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EIGHTH REGULAR SESSION.

HOUSE.

Met at 9 A. M. Prayer by Rev. Father McCormick.

READ SECOND TIME.

The bills to regulate the liquor traffic came up on second reading—H B No 55—On this subject, introduced by Ross, was on his motion, indefinitely postponed, being similar to one introduced by C. A. Reed.

Bill to incorporate North Brownsville, Linn county; was read second time and referred to Corporations.

H B No 37—To provide for evils resulting from intemperance was read. It provides for local option and requires that liquor sellers shall obtain the actual signatures of a majority of the legal voters in his precinct, town, city or ward, praying for said license to be granted. After discussions, and various motions to refer, the bill was made the special order for Friday next at 2 P. M.

H B No 40—To amend school law so as to have district annual meetings held on the 1st of January; was read and referred to Committee on Education.

Bill to incorporate Silverton; was read and referred to Incorporations.

H B No 46—To amend General Laws relating to Estrays; was read, considered engrossed, and ordered to be read third time to-morrow.

S B No 17—To repeal Board of Equalization; was read second time, and under the suspension of the rules was read third time and passed.

S B No 41—Making appropriation for the expenses of Legislative Assembly; was passed to third reading.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

H B No 16—Providing for appointment of more than one deputy by County Clerks, Sheriffs, and Clerks of Supreme Court; was read and passed.

H B No 11—Granting the U. S. right to submarine sites for lighthouses, etc.; read and passed.

H B No 12—To exempt homesteads in certain cases, was referred to Committee of three. Chair appointed Messrs. Scott, Chandler, Fidler.

H B No 14—To amend game law; was read. The present bill permits any persons to kill game at any time for their own use, but not to kill promiscuously to sell meat and to merely save the skins and horns.

Bradshaw showed the inconsistency of this provision, as all could claim they were killing for their own use.

Other gentlemen showed up the bill. Fidler claimed that public sentiment demands some law to prevent the useless destruction of game.

The argument for and against the bill was continued for some time, and then the bill was referred to the Judiciary.

H B No 16—Relating to dues of Road Supervisors and providing mode for keeping same in repair; was read.

Fidler moved to indefinitely postpone. Laughlin, who introduced the bill, explained the intention of doing away with the injustice of making poor men do extra work on their poll tax, which was sometimes done, causing hardship. Young men who came into his district to work by the day had been made to work twelve days on the highways. After lengthy discussion, without action, The House adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The motion to indefinitely postpone H. B. No. 16 was lost, and the same was referred to Committee on Roads and Highways.

H B No 18—To amend law relating to toll on bridges; was read third time. Stott explained the bill as authorizing collection of tolls from foot passengers in case of a bridge across the Willamette river at Portland be built. The bill passed 51 to 6.

H B No 19—Relating to ditches and flumes; was read, and on motion was referred to Judiciary.

H B No 25—Relating to distribution of revised Code; was read, and gave rise to considerable debate, and was referred to Select Committee: Gearin, Matlock and Cornell.

H B No 27—Relating to appointment of Clerk of Supreme Court, by Judges thereof; was referred to Select Committee of Three: Chambers, Galloway and Shedd.

H B No 45—Relating to Estrays, permits the advertising of Estrays in county papers instead of State Printers organ. Bill passed and was referred to Committee on Counties.

Chambers asked to take from the table House Resolution relative to Insane, that contract be let to the lowest responsible bidder.

Chambers said the the resolution only expressed the sense of the House, and expressed a theory that no man can gain say, that economy should be consulted in public affairs.

Gearin and Fidler thought the intention was to wait for the report of Committee of investigation. Motion was lost. House resumed to take from the table.

Cranston asked to take from the table motion to reconsider vote in case of mileage to Gilbert Reynolds of Grant county; rejecting proposition to pay him mileage.

Gilbert Reynolds, contestant, in the gallery asked leave of the whole House to make a few remarks. Didn't get leave. Riddle thought we never could get rid of this contestant without paying him and the sooner he is paid off the sooner we get shut of Gilbert Reynolds, contestant. Stott thought we should not be partial. Stott thought Gilbert Reynolds hadn't behaved well and deserved to be treated with contempt. The House voted to take from the table. The motion to reconsider prevailed. Galloway moved to amend to substitute \$50 instead of \$125.

Cranston moved to insert \$100. Stott said if he was entitled to anything, he was entitled to the whole amount.

Loughlin thought, to be consistent, the House should pay Reynolds same as Jeffers. Galloway had got tired of seeing him about and wanted to pay him \$50, or whatever it would cost to send him home.

The contestant, from the gallery, jawed back at the gentlemen from Yamhill. Gearin moved to indefinitely postpone the whole matter, which was lost—27 to 31.

Roe made a calm argument against paying the contestant anything.

Reed of Marion thought time enough had been wasted; wanted to vote the sum paid and done with it; thought people had the right to come here and contest.

Gearin thought because the man had staid around and persuaded members to bring up this matter again, this House should not stultify itself. Thought every member must feel ashamed of having extended to him the courtesies he did. He had insulted the House in a most disgraceful manner.

Galloway said he was willing to pay Reynolds enough to take him home and no more. He should vote against the resolution.

Steen thought men from distant counties would be discouraged from making a contest in fair cases, if no pay was received by the contestant.

Stott thought under the rulings of the Supreme Court, Reynolds was not entitled to a seat, even if Mr. Curl was not fairly elected. The final vote was finally reached. A few impressive remarks were made that seemed to change the intentions of some, very fortunately, and the resolution failed to carry by a tie vote: 29 to 29. It would have been a great mistake to have paid that man \$125.

NEW BILLS.

H B No 40—Riddle—For relief of Douglas county asking remittance of State tax, \$1,287 paid by that county on a warrant of R. K. on leave was read first time.

H B No 47—Riddle—To amend school law. Reed of Marion on leave introduced H B No 48—Amending act for construction of State Capitol; which were read first time.

Committee on Mileage made their report which was adopted. House adjourned.

SENATE.

TUESDAY, Sept. 29th, 1874.

Prayer was offered by Elder L. L. Rowland. After reading of Journals, the Chair announced the Senate members of Committee on Enrolled Bills to be Messrs. Wisdom, Webster and Jewell.

Engle presented petition asking for incorporation of Gervais.

Savage, from Military Affairs, reported back bill concerning Modoc War Claims with amendments, and recommended its passage. On motion of Dolph, the bill was laid on the table.

Special Committee recommended passage of bill to incorporate Baker City; bill to incorporate Seilo; bill to amend Game Law, with some amendments.

Certain amendments were made to rules.

FIRST READING OF BILLS.

S B No 57—To incorporate Seilo; was read. S B No 58—Lee—To provide for fencing railroads.

S B No 59—Relating to Deaf-Mutes; was introduced by Richardson; on suspension of rules, read second time and referred to Committee on Education.

S B No 60—Mays—Authorizing State officers to convert currency into coin, and providing for Canal and Locks Claims.

S B No 61—Townsend—To create District of Immigration; Lead, Dues, etc.

On motion of Watson, was rejected—15 to 19.

S B No 62—Townsend—Amending acts providing for sale of school lands.

BILLS READ SECOND TIME.

S B No 45—Amending incorporation of Eugene City.

S B No 46—To create Umpqua county, provides for the division of Douglas county; after considerable discussion the bill was referred to the Committee on Counties.

S B No 47—Giving Justice of the Peace jurisdiction in certain cases against the different railroads in the State; read second time and referred to the Judiciary committee.

S B No 48—Providing for the leasing of the State Penitentiary and convict labor; read second time and referred to Joint Committee on Retrenchment and Reform.

S B No 54 to incorporate the town of Gervais; read second time by title and referred to a special Committee composed of Senators from Marion.

The President announced the addition of Hanna and Tolin to the standing Committee on railroads.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Senate met at 2 o'clock. President Cochran in the Chair. Mr. Hirsch asked further leave of absence for Cornelius of Washington county. Objections were raised by several members but leave was granted him until Monday next.

S B No 27—To repeal the act authorizing assessors to assess bank deposits; was read the third time and failed to pass by a vote of 17 to 19.

S B No 14—To amend the act creating and organizing the State University at Eugene City; was, after a lengthy discussion ordered engrossed for its third reading to-morrow.

HOUSE.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 30.

Morning prayer was offered by L. L. Rowland Superintendent Public Instruction. House considered—S J R—To provide for reading messages from either house as soon as practicable after delivery, and adopted same.

House adopted—S J R—To have Committee on Printing bring in a bill to fix compensation of State Printer and employ an expert.

FIRST READING OF SENATE BILLS.

The following were received and read. S B No 20—To fix holding of County Courts in Union county, was read first time.

S B No 3—Relating to public schools. S B No 22—Repealing act creating office of State Geologist.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

Memorial was received from State Grange favoring the Dalles and Salt Lake railroad. Petition from John Martin and 500 others of Eastern Oregon, favoring change of act of 1872 to secure interest of bonds of the Dalles and Sandy wagon road, which on motion of Mays was referred to Roads and Highways.

Butler presented petition of citizens of Independence, Polk county, for incorporation of that place; referred to Corporations.

Reed of Marion presented a memorial from Mrs. F. F. Victor, representing that she has written a book concerning Oregon and Washington, and presenting the claims of same for general circulation, to convey very much needed information concerning the advantages of our State and to induce immigration.

Bradshaw introduced H J M No 3—Representing the importance of navigation of Yamhill river, and asking Congress to grant aid to remove obstructions, \$25,000; which was adopted.

Van Ripper presented H J M No 4—Asking relief from Congress to pay spoliation claims of the Modoc war; which was adopted.

Stott, from Judiciary, reported back H B Nos 1 and 7 relating to fees; with a substitute, and on his motion the same were referred to the Committees of Ways and Means.

Committee on Counties reported back H B No 21—Relating to bounties on wild animals' scalps; recommending its passage.

Committee on Roads and Highways reported back H B No 16, with amendments, which were adopted in part and the bill ordered engrossed for third reading.

Gearin, from Committee on Corporations, reported a bill to provide for incorporation of towns.

Mays, from Committee on Printing, reported that the late State Printer was ready to measure up the work of the revised Code.

Reed, from Committee on Woman's Suffrage, made their report, signed Reed and Lane, majority of said Committee.

Bradshaw, from same Committee, said he had never had anything to do with it, and wanted time to file minority report.

A motion to re-refer called out quite a warm effort from Bradshaw on the amount of rights due Yamhill county.

The House concluded to re-refer. House adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Select Committee reported back bill to prevent swine running at large in certain counties in Oregon.

On motion of Watson, was rejected—15 to 19.

McClung, from Special Committee, reported on loan of \$10,000 to Baker City Academy, that no interest had been paid, and that same is not subject to foreclosure.

Chair announced the appointment of Reed of Marion, McClung, Steen and Galloway as Joint Committee on Railroads.

BILLS READ FIRST TIME.

The following were introduced and read first time.

H B No 49—Mays—To amend act incorporating Dalles City; (and concerning fire department).

H B No 50—Metcalf—Regulating fees of Justice of the Peace.

H B No 51—Brown—To incorporate Dallas.

H B No 52—Riddle—To prevent and punish gambling.

Gilbert—Amending law relative to fees of County School Superintendent.

Mays—To amend General Laws. Riddle offered No. 53 that Committee on Printing be required to learn the difference between printing 100 and 200 copies of bill. Adopted.

Stannard gave notice of bill to facilitate the navigation of the Willamette river.

Stott of bill to facilitate registration of Electors.

Florence, to amend sec. 9, chap. 30, Miscellaneous Laws.

Reed moved to take H B No 33 from the table and refer to Joint Committee on Railroads; carried. This is the Oregon Central Pacific Railroad bill.

Stott offered H J R No 12, that an evening be set apart and the State Geologist be invited to state his progress and his plans for future work.

Some discussion occurred on this motion, and members spoke to the merits of the proposed repeal of the office of State Geologist—a bill for which purpose has passed the Senate.

The Joint Resolution was adopted. Ayes 56, noes 2.

SECOND READING OF BILLS.

The following were read second time. H B No 38—To provide for construction of Portland, Dalles and Salt Lake Railroad; read and referred to Joint Committee on Railroads.

H B No 39—To create the County of Lake, out of the portion of Jackson county east of the Cascades; was read and referred to Committee on Counties.

H B 41—To facilitate redemption of lands sold for taxes; ordered engrossed for third reading.

H B 42—To amend laws relating to mode of making assessments; after some discussion on proposed amendments the bill was referred to Judiciary Committee.

H B 44—To provide for a State Depository; was read and referred to Ways and Means.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

H B 29—Amending act regulating time for holding Circuit and County Courts; was read third time and passed; 33 to 4.

H B 31—Amending incorporation of Forest Grove; was read and passed.

H B 32—To prevent spread of diseases among domestic animals; while on third reading, on motion of Riddle, was referred to Committee on Counties.

S B 41—Appropriating \$30,000 to pay expenses of Legislative Assembly; was slightly amended, and passed unanimously.

On motion of Reed of Marion, ex-Gov. A. C. Gibbs was invited to occupy a seat within the bar.

House adjourned.

SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 23.

The opening prayer was offered by Rev. I. D. Driver.

On motion of Hirsch, the Senate rescinded the vote by which the bill extending the time for completing the State University at Eugene City was ordered engrossed for its third reading; yeas, 20; noes, 9. It seems that the previous vote was on a misunderstanding of the bill.

On motion of Dolph, the bill was referred to the Committee on Education, with instruction to strike out all that portion appropriating \$10,000 for completing the University building.

The Senate refused to reconsider the vote by which it rejected the bill to repeal the law providing for the assessment of bank deposits.

Bristow, from Committee on Education, reported back the University bill, with the necessary amendments, which were adopted, and the bill ordered.

The Senate accepted the invitation to visit the Institution for the Blind, without fixing the day.

On motion of Richardson, a Committee of Three was appointed to visit the said institution, and the Senators appointed were Messrs. Clark, Dolph and Myers.

S B No 18—Relating to Modoc war claims; was taken from the table; amendments recommended by the Committee on Indian Affairs were adopted, then a motion to reconsider prevailed, and pending the final adoption of the amendment.

The Senate adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The questions recurring on the adoption of the amendments offered by the Committee on Military Affairs to S B 18—Providing for the payment of the Modoc war claims—a motion was made to review the report. Carried.

FOUND DEAD.

Wednesday morning the clerk and watchman of the Chemeketa Hotel found in room No. 61, the dead body of a man who had registered his name as Thomas J. Watson.

Coroner Dr. E. R. Fiske was immediately notified and upon his appearance a jury was empaneled and the following meagre facts elicited.

On Monday evening the deceased came into the hotel office about half-past eight o'clock and asked for a room saying that he was tired and wished to retire. After registering and paying for his lodging he was shown to his room by the porter. It was noted at the time that he acted a little singular but the Clerk supposing him to be slightly under the influence of liquor, accounted for his wishing to retire so early an hour.

On Tuesday afternoon about sunset, Mr. Borchow the clerk, opened the door of his room and saw him lying on the bed apparently asleep, and not wishing to disturb him, withdrew.

Yesterday morning his room was again entered and in endeavoring to arouse him, it was found that life was extinct. In the room was found a bottle nearly empty, labeled laudanum. It was labeled Weatherford & Co., and as Mr. R. A. Pratt the clerk did not sell it to him, it is supposed that he obtained it of Mr. Weatherford who is at present absent from the city.

A letter was found in one of his pockets from his brother E. J. Watson, and dated Mount Vernon, Ill. It was an affectionate letter and it was evident that he had been for a long time looked for at home and anxiously expected.

There are of course many rumors outside of the evidence before the jury as to who he was, his habits, etc., but nothing reliable. He evidently was a stranger and had been but a few days in Salem.

A post mortem examination was made by Dr. E. Y. Chase.

The cause that impelled him to lay down his life voluntarily, can only be conjectured. Weary and discouraged and perhaps a victim to a remorseless habit that rendered him wretched, homeless and hopeless, and rather than suffer longer such an existence, he resolved to end it and did so.

Thus he sinks into the grave in a strange land, far from the home of his childhood and in a few days a neglected and unknown mound in the churchyard will be all that remains of one who like us "moved and had a being."

The following is the verdict of the jury as returned by the Coroner, Dr. E. R. Fiske: "We, the undersigned, a Jury of Inquest called to examine into the cause of the death of Thomas J. Watson, by the Coroner, E. R. Fiske, in the city of Salem, Marion county, State of Oregon, do hereby, after hearing the testimony and seeing the examination of the body by competent physicians, render this as our verdict. That said Thomas J. Watson came to his death by an overdose of laudanum administered by himself."

J. B. McLANE, Foreman.  
J. O. DENNIS,  
JAS. COFFEY,  
H. A. JOHNSON,  
R. H. PRICE,  
J. S. BASH.

FINE STOCK.—Mr. S. G. Reed arrived by the John L. Stephens last Tuesday bringing with him a fine lot of blooded horses as follows: "Autocrat," a magnificent animal, chestnut, eleven years old; by "George M. Patchen;" first dam "Vermont Hambletonian;" second dam, "Abdallah." "Peggy," bay mare. "Clean," bay mare. "Golden Queen," chestnut mare, five years old. "Prunella," bay three-year old filly. "Kitty Lewis," steel gray, two years old. "Springfield Maid," chestnut, one year old. "Woodburn," black stallion, one year old. "Young Marquis," bay, a Clydesdale, four years old old, and weighs 1,500 pounds. "Minnie," bay mare, one year old, and "Marinette," a chestnut filly, one year old.

Mr. Reed is now at the Hillsboro Fair with them, and proposes bringing them to the State Fair—where all who wish can have an opportunity of seeing this fine selection of thoroughbred animals.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.—We learn that a party of young men from near Wheatland went out last Monday in the foothills deer-hunting. Yesterday a young man named Jones mistaking another one of the party concealed in the brush, named Goodspeed for a deer, fired and shot the latter through the arm inflicting a dangerous wound.

STEAMER OHIO.—This gay steamer came in from Albany yesterday morning having on about 20 tons of flour. After taking in 30 tons from Kinsey's & Co., mails and 15 tons of miscellaneous freight, she left for "down the river." She will take on 5 tons at Lincoln and 25 at Wheatland which will be all she can get away with at this stage of water.