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For the Farmer,
Rock Point Farmers' Club.
 Rock Point, Marion Co.,
 Sept. 14, 1872.

Club met pursuant to adjournment. President and Secretary both absent. Mr. G. W. Hunt was elected President, and F. S. Matteson, Secretary, *pro tem.*

Dr. Matteson read an essay on "Plant Food," and after remarks by Hunt, Gleason, and Ashby, a motion was made and carried, that a copy of the address be requested for publication in the WILLAMETTE FARMER. The question for discussion,—How best to get rid of squirrels—was taken up.

Mr. Ashby would take it for granted that the squirrels were not to appear in the discussion, and deny our right to kill them, as that might change the features of the matter. Did not blame the squirrels, but proposed to outwit them if possible. Thought it would not do to feed them, to induce them to let the crops alone, and concluded finally it was best to kill them. Had tried different plans of using poison. Found none satisfactory, suggested that a premium be offered to the boys for scalps.

Mr. Gleason suggested smothering them in their holes with fumes of burning brimstone. Thought it dangerous to use poison, and proposed terriers as squirrel catchers.

Mr. Morley had tried different plans, but had been most successful with his rifle.

Mr. Stewart had tried to raise wheat and squirrels in the same field, but failed of success. Had used phosphorus to poison them, and considered it safer than strychnine. If every one would destroy the squirrels they could be lessened; but where some killed, and some raised, no headway was made.

Mr. Douthet, had had no acquaintance with the animal, and was glad to hear the question discussed.

Mr. Hunt had watched the "brimstone plan," and once thought it would "up" them, but found it was not a success, on account of the porous nature of the soil which let the smoke escape. Had tried dogs and steel traps, and should buy no more strychnine. Endorsed traps if a man had boys to attend them; a man without boys was out of luck (that's me). Said the State Agricultural Society had offered premiums for scalps, and thought this society should do so.

Dr. Matteson proposed eating the squirrels to get rid of them. In all new countries, the edible animals, the deer, rabbits, woodchucks, squirrels, grouse, pheasants, quails, &c., disappear on the approach of man, for he eats them up. These squirrels are as edible and palatable as the other animals mentioned, and nothing but an unfounded prejudice prevents our eating them. Only let it become fashionable to have "squirrels for breakfast," and they will disappear.

Mr. Carter had been most successful by trapping; did not approve of the poisoning process. Here the discussion ended.

Mr. Gleason gave notice to offer at next meeting, a resolution to compel attendance of members.

Motion to appoint a committee to

revise the Constitution and By-Laws, offered at last meeting, was taken up and adopted. The Chair appointed Messrs. Gleason, Matteson and Stewart.

On motion, the question chosen for discussion at next meeting, was: Dogs, and legislation connected therewith.

The report of the committee appointed at last meeting, to confer with Highland Club, in regard to the sale of wheat, was called for. Committee reported that one member had gone to the mountains after a quartz lead, and the other had traded horses the day before the Highland Club was to meet, and "got set on foot," therefore could not well go. Report received, and committee instructed to attend to their duties at next meeting of Highland Club.

On motion, resolved to invite the Highland Club to meet with us and discuss the dog question, at our next meeting.

On motion the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

WHEREAS, The depredations of dogs committed in the State of Oregon, is a serious injury to the community generally, and to those engaged in the industry of sheep husbandry in particular, which calls for legislative action, therefore be it

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Chair, whose duty it shall be to prepare a bill, accompanied by a suitable petition, to be presented to the present session of our State Legislature, covering this matter, and submit the same to the next regular meeting of this society.

Motion carried that the President act as one of this committee and the Chair appointed Messrs. Douthet and Ashby.

Motion carried to suspend the rules and admit to membership, Messrs. Levi Douthet and John Hannah.

Chair appointed Mr. Ashby to prepare an essay to be read at next meeting.

On motion adjourned to meet on the second Saturday of Oct. next, at 1 o'clock.

F. S. MATTESON,
Sec. pro tem.

The Legislature.

SENATE—MORNING SESSION.
 Senate met at 10 A. M. Prayer by Rev. Gustavus Hines.

Mr. Cornelius from select committee on conference regarding the appointment of a Joint Committee, to take into consideration that part of the Governor's message relating to re-appointment, suggested the propriety of appointing four from the House and three from the Senate.

Cornelius moved the adoption of the report. Lost.

He then moved the committee be discharged. Lost.

Bristow introduced S. B. No. 29, to amend the laws preventing fraud in elections, read first time and 100 copies ordered printed.

Hanna introduced S. B. No. 30, amending the act appointing a Register of State Lands at La Grande. Read first time and 100 copies ordered printed.

Cornelius introduced S. B. No. 31, designating the Pacific University at Forrest Grove, the State University. Read first time and on consent, read second time by title and referred to committee on Education with authority to have printed if necessary.

S. B. No. 3, for the protection of game and fish, was read the third time and put upon its final passage, and was passed by a vote of 16 to 6.

H. B. No. 3, to amend an act incorporating the city of Jacksonville—No. 17, to amend an act regulating ferries—No. 19, to incorporate the city of Roseburg—No. 22, to amend State Laws relating to the rights of aliens—No. 27, incorporating the town of Forrest Grove were read the first time.

SENATE ADJOURNED.

AFTERNOON SESSION.
 Senate resumed at 2 P. M. Twenty members present.

Hanna presented a petition from the citizens, praying for a change of the county seat of Union County from La Grande to Union.

The Judiciary Committee reported back the following bills:

S. B. No. 13, relating to the rights of married women. The amendments were adopted, the bill ordered engrossed for third reading.

S. B. No. 11, amending certain portions of State Laws. Ordered engrossed for third reading.

S. B. No. 22, reading of patents, decrees, conveyances. Ordered engrossed for third reading.

S. B. No. 23, regulating civil and criminal procedure in Justice's Courts. Ordered engrossed for third reading.

Mr. Strahan's resolution empowering the Joint Committee on commerce to employ a clerk was adopted.

Mr. Hoult gave notice of a bill to locate the State University.

H. J. R. No. 12, relating to depredations of Indians and compensation for said depredations was unanimously concurred in.

S. B. No. 25, relating to the sale of tide lands was read second time, and referred to Committee on Public Lands.

S. B. No. 26 amending an act appropriating funds for the construction of a steamboat canal at Willamette Falls referred to the committee on Corporations.

SENATE ADJOURNED.

HOUSE—MORNING SESSION.
 SALEM, Sept. 25, 1872.

The House met at 10 A. M. At Roll call five members were absent. The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

S. B. No. 28 providing for mileage of Legislators was read first time. Also S. B. No. 7 providing for the regulation of enclosures.

Mr. Burbank offered a remonstrance to a petition to grant a charter to the town of Lafayette, and had the same referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. La Dow offered a petition asking aid for the construction of a tree wagon road across the Blue Mountains and had the same referred to a select committee.

Mr. Simpson offered a petition relative to a petition concerning a temperance law; which was laid on the table for the present.

Mr. Allen, for the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported back H. B. No. 25 as Engrossed.

Mr. Congle offered a report of the Committee on Conference, asking that another member be added to that Committee. The report was adopted and Mr. Harrison appointed to the Committee.

Mr. Burbank gave notice that he would introduce a bill to amend certain portions of the laws of Oregon on Corporations.

Mr. La Dow offered H. R. No. 18 referring to the report of Secretary of State.

Mr. Caples gave notice that he would introduce a bill relating to the Agricultural School Lands. Also, a bill concerning the appointment of a State Theologist.

H. B. No. 41 was introduced to provide for a road up the south bank of the Columbia River, and read first time.

Mr. Corwin introduced H. B. No. 41 to amend certain portions of the Statute referring to privileges of citizens—passed to a second reading.

Mr. Martin, H. B. No. 42 to amend the law regulating the appointment of road supervisors—Passed to a second reading.

Mr. Burbank, H. B. No. 44 to regulate the time of holding the Supreme and Circuit Courts in the several districts—passed to a second reading.

Mr. Johnson, H. J. R. No. 13 referring to the hostility of Indians in this State,—unanimously adopted.

Mr. Darst, H. B. No. 45 to amend and Act providing for the taking up of strays—passed to a second reading.

Mr. Caples, H. B. No. 46 providing for the formation of a ecclesiastical corporation for the purpose of holding church property. Also, H. B. No. 47 to amend an Act to incorporate the City of East Portland. Both were passed at a second reading.

Mr. La Dow, H. B. No. 48 to amend a portion of the statute referring to strays; passed to a second reading.

Message from the Senate, stating that H. J. R. No. 7 referring to report of Joint Committee on re-appointment had been received and acted upon; that the Senate refused to adopt the report, and requested that the same be remitted for reconsideration; which was done.

Mr. Burbank offered a resolution, that the Senate be invited to meet the House at 12 M to-day, for the election of U. S. Senator—adopted.

Mr. Patton introduced H. B. No. 49 authorizing the Secretary of State to sell certain copies of the Code at 85 per copy.

The House took a recess of 15 minutes.

HOUSE—AFTERNOON SESSION
 Senate Bill No. 6, to amend an act defining the boundaries of Grant county, read and referred to Committee on Counties.

H. B. No. 21, providing for the erection of a State Capital Building, was reported back by the Committee on Ways and Means, and its passage recommended. After a debate, in which a number of the members participated the bill was made the special order for 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Message from the Senate informing the House that S. J. R. No. 8, relating to powers of Committee on Commerce &c, had been adopted. Same was concurred in by the House.

Message from the Senate informing the House that S. J. R. No. 13, relative to compensation of settlers in Eastern Oregon for depredations of Indians had been concurred in.

H. B. No. 20, providing for soldiers bounties &c, was reported back by Mr. Simpson, with certain amendments suggested, which were adopted, when the bill was referred to a committee of the whole, to be taken up at 3 o'clock to-morrow.

H. B. No. 18, referring to the selection of jurors was referred to the Judiciary Committee with instructions.

Mr. Congle introduced H. B. No. 20, to relieve J. C. Hawthorn, which was passed to a second reading. Also gave notice that he would introduce a bill to provide for supplying the city of Portland with water.

H. B. No. 19, was passed to provide for affording the best possible accommodation to ladies at the election for United States Senator.

House adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

HOUSE—MORNING SESSION.
 SALEM, Sept. 26, 1872.

House assembled at 10 A. M., several members being absent. The Journal of yesterday was read and approved. H. B. No. 21, providing for an appropriation for the erection of a Capitol Building, which was read a third time yesterday and made the special order for 10 o'clock this morning, came up in its order. Mr. Burbank spoke in favor of the passage of the bill, but thought the appropriation asked for was too large; and thereupon offered a resolution to re-commit the bill to the Committee on Internal Affairs with instructions to strike out the words "one hundred thousand dollars," substituting in lieu thereof the words "fifty thousand dollars;" making the sum the amount of the appropriation.

Mr. Cranor offered an amendment to the resolution of Mr. Burbank to have substituted in the bill \$30,000 instead of \$50,000.

An amendment to this amendment was offered, but was ruled out of order, the bill being on its third reading.

After several arguments on the question of appropriation had been listened to, the amendment to Mr. Burbank's resolution was voted upon and lost.

Mr. Burbank then called for the ayes and noes upon his resolution, which, the roll being called resulted as follows:—Ayes 12, noes 37.

A motion that the House take a recess being voted upon and lost, the ayes and noes were called for upon the Bill, as read the third time, with the following result: Ayes 43, noes 6. The bill being passed by a majority of 37 votes.

H. B. No. 21, was then offered, to invite the Senate to meet the House in joint convention at 12 M to-day, to vote for United States Senator, and adopted.

Mr. Hirsch then offered a resolution, that the Joint Convention resume at 2 o'clock this P. M., and continue to ballot for United States Senator until a Senator should be elected; on account of the great loss of time resulting from the assembling of the Joint Convention from day to day.

On motion this resolution was laid on the table. The House then took a recess.

HOUSE—AFTERNOON SESSION.
 House met immediately after the adjournment of the Joint Convention, and adjourned to 10 A. M. to-morrow.

SENATE—MORNING SESSION.
 Senate met at 10 A. M. S. B. No. 13, was reported back by the Judiciary Committee and its passage recommended.

Committee on Claims reported back S. B. No. 16, recommended its passage.

The Committee on Engrossment reported S. B. No. 11, 13, 22 and 23 truly engrossed.

Mr. Hirstow introduced S. B. No. 32, authorizing the Governor to appoint Gen. E. L. Applegate a Commissioner of Immigration &c. The Bill passed its first reading.

S. B. No. 29, to prevent frauds in election, passed its second reading and was returned to the Committee on Elections.

S. B. No. 29, to amend an act creating the office of State Register at La Grande, passed its second reading and was referred to committee on Public Lands.

S. B. No. 11, relating to certain amendments in State laws, passed by a vote of 15 to 6.

S. B. No. 13, relating to the rights of married women, passed by a vote of 20 to 2.

S. B. No. 22, requiring the recording of patents, decrees &c, of real estate, passed by a vote of 20 to 2.

S. B. No. 23, to regulate civil and criminal procedures in Justice's Courts, passed by a vote of 21 to 1.

S. B. No. 13, to provide for the construction of a wagon road through Grant and Baker counties, made the special order for 10 A. M. to-morrow.

Cornelius offered a resolution enjoining the Senate to vote against an adjournment of Joint Convention after first ballot. Lost by a vote of 12 to 10.

Senate adjourned to meet in Joint Convention.

Both Houses met at 12 M, for the purpose of electing a U. S. Senator.

The following gentlemen were placed in nomination:

Geo. H. Mitchell, W. H. Corbett, J. H. Slater, N. H. Cranor, L. L. McArthur and P. P. Prim.

The roll being called, the result was as follows: Mitchell, 33; Corbett, 10; Slater, 8; Cranor, 5; Prim, 9; McArthur, 6.

Neither candidate receiving a majority, the assembly took a recess until 2 P. M.

SENATE—AFTERNOON SESSION.
 Senate resumed at 2:15 P. M.

Mr. Bristow moved an adjournment—lost.

Mr. Patterson moved the Senate resolve itself into a committee of the whole—carried.

On motion of Mr. Strahan took up H. B. No. 9, to amend an act relating to elections and the mode of filling vacancies in office. There was a lengthy discussion on the various amendments offered by members, but it was finally adopted by sections.

The bill is an important one, changing the present mode of voting to the ballot.

On motion of Mr. Fay the committee rose and reported the bill back to the Senate, and recommended its reference to the Committee on Elections.

Senate adjourned.

HOUSE—MORNING SESSION.
 SALEM, Sept. 27—'72.

House assembled at 10 A. M. Six members absent. Journal of yesterday read and approved.

The Judiciary Committee reported back H. B. No. 3, amending the Portland Police bill and recommended its passage. On motion the bill was considered engrossed and read the third time. No objection being made the bill was put upon its final passage and passed unanimously.

Mr. Engle offered H. B. No. 22, to invite Mrs. A. J. Dunaway to a seat within the bar of the House, and directing the Sergeant at Arms to provide her with a table &c. Adopted.

H. B. No. 23, empowering the Speaker to employ an extra clerk, was offered and adopted.

H. B. No. 14, to instruct the committee on lands to make certain examinations and report, was taken up and adopted.

H. B. No. 25, allowing clerks elected by the House the same amount of postage stamps as members. Amended to include Sgt. at Arms and door-keeper. Amended a second time so as to include the reporters. The whole matter was laid on the table.

H. B. No. 12 and 10, were reported back as correctly engrossed.

H. J. R. No. 13, was reported as correctly enrolled.

H. B. No. 20, to aid the County Commissioner of Douglas county in building a bridge over North Umpqua River near Winchester, read and referred to Committee on Roads and Highways.

H. B. No. 40, providing for the construction of a wagon road from Tillamook Bay to Clatsop Plains, read and referred to Committee on Roads and Highways.

Mr. Speaker gave notice that he had signed House Joint Memorial No. 1.

H. B. No. 41, providing for the construction of a road up the south bank of the Columbia River, read and referred to Committee on Roads and Highways.

H. B. No. 42, to amend laws of Oregon relating to qualification of voters, referred to a select committee.

H. B. No. 43, referring to appointment of Road Supervisors, referred to Committee on Roads and Highways.

H. B. No. 44, regulating the time for holding the Supreme and Circuit Courts, referred to Judiciary Committee.

H. B. No. 51, introduced and, on motion, read by title.

On motion the regular order of business was suspended to take up H. R. No. 22, asking the House to vote in Joint Convention that that body resume after a recess for the purpose of taking additional ballot or ballots for U. S. Senator, and which was laid on the table yesterday. On being put to vote the resolution was lost.

H. B. No. 52, relating to State Geologists, was introduced according to previous notice and passed to second reading.

On motion the Supreme Court and State officers were invited to seats within the bar of the House during the Joint Convention.

House then took a recess of ten minutes.

HOUSE—AFTERNOON SESSION.
 H. B. No. 45, to amend an act referring to taking up of strays, read second time and referred to a select committee—Messrs. Darst, La Dow and Ginde.

H. B. No. 46, to provide for ecclesiastical corporations for the purpose of holding church property &c, read second time and referred to Committee on Corporations.

H. B. No. 47, amending an act to incorporate the city of East Portland, read second time and referred to members of Multnomah counties.

H. B. No. 49, authorizing the Secretary of State to sell remaining copies of the Code at 25 per copy, read second time, and, on suspension of the rules, was put on its third reading and passed.

H. B. No. 48, amending the General Laws referring to taking up strays. Motion to suspend rules, read by title and refer to same committee as H. B. No. 45. Carried.

H. B. No. 50, an act to relieve J. C. Hawthorn, read second time and referred to Committee on Claims.

S. B. No. 7, amending an act regulating enclosures, read second time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

S. B. No. 10, providing for the construction of a wagon road through Jackson, Grant and Baker counties. On motion, Rules were suspended.

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