

Senator Quay (Rep.) of Pennsylvania gave notice last Thursday that he would move to take up the house bill authorizing the appointment of a non-partisan commission to collate and recommend legislation on the problems presented by labor, agriculture and capital.

Last year 51,724 poor families in New York were evicted because they were not able to pay rent. Four years ago a certain political party had a plank expressing sympathy for the evicted Irish in Ireland; but that was during the "campaign season," you see.

Uncle Sam's present payroll is a very robust document, according to the figures furnished in the latest report of the civil service commission. It shows 178,717 positions in the civil branch of the government, and an annual output on account of their salaries of about \$100,000,000.

The following women are said to be the six wealthiest in the world: Senora Isidora Cousino, \$200,000,000; Hetty Green, \$50,000,000; Mme. Baroness Burdett-Coutts, \$20,000,000; Mme. Barrios, \$15,000,000; Miss Mary Garrett, \$10,000,000; Mrs. Woleska, \$10,000,000.

Oregonian: Brooklyn school children are taught to sing to the tune of "Yankee Doodle." "Do not spit upon the street, in cars or public places; this is far from being neat, and leaves unwholesome traces." There is another verse, but one is enough to warn expectorators that high hats are not monopolizing public attention.

Sixteen members of the Benson house voted to expel the 27 members of the temporary house who would not join their illegal, unconstitutional body and elect John H. Mitchell to the U. S. senate. Then they immediately turned about and made speeches referring to the American flag, the eagle and their own patriotic conduct and invited the recalcitrant brethren to come in and join them in their duty to the public.

Rev. H. B. Swafford, in the Home Advocate, Arbutle, Cal., says: "The great robbers who have robbed the poor people down to the point of starvation are mightily pleased to see the local newspapers laying it on to the cold snap which was felt for a few days through the eastern states. They would be glad to see all their crimes laid to the charge of 'an ineradicable dispensation of Providence.' A time is coming when Providence will avenge himself and it will be as hot for these mercenary scoundrels as it is now cold and desolate for their poor, innocent victims. Amen!"

The Herald thanks Hon. H. R. Kincaid, secretary of state, for a copy of his biennial report to the legislative assembly, 19th regular session (which was to be) for the fiscal years ending Dec. 31, 1895, and Dec. 31, 1896. The report is a most valuable document and exhaustive of the state's condition at date. Ninety-four pages are devoted to the state's finance, sources of revenue and channels of expenditures; 338 pages are given to details of expenditures; a complete abstract of warrants issued during the past two years; and a third department of 82 pages (including index) of contents of a historical and biographical character, being an appendix of the "Officers of the Territory and of the State of Oregon from the Year 1843 to 1897." Mr. Kincaid has done a good work for the state and contributes much valuable information to the general public concerning the state's history and present condition.

Although the closing hours of the late legislature expired last Friday night at 12 o'clock, and was so recognized on a vote in the Benson rump house, yet when that hour arrived, the body adjourned to 11:30 Monday—regardless of the constitution, and the votes taken by those excessively patriotic and earnest representatives. The senate, too, failed to recognize the end of the session and adjourned to the same hour. All in all, they have done some very queer things. But this can be accounted for by the language of the gentleman from Lane—"we have too a—many constitutional lawyers in our crowd."

Salaams from Salem.

DOINGS OF THE SENATE, "RUMP" HOUSE AND JOINT CONVENTION.

The End Came, But the Battle Goes On. Some of the Unsettled Shoot Off Their Mouths in Defense of Themselves.

Salem, Feb. 15.—With its sick list and absentees increasing, the warring forces of Mitchellism once more counted noses and showed falling off in strength. McKinley Mitchell of Marion county has served notice that he will quit at an early day.

The only speech today was by McKinley Mitchell, of Gervais, who arose and said he would have a statement of some length to make if he were able, but his physical condition was such that he was hardly able to be in his seat. He could hardly master his voice to ask to be excused. It is understood he intended to shake the dust of Mitchellism from his feet, and declare he would no longer help delay needed legislation in the interests of any candidate before the legislature. It is thought Mitchell will never again record his name for his namesake.

On joint roll call only 36 were present. Excused for illness, Representatives Vaughn, Hudson, Wagner. Reading of journal dispensed with and adjourned to noon Wednesday.

The Benson house held no session today until 2:30 this afternoon and then only to adjourn.

THE DAVIS HOUSE met at 11:45 Monday night and adjourned to 12:05 Tuesday noon, and adjourned again to Wednesday at 9:30 a. m.

It is thought by some that the action of the Bensonites, in attending the Davis, or temporary, house and voting with it Sunday night, although done for a trick, would be a serious matter in case of Mitchell's seat being contested on account of any irregularity. It is a trick they are very sorry for.

SENATE—TUESDAY MORNING. Opened with prayer by Rev. Brewster. Reading of minutes dispensed with.

SECOND READING OF BILLS. 231. Wade, to declare unlawful trusts and combines. Referred to committee on revision of laws. Adjourned.

THREE MORE DROPPED OUT. Salem, Feb. 15.—Only 33 members were present at today's session of the joint convention. Representatives Hudson, Vaughn and Wagner sent letters asking to be excused on account of illness. Senator Reed and Representatives Mitchell and Veness, who were also absent, sent no excuses. After the roll was called the convention adjourned till tomorrow at noon.

The Benson house met today and adjourned till 2:30 p. m. tomorrow. THIRTY-FIVE IN JOINT SESSION. Salem, Feb. 17.—Thirty-five members attended today's joint convention. Hudson, Vaughn, Mitchell and Wagner were still absent on account of illness.

After the roll was called Representative Thomas moved that the convention proceed to ballot for senator with the understanding that if 46 members were not present no election would be declared. Chairman Brownell ruled that motion out of order.

The chair then announced that there would be a conference of members at 8 o'clock tonight. The convention then adjourned till tomorrow at noon.

THEY WANT TO GO HOME. Salem, Feb. 17.—That it is the intention of the Benson house to adjourn next Friday night sine die was proven today by the adoption of a concurrent resolution to that effect.

When the house convened today Crawford introduced a resolution that the speaker appoint a committee of three to confer with the members who are staying out and ascertain their reason and the conditions on which they would come in. This resolution occasioned a protracted debate. Crawford, Jennings and Huntington favored the adoption of the resolution. Veness, Chapman, Brown, Thomas, Nosler, Lake, Gratke and Palm opposed it. The playing was finally laid on the table.

Thomas then introduced a concurrent resolution that the house adjourn sine die on Friday at midnight. Huntington moved that the resolution be laid on the table. The motion was lost by a vote of 18 to 5. The resolution was then adopted. The house then adjourned till 11 a. m. tomorrow.

16 to 14 adjournment was taken till 2:30 p. m. on Monday. Senator Carter cast the deciding vote.

There was no debate on the question of adjournment as expected. Selling moved that when the senate adjourns it adjourn till 2:30 p. m. Monday. The yeas and nays were called for, and the vote resulted as follows: Yeas—Bates, Dawson, Gesner, Hobson, Holt, King, Mackay, McClung, Mitchell, Mulkey, Patterson of Washington, Selling, Smith, Wade, Mr. President—15.

Nays—Brownell, Calbreath, Carter, Daly, Driver, Dufur Gowan, Harmon, Haseltine, Hughes, Johnson, Patterson of Marion, Price, Reed, Taylor—15. Carter then changed from nay to yea, making the vote 16 yeas, 14 nays, when Smith's name was called he said he would stay till Monday, but did not want it understood that he would stay here indefinitely. After the result was announced Reed asked the president if the senate was to meet this afternoon. He thought some of the senators who voted for the resolution misunderstood its import. Smith then moved to reconsider the vote. He was seconded by Daly. The president put the motion and it was lost. This settled the question of adjournment.

JOINT SESSION ADJOURNED TILL TONIGHT. Salem, Feb. 19.—Long before the time of the convening of the joint assembly people began to enter the galleries of the house. When the noon hour arrived the galleries were crowded in the expectation that voting for senator would begin. Their anticipations were, however, not realized. Today's proceedings were but a repetition of previous ones.

When Chairman Brownell called the convention to order he said that he was in receipt of letters from Representatives Hudson, Mitchell and Vaughn saying they are still too ill to attend, but would be present tonight. The roll was then called showing that 26 members were present.

Representative Wagner was in his seat for the first time for several days. After the roll was called the convention adjourned till 10:30 o'clock tonight.

IN THE BENSON HOUSE. Salem, Feb. 19.—When the Benson house met this morning Crawford's resolution to declare vacant the seats of the 27 unqualified members was called up. Somers argued the question. Huntington took issue with Somers, and there was some further discussion by Nosler, Lake and Crawford. It was decided by a vote of 19 yeas, 7 nays, to defer further consideration of the resolution till 7:30 tonight. The house then adjourned till tonight.

GENERAL NEWS.

GENERAL SHELLEY'S FUNERAL. Kansas City, Feb. 17.—The body of the late General Jo. O. Shelley was laid to rest at Forest Hill cemetery at noon today, with services befitting his station. The funeral was the most imposing ever held here. The services were held at the Third regiment armory. The main part of the army was reserved for the veterans of both armies, who were there 2000 strong. Governor Lon V. Stephens and staff and many officers occupied prominent places. The casket was interred in a mass of palms and flowers. The sermon was preached by Rev. S. M. Neel, and there was an address by Judge John F. Phillips of the United States circuit court, a lifetime friend of the deceased. The streets through which the cortege passed were packed with people.

GENERAL PLEASANTON DEAD. Washington, Feb. 17.—General Alfred Pleasanton, a distinguished cavalry commander in the late war, died at Grason house at 3 o'clock this morning. General Pleasanton for several years lived almost a hermit's life in Washington. He felt he had not been well treated by the government after his distinguished services in the war. His only attendants were his private secretary, Mr. Murphy, and Henrietta Roane, a faithful colored nurse, who were with him when he passed away.

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UPPER - RIVER DEPARTMENT.

Myrtle Point and the Upper-Coquille and What is Going on There.

Lemons are selling in town for one cent each; extra nice ones for 15 and 20 cents per dozen.

The ground was covered with snow on last Sunday morning, the first snowfall in town this winter. H. L. Stone has purchased an acre lot of W. A. Border where he expects to erect a nice residence in the near future.

Two Bandonians, Messrs. Goetz and Callaghan, were in town last week. They had business before Court Commissioner Dodge.

Mr. Aronson, who purchased the Taylor place east of town, is a tailor and will soon have an elegant home for his esteemed family. W. E. Dietz has the agency for the Racine chemical fire extinguisher. A recent trial convinced many of our citizens that it is a great success.

Wall Bro's are leading the machinery of the Clover-Leaf creamery on a scow below town, having secured a contract to deliver it at Coquille City.

Wm. Page and son Charlie returned last Saturday from their San Francisco recreation. They look well and say they were not sea-sick at all.

The entertainment given by the Ladies' Relief Corps in the opera house on last Monday evening was a grand success. When the Relief Corps puts its shoulders to the wheel a good time is guaranteed.

Geo. Ward, who received a severe bite on his little finger recently while tussling with his brother Jeff, who was intoxicated, was brought to town last Saturday in a critical condition, as blood poison had set in. Dr. Leep amputated the finger.

The creamery plant, formerly owned by W. L. Dixon, will be moved to Florence this season, but as Messrs. Erdice and Romander will run a skimming station at this place, the farmers will suffer little damage. The cream will be gathered here and the butter manufactured at the Coquille creamery.

Wm. Lusk returned home last week from quite an extended prospecting tour on South Sixes. He believes that the country is very promising. Ben Harrison, J. R. Devault and others of the North Fork are devoting their time to mining this winter with good prospects.

The enterprise, as usual, keeps digging at the Pops. One would be led to believe that they were not liberal subscribers to his sheet. In his last issue he assails Hon. Thos. Buckman in a rough-shod style and insinuates that he is dishonest. That is right, Mr. C. Get rid of the mud you gathered last spring. Besides you don't live in a glass house.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Conner were treated to a very pleasant surprise party on last Wednesday evening, the occasion being Mrs. C's 22d birthday. Games, music and card playing were the order of the evening. Mrs. Will Guild carried off the prize for being the champion whist player. At about 1 o'clock the party adjourned, after wishing their host and hostess many more years and a pleasant journey o'er life's stormy sea.

Sherman county is again without a saloon. When an attempt was made recently to have a saloon, Miss Maggie Eaton, of the W. C. T. U., took her horses and carriage, and with another white ribbon, drove 55 miles in one day, and opened 45 gates, and the next day taking another woman, drove 45 miles and opened 30 gates; making 100 miles in two days and the opening and closing of 75 gates. By doing this they found men employed upon their farms and secured a majority of signatures of the voters, and so saved the county from a saloon, says the Wasco News.

Members of the legislature are refusing their signatures to postage aspirants' petitions. Capt. Ballard's new steamer will be launched the latter part of next week, and will ere long be making regular trips. Three final proofs were made in one day last week before U. S. Court Commissioner Orvil Dodge of this place. This commission is of great convenience, saving many miles of travel and much expense to the people. Editor Upper-River Department: You asked that I contribute something for your columns, and having visited your town lately I have gathered a few items. Myrtle Point affords many interesting features to an outsider. One of the important curiosities is to see men engaged in moving away the creamery machinery, thus suspending indefinitely one of the most important enterprises of this valley and destroying a payroll that should reach to at least \$10,000 yearly. Besides, if the enterprise was encouraged, it would grow so that in a short period it would bring to the farmers at least \$100,000 every year. Such management is truly retrograding, and notwithstanding the fertile bottom lands within a small radius of the town, there is enough to supply pasture for 1000 cows, but it is not likely that any one will soon invest capital in another creamery experiment where the community is so indifferent to their own welfare. Again I noticed that a stranger came along and loosed the sawmill, and before he had placed it in running order the few feet of lumber he had been lucky enough to turn out was seized by attachment and the old mill that might have raised its reputation a little possibly could have been a benefit to the town, but now who would dare take hold of that important industry? And again, one of the best shinglemill plants in the valley is located at your town, and there is an abundance of excellent timber near by, and yet the builders ship their shingles from some point down the river. Such management does not speak much for the enterprise of a town that expects to soon be the seat of justice for as wealthy a county as Coos will be when Bay county gets organized and the most important part of Curry is added to this part of the division. I understand that your town raised a large amount of money and sent a very able delegation to the state capital to bring about these great changes, so we conclude that it will be done. It is very commendable for a town to look after its interests, but I hope to be pardoned if I suggest that it would also be an excellent policy if the town would pave one of its principal streets, at least while they are making such lavish expenditure of moneys, expecting to capture an Oregon legislature. Our Mr. Young, who has charge of Minard's mill, has shown that he is a wide-awake hustler. Through his energy some of our excellent lumber will soon be in the Golden City. The Gravel Ford creamery is being placed in excellent order. The proprietors manufactured fine cream cheese last year, and they will no doubt turn out "gilt edge" butter the coming season. Gravel Ford, Feb. 22. Tom.

AID FOR VETERANS OF INDIAN WARS.

Governor Lord Intercedes in Behalf of the Survivors of the Frontier Struggles.

A communication was yesterday sent from the executive office of this state to Speaker Thomas B. Reed showing that Governor Lord has interested himself in the claims of the Indian war veterans who defended the early settlements in this state from the depredations of the hostile tribes of Indians. Following is the communication in full, and explains itself: "Hon. Thomas B. Reed, Speaker of House of Representatives, Washington, D. C. "Dear Sir: On behalf of the veterans of the Indian war of 1855-6 in Oregon and Washington, I have the honor to request your kindly offices in bringing to consideration, in the house of representatives, the favorably reported senate bill for the relief of these veterans. Their services to the nation and civilization were great indeed and recognition has been too long deferred. If you have merit and justice seem to me beyond any doubt, full information about it would be promptly supplied by Oregon's representatives in congress. "Trusting that you may be able to aid in bringing the bill to consideration, I remain, with sincere respect, "Wm. P. LORD, "Governor of Oregon."

This is a move in the right direction, and if Speaker Reed can expedite matters of this kind, there is not a shadow of doubt but the letter from Oregon's governor will be a strong element in bringing the pension bill in question to a successful issue.—Salem Statesman.

J. R. Sovereign, grand master workman of the Knights of Labor, has written a letter to the Industrial Advocate, in which he declares that secret revolutionary societies are being organized in every part of the country, with their members leagued together to resort to war as a means of obtaining "red-medicine for the populace" which they cannot secure by ballot.

The people of Union county are still working and talking for a snail-beet factory for the Grand Ronde valley.

Tasoma News: The Oregon senate has 39 members and employs 67 clerks. As the legislature did not organize, owing to the senatorial hold-up, these clerks draw pay for more than a month without doing anything at all. It is a Republican legislature.

In Paris there are 65,000 dress-makers and 70,000 persons who make articles of women's dress. The yearly amount earned in this business is over \$250,976,000.

HOW SHOT AT BLISS.

How Republicans Replied to the Meddling Telegram of the Eastern Heeler.

Salem, Or., Feb. 16.—A number of replies have been sent by members of the legislature to Cornelius N. Bliss, president of the American Protective Tariff League, who wired the anti-Mitchell Republicans Monday not to fail to elect a United States senator. The Bliss telegrams were sent in Mitchell's interest. Some of the replies are: "I have lived in Oregon nearly 20 years, and understand the situation here better than you do. Oregon is rich in senatorial timber. Have Mitchell withdrawn, and we will quickly send you a sound specimen. "GEORGE H. HILL, "Rep. Oregon Legislature."

"When we elect a United States senator will have one who will know how he stands on money, as well as on other questions. "J. C. BAYER, "House of Representatives." "Perhaps I understand the situation in congress. I know the conditions in Oregon. I am for sound money and protection. When did you join the silver Mitchell 'push'? "JAMES N. DAVIS, "Rep. Oregon State Legislature."

Capital Journal: Mr. Benson never thought enough of his "house" to appoint a committee or name an officer. Not a bill was put to second reading or a step taken as evidence of good faith that the Benson house had any legality whatever. It was a dummy set up by John H. Mitchell to hold up the legislature.

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