

LEGISLATURE OF OREGON.

EIGHTH REGULAR SESSION.

HOUSE.

THURSDAY, Sept. 25.
After roll call, prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Bowersox, of Salem.
Stannard presented petition from 30 citizens of North Brownsville, asking for an incorporation of the town—referred to Committee on Incorporations.
Cranston presented petition from Silverton asking for incorporation, referred to Committee on Incorporations.
Fidler presented petition for the relocation of the boundary line between Jackson and Josephine counties. Referred to Committee on Counties.
Reed presented memorial with 1500 signatures, asking for women's suffrage, and moved referred to special Committee of Three. After considerable debate and various motions, the House referred same to special Committee, Chair appointed Messrs. Reed, Lane and Bradshaw, such Committee.
Fidler called attention to the fact that motion was pending from yesterday to refer H B No 23 to Committee on Retrenchment and Reform. He made an argument against partisan legislation and showed that the Treasurer had not sufficient compensation. The House, so far, had been singularly free from partisan action and he hoped would remain so.
Gerain favored the repeal of the law creating the office of Assistant Treasurer. He favored a reasonable compensation but read statistics to show that the fees now established were exorbitant.
Bradshaw favored repeal but opposed the reference to committee on Retrenchment and Reform.
Florence favored the repeal and quoted the constitution.
The debate was maintained as length by Messrs. Reed, Galloway, Chambers and Fidler and the motion to refer to the above committee failed.
On motion of Mr. Mays the bill was read a third time and passed, with only one dissenting vote, Mr. Stannard.
Stump, from Roads and Highways reported in favor of H B No 11, relating to sites for lighthouses.
Laughlin, from Roads and Highways, recommended passage of H B No 16.
Rineerson from committee on Mileage reported Mileage and per diem of Gilbert, Reynolds, contestant to be \$125 and presented a Joint Resolution for action, appropriating that sum.
Galloway moved to amend and insert \$30.
Chambers said such contests were becoming monotonous. We had decided he had no rights and now we were asked to decide that he had rights, and pay him as if he had.
Matlock favored the payment in full.
Bradshaw thought we were under no obligation. He came here on his own hook—of his own volition it would set a bad precedent and offer an inducement for future frivolous contests. He came here on a frivolous pretext, and we have decided he has no right here.
Stott thought we had showed the contestant courtesy and wasted valuable time on him. He had cost enough already. There was no spirit of reform in the resolution.
Cranston thought Grant county and Reynolds had rights here, and that Reynolds should receive mileage and per diem. He said Carl only retained the seat by a bare majority.
Galloway said the vote to retain Carl in his seat was almost unanimous. He explained the difference in the case of Mr. Jeffers of Clatsop, who was sent here to represent a county that felt aggrieved by the apportionment. The speaker favored practical retrenchment and reform.
Rineerson explained that Mileage Committee felt themselves instructed not to report on the merits of the case, but the amount of mileage from Grant county. He did not favor the resolution.
Fidler opposed the claim of the contestant to his seat, but favored the resolution. He thought it didn't pay a man to come here to claim a legal seat, much less to contest one.
Burr did not think it was reform to deny Mr. Reynolds his mileage.
Johnson thought it was an advantage to Grant county to send an illegal claimant home, and its citizens have no right to complain.
Gilbert moved indefinite postponement of the resolution, which failed.
On final vote the resolution was lost by a large vote.
Plymale from the committee on Mining returned Gilbert Reynolds' memorial, urging the creation of a professorship of Mining, with the quotation from the words of a man more distinguished than themselves, "the offices are not sufficient for the wants of the people."
Judiciary committee, by Mr. Stott, reported back H B No 9, 10, 12, 18.
H B No 9—Provides legislature shall convene in October, in future years. The committee was against the bill, and at an considerable discussion a motion to indefinitely postpone its consideration, carried.
H B No 10—Relating to appointment of deputies by Clerk and Sheriff, and was ordered engrossed and read third time to narrow.
The same action was taken with respect to H B No 12—Relating to exemption of Homesteads, and H B No 18—To collect toll on bridges, intended for the benefit of the contemplated bridge across the river at Portland.
H B 21—This is the bill repealing the present usury law in greater part. The majority of the Judiciary Committee Messrs. Bradshaw, Chambers, Florence, favored the retention of the bill, while Messrs. Stott and Fidler were favorable to its passage.
Galloway moved the indefinite postponement of the bill, which led to an extended discussion on the merits of the bill and the popular feeling on the question of usury.
Plymale argued against the indefinite postponement of an important measure.
Gerain thought such action would be hasty and questioned the usefulness of the present usury law. He alluded to rates of interest charged in California, and made a strong argument for repeal of the usury law.
Brown thought that the last speaker was mistaken in his quotations of ruling rates in California.
Chambers spoke directly to the point. This cry for repeal of the usury, came from mounted men at the metropolis, not from the people of the country. He showed the hardships to the people of high rates of interest and favored the indefinite postponement.
Galloway did not claim to be so eloquent as the honorable gentleman from Multnomah, who represented the capitalists of Portland on this floor, but he would try to represent the interests of the laboring men. He made a stirring appeal to behalf of the people as against the money lenders.
Butler represented the farming community which has frequently to borrow to carry on farming operations until harvest brought them returns. He alluded pertinently to the existing hard times.
Reed was opposed to the indefinite postponement of any important measure, but knew only one opinion prevailing through

the country, which was against the repeal of the bill and if any change was made to reduce the legal rate of interest.
Stott said he would not pass the bill only because it would be in the interest of the farmers to pass it. He showed the action of brokers and the commissions they charge under the present law. This repeal of the law would destroy the business of brokerage.
The motion to indefinitely postpone the bill repealing the existing usury law prevailed by the following vote:
Ayes—Messrs. Bradshaw, Brown, Bruce, Butler, Chambers, Crawford, Cranston, Carl, Darst, Florence, Galloway, Gilbert, Hays, Jackson, Jewett, Linderwood, Mathieu, Matlock, McGugin, McClung, Noyer, Reed of Clackamas, Riddle, Rineerson, Shedd, Stimpson, Stannard, Stump, Wasson, Mr. Speaker.—31.
Nays—Messrs. Blake, Chandler, Cornell, Dean, Dufur, Dully, Fidler, Gerain, Johnson, Kelly of Benton, Kelly of Multnomah, Lane, Laughlin, Lee, Mays, Partlow, Plymale, Reed of Marion, Rose, Ross, Scott, Shelton, Stearns, Stott, Van Riper, Wilson, Wright of Union, Wright of Jackson.—29.
This was not a test vote on the merits of the question of repeal of the usury law, for many opposed the indefinite postponement of the bill as an improper way of meeting the same. The House is considered as strongly opposed to such a repeal.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

H B No 6 was reported correctly engrossed. Ledgerwood presented a communication from Institution of the Blind, inviting a visit to the Blind School and proposing to give an exhibition in Legislative Hall not sooner than October 25th. Accepted.
Johnson, from committee to consider bills on the subject of the game law, reported back H B Nos 14 and 17, recommending passage of No 14.
After discussion the House refused to order same engrossed and read third time tomorrow, and it was laid on the table and made game of.
So much of the Governor's Message as relates to Modoc war claims, was referred to Committee on Indian Affairs.
Cranston gave notice of bill to incorporate Silverton.
H J R No 9 was introduced—appointing Joint Committee on immigration; pending which, the House adjourned to visit the Penitentiary according to previous arrangements.

SENATE.

THURSDAY, Sept. 25.
The opening prayer was offered by Rev. Addison Jones.
Petition from Seio asking for change in City Charter, was received, and referred to Senators from Linn county.
Van Cleave moved amendment to rules governing printing of bills, which was lost.
On motion of Mr. Fanna, committee to examine accounts of late State Treasurer, were authorized to employ a clerk.
Joint Resolution, from Mr. Hirsch, was adopted, instructing Committee on Ways and Means, of the two Houses, to meet together and consider that portion of the Governor's message relating to finance.
It was amended to include all bills concerning fees of officers.
Watson introduced bill amending Code.
Also, to enable married women to dispose of their property.
Wasson gave notice of bill for Division of Douglas county.
S B No 26—To abolish Grand Juries; was read second time; and on motion of Mr. Watson, was indefinitely postponed.
Senate adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Senate met at 2 o'clock.
President Cochran in the Chair.
By unanimous consent, Mr. Clark introduced a bill appropriating \$30,000 to pay mileage and per diem to members.
On motion of Mr. Watson, the rules were suspended and the bill was read a second time by title.
Mr. Dolph moved that the rules be suspended and that the bill be read a third time now. The motion prevailed, and the bill passed by a vote of 26 to 3.
READ SECOND TIME.
The bill to repeal the act to protect game and fish was read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Hirsch the bill was then laid upon the table.
The bill to repeal the act providing for a Stock Board of Equalization, was read a second time.
Mr. Townsend moved to refer to the Judiciary Committee. Lost.
Mr. Dolph moved to refer to the Committee of Ways and Means. Lost.
Mr. Hirsch moved to lay the bill upon the table. Lost.
A motion to postpone bill to October 15th was lost.
The rules were then suspended, the bill read a third time now, and passed by a vote of 25 to 1.
The bill to provide for the payment of Modoc war claims, was read second time and referred to Committee on Military Affairs.
The bill to define the duties and fix the salary of State Geologist, was read a second time.
Van Cleave moved to refer to Committee on Mining. Lost.
Richardson moved to indefinitely postpone. Lost.
On motion of Webster, the bill was ordered engrossed and read third time tomorrow.
The bill to repeal the act creating the office of Register of Lands for La Grande District, was read second time, and referred to Committee on Public Lands.
A bill to amend the road law was read and referred to Committee on Roads and Highways.
This bill is demanded by the Senators from Douglas county as very necessary in a county containing narrow valleys like the Umpqua.
The bill offering bounties for seals on wild animals, was read a second time.
Barnes hoped Wasco county would be exempted from the operation of bill. Wasco was a county where there were a great many of those animals, and if the bill passed every man, woman and child in his county would at once commence a war of extermination against wild beasts, and the county would be bankrupted in two months' time.
Many other Senators asked to have their counties exempted.
Mr. Dolph moved to refer to Committee of the whole Senate. Carried.
A bill to disorganize the county of Tillamook, and attach it to the counties of Polk, Yamhill and Clatsop. On motion of Mr. Crystal was indefinitely postponed.
Bill to fix time for holding terms of County Courts in Union county, was read, ordered engrossed and read third time tomorrow.
Bill to repeal an act to empower assessors to assess bank deposits, read, ordered engrossed and read a third time tomorrow.
Bill to repeal an act providing a salary for the clerk of the Supreme Court was read a second time and referred to Judiciary Committee.
A bill to provide for the construction of the

Oregon Central Pacific Railway, was read a second time by title, and referred to the Committee on Railroads.
A bill to repeal an act providing for redemption of escheated estates was read a second time and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.
A bill to provide a State Board of Equalization, to consist of one member of the County Board of each county, read second time, and was then laid upon the table.
Watson moved that Dr. Hawthorne's invitation to visit the insane asylum be accepted and make such visit one week from next Saturday.
Discussion followed this proposition.
Mr. Cochran left the chair and expressed himself plainly and forcibly about the Senate accepting favors of any kind from a person who was an applicant for a contract at its hands. When he travelled he paid his own way and should not let Dr. Hawthorne pay his passage. Thought the people had enough occasion for criticizing act of their legislators without putting such cause for criticisms in their mouths.
Watson thought his constituents would not believe he could be bought so cheap as for a ride to East Portland.
Myers recognized that the people accused public men of corruption and thought there was some ground for it. The time had come when the people were jealous of corporations and free passes, and of all favors shown men in office. Didn't think there was any harm in accepting the invitation if the Senate wanted to.
Watson moved to amend, that the Senate don't accept the invitation for fear their constituents will think they are bribed.
On motion of Mr. Cochran, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.

FRIDAY SEPT. 25.
Prayer was offered by Rev. A. Jones.
The House resumed consideration of Joint Resolution, introduced by Galloway, for Joint Committee on immigration, which failed to carry.
Reed of Marion introduced resolution authorizing Committee to investigate the condition of loan to Baker City Academy to examine condition and security for loan of \$10,000 made to A Myers of Salem.
BILLS READ FIRST TIME.
The following bills were introduced and read first time:
H B No 20—Reed of Marion—To provide for State Board of Equalization.
H B No 21—Plymale—To fix times for holding Circuit and County Courts.
H B No 30—Jewett—To define duties and fix pay of agent of Board of State Lands Commissioners.
H B No 31—Rose—To incorporate Forest Grove.
H B No 32—Johnson—To regulate descent of property.
H B No 34—Steen—To prevent spread of contagious and other diseases among domestic animals.
H B No 35—Rose—To amend laws to license sale of spirituous liquors and provide remedy for adulterating therefrom.
H B No 36—Stannard—To incorporate North Brownsville.
H B No 37—Reed of Marion—To provide for construction of Oregon Central Railroad.
H J R No 10—Gilbert—To inquire if any money has been paid the last four years, without authority of law, and to whom paid, with power to send for witnesses and papers. Adopted.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

Ross gave notice of bill concerning estrays.
Stott—of bill to license the selling of goods by sample.
Lee—To facilitate redemption of lands sold for taxes.
Reed of Marion—To amend criminal Code.
Galloway—To abolish office of Register of State Lands at La Grande.
Also,
Galloway—To abolish the office of State Geologist.
Stump—To amend General Laws.
House adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Galloway offered resolution for Joint Committee on immigration, which was lost.
Plymale gave notice of bill to create the office of Assistant State Treasurer.
Jewett moved a reconsideration of the vote by which H B No 21 was indefinitely postponed, but on motion of Bradshaw the House laid the motion to reconsider on the table.
On motion of Cornell, so much of the Governor's message relating to a Registry law was referred to Committee on Elections.
Florence gave notice of a bill to secure a better system of assessments.
BILLS READ SECOND TIME.
H B No 19—Relating to catches for agricultural and stock purposes was read and ordered engrossed.
H B No 20—To amend militia law was read and referred to committee on military affairs.
H B No 25—To amend act concerning fees charged in Wasco county, was laid on the table.
H B No 26—For relief of Josephine county; was referred to Judiciary Committee.
H B No 21—Relating to boundary of Josephine county; was referred to Committee on Counties.
H B No 25—Providing for distribution of revised Code; was ordered engrossed.
H B No 25—Relating to uniform mode of public instruction; was referred to the Committee on Education.
H B No 27—Relating to Clerk of Supreme Court; was referred to Judiciary Committee.
H B No 28—To promote study of anatomy; was read third time and referred to Special Committee for amendment.
House concurred with Senate in authorizing Joint Committee on Retrenchment; and that on books of late State Treasurer to employ a Clerk. Also, for Ways and Means Committee to meet as Joint Committee for certain purposes.
SENATE BILLS READ FIRST TIME.
S B No 41—To appropriate for expenses of Legislative Assembly.
S B—To repeal act creating State Board of Equalization; were read first time.
Furor presented petition from citizens of Dallas City, Oregon to amend incorporation. Which was referred to committee on corporations.
Fidler presented petition from citizens of Waldo, Josephine county, asking for change of boundary line of that county.
A communication was read from the Superintendent of State Penitentiary remonstrating against the delivery of his books and papers to T. McF. Patton, the Clerk of the Joint Committee to examine his books and accounts, whom he represented as his personal enemy, who would not hesitate to do him an injury. He would obey an order of both Houses to that effect, if made, instructing him to do so, but he was under heavy bonds and feared that valuable papers would be lost.
Stannard, from Engrossing Committee, reported certain bills correctly engrossed.
Special Committee on local option petitions

reported a bill on that subject. On suspension of the rules the bill was read first time.
H B No 37—A bill to provide for the evils resulting from the sale of intoxicating liquors. 300 copies were ordered printed.
Galloway asked for any papers that have passed between the Superintendent of the Penitentiary and the Joint Committee to examine his accounts.
The House demanded the reading, and the Clerk read the letter passed between the Superintendent and Committee, wherein he offered the use of his office, which was nicely fitted up, but he disliked to have the books carried elsewhere. He also noticed that the Committee have appointed as their Clerk "One T. McF. Patton, my open enemy, whom I have more than once published as being under an indictment for stealing in Jackson county, and I don't feel that my books and papers would be safe in his hands."
The House ordered the letters, after being read, to be returned to Mr. Chambers, the member of the Committee who furnished the same to be read.
The communication from the Superintendent, on motion of Mr. Johnson was laid on the table.
Committee on Mileage made report which was read and referred to same Committee again.
Galloway moved that Committee on Printing be instructed to prepare and report a bill to prescribe the duties and fix the compensation of the State Printer, and provide for distributions of laws and journals. Which was adopted.
House resolved that the adjournment shall be until 2 P. M., Monday, Sept. 28.
Florence moved to reconsider the vote by which Reynolds was denied mileage etc., as contestant from Grant county.
Bradshaw moved to lay the motion on the table which carried.
Mr. Jackson asked and received leave of absence until next Tuesday.
Laughlin asked and received leave of absence until.
House adjourned.

SENATE.

FRIDAY, Sept. 25.
Session was opened with prayer by Rev. P. S. Knight of Salem.
Leave of absence was granted Messrs. Owens, Lee, Haley and Jewell, until Monday and Hays for the forenoon.
S B Nos 25 and 27—Were reported properly engrossed.
Dolph introduced resolution that the proper apportionment of representatives in the legislature be referred to the Judiciary Committee. Carried.
BILLS READ FIRST TIME.
The following bills were read the first time:
Barnes introduced S B No 42—Providing for a uniform course of public instruction.
Myers—S B No 43—For construction of Portland, Dalles and Salt Lake railroad.
Hirsch—S B No 44—To appropriate \$10,000 per annum for purpose of encouraging immigration.
This bill gave rise to lengthy discussion on matters of public economy. Townsend referred to great expenses of State Government and thought the last legislature was mainly responsible for the debt of the State, and the member from Multnomah (Mr. Dolph) was one of the main instruments of procuring the extravagant appropriations.
Dolph reviewed some of the facts concerning that legislation. He thought the \$100,000 appropriated for the State Capitol, with the other means at the command of the Commissioners, would construct a building in which the Legislature could meet the present time. He was not responsible, for he was disfranchised of his right to have a voice in electing the Commissioners. The Joint Convention, by the action of some members of the Senate, the appointments were made by the Governor, and he was responsible. He (Dolph) was mainly instrumental in preventing the increase of State debt, by purchase of the Canal and Locks.
Watson thought he had no right to speculate with the people's money. This scheme for encouraging immigration is a speculative idea that may not succeed. The State cannot meet its present obligations, or even expect to reduce the State debt for some years to come.
Bristow introduced S B No 45—A bill to amend the charter of Eugene. Also S B No 46 to divide Douglas county.
Engle—S B No 47—conceding jurisdiction of Justice Courts in regard to railroads.
Van Cleave—S B No 48—Providing for the leasing of the Penitentiary.
Dolph—S B No 49—Concerning corporations, all of which were read a first time.
BILLS READ SECOND TIME.
S B No 34—Amending incorporation of East Portland, referred to delegation from Multnomah.
S B No 35—Relating to admission of Attorneys, referred to Judiciary Committee.
S B No 36—To incorporate Baker City, was referred to select Committee of Messrs. Wisdom, Webster and Munkers.
Senate then adjourned to Monday, Sept. 28.

HOUSE.

MONDAY, Sept. 28.
AFTERNOON SESSION.
House met at 2 P. M., pursuant to adjournment on Friday.
Prayer was offered by Rev. J. H. Babcock, of Salem.
Wright of Union, offered—H B No 38—A bill to provide for the construction of the P. D. and R. R.
Van Riper—H B No 39—For an act to create the county of Lake.
Stannard, from Committee, reported—H B No 19, 25 and 27—Correctly engrossed.
Bruce presented petition from citizens of Benton county asking \$5,000, aid to build road to A's Bay, from Absar Valley; which was referred to Roads and Highways.
Dean, from Special Committee on—H B No 13, made report including Coos and Curry counties in those that include swine running at large. The bill included only Clatsop, Tillamook and Grant, originally.
The bill was referred.
On motion of Wright of Union, a Select Committee was appointed to confer with the Superintendent of the Blind School about the time for visiting the same. Wright, Ledgerwood and Cranston were appointed such Committee.
Kelly of Benton introduced H B No 40—That annual meetings of School Districts be held the first Monday in January.
Mr. Brown gave notice of bill to incorporate town of Dallas.
Mr. — introduced H B No 41—To facilitate redemption of land sold for taxes.
Cranston introduced H J R No 11—Relating to selection of swamp and overflowed lands; which, on motion of Stott, was referred to Select Committee of Three. Chair appointed Stott, Cranston and Chandler.
Stump introduced H B No 42—To amend Sec 18, Chap 12, Title 3, miscellaneous laws; relating to mode of making assessments. This bill provides for assessment of real es-

tate at its full cash value, and that no indebtedness be deducted except to extent of \$6,000 on residence property of the party assessed. This is an important and much needed law and should certainly pass.
Stannard moved to amend House Rule No 44—To provide for amendment of bills on second reading; which was adopted.
Cranston introduced H B No 43—To incorporate Silverton; which was read.
He also gave notice of a bill to amend Sec 9, Chap 39, miscellaneous laws.
Myers introduced H B No 44—To provide a State depository for safe keeping of money. By this bill some bank is to be designated as such depository, which shall receive State moneys on deposit, and pay the same out on the order of the Treasurer, in payment of State warrants, and all moneys remaining on deposit for one year shall draw interest at the rate of six per cent per annum.
Ross introduced H B No 45—Amending general laws relating to estrays.
SECOND READING OF BILLS.
On motion of Reed of Marion, H B No 32—Providing for construction of Oregon Central Pacific Railroad; was read second time by title, on suspension of the rules. After lengthy debate the bill was laid on the table until a Joint Committee on Railroads shall be appointed.
H B No 28—To provide for a State Board of Equalization; was read and referred to Committee on Commerce.
H B No 29—Relating to times of holding Circuit and County Courts; was read, amended and ordered engrossed.
H B No 30—Relating to Agent of Board of Land Commissioners; was read and referred to Ways and Means Committee.
H B No 31—To incorporate Forest Grove; read and ordered engrossed.
H B No 32—Relating to discount of property, referred to Judiciary.
H B No 34—Relating to spread of diseases among domestic animals was read and ordered engrossed.
House adjourned.

SENATE.

MONDAY, Sept. 28.
AFTERNOON SESSION.
The Senate met at 2 P. M., and prayer was offered by Rev. J. H. Babcock of this city.
After reading of journal, on motion of Dolph, Senate concurred in memorial for improvement of Coquille river.
The Senate, on motion of Watson, concurred with House in appointment of Joint Committee on Railroads. Messrs. Bradley, Engle and Jewell were appointed on said committee.
On his motion Senate laid on table H J Resolution calling for committee to see if moneys have been unlawfully paid out of the State Treasury.
Protest of W. H. Watkins, Superintendent of State Penitentiary against appointment of T. McF. Patton as Clerk of Committee to examine his books and accounts was read and laid on the table.
Senate adopted S J R No 11 by Hirsch, that all messages from one House to the other be read as soon as received.
Van Cleave introduced S J R No 12, to which Dolph offered amendment, that the mover accepted, and which, as amended, authorizes the Committee on Printing to employ an expert and instructing Committee to report a bill fixing the compensation of the State Printer, and providing that his supplies shall be purchased by the Secretary of State, as other supplies of other departments are purchased.
The Resolution was adopted.
On motion of Watson, the resolution heretofore passed, instructing the Committee on Military Affairs to report amount of Modoc War Claims was reconsidered, and then on final vote failed to pass.
Clark introduced S B No 50, to appropriate certain funds to aid a railroad from Portland to some point on the Central Pacific Railroad, was read a first time and ordered printed.
Watson introduced S. B. No. 51, providing for government of foreign corporations, which was read first time.
A bill in relation to corporations.
A bill in reference to Insurance Companies.
A bill to incorporate Gervais.
A bill to amend charter of Postland.
A bill to exempt railroads to be hereafter constructed from taxation for twenty years; was severally read first time.

SECOND READING OF BILLS.

The following bills were read the second time:
A bill to incorporate Ashland.
A bill to amend law relating to Justice's Court.
A bill to protect buoys and beacons.
A bill to enable married women to dispose of property.
A bill to amend act relating to common schools.
A bill to provide aid for Portland, Dalles and Salt Lake Railroad.
S B No 39—To incorporate Baker City, was referred to select Committee of Messrs. Wisdom, Webster and Munkers.
Senate then adjourned to Monday, Sept. 28.

THE WILLAMETTE FARMER.

The multitude of readers of the WILLAMETTE FARMER are able to judge for themselves of the value and interest of that leading journal of the State of Oregon, without asking the opinion of the *Granger* or the *Statesman*. There is a perpetual jealousy that troubles those two papers, which is confined to so small a circulation in their columns that we can well afford to let it alone. The FARMER has no cause for such feeling, and confidently trusts the people to judge it for themselves. We noticed last week that the *Granger* is being published in the *Bulletin* office, and most of its reading matter is furnished from that paper. It is mostly a reprint from the *Bulletin*, which may, or may not satisfy its readers; we only treat it as piece of news, of little importance it is true, and reprint of that kind is very stale news.
We call attention of the people to the fact that the *Supplement* published with the FARMER has more reading than is contained in the *Granger*, while the FARMER publishes fully twice as much and twice as valuable reading as the *Statesman*. Not only this, but the FARMER has twice as much *bona fide* circulation as both the papers referred to.