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SENATE.

MORNING SESSION.

The Senate was called to order at 11 o'clock, by R. B. Cochran, President of the last session, who moved that Hon. John Myers, of Clackamas county, act as temporary President. It was carried.

On motion of Van Cleave, of Multnomah, Syl. C. Simpson was elected temporary Clerk, and J. W. Baker, Assistant Clerk. J. K. Mercer, of Portland, was elected temporary Sergeant-at-Arms, and George P. Wren, Door-keeper.

Masters Lonner Ralston, of Albany, and Orville Baker, of Salem, were nominated as Pages. Ralston being elected on the first ballot.

On motion of Van Cleave, a committee of three was appointed on Credentials, consisting of Van Cleave, Whiteaker, and Bently. The latter two, not being hold-over Senators, withdrew, and Cochran and Engle were appointed in their stead.

Senate adjourned until 3 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment and proceeded to permanent organization, resulting in electing the following officers: President, John Whiteaker; Chief Clerk, S. C. Simpson; Assistant Clerk, J. W. Baker; Sergeant-at-Arms, Geo. W. Rand; Door-keeper, — Hanson; Page, Lon Ralston.

The Secretary of State appeared and administered the oath of office, and the Senate adjourned until Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

HOUSE.

MORNING SESSION.

The House was called to order by W. L. White, and proceeded to business by D. M. C. Gault and D. W. Cheesman being put in nomination for temporary chairman.

Whole number of votes cast, 88. Cheesman received 30 and Gault 28.

The former was declared elected and installed, after which W. L. White and T. H. Cox were nominated for Clerk. White receiving 31 votes was declared elected.

Holmes, T. M. Scott and J. Wiley were nominated for Sergeant-at-Arms. Wiley receiving a majority was declared elected.

On motion a committee of five on Credentials was appointed by the Chair, viz: J. K. Weatherford, of Linn county; Dan Butler, of Wasco; Wm. W. Fiddler, of Josephine; Jas. Chambers, of Benton; J. M. McCall, of Jackson.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

House called to order by temporary chairman at half past four o'clock p. m. Roll called by temporary clerk, all answered to their names.

The committee on Credentials reported. Motion to adjourn was declared carried.

It was agreed that seats should be occupied as the member had already chosen them.

Nominations for Speaker: J. K. Weatherford, D. W. Cheesman. The House voted viva voce, electing Mr. Weatherford on the first ballot.

A discussion arose as to whether it required a majority of all the members to elect a speaker. It was discussed at some length and the Speaker decided that Mr. Weatherford had been duly elected.

A committee was appointed to conduct the newly elected Speaker to the chair. He thanked the House for the honor conferred and took the oath.

For Clerk, W. L. White and T. H. Cox were nominated. Mr. White was elected.

For Sergeant-at-Arms, J. R. Wiley and E. C. Hadaway were nominated. Wiley elected.

Door-keeper, J. T. Savery and C. P. Chapman were nominated. Savery elected.

Assistant Clerk, Thomas Nealy was appointed by Chief Clerk as Assistant.

Speaker was authorized to appoint two pages.

Officers elected were sworn in.

Committee on Engrossed and Enrolled bills were authorized to appoint their own clerk.

Rules for 1874 adopted for government of the House during the present session.

The Chief Clerk was instructed to inform the Senate that the House was organized and ready for the business of the session.

Adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m., Tuesday.

SENATE.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION—SEPT. 12.

The Senate was called to order by the President, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Communication received from the House announcing its permanent organization and readiness for business.

Mr. Myers presented a resolution adopting the rules of 1874 as the standing rules for this session. Adopted.

On motion a committee on Rules was appointed: Bradshaw Richardson, and Van Cleave.

Mr. Van Cleave introduced a resolution providing for a joint committee from both Houses to wait upon the Governor and inform him that they were now ready to receive any communication he might desire to make.

Adopted.

A resolution was introduced requesting the Secretary of State to furnish each member with \$3 worth of stamps. Carried.

The Chair appointed Van Cleave and Lee as a committee of two on the part of the Senate to wait upon the Governor as provided for in the above resolution.

Mr. Cochran presented a resolution extending the customary courtesy to representatives of the press, which adopted.

On motion the Sergeant-at-Arms was instructed to invite the clergy to open subsequent sessions with prayer. Senate stood adjourned until 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Afternoon session of the Senate opened by President Whiteaker at 2 o'clock p. m.

Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency reported that he would meet the Legislative assembly in joint session in the House of Representatives at 2:30 o'clock.

Committee on Rules recommend the adoption of the same used in 1874 with a few amendments.

Resolved that 150 copies of each bill introduced be printed. Senator Lee introduced a resolution asking the Senate to appoint a committee to enquire into the affairs of the Insane Asylum.

Resolution by Senator Clark asking appointment of committee to examine the books of the Penitentiary; adopted unanimously.

Adjourned to hear the biennial message of the Governor, after which Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock Wednesday morning.

HOUSE.

MORNING SESSION.

House called to order at 10 o'clock a. m. Members all present but Scott, of Multnomah, and Mitchell, of Unatilla who are sick.

A message from the Senate, announcing the organization of that body was read and filed.

J. H. Dougherty and Albert Brown were appointed Pages.

Correspondents and reporters of newspapers were invited within the bar.

In accordance with a joint resolution passed, Straight, Crooks and Gilbert were appointed on the part of the House, as a committee to wait upon the Governor and inform him that the two Houses were organized, and ready to receive any communication which he might desire to make.

A resolution was adopted, authorizing the appointment of a committee of three on part of the House and two on part of the Senate to examine the books, accounts and management of the Superintendent of the Oregon State Penitentiary and other officers of the prison, during the two years past.

Chambers and Lawrence were appointed a committee on Joint Rules.

The Sergeant-at-Arms was authorized to furnish each member with four newspapers. Each selecting his own papers.

The clergy of the State were invited to open the session with prayer.

A resolution providing for the appointment of the usual committee to visit the Insane Asylum was laid on the table.

Adjourned until 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order at half past one o'clock.

Resolution authorizing a Joint Committee of three from the House and two from the Senate, to visit the Insane Asylum at East Portland, and figure on best mode of taking care of insane, also to make estimates on cost of building an asylum and taking care of insane was taken from table. The said Joint Committee to enquire into condition of the asylum and patients, and report the same.

The discussion of the resolution was spirited. Mr. Fiddler, of Josephine thought no such investigation was necessary, while several members favored the move. The resolution was finally laid on the table by a small majority.

A resolution was adopted that both Houses meet in the Hall of Representatives at half past two o'clock to listen to the message of the Governor. A recess was taken for ten minutes to give time to prepare extra seats for members of the Senate.

At half past two o'clock the Senate came into the House in a body and the President took the chair. The rolls were called and all the members answered.

A committee of three was appointed to wait on the Governor and inform him that the two Houses were assembled and awaiting his presence. The committee soon returned with His Excellency, and the President of the Senate introduced him to the members and audience assembled.

The Governor read his message from a printed copy in a clear tone of voice and received good attention. The subject matter of the message will require our attention hereafter. After reading the message the joint session was dissolved, the Senators retiring to their chamber.

Adjourned until 10 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Vick's Quarterly Floral Guide, the last number for the year comes to our table, always a welcome visitor, especially to the ladies, and is full of excellent hints in regard to Autumn work in the garden—both vegetable and floral. We have for ten years found seeds from Vick's, and have always used them true to the labels and of the best varieties. Mr. Vick has done much to develop a taste for gardening as his extensive trade shows the success of energy and enterprise.

DIED:

Wm. Johnston, aged 66 years and 22 days, at his residence, eight miles south of Salem, on the 6th day of September, and was buried on the 8th. Elder David Brower officiating. Mr. Johnston was an honest upright man and a member of the German Baptist Church. He came to Oregon in 1856, from Scotland, was a member of the old Hudson Bay Company, in an early day. He leaves a wife and 12 children to mourn his departure.

LATE DISPATCHES.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 12.—Wool in fair demand, prices firm, supply light; California and medium 23@27c, coarse 18@21.

GRADE, Sept. 12.—Official dispatches were severe fighting Sunday and Monday between Delgrade and Alexinatz, in consequence of the Turks attempting to throw a bridge across the Movar. They were unsuccessful. The garrison at Alexinatz numbers only 6,400 men.

Hartovash, with 1,200 men, has retired from Granada and joined Tchernyoff at Delgrade. Yesterday they gained the Turkish rear south of Igurisubon, and a combined attack was made on the Turks by the two generals. The fighting ceased at nightfall without decisive result, and was renewed to-day.

The Standard's dispatch from Belgrade says the answer of Turkey concerning the condition of peace have been received but not officially committed. Russia will not permit Serbia to accept. The question is now, will Russia throw off the war that she is actually waging, while pretending to be merely the Servian's friend.

A correspondent of the Daily News is informed that over 3,000 Russians, of all grades, are in the Servian army.

MAINE ELECTION.—The Republicans carried Maine by a largely increased majority, about 10,000 over the majority of 1874.

BOSTON, Sept. 12.—A special says the Republicans have swept every Congressional District. Thos. B. Reed is elected in the first district by about 1,000 majority; W. H. Brye, in the second district, by about 2,000; Stephen D. Lindsay, in the third district, by 3,500; L. Payne, in the fourth district, by 2,500; and Eugene Hale, in the fifth district by 2,500.

PORTLAND, Sept. 12.—Returns up to this evening give the Republicans 29 Senators and Democrats 2. Thus far 67 Republican representatives have been reported as against 7 for Democrats. This morning's dispatch reporting that Knox county, almost invariably Democratic, had gone Republican with exception of a Senator and clerk of courts, is confirmed.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—The President has appointed Henry W. D. Dwight register of land office at La Grande, Oregon.

RICHMOND, Sept. 12.—Ex-Governor Henry A. Wise died at his residence in this city at half past twelve to-day.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 12.—Delegates from various branches in the State held a meeting here this evening and discussed the question of freights and wheat shipments. It was decided to continue shipping on granger's account as soon as tonnage could be procured. It was announced that the association had a very large quantity of wheat engaged in different parts of the State, but that it would not be moved until freights were lower or a rise in prices took place. The association feel confident they will be able to make advantageous arrangements at an early day.

MORE BURGLARIES.—Scio was visited by burglars one night last week, and three safes were broken open, from which money was taken to the amount of \$1,500—Brown & Johnson, Irvine & Morris, and the Masons being the sufferers. They next visited Marion, and the store of Mr. Hubler was entered, his safe broken open, and \$1,400 in silver coins carried away. About \$2,000 in gold were lying in the store, which the burglars in their haste overlooked. Nearly all the money taken at both places was silver. Two men were supposed to have been concerned in the robberies, as two horses were taken from Scio, which were exchanged for two others about three miles from that place, which again were exchanged for two others near Marion, with which they came on toward Salem and left in the brush near town. The burglars were tracked into Salem, but all traces appear to have been lost of them then.

Letter from Hon. A. J. Dufur.

ED. FARMER: In a copy of the FARMER of the 18th, inst. in an article headed "About A. J. Dufur," I conclude that some of my Oregon friends are dissatisfied with the prominence some of the Eastern papers have given my name in connection with our Oregon exhibit.

In reply, permit me to say that most of those articles have been written without my dictation or knowledge, and no one can more sincerely regret than I do, any false impressions that may have been attained in these reports.

Neither do I hold myself responsible for inaccuracies that may occur in regard to financial statements any more than I do where one of the Eastern paper state that "the Commissioner from Oregon had on exhibition a transverse section of timber from a tree that was 15 feet and nine inches in diameter, 200 feet from the ground," when the facts are, the reporter was told that the tree was fifteen feet and nine inches at the base, and the section was taken out 200 feet from the ground.

As I have no political aspirations, or personal ambition to gratify in this work, I cannot see why anyone who has never contributed a single dollar

or given a moment's time to the enterprise can have any cause of complaint, and I know those liberal-minded gentlemen in our State who have assisted me so materially by their contributions of money and material for the show, will be satisfied, and more than satisfied, with the result of our effort, when on our return we shall be enabled to make a final showing of everything connected with the work.

In regard to my desire to suppress facts relative to public or private reappropriations. I have only to say, by my report to the U. S. Centennial Commissioners, more than three years ago, Oregon was recorded as the first State in the Union to recognize the importance of this grand exhibition, by legislative enactment, and appropriation. In fact, so constant have been my efforts to obtain every concession, and give our State due prominence in the exhibition that my fellow-commissioners have doubled with me the sobriquet of "Oregon," instead of calling me by my own name. The bill making the appropriation in 1872 has stood four years on our Statute books for nearly four years, and one of the State warrants issued in accordance with the Act was adjudicated and reported by our Supreme Court some two years ago, so that any insinuation of suppressing facts on this point is "too thin" to need further notice.

As regards private subscriptions, I will say that, as near as my memory serves me, about \$1,100 in all has been contributed to the fund. The money was all paid to E. Quackenbush, of the Bank of Ladd & Tilton, of Portland, where the subscription paper, with the names of every one subscribing to the fund, with all accounts and vouchers for money paid out or received, can be seen at any time. A day or two previous to my starting, an estimate was made by Hon. H. Failing, C. H. Lewis, and myself, of the amount it would be actually necessary to raise before leaving. This sum, as near as I can recollect was between fifteen and sixteen hundred dollars. Of this amount between five and six hundred dollars had already been expended for freight, boxes, packing, &c., and, in order to make up the deficiency, C. P. Burkhardt and myself executed our joint note to the Bank for \$500, with the expectation that others of our liberal-minded and wealthy citizens would see it paid.

Anyone wishing to inform himself on these points can get the facts and figures at the Executive Department at Salem, and the office of Ladd & Tilton in Portland. These appropriations have enabled me to prosecute this work work thus far successfully, and make an exhibit for our State that every Oregonian will be proud of, without rendering myself a bankrupt.

I have paid out since my arrival here for expenses that could not possibly be got along without, between one and two thousand dollars, for which I have accounts, receipts, and vouchers, to satisfy the most fastidious, on my return.

Hoping our Legislature at its coming session will take an unbiased view, and be governed by both justice and economy in this matter, and being conscious of having discharged my duty faithfully to my State in this arduous work for the last four years, I can safely say that the reputation of Oregon, her future prospects or present financial interests, have never suffered from the hands of A. J. DUFUR.

MOHAWK VALLEY, Sept. 5, 1876.

ED. FARMER: I again send you a list of officers of Mohawk Lodge, No. 23, I. O. G. T., which are as follows: J. M. Stafford, C. T.; Alice Parsons, V. T.; A. Cook, S.; Sydney Scott, F. S.; Hattie Parsons, T.; H. Parsons, G.; R. C. Robertson, M.; P. Mattison, I. G.; C. W. Hopstonall, O. G.; C. B. Hardesty, L. D. ALICE PARSONS.

Summer Navigation of the Willamette.

We received a pleasant call last Saturday from Mr. P. Paquet, who has the contract for building wing dams on the Upper Willamette and we learn from him that he has completed three dams, as follows: One at Half Moon Bend, 4 miles below Corvallis, one at Bower's Bar, 3 miles above Albany, and one at Buena Vista Bar, the last about 800 feet long, the first named 400 feet, the next 200. He has now one gang working at Pine Tree rapids, 3 miles below Albany, requiring 400 feet, of which 100 have been completed; another at Long Crossing, 2 miles below Buena Vista, to be 400 feet, just commenced; others are to be built as follows: At Upper Fickles, about 6 miles below Albany, 400 feet; at Lower Fickles, 400 feet; mouth of Santiam, 100 feet, and some work may be done at mouth of the Luckimute; 400 feet at Humphroy's Bar, 6 miles below Buena Vista; at the present time a gang of men are engaged blasting rock to clear the channel at latter place, where 75 yards of rock will be removed from swift water, and make a good channel. The same force will afterwards move down to Rocky Rapids, 6 miles above Salem, and remove 25 yards of rock there. This is all the work at present laid out, and as much as can be accomplished with last year's appropriation. If the season holds out Col. Wilson will apply for permission to use the last springs appropriation this fall.

Several causes tend to make navigation on the Upper Willamette much better than usual the present year. The wing dams constructed last fall have proved permanent and have greatly helped the river to improve its own channel, so that Union Bar, 15 miles below Salem, and Lono Tree Bar, 8 miles below here, that used to be the "sticking points"—as Mr. Paquet happily expresses it—on the river below Salem, are now easily passed. It is believed that the construction of wing dams in the river will tend to confine the river to a permanent channel and so cause it to improve gradually year after year by its own action. Such is the experience with work already done. Another fact favorable to navigation is the construction of light draught steam boats that agree better with the low stage of water common to summer and fall, than those formerly in use. We allude to the City of Salem, Bonanza and Ohio. Mr. Paquet says he can see no reason why the river cannot be made navigable at low water, as far up as the forks of the main stream six miles below Eugene, and believes the expenditure of \$100,000 in judicious improvements, with some repairs effected yearly thereafter at a trifling expense, would accomplish this most desirable result. The farmers of Oregon will be glad to hear that this is possible, and the great improvement in navigation already effected, will encourage continued expenditure by the General Government.

The Coming State Fair.

PORTLAND, Sept. 9, 1876.

The gigantic preparations made to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of American Independence at Philadelphia, suggest to us to make greater exertions than ever before so that our State Fair, in every particular and feature, may be a grand triumph worthy the Centennial occasion. But few of our citizens are able for want of time to make the journey across the continent to join in the general rejoicing of forty millions of free and independent people in the sunny father-land, to behold the wonders and triumphs of a century, as evidences of our country's greatness and prosperity, as some of the results of our nation's boast, free thought, free speech, free press, and last but by no means least free schools. Our Centennial must remain an eventful period of our country's history. Then let the coming State Fair at Salem, Oregon beginning on the 9th of October, be an occasion of general rejoicing, a sweeping holiday, a week of sport and merry-making commemorative of the rise and progress of our country.

It may be well to state that the managers have spared no pains nor expense to provide for the pleasure and comfort of all who may attend. A new mechanics' hall for the exhibition of home industries, a long line of new fencing, and new stalls for the accommodation of animals, a large grand stand, various improvements on the race track, together with an entire renovation and rearrangement and decoration of the pavilion. Also the introduction of the purest water, at a cost of over \$5,000, for convenience of the track, and grounds. These, with many other improvements, it is hoped, will contribute to the pleasure and comfort of all who may attend—to behold how sumptuously the grounds, with their mammoth eating establishment, can cater to the entire satisfaction of the public taste. Our hand and show bills may be expected soon.

The Board of Managers announces that through their efforts liberally the O. A. C. R. H. Co. will sell tickets for Fair Week from any Station on the Railroad to Salem at half the usual rates, thus affording opportunity for all on the Road to visit the great exhibition of '76. W. P. W.