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matters of great importance to be promptly rejected matters that are trivial. Burden your calendars with hundreds of trifling matters...

AFFAIRS OF STATE

Hon. R. P. Earhart, Secretary of State for Oregon, has sent us his biennial report from which we gather the following particulars: Appropriations made by the Legislature of 1878...

NEEDED LEGISLATION

There are a few important matters that need special attention at the present session of the Legislature and if well attended to will absorb all the session of forty days and leave no time for idleness.

Our revenue laws need a radical change, for it is certain that not over one-third the actual wealth of the State is now made to pay taxes. This is in part due to insufficient valuation of all property...

The Secretary estimates that, while a four mill tax cannot raise the revenue necessary for carrying on the State, still, with the money now on hand and the income to be derived from other sources, no change need be made in the two years to come.

Deficiencies in excess of the appropriations made in 1878 amount to \$30,849.50, as follows: Conveyance of insane, \$3,331.50; ditto convicts, \$1,546.00; indigent poor, \$2,087.14; expenses of management of State lands, \$2,846.53; care of the insane, \$21,638.33.

The Board of Canal Commissioners report that for the year ending Aug. 31, 1879, the business done at Willamette Falls was as follows: 16,666 passengers, 48,810 tons freight, 496 horses and cattle, 251 sheep and swine, 88,500 feet logs, 91 cords stave bolts; total income, \$26,692.70.

The Governor's message reviews the financial condition of the State, shows that its indebtedness has been considerably reduced, and states plainly the condition of every item of the existing debt and interest account.

With reference to taxation the Governor expresses the opinion that the greater portion of indebtedness offset by taxpayers is fictitious, that the amount of the annual assessment of 1879 does not represent more than half the actual value of property in this State.

While there will be other matters of importance before the legislature, we venture to believe that careful action on the matters above alluded to will be of the greatest public utility.

leaving \$16,114.86 of the appropriation unexpended. The earnings of the prison during this period have been \$15,002.06, leaving the expense of the prison, for two years lacking two months, over earnings, \$15,002.99.

The Governor refers to the school for the blind and for deaf mutes, and reviews the condition of swamp lands and State lands at great length, which we may make further notice of at some other time.

LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS

The meeting of the State Legislature took place on Monday and the organization of the Senate was soon completed, with Hon. Sol. Hirsch, of Portland, President; J. C. Peebles, of Marion county, Chief Clerk; O. Holman, of Douglas county, Assistant Clerk; Geo. Tatam, of Polk, Sergeant at Arms; Joseph Acton, of Multnomah, Doorkeeper.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following new members entitled to seats: E. Woodward, R. Clow, W. A. Starkweather, J. M. Siglin, Geo. W. Colvig, D. W. Stearns, John B. Sifers, T. G. Hendricks, N. B. Knight, Jos. Simon, A. W. Waters, J. D. Lee, Dunham Wright, N. H. Gates, R. H. Tyson and W. J. McConnell.

In the House, C. P. Yates was elected Speaker pro tem; C. B. Moores, Clerk pro tem; and afterwards Z. F. Moody, of Wasco, was elected Speaker; C. B. Moores, of Salem, Chief Clerk; J. W. Strange, of Douglas, Assistant Clerk; E. C. Hadaway, of Yamhill, Sergeant-at-Arms; T. A. Bacon, of Clackamas, Doorkeeper. Pages—Loren Laughlin and Charley Cosper.

No other business was done on the first day. SECOND DAY. In the Senate the President appointed Grant B. Osborn and John B. Coffey Pages. The Committees on Enrollments, Engrossments and Judiciary were authorized, when organized, to select their own Clerks.

Considerable business was transacted natural to the organization of the Legislature and not otherwise interesting or important. The Governor delivered his Message in the Legislative Hall, where the Senate was met in Joint Session. Resolutions were passed for appointment of Committees to visit Insane Asylum, to report in accounts of State Treasurer, of Penitentiary, to print 500 copies of Governor's Message, for a Joint Committee of nine to revise revenue laws, for Joint Committee to revise laws relating to swamp lands, and numerous notices were given of intention to introduce bills, relating to building the Insane Asylum, the amendment of the Charter of the city of Portland, to amend lien law, to regulate fees of Clerks and Sheriffs, to regulate pilotage and tonnage, to allow criminals to testify, to create office of Attorney General, to revise road law, to regulate practice of medicine, for construction of a fish ladder at the falls, to amend laws relating to assessors, to reduce rate of interest, to change the time for holding the Legislature to January, and for other purposes.

OREGON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Mr. Henry Miller, President of the above named society, informs us that he has perfected suitable arrangements with the President of the Mechanics' Fair Association for the exhibition of the Horticultural Society. Those who have fine fruits, vegetables, etc. are solicited to add the exhibit by sending in specimens of various varieties of horticulture which they may have, and properly label them with name of fruit and the sender.

WHEAT AND WHEAT PROSPECTS

The wheat crop of 1880 will not be far from 450,000,000 bushels, an increase of 30,000,000 bushels over the unprecedented crop of 1879. If 20,000,000 bushels are allowed for increased demand for food and seedling, there will remain for export at least 190,000,000 bushels. The foreign wheat crop is also generally good, though Russia will probably not market as much as last year.

It looks very much as if the low price and the great surplus of wheat would be sure to produce two results, each of which will be of advantage to American wheat growers. The cheapness of good wheat bread will enable many families in Europe to use it who have not done so heretofore, so we may expect that the whole American surplus will find a market, but while no doubt this will be the case, it remains to be seen if the wheat growers of the United States can live and thrive on low priced wheat.

TO THE LEGISLATURE

The WILLAMETTE FARMER is the organ of the producers of Oregon, and it has been our custom for ten years to lay it weekly on the desk of every member of the Legislature during the session.

The 30th day of Aug. 1880, was the 27th anniversary of the arrival in Rogue River valley of a very large train of emigrants. That train, composed of 43 wagons, 300 souls, 1,000 cattle and 200 horses, was in charge of Major Lupton (afterward killed by the Indians). The families of Giles Wells, John S. Herrin, Beeson's, Robison's, and many others whose representatives are scattered, were in this train.

It is hoped that the County Commissioners Court, now in session at the court house in this city, will do all that lies in their power to grant privileges that will lead to the final and complete opening of the road from Astoria to the Jewell and Mishawaka settlements, in the Nehalem valley.

The valuable report of the Board of Trade contains so much matter of interest and importance to producers that we give it in full this week.

Latest by Telegraph

Excitement Over the Maine Election. SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 14.—New York telegrams, press and private, state that there is great excitement in that city over the election in Maine, and the latest telegrams are eagerly sought for.

Its Effects on Ohio and Indiana. The election news from Maine has caused the intensest excitement in the States of Ohio and Indiana, as no one appeared prepared for the result.

Machine Explosion. STOCKTON, Sept. 14.—Yesterday a three-horse machine owned and run by Mr. Copey, while being worked on the ranch of Mr. Winters, some 20 miles north of this place, exploded, killing Albert Bailey the engineer.

FOREIGN

Spanish Affairs. LONDON, Sept. 13.—A dispatch from Havana reports that the Ministerialists, during the past week, have very plainly hinted that if General Campos continues to organize Liberal opposition the Cabinet would unhesitatingly exile him.

The New Spanish Baby. MADRID, Sept. 13.—The Princess was born at 9 o'clock Saturday night. According to ancient etiquette the ministers, marshals, grandees and diplomats awaited the event in the ante-chamber.

Earthquake in Java. LONDON, Sept. 11.—A lighthouse on the west coast of Java was razed to the ground through a violent shock of an earthquake.

The Powers and the Port. CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 11.—Novikov, Russian Ambassador, has proposed to his colleagues to support Russia's ultimatum, demanding the execution of the assassin Cameron, or to agree to the establishment of an international guard for the protection of foreigners in Constantinople.

Ayob Khan. SIMLA, Sept. 11.—It is reported that an insurrection has broken out in Herat, and that the Governor of the city has been murdered.

ITEMS BY TELEGRAPH

Secretary Sherman has returned to Washington from the West, and predicts the election of Garfield.

The officers of the lost steamer Vera Cruz are said to have acted with coolness and brave attention to duty.

Adams, defaulting Treasurer at Deadwood, has been sentenced to three years in prison and to pay \$5,000 fine.

Scouts have discovered Victoria's main camp in Mexico, and the Governor of Chihuahua has offered \$3,000 reward for his scalp.

Afghan affairs are comfortable for England. It appears that Russia is not intriguing with Ayob Khan, and British victory is recognized.

Weavers at Acerrington, Lancashire, are on a strike for higher wages, and the mill makers strike in Staffordshire and Worcestershire has collapsed.

The new Spanish baby is a Princess, and will be christened Mercedes, as a starter, for a high toned Spanish baby has to have at least a dozen names.

Dr. Buchanan, the bogus diploma man who pretended to commit suicide in Philadelphia, has been arrested and recommitted to prison, from St. Clair, Michigan.

A Mexican paper says Sam Brannan of San Francisco will receive grants of wild land in Sonora and Chihuahua in settlement of his claims against Mexico.

The political situation in France is regarded as pregnant with storms and difficulties. The Republican cliques do not agree and changes in the Ministry are imminent.

The imbroglio between Turkey and Montenegro, concerning the surrender of territory decided on at B-rin, continues undetermined, and a climax is close at hand.

The powers have sent a note to the Turkish Government saying the returns promised it Roumania are inadequate and warning Turkey against seeking excuses for delay.

I. M. Kalkoff, before the Superior Court of San Francisco for murder of DeYoung, pleaded that he was once in jeopardy, as the charged murder against him was set aside in May.

The British ship Erin's Star, loaded with railroad iron for San Francisco, went ashore in a fog eight miles north of San Francisco. If heavy weather comes she may be a total loss. A tug was sent to her assistance.

A fight among the boys of two families at Owenton, Ky., resulted in killing Haman Acres and the wounding of his three half brothers named Hammond, by three brothers named Smith. Two of the Hammonds are fatally wounded.

Generals Stewart and Roberts have received the grand cross of the order of Bath. General Roberts will take command of the army in the Madras presidency. The belief that the evacuation of Candahar would be the abandonment of all the fruits of the war has become universal in India.

Gen. Buehrod Johnson, a Major-General in the Confederacy, died at Brighton, Ill., his late home.

Dean Stanley and Thomas Hughes intend to visit the United States and investigate the church question.

Fourteen female missionaries from the Presbyterian Board have gone from the East to try and convert the Mormons.

Milton A. Sharp was arrested in San Francisco charged with robbing the Bodie stage when one man was killed.

The Prince and Princess of Wales and the children have been to an American minstrel show—and they all liked it.

Capt. Wm. Thompson, of the steamer England, off the coast of Newfoundland was washed from the bridge and lost.

A special from Shakespeare says that Vittorio and his band have again gone into Mexico and that stages are running all right.

special from Fort Bowie says that Gen. A. J. Carr has concentrated eight companies of cavalry and four companies of Indian scouts there watching the movements of Victoria, ready to move at a few moments' notice.

The Texas Style. HENRIETTA, Texas, Sept. 15.—In a shooting affray at Buffalo Springs, 20 miles south from here, J. T. Lamb received 12 buckshot in his person, Geo. Edwards, 5, Col. Young 4 and Press Chandler was shot in the hand.

Still in Doubt. PORTLAND, Sept. 15, 2 P. M.—There are still 180 tons to be hauled from mostly small and remote places. The aggregate vote of the State last year was 139,270. This has increased a little over five per cent. as far as received, and it returns from other towns increase in the same ratio the aggregate will reach 146,800, of which the Republicans should win about 73,000, the Fusionists about 73,000 and scattering about 800.

An Ascending Druggist. SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 15.—Edwin W. Joy, a druggist on the corner of Post and Mason streets, suddenly disappeared Saturday after drawing \$1,800 on deposit in bank. A few months ago he married a young belle of Marysville. Joy was loving and attentive to his young wife, and to all appearances they were a contented couple.

The Tichenor Spring Fraud Exposed. State Mineralogist Henry G. Hawks, has analyzed the water of Tichenor's alleged gold bearing spring, near Calistoga, and finds that it does not contain the slightest trace of gold. Prof. Hawks denounced Tichenor's enterprise as a fraud. The Call to-day publishes an expose of the manner in which Tichenor pretended to obtain gold from water which may be briefly described as salutary water with chloride of gold.

A Mystery. A man and woman, names unknown, hired a boat Sunday at Long Bridge. In the afternoon the boat was discovered by a Chinaman adrift between the Mail Dock and Goat Island, the woman sitting in it exhibiting every sign of grief and despair, the man nowhere to be found. No further light has yet been thrown on the mystery.

Mexican Veterans' Banquet. The veterans of the Mexican war celebrated the anniversary yesterday by the usual banquet, at which Gen. Sherman was present and delivered a telling speech. A committee was appointed to memorialize Congress on the subject of granting pensions to Mexican veterans.