

THE LEGISLATURE.

The Term Drawing to a Close—Wagon Road Bills—Important Measures.

SALEM, February 16.—[Special correspondence to THE SCOUT.]—Only five days remain of the present session and yet much remains to be done. While considerable work is being accomplished, much valuable time is being frittered away on matters of no special importance to any one.

Only a very few matters of general importance have so far been passed, of which the Australian ballot bill takes the lead. Senator Raley's bill appropriating \$400,000 for a portage railway between The Dalles and Celilo, has passed the senate and has strong chances of passing the house.

The apportionment bill, as drawn by the reapportionment committee, slightly changes the present representation. By the provisions of this bill Union county gains one representative. The only counties which have but one representative are Lake and Klamath, which will elect one representative between them.

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As was predicted in these letters some time since, the contest over the seats of the present delegation from Union county has come to naught, and the present incumbents will hold their seats.

The scheme to annex the Pine valley country to Baker county has also fallen through, and it is thought no further effort will be made in that direction. The important measures to be considered yet are the world's fair bill, a bill empowering Portland to expend \$500,000 on the Columbia river from that port to the sea, the reapportionment bill, Raley's portage railway bill, the Oregon City locks bill and the general appropriation bill. To get through with all this legislation both bodies will have to sit almost continuously until the day of adjournment, which is Friday next. In addition to these bills, upon which some action must be taken, are many private and local bills which will be urged upon the legislature. II

Governor Penney would call a special session to repeal about two-thirds of the laws passed at this session, he would stand some show of getting the democratic nomination for the presidency.

Another bill of much importance is the railroad tariff bill which passed the house the fore part of the week. It provides that no greater rate shall be charged for carrying freight from points in the state than is charged from outside points to places within the state. The bill further provides that railroad companies shall use every means in their power to furnish cars and means of transportation to whoever may apply for the same.

Representative Wright, of Union county, has introduced a bill which has passed the house, providing for the holding of monthly terms of court in his county. It will undoubtedly pass the senate and become a law.

Unless the republicans make a better showing during the last five days of the session than they have heretofore, a political cyclone is liable to strike Oregon with a similar force which swept over the east last fall. Their party is so largely in the majority that they simply have things their own way, and are therefore responsible for all legislation enacted.

EAGLE VALLEY.

Items From Two of Our Correspondents—Wedding Bells—Personal Notes.

EAGLE VALLEY, February 15, 1891. Climb today.

R. B. Gibson visited Union recently. What is the tax levy of Baker county?

Mr. Hindman is on the sick list but not serious.

Wm. Gover has gone to Union to serve as a juror.

William Knoblauch has been on the complaining list.

Arla Moody is now working in J. H. Scott's business house on Main street.

A little child belonging to Wm. Gover has been slightly ill for a few days past.

Harry Swisher returned from Portland a few days ago where he has been with beef cattle.

Charles Chase, who has been at Hilgard the past few months, has returned to this valley.

It seems as though the young nimrods are not having much success now days hunting the fleet-footed deer.

It has been reported here that the officers have moved out of the court house on account of it being nearly ready to fall down. How is it Mr. Editor?

Our deepest snow in this valley so far this winter was about six inches, but it did not lay very long. The snow is tolerable deep in the mountains surrounding here.

The lower apiary in this valley appears to be having some trouble in holding its queens. As the drones are most too plentiful in that apiary it is feared that the queens will leave in a few days.

Married, in this valley, February 12, at the residence of William Summers, George Saunders and Miss Lillie Cunjiff. George is a son of D. J. Saunders of this valley. Quite a crowd was in attendance at the wedding. The happy couple were made man and wife by the Rev. Crego, of Pine valley. Their many friends wish them many days of happiness and a smooth road to travel over, also still waters to sail upon. An attempt was made to chivari them but the crowd consisted of but one brave one and consequently they soon braved one. Good wishes to George and his pretty bride.

NEWTON BRADFORD.

February 14, 1891.

Items scarce.

A few of our ranchers are speaking of shipping horses east soon.

Mr. Albersen, of Cornucopia, is bringing a part of his goods down here and will open up a branch store in Eagle valley.

A series of meetings commences tonight with Rev. Crego as preacher. Just what assistance he is expecting I do not positively know.

Quite a number of the young people of the valley went to St. Valentine's ball that was given at that place.

A chinook wind made us a call and took from us our snow, so we now travel in mud and water, but if the open weather continues some of our stock men no doubt will want to drive some of their strongest stock to the adjoining hills.

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WASHINGTON.

News of the Week as Noted by Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Feb. 6, 1891.

EDITOR OREGON SCOUT:

The national legislative council of the national farmers alliance and industrial union is now holding its first session in this city. It is composed of the heads of the state organizations, and is presided over by the national president. The object of this meeting is twofold; first, it will draw up a programme of measures that the alliance will push in the fifty-second congress, and perfect those that are in a crude state as well as change those that it may seem desirable to change—it is believed that the subtreasury scheme will undergo material changes if it is not supplanted entirely by a new measure which will retain as many of the main features of the old one as the council may think that congress will accept; next, the council will endeavor to get up a feasible and practicable plan for disseminating the literature of the organization among the masses, in order to educate them in the aims and interests of the alliance. The politicians are greatly interested in the doings of the council.

The friends of the free coinage bill do not like the latest move of the opposition—hearings for commercial organizations—which they claim is made solely for the purpose of killing the bill by delay. The opposition is unquestionably hustling as it never hustled before, which shows that it is afraid to trust entirely to a presidential vote. Senator Cockrell stated on the floor of the senate that the applications for hearings on this subject were the result of telegrams sent from Washington and not of public sentiment. There has been several lively scenes in the committee room of the house coinage committee, and in one case it came near resulting in blows. A majority of the committee is opposed to the bill, and has so far voted down every proposition to set a day to take a vote upon it. As soon as an opportune moment arrives, the question of discharging the committee from further consideration of the bill will be called up in the house and then there will be the liveliest sort of a time for a while, and out of the scrimmage the bill will emerge triumphant, or it will be killed for the session. If it could have been gotten before the house when it first came from the senate its passage would have been certain, but owing to the powerful influences that have been brought to bear upon week-kneed members, the outcome is not now so certain, though the chances are still largely in favor of the bill, if it gets before the house.

Congress having adopted Mr. Harrison's recommendation to allow an assistant secretary of any one of the executive departments to act as secretary for a period of 30 days in case of the death or resignation of the secretary, by passing a bill to that effect, that gentleman has buckled down to the task of finding the man to succeed the late secretary Windom. All speculation as to who it will be is at this time simply the wildest sort of guessing. It has been out in a semi-official way that the claims of no man who favors free coinage will be considered, notwithstanding the receipt of numerous communications asking that a silver man be selected.

The investigating committee is still engaged in the arduous task of seemingly trying not to find out who speculated in silver; it sent to Chicago for J. A. Owenby, whose talk started the whole thing, and then destroyed his usefulness as a witness by deciding that he should not repeat in his testimony the names of congressmen whom he has heard other parties say were speculating in silver.

There is considerable quiet excitement among the democrats today, caused by a rumor that the republican senators, at a caucus held last night, had agreed upon a brand new election bill, which met the views of those who had refused to support the old one. The republicans are reticent and it is impossible to say whether there is any truth in the rumor. They held a caucus last night, that is certain, but the reason for holding it was given out to be the arrangement of the order of business for the rest of the session. Senator Stewart has presented a memorial from the national farmers' alliance, asking that congress amend the constitution so as to prevent the establishment or maintenance of lotteries in any state or territory.

Senator Turpie has introduced a joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment providing for the election of United States senators by a direct vote of the people. This idea is rapidly growing popular, and has a number of enthusiastic advocates in the senate. There is, as far as known,

no valid argument against it, while there are any number in favor of it, not the least of which are the scandals that have of late years attended so many senatorial elections.

Mr. Blaine has concluded the negotiation of a reciprocity treaty with Brazil.

J. H. C.

SOUTH PORTER.

"Sometimes" Crosses Path—The District Question—Reciprocity.

South Porter, February 10, 1891. Rumor has it that there will be a wedding on.

The revival meetings at the M. E. church are well attended.

Work in the timber land to be suspended on account of the depth of the snow.

We are sorry to learn that our neighbor, J. W. Knobel's wife, has a removal from here.

Joe Carroll is having his blacksmith shop changed into a livery barn. Royce's hotel is doing the carpenter work.

The railroad company had several train loads of lumber put up at this place and may want more.

Our community is well represented at Union county's school government at present. A good many are courting.

The so-called "shamblers" seem to find these profitable towns, as our merchants are visited daily by some of them.

It is to be regretted that the debating society at this place was of so short duration, as these evening entertainments are always for the good of the people.

Several of our young folks are attending the dances at Union, claiming that "wecopying" is their policy, while others claim that "reciprocity" has proven a failure in that case so far.

Snow, sleet, snow, and plenty of snow, which produces a smile of satisfaction on the countenance of the farmer, who has the assurance of plenty of water for irrigation purposes the coming season.

The county division matter seems to be a thing of the past around here, and still the people live; some think it is a good thing for our town, especially those who signed a petition, as they say it will wake Union county up, and the sometimes stepmotherly treatment which we received, will not occur so often.

Herman Rothchild says the reason he don't reply to that thing who styles himself "Up the Way," in the Eastern Oregon Republican, is that he would not like to see the epitaph, to which that thing is entitled, in print; but if it desires a personal explanation, just to call around and bring witnesses along, and he will confer upon it that especial degree to which it is so fully qualified, and he says the password for this degree that individual will find in the initials of the following lines:

Lost, is the cause of division, In mourning some people now are; A death from misrepresentation Reached it but not got far.

He also says that J. E. C. is not the name of a thoroughbred bull who has made record, but it was Jay Eyo See, a stallion, who has done that for himself. SOMETIMES.

NO LONGER A TERROR.

Modern Treatment That Cures Constipation. According to the San Francisco Bulletin a remedy has been discovered that will almost infallibly overcome constipation. It is the new sensitive principle in Joy's Vegetable Sarsaparilla. The papers are full of recent cures, commencing with its efficiency, and we give place to their best sensation, a card from San Francisco's well known lady, mandarin. She says: "I am willing to relate the following experience. I have for years had a weak stomach attended with constipation, and never found but one preparation that helped me and that soon wore out and lost its effect, and I was again a sufferer till I tried Joy's Vegetable Sarsaparilla. It helped me in every way and has thoroughly reorganized me. I had one of the most sensitive of stomachs and was in continual distress, but now eat and sleep and everything with my old accustomed freedom without any evil effects. I am both surprised and delighted, and gladly recommend it."

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