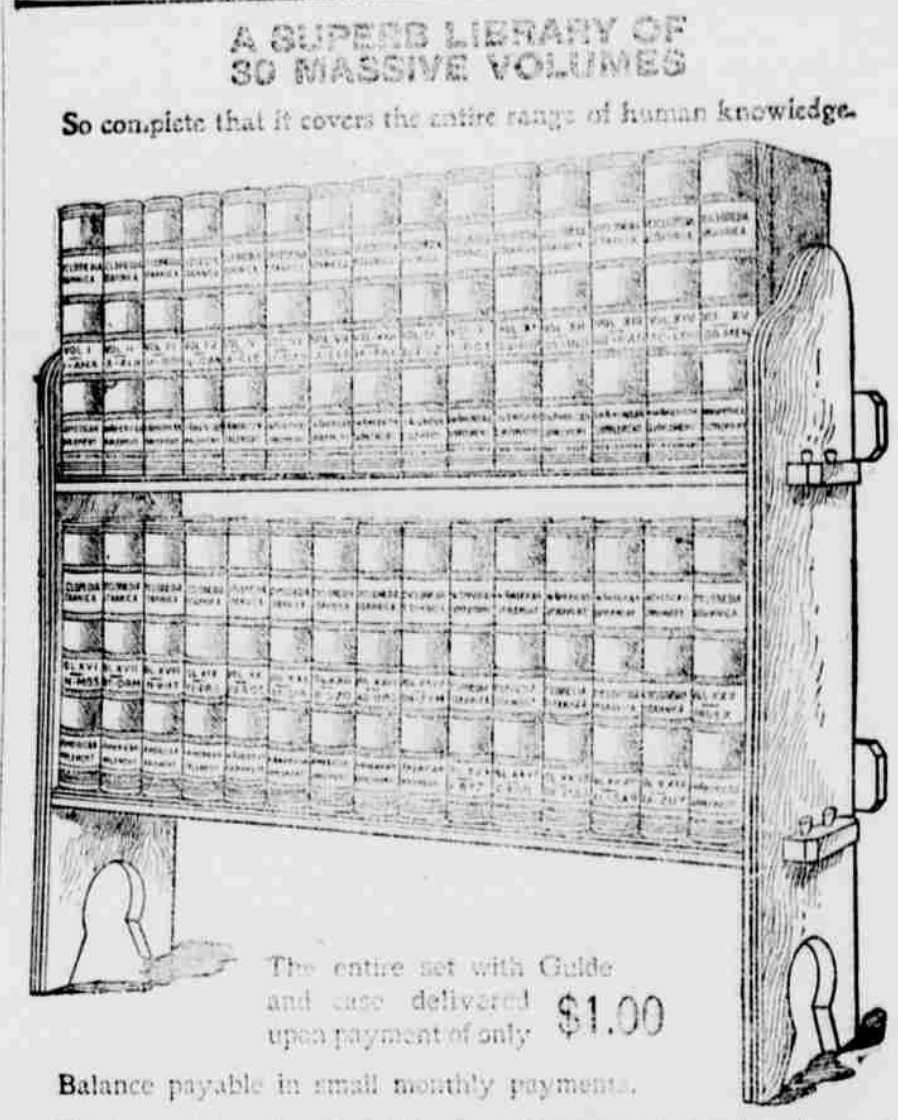
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