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EIGHTH REGULAR SESSION.

HOUSE.

TUESDAY, Sept. 22.

Session was opened with prayer by Rev. Addison Jones of Salem.
Mr. Dully offered H J Memorial, asking for the improvement of the bar of Coquille river, by aid from Congress.
Mr. Lame presented a petition favoring a local option law.
Mr. Reed offered a Resolution for a Joint Committee on railroads. Adopted.
Mr. Fidler moved to take from the table resolution relating to Dalles and Sandy Waggon Road, which carried.
On motion of Steen, the resolution was adopted, and Chair appointed Messrs. Dufur, Scott and Plymale as committee on same.
Committee on case of Mr. Jeffers of Clatsop, made report, which was referred to Judiciary Committee.

BILLS READ FIRST TIME.

Mr. Laughlin introduced—H B No 14—To amend game law.
Mr. Johnson—H B No 15—To provide bounties for scalps of wild animals.
Mr. Laughlin—H B No 16—To amend law relating to road Supervisors.
Mr. Matlock—H B No 17—To repeal game law.
A motion was made to reject this bill and elicited much discussion.
Mr. Matlock showed how the game law affected those who lived near the mountains, as it prevented destruction of wolves that killed sheep.
Mr. Bristow showed how inefficient the game law is down the Columbia.
Mr. Johnson defended the pioneers and mountaineers, who were injured by the game law, in a vigorous speech.
Mr. Bruce advocated the repeal of the game law and showed that it is continually violated.
Mr. Noyer took the same view of the case.
Mr. Curt said that every law should be repealed as soon as it appeared that it could not be enforced.
Mr. Fidler opposed the rejection of the bill.
Mr. Reed of Marion was with the pioneers.
On the other hand the friends of the game law were:
Mr. Bradshaw who showed ability as a speaker, and for the first time addressed the House at length.
Messrs. Stern, Galloway, Loughlin and Gilbert all took ground in favor of protecting game, and favoring the rejection of this bill.
The House refused to reject the bill.
Mr. Stott introduced H B No 18, amending law to collect toll on bridges.
Mr. Dufur introduced resolution allowing Gilbert Reynolds, contestant from Grant county, mileage and seven days per diem—same as members. Referred to Joint Committee on mileage.
Mr. Plymale gave notice of a bill for relief of Jackson county.
House adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Mr. McClung offered Resolution for a Committee of Three to inquire of the State Treasurer the condition of the loan made by the State to Baker City Academy; which was adopted.
NOTICES OF BILLS
Were given by gentlemen as follows:
Mr. Riddle—To amend school law and abolish office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.
Mr. Mays—To provide a State depository for State funds.
Mr. McGugin—Regulating fees of Justices of the Peace.
Mr. Wright of Union—To tax drummers.
Mr. Dufur—To amend act regulating fees of officers.
Mr. Riddle—For relief of Douglas county.
Mr. Bradshaw—To amend Section 1036 of Code relating to probate.
Mr. Ross—To amend act for compiling and printing laws of Oregon.
Mr. Mays introduced Resolution to instruct Ways and Means Committee to confer with Governor and Secretary of State as to clerical work required in their offices, which was adopted.
H R No 25—Was adopted, referring matter of Code, in Governor's message, to Committee on Printing, to ascertain cost of same.

BILLS READ FIRST TIME.

Mr. Gearin—H B No 20—Amending law to organize militia.
Mr. Gearin—H B No 21—To amend general laws relating to interest.
BILLS READ SECOND TIME.
H B No 6—To promote study of Anatomy referred to Committee of Whole House and gave special order for to-morrow at 1:30 P. M.
H B No 7—To amend laws relating to fees. Referred to Judiciary.
H B No 8—To prevent exhibition of human monstrosities, ordered engrossed and read third time to-morrow.
H B No 15—Swine not to run at large in counties of Tillamook, Clatsop and Wasco, referred to Committee on Claims.

BUSINESS FROM THE SENATE.

S J R No 6—For Joint Committee on Retrenchment and Reform; was read and concurred in; speaker appointed Messrs. Galloway, Stern, Kiddle, Blake, such committee.

FIRST READING OF SENATE BILLS.

S B No 1—To repeal litigant printing act.
S B No 2—To repeal act creating office of Assistant Treasurer of State.
Mr. McClung presented petition in favor of temperance, which was referred to special committee on that subject.
Mr. Reed, on motion, obtained leave of absence for Mr. Simpson, his family having sickness.

Mr. Laughlin obtained leave of absence for Mr. Dean who is unwell.

IN MEMORIAM.

Mr. Stannard offered resolutions of respect for memory N. H. Cranor, late member from Linn county, now deceased and moved adjournment, which carried.
House adjourned.

SENATE.

TUESDAY, Sept. 22.

After roll call and reading of Journal, Mr. Hanna introduced S B No 25—To fix times for holding County Court in Union county.
Mr. Myers—S B No 26—To amend act governing Assessors.
Mr. Dolph—S B No 27—To assess bank deposits.
Mr. Wisdom—S B No 27—To incorporate Ashland.
Mr. Richardson—S B No 28—To amend act relating to compensation of Clerk of Supreme Court.

BILLS READ FIRST TIME.

Mr. Myers being in the chair,
Mr. Cochran introduced a bill to amend act to regulate fees of county officers; which was read and rules suspended; and on motion of Mr. Cochran was read second time by title, and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.
Mr. Bristow, by consent, introduced S J Memorial, asking Congress to assume the debt, \$2,781 84, due George Abernethy as Provisional Governor of Oregon; which was laid on table until it could be examined into.

BILLS READ SECOND TIME.

S B No 10—To amend game law was read and referred special committee, Messrs. Richardson, Bradley, Bristow.
S B No 11—To amend Code, referred to Judiciary.
S B No 12—To regulate interest and punish usury; indefinitely postponed; 15 to 14. (This bill would repeal our present usury law.)
S B No 19—Relating to Code, referred to Judiciary.

ENGROSSED BILLS READ THIRD TIME.

S B No 1—To repeal Litigant Act; passed by a unanimous vote.
S B No 2—To repeal act creating the office of Assistant Treasurer.
Motion to refer to special committee for amendment was ruled out of order; the bill passed on final vote, Ayes, 20; Nays, 9.
The Senate, on motion of Mr. Dolph, to reconsider, and Mr. Watson to indefinitely postpone said motion; clinched the passage of the bill and made its action final and then adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

On motion, the local option petition presented by Mrs. Dr. Thompson was taken from the table and referred to Special Committee; Messrs. Owens, Crystal and Wisdom.
S B No 8—Which appropriates \$5,000 to level and cover the unfinished walls of the State Capitol; was taken from the table and referred to Committee on Public Buildings.
On motion of Mr. Dolph, the Senate took from the table the immigration bill passed at last session and vetoed by the Governor; and, on motion, further consideration was indefinitely postponed.

S B No 3—Relating to uniform course of instruction in public schools; was taken from the table and ordered to a third reading to-morrow.

The Senate concurred in House Joint Resolution appointing a Joint Committee to examine books and accounts of the State Penitentiary.
The Senate concurred in H J R to appoint a Joint Committee to examine into the condition of the salmon fisheries of our State and Messrs. Smith and Webster were appointed to such Committee on the part of the Senate.

A communication was received from W. H. Watkins, Superintendent of State Penitentiary, inviting the members of the Senate to visit that institution, which invitation was accepted for to-morrow at 2 P. M.

An invitation was also received from the Woman's Suffrage Convention, now in session in this city, to attend its deliberations this evening. Mr. Townsend moved to accept, after some trouble and a failure to understand the whereabouts of the Convention, the Senate finally voted unanimously to accept the invitation.

S. W. McDowell, claimant of the seat filled by Mr. Richardson, was invited to come within the bar and explain his claims, a resolution being before the Senate, presented by Senator Hirsch, declaring that said S. W. McDowell is not so entitled to his seat.
The Sargent at arms was instructed to furnish the contestant with a seat inside the bar. Mr. Dolph called for reading of all the papers in the case. Doctor McDowell informed the Senate that he was taken by surprise, not expecting to see his case come up so suddenly and asked a delay until to-morrow.

The Senate became much interested in the fact at this juncture and could not be induced to postpone this very important case. Mr. Webster insisted on reading all the papers in this case and the Chief Clerk stated in to do so, and the House was electrified to find this a contest against both Joseph Engle and Dr. Richardson, and saw the force of the contestant's plea that his contest was not based on votes received, but on high constitutional grounds.

Mr. Kagle rose to his feet and remonstrated that he was not the man, but the Senate insisted on his reading and listened to the thrilling and graphic account contained in the communication of the contestants, which as a legal argument is unanswerable.

There was a disposition in the Senate to suppress further investigation, but the general voice demanded the reading of all the

papers in the case, and the clerk tried his best to read the same, but his legal abilities were scarcely equal to the emergency.

The contestant was certainly modest, for he only claimed a "second class" seat in the State Senate. To make his case stronger, he claimed the seats of all the Senators; and it is evident that if he unsets all three the contestant will fill all the vacancies with ability.

The contestant is a gentleman of remarkably venerable appearance and shows an earnestness of purpose consistent with his high constitutional ideas of his claims. As to personal appearance he has decidedly the advantage over any of the now sitting Senators and as the world judges so often by appearances, we consider it no disadvantage to Marion county, should he succeed to his aspirations. We venture to say he had the spectators in the lobby with him to a spectator. Mr. Dolph inquired how many votes the contestant received, and traversed the thread of his argument and tried to weaken its effect.

Mr. McDowell explained, but did not tell how many votes he received. He alluded to some indications that he classed as hostile demonstrations.

Being sharply cross-examined by Senator Watson, the contestant confessed that he received either one or two votes, but couldn't say certain.
The resolution passed with only two dissenting votes but the chair expressed the opinion that the sitting members ought to pay the Sheriff's fees in the case.

HOUSE.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 22.

The session opened this morning with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Babcock.
After reading of the minutes, a communication was read from W. H. Watkins, Superintendent of the State Penitentiary, inviting the House to visit that institution. The House accepted the invitation and named to-morrow afternoon (Thursday, Sept. 24,) for making said visit.

H J Memorial, No 1—Asking aid of Congress to improve bar of Coquille river, and showing the importance of so doing; was adopted.

Mr. Riddle, from Committee of Ways and Means, requested transfer of certain matters before that Committee to the Committee on Retrenchment and Reform. Agreed to.

Mr. Stott, from Judiciary Committee, reported Mr. Jeffers of Clatsop not entitled to a seat. The report was adopted.
Same Committee reported a substitute for H B No 2—relating to Private Secretary of Governor; providing salary of \$600 per annum, instead of the abolition of the office. Referred to Committee on Retrenchment and Reform.

Mr. Stannard reported H B No 8 correctly engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Galloway, the House resolved that mileage and per diem be allowed Mr. Jeffers of Clatsop. The mover explained that Mr. Jeffers came to represent the supposed rights of the people there, not on some frivolous pretext.

Mr. Stump offered a Resolution that the sense of the House is to award contract for keeping the insane to the lowest responsible bidder; which, on motion of Mr. Stott, was laid on the table.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

Mr. Reed of Marion gave notice of bill to provide a State Board of Equalization.
Mr. Bradshaw—Bill to require plaintiffs to give undertaking for costs in courts of record.
Mr. Laughlin—Bill to amend law relating to time of holding county courts.

FIRST READING OF BILLS.

H B No 22—Mays—Repealing act relating to fees of officers in Wasco county; read first time.
H B No 23—Plymale—To relieve Jackson county by remitting state tax equal to assessment on the Oregon Central Military Road Company, against which no taxes can be collected, by order of the court.

H B No 24—Fidler—Amending act creating the county of Josephine.
H B No 25—Ross—To provide for distribution of revised Code to county officers, etc.
H B No 26—Florence—To amend act to provide a uniform course of public instruction.

H B No 27—Stott—To amend law and permit Judges of the Supreme Court to appoint their Clerk.

BILLS READ SECOND TIME.

H B No 9—Providing legislative sessions shall commence hereafter the second Monday in October; which was referred to the Judiciary Committee.
H B No 10—Amending law relating to Clerks and Sheriffs; referred to Judiciary.
H B No 11—Concerning sites for light-houses; was referred to Committee on Federal Relations.

H B No 12—Exempting homesteads in certain cases from forced sale; referred to Judiciary.
H B No 14—Amending game law; referred to Special Committee of three.

H B No 15—Providing bounties on the scalps of wild animals; referred to Committee on Counties.
H B No 16—Amending laws relating to the duties of Supervisors, was referred to Committee on Roads and Highways.
H B No 17—Repealing the game law, was referred to special Committee; Johnson, McClung and Wilson.

H B No 18—Amending law relating to collection of toll on bridges, referred to Judiciary Committee.
H B No 21—Relating to interest on judgment, referred to Judiciary.

ENGROSSED BILLS READ THIRD TIME.

H B No 8—To prevent the exhibition of human monstrosities, was read third time.
On motion of Mr. Mays the bill was made to go in immediate effect, so as to be in

operation at time of holding the State Fair. The bill passed unanimously.

SENATE BUSINESS.

S B No 1—Repealing the litigant printing act, was read second time.
On motion of Mr. Riddle the rules were suspended, the bill read third time and passed.

S B No 2—Repealing act creating office of Assistant Treasurer of State was read 2d time.
House adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After roll call the House took up the order of the day, the bill to promote the study of Anatomy, the object of which was to place the bodies of convicts, paupers etc., who have no friends to claim them, in the hands of students of Anatomy etc.

The afternoon was greatly expended in discussing and burlesquing this matter, but the committee finally adopted amendments and recommended the passage of the bill.

When the committee rose, Mr. Stott its Chairman made his report.
Various motions were made for the disposition of the bill. The amendments were finally adopted, and the bill ordered engrossed and read third time to-morrow.

A communication was received from Gilbert Reynolds, late contestant, urging Professorship of Mining in the State University.
Also, a communication was received from the Woman's Suffrage Association inviting the members to attend the meeting of that Society this evening, and hear some distinguished advocates of the woman suffrage cause.

It so happened that Mrs. Duniway was temporarily absent from her seat, and in her absence the "hateful male element of society" had it all its own way. The Lords of Creation handled the invitation without gloves; and after moving its reference to the committee on Printing, Reform, Internal Improvement, Mining, etc., a motion to lay on the table finally prevailed. The House had been having its ghastly jokes about corpses for dissection and had rather lost its balance, so there is some excuse to make for it; but if Mrs. Duniway had been in sight the House would meekly and politely have accepted the invitation, and then Adjourned.

SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 22.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Bowersox.
Mr. Hanna presented petition from La Grande to repeal its City Charter.
Mr. Owens presented a petition from 700 citizens of Douglas county for the division of that county.
S B No 2 was reported correctly engrossed.

NEW BILLS.

Were introduced as follows:
Mr. Bristow bill granting aid to a railroad from Winnemucca to the Columbia.
Mr. Watson—Bill for redemption of encumbered estates.

Mr. Owens—To create a State Board of Equalization.
Mr. Van Cleave—To amend act incorporating East Portland.
Mr. Wisdom—To incorporate Baker City.
Mr. Webster—To regulate proceedings in Justices' Courts.

Mr. Smith—To protect buoys and beacons.
Mr. Van Cleave—Relating to admission of attorneys to practice in Courts.

SECOND READING OF BILLS.

S B No 2—To amend mechanic's lien law; was read and referred to Judiciary.

S B No 3—To amend the act locating the State University; was read second time; and while a motion was pending to indefinitely postpone, The Senate adjourned.

COUNTY TAX FOR 1874—21 MILLS ON THE DOLLAR LEVIED.

Commissioners Court: J. C. Peebles, Judge; J. A. Huffman and J. Geisley, Commissioners.

At a called session of the County Court, held this day, the assessment roll for 1874 was laid before the Court, examined and found correct. The following is the

RETURN OF THE ASSESSOR:

No. of acres, 412,847	\$2,221,670
City lots	1,431,291
Merchandise	592,113
Money	1,158,408
Household goods, etc.	218,510
No. horses, 4,902	237,916
" cattle, 11,902	140,179
" sheep, 32,936	64,567
" swine, 6,698	10,720
Gross valuation	\$5,075,724
Indebtedness	\$1,934,219
Exemption	414,816—\$2,349,035
Net valuation	\$3,726,689
No. of Polls,	1,700

Ordered that the levy for 1874 be made as follows:
5 1/2 mills for State and Military.
3 " " County purposes.
1 1/2 " " School purposes.

IN DEMAND.—Mr. O. J. Carr, the Secretary of the Alden Fruit Preserving Company, received a letter from his brother in New York recently in which he states that the United States Supply Department had given an order for 100 thousand dollars worth of fruit preserved by the Alden process. This is a certain indication that the process is a success. The company expect their machinery soon and expect to have everything in readiness for business, sometime during the coming month.

SUPREME COURT.

J. R. Niel, District Attorney of the First Judicial District, vs. Giles Wells, et al; ordered that a mandate do now issue to the Court below in this cause.

D. A. Richards plaintiff and appellant vs. C. O. Fanning defendant and respondent; motion heretofore filed to strike out the amended statement, allowed. Opinion by Chief Justice B. F. Bonham.

John Southwell, respondent, vs. Joseph Beesly, appellant; argued and submitted.

Lloyd Brooks vs. Charles Warner and Moore vs. Backwood and Virtue. Submitted for affirmance of Judgement with ten per cent damages.

Opinion postponed until the next term of this Court.
Lucian Everett, administrator of the estate of Jacob Yortell, deceased, vs. G. W. Steger et al. Argued and submitted.

D. A. Richards, appellant vs. C. O. Fanning, respondent.
Argued and submitted.

D. A. Richards appellant vs. C. O. Fanning respondent; motion heretofore filed to dismiss the appeal allowed and costs adjudged against the appellant.

C. A. Richards appellant vs. C. O. Fanning respondent; judgment modified and costs adjudged one half to either party.

J. J. N. Dolph plaintiff and respondent vs. Harlow Barney defendant and appellant; postponed until the next term of this Court.

The Steam Plow.

After consulting with members of the Board of Managers, of the State Agricultural Society, Mr. Waite the Secretary, wrote to Mr. R. R. Thompson of Portland, to ascertain on what term, if any, he could be induced to bring his steam plow and machinery to the State Fair, and exhibit it in working condition. Mr. Thompson replies that the great weight of the machinery—the two engines weighing 24 tons—renders it impossible to bring it to the State Fair, as the bridges between his farm and Salem are not sufficiently strong, but that if any reasonable sum could do it, he would be pleased to exhibit to the farmers of Oregon at the Fair, a plow which will perform all that is claimed for it. This machine was imported from England at a great cost, and it is said it will plow from 6 inches to 3 feet deep, and from 20 to 30 acres per day.

State Fair Notice.

In order to give every opportunity for the sale and advertisement of Live Stock at the Annual Fair, October, 1874, the Society will employ the services of a competent auctioneer during Fair week, whose charges will be reasonable. Persons bringing stock to the Fair, and wishing to dispose of the same at auction, are requested to notify the Secretary, who will give notice on the grounds of the time and place of sale. The charges will be reasonable for shelter and feed of stock brought expressly for sale at the Fair; but persons offering stock for sale, under the management of the Society, must give satisfactory proof of pedigree.

C. P. BURKHART, President.

E. M. WAITE, Secretary.

SCHOOLS.—We have asked the County School Superintendent several times as to whether the schools in the country districts had commenced or not, and he answers us that he has no means of telling. In California the school directors in every district are required by law to notify the Superintendent of the date of the commencement of their respective schools, and to keep him posted in regard to all changes, holidays, etc. Teachers are also required to file their certificates with him at the time of taking charge of the school. And no warrants for the teacher's pay can be drawn without he complies with the law. Our legislators might look at the California law, and by it improve upon our present law in reference to these matters.

LIVELY.—Matters looked lively about the grocery establishment of R. H. Price & Co., yesterday. They just received from below a large invoice of new goods, which having been purchased at low rates, they can afford to sell reasonable to their customers. Their stock of sugars, teas, coffee and syrups is unusually large for this market, while in the line of crockery and glassware they can't be beat. Fresh fruits, apples, pears, Oregon peaches, etc.—and vegetables received daily. Give the new firm a call and learn the price of their goods. New and fresh supplies constantly received.

Mr. J. M. Johns has his new scales for weighing wheat in running order. They are Howe's patent double beam, and weighs 2,500 pounds to the draft.

APPOINTED.—Governor Grover appointed yesterday Mr. Joseph H. Smith, of Baker City, Notary Public for Baker County.

DIED.—At the residence of her son, in North Salem, on the 21st of September 1874, Mrs. Leah Hutton in the 83 year of her age.

Oregon has 160 Granges of the Patrons of Husbandry all in excellent running order.