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THE LATE LEGISLATURE.

Some measures that the people were greatly interested in failed to pass. We shall try next week to publish a sketch of the legislation that did pass. The bill to reduce interest to 8 and 10 per cent received 30 votes in the House, but it requires 31 to pass an act. It was late in the session and no opportunity appeared to call it up again. There were 17 absent at the time the final vote was taken, and only 13 votes were cast against it; no bill can pass the House with less than 31 votes, a majority of all elected.

A local option liquor law, requiring applications for license to sell liquor to be made in July of each year, and to be endorsed by a majority of the legal voters of each precinct, shown by the poll books, passed the House by a large vote and received 14 to 13 in the Senate, three being absent. It requires 16 votes to pass a bill in the Senate.

Another week we shall try to give a sketch of all the legislation that passed and became laws, briefly describing each act, so as to give an intelligible idea of what it accomplished, showing wherein the law has been amended and what is the substance of new legislation. Less than thirty acts became laws, not including local matters, such as incorporations of towns.

A resolution passed for an amendment to the constitution lengthening the sessions to sixty actual working days, the members to receive \$1 a day, which cannot go into effect until 1882, as it will have to be approved by the legislature of 1880 and submitted to the popular vote in 1882. It is almost disgraceful to see the baseness and presumption with which work is done in the last two weeks of every forty days session. Also it is a shame that Sundays are counted in all these sessions. There were three Saturdays when no sessions were had, so that there were actually only 52 working days in the late session.

The late legislature did not accomplish as much in the way of law making as some of its predecessors, but its acts will compare favorably with past sessions, and one thing in its favor was the absence of partisanship, for there was not a vote taken in either House, during the whole session, that indicated the existence of political parties, except when U. S. Senator was elected, and minor State officers re-elected, and of course organization of the House.

Iniquities were discovered in management of swine barns and a calamity of incalculable magnitude may be occasion and will continue for many days if necessary, to examine all the books and affairs of the State government since 1870. There seems no doubt that there has been wanton extravagance in many respects, and especially in expenditures for State printing. The legislature met all these matters in a fair and honest manner, and we may expect a full examination into all matters in which the people are interested, and correction of any abuses that have crept into the State Government.

Mechanic's Fair at Portland.

We were at Portland Tuesday, and took a hasty look at the Mechanic's Fair, which is being held in the great market building that is occupied as the Agricultural Implement Warehouse of Newbury, Chapman & Co. The entries were not all made and the entries not complete when we visited it, but there was a beautiful exhibit, and it was evident that even that great building, with its capacious galleries, was inadequate for the purposes of the exhibit that was to be made. Many of the citizens of Portland were working hard as volunteers to assist the arrangement of articles, and there was a pleasant appearance of popular appreciation that boded well for the result. There is no reason why the people of Portland should not have an annual fair of the kind and make it a great success. We are promised an account of this fair from a lady correspondent who is able to make it interesting, and we hope to hear from her at an early day.

To Our Subscribers.

We urge our friends in purchasing paper that does not wear well, and whose edges cannot be easily cut, not to look as well as we do. Next week we shall have papers of much better quality, and of the exact size needed for our present use.

We had many close and times hard, and must request those in arrears to make payment at an early day, as we have never known such stringency. Money due us on old accounts is more than sufficient in amount to make times easy with us. We do not like to denounce others, either through those columns, or through the mails, but we shall have to commence vigorous work in that direction soon.

Owing to various causes of detention, some of our subscribers will not receive their papers at the usual time this week, but we shall be able to rectify that hereafter.

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