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### Eleventh Regular Session of the Oregon Legislature.

**H. B. No. 64.** Introduced by Mr. Wilson, and read first time September 21, 1880.

A Bill for An Act to Create the County of Knox and fix the salaries of County Judge and Treasurer of said County. *Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:*

Section 1. That all that portion of the State of Oregon embraced within the following boundary lines, be, and the same is hereby created and organized into a separate County by the name of Knox, to-wit: Beginning at mid channel of the Columbia river, at a point north of the meander post on the section line between sections nine (9) and ten (10), township five (5) north, range twenty-nine (29) east; thence south on said section line to the center of township three (3) north, range twenty-nine (29) east; thence east to the center of township three (3) north, range thirty-three (33) east; thence south to the township line between townships two (2) and three (3) north, range thirty-three (33) east; thence east on said line to the public property of Umatilla county (3) north, range thirty-three (33) east; thence south on range line to the base line; thence east on base line to the summit of the Blue mountains; thence north-easterly on the line between Umatilla county and Union county, to the State line between Oregon and Washington Territory; thence west on said line to the channel of the Columbia river; thence down the channel of said river to the point of beginning.

Sec. 2. The territory embraced within said boundary lines shall compose a county for all civil and military purposes, and shall be subject to the same laws and restrictions, and be entitled to elect the same officers as other counties of this State; *Provided*, that it shall be the duty of the Governor, as soon as convenient after this Act shall become a law, to appoint for Knox county, and from among her resident citizens, the several county officers allowed by law to other counties of this State which said officers, after duly qualifying according to law, shall be entitled to hold their respective offices until their successors are duly elected at the general election of 1882, and have duly qualified as required by law.

Sec. 3. The temporary county seat of Knox county shall be located at Milton, in said county, until a permanent location is adopted. At the next general election in November, 1880, the question shall be submitted to the legal voters of said county, and the place, if any, which shall receive a majority of all the votes cast at said election, shall be the permanent county seat of said county; but if no place shall receive a majority of all the votes cast, the question shall be gain submitted to the legal voters of said county, between the two points having the highest number of votes at said election, at the next general election, and the place receiving the highest number of votes at such election shall be the permanent county seat of said county.

Sec. 4. The County Clerk of Umatilla county shall send to the County Clerk of Knox county, within thirty days after this Act becomes a law, a certified transcript of all delinquent taxes from the assessment roll of 1880, that were assessed within the limits of Knox county, and also a certified transcript of the assessment of persons and property within the limits of Knox county for 1880, and the said taxes shall be payable to the proper officers of Knox county. The county Treasurer of Knox county shall out of the first money collected for taxes, pay over to the Treasurer of Umatilla county the full amount of State tax on the assessment roll of 1880 due from citizens of Knox county; the said Clerk of Umatilla county shall also make out and send to the Clerk of Knox, within the time above limited, a transcript of all cases pending in the Circuit and County Court of Umatilla county between parties residing in Knox county, and transfer all original papers in said cases to be tried in Knox county.

Sec. 5. The said county of Knox is hereby attached to the Fifth Judicial District for judicial purposes, and the

terms of the Circuit Court for said county shall be held annually at the county seat of said Knox county, on the first Monday of September and the first Monday of April in each year, until otherwise provided by law.

Sec. 6. The County Court of Knox county shall be held at the county seat of said county on the first Monday in January, April, July and October of each year.

Sec. 7. The legal electors of Knox county shall be entitled to elect at the general election of 1882, and thereafter until otherwise provided by law, one member of the house of Representatives while the county of Umatilla shall be entitled to elect but one. The counties of Knox and Umatilla shall constitute the Seventeenth Senatorial District, and be entitled to one Senator until otherwise provided by law.

Sec. 8. The county of Knox within one year after its organization by the appointment of its officers as hereinbefore provided, shall assume and pay to the county of Umatilla a just proportion of the indebtedness of Umatilla county, after deducting therefrom the value of the public property of Umatilla county. And in case the County Courts of Knox and Umatilla counties cannot agree upon the amount of said indebtedness to be assumed and paid by Knox county, then the same may be ascertained and determined at the suit of Umatilla county as in other actions.

Sec. 9. Until otherwise provided by law the salary of the County Judge of Knox county shall be six hundred dollars per annum. The salary of the County Treasurer of said county shall be three hundred dollars per annum. The other officers of said county shall receive the same compensation for their services as is provided by law for like officers in Umatilla county.

Sec. 10. Inasmuch as there is urgent public need of division of the county, this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval by the Governor.

### H. B. No. 52.

Introduced by Mr. Kelly, (Umatilla) and read first time September 21.

A Bill for an Act to be entitled "An Act to divide Umatilla county and to Create and Establish the Counties of Wise and Coal out of a portion of the Territory thereof, and to define the Boundaries of said Counties; to provide for the Appointment of Officers thereof, and to locate the County Seats of each of said Counties, and to fix the Salary of the County Judges and County Treasurers of each of said Counties."

*Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:*

Section 1. That all that portion of Umatilla county in the State of Oregon embraced within the following boundary lines be, and the same is hereby created and organized into a separate county by the name of Wise, to-wit: Beginning at a point on the Columbia river where the range line between ranges 29 and 30, east of the Willamette meridian, intersects said Columbia river, and thence running south on said range line to the center of west boundary of Township 4, north of the Willamette meridian; thence east twenty-seven miles to the center of range 34 east of the Willamette meridian; thence south to the middle of the channel of the Umatilla river; thence up the channel of said Umatilla river to the mouth of Meacham creek, thence up said Meacham creek to the western boundary line of Union county; thence northerly along said boundary line to a point where said lines intersects the 46th parallel, north latitude; thence westerly along said line to a point where it intersects the Columbia river; thence down said Columbia river to the place of beginning.

Sec. 2. The territory embraced within said boundary lines shall compose a county for all civil and military and other purposes, and shall be subject to the same laws and restrictions, and be entitled to elect the same officers as other counties of this State.

Sec. 3. That all that portion of the State of Oregon embraced within the following boundary lines be, and the same is hereby created and organized into a separate county by the name of Coal, to-

wit: Beginning at a point on the Columbia river at the center of range 27, east of the Willamette meridian, running thence south to the center of Township 1, north; thence east 15 miles to the range between ranges 29 and 30, east of the Willamette meridian; thence south on said range line to the south boundary of Umatilla county; thence westerly on said south boundary line of Umatilla county to the range line between ranges 21 and 22, east of the Willamette meridian; thence north on said range line to the Columbia river; thence up said river to the place of beginning.

Sec. 4. The territory embraced within said boundary lines shall compose a county for all civil military purposes, and shall be subject to the same laws and restrictions and be entitled to elect the same officers as other counties of this State.

Sec. 5. That it shall be the duty of the Governor, as soon as convenient, after this Act shall become a law to appoint for Wise county and Coal county, and from the resident citizens of the respective counties, the several county officers for each of said counties, as allowed by law to other counties of this State, which said officers after duly qualifying according to law, shall be entitled to hold their respective offices until their successors are duly elected at the general election of 1882, and have duly qualified as required by law.

Sec. 6. The temporary county seat of Wise County, shall be located at Milton, in said county, until a permanent location is adopted. At the next general election the question shall be submitted to the legal voters of said Wise county, and the place, if any, which shall receive a majority of all the votes cast at said election, shall be the permanent county seat of said county, but if no place shall receive the majority of all the votes cast, the question shall be again submitted to the legal voters of said county, between the two points having the highest number of votes at said election, at the next general election, and the place receiving the highest number of votes at such election, shall be the permanent county seat of said county.

Sec. 7. The county seat of Coal county shall be permanently located at Heppner, in said county.

Sec. 8. The County Clerk of Umatilla county shall send to the County Clerks of Wise county and Coal county, within sixty days after this Act shall become a law, a certified transcript of all delinquent taxes from the assessment roll of 1880, that were assessed within the limits of Wise county and Coal county, and also a certified transcript of the assessment of persons and property within the limits of Wise county and Coal county, for 1880, and the said taxes shall be collected by the proper officers of Wise county and Coal county. The County Treasurers of Wise county and Coal county, shall pay over to the Treasurer of Umatilla County, the full amount of taxes on the assessment roll of 1880, due from citizens of Wise County and Coal County, respectively.

Sec. 9. The County Court of Wise county shall be held at the county seat of said county, on the second Mondays of January, April, July and September, beginning on the second Monday of January next, after the appointment, by the Governor, of county officers as provided for in this Act. The County Court of Coal county shall be held at the county seat of said county, on the third Mondays of January, April, July and September, beginning on the third Monday of January next, after the appointment by the Governor of county officers as provided for in this Act.

Sec. 10. Until otherwise provided for, the County Judge of Wise county shall receive an annual salary of \$400, and the County Judge of Coal county shall receive an annual salary of \$400.

Sec. 11. The County Treasurer of Wise county shall receive an annual salary of \$300, and the County Treasurer of Coal county shall receive an annual salary of \$300.

Sec. 12. This Act shall take effect from and after its approval by the Governor.

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### REBEL CLAIMS.

In reply to Theodore Cooke, of Cincinnati, asking for an authoritative declaration with reference to rebel claims, Gen. Hancock writes:

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To Theodore Cooke, Esq.—DEAR SIR: Your letter of 20th is received. I regret that you are disturbed about that bug bear "southern war claims." People cannot be misled by it to suppose that "rebel claims" or claims in the interest of persons who were in the rebellion can in any way or in any degree be countenanced. The imputation of disloyalty, such as used to be made against democrats even when they were in arms defending the country, so far as it touches me I denounce. The government can never pay a debt or grant a pension or reward of any sort for waging war against its own existence; nor could I be induced to approve or encourage payment of such debt, pension or reward. Nobody expects or wants such unnatural action. To propose it would insult the intelligence and honor of our people. When rebellion was crushed so was the heresy of secession forever. It is a thing of the dead past. We move forward not backward. If I were president I would veto all legislation which might come before me providing for consideration or payment of claims of any kind for losses or damages by persons who were in rebellion, whether pardoned or not. In relation to Union war claims, the government's obligations to its defenders come first. They are lasting and sacred. The public laws of civilized nations do not in general recognize claims for injuries to property resulting from operations of the war of the union; but as hostilities were closed more than fifteen years ago claims of that nature, now mostly in the hands of brokers or persons other than the original sufferers, are becoming stale and in my judgment, might fairly be considered as barred by lapse of time, and if hereafter entertained at all should be subjected to the strictest scrutiny.  
Yours very truly,  
W. S. HANCOCK.

Garfield not only perjured himself in regard to the Credit Mobilier stock and lied about the back-pay steal, but in a most positive manner stultified himself as a member of the Electoral Commission. In his place in the House he said: "The Commissioners have an undoubted right, under the bill, to go behind the returns for the correction of fraud." He took a solemn oath as a member of the Commission in these words:  
"I do solemnly swear that I will impartially examine and consider all questions submitted to the Commission, of which I am a member, and a true judgment give thereon, agreeable to the Constitution and laws—so help me God."  
When the vote of Louisiana came up, George F. Hoar moved that evidence be not received in the cases of Louisiana and Florida, and James A. Garfield voted "Aye." When the case of Oregon was called, Hoar moved that evidence be received in the case of Oregon, and Garfield again voted "Aye," though the position was in direct antagonism to his vote in the Louisiana motion, in which he had figured as a doctor of returns.—N. Y. Star, Sept. 16, 1880.

The Democratic outlook in Illinois is excellent, and the election of Judge Trumbull and the state ticket is assured if the full vote is polled. Systematic organization has been thoroughly effected in every county, and if the proper work is done the Democracy can surely carry Illinois, for there has been practically no real organization in this state for twenty years, until the present year—that is to say, the entire state has not been organized. There has been an organization in the southern part of the state and in Chicago, but the northern tier of counties has been neglected. The result has been—Republican majorities. This year, by hard work and thorough organization, the Democrats hope to carry Illinois, and if the present outlook is any indication, the state will give a Democratic majority in November. Let every Democrat do his share of the work and the result will be a surprise to every one.—Rock Island Argus.

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