

### LEADERETTES.

**May Meely appoint**  
The Woman Suffragists fared poorly at Salem this session.

**Do you suppose there is really a split in the Republican party of this State?**  
Hirsch's hopes were blasted as soon as the Oregonian advocated his election.

**Fourteen is evidently not a good working majority for a Republican Legislature.**  
The dying hours of the last Legislature was disgraced by very unseemly conduct.

**The bill chartering the Eastern Oregon Normal school at Weston passed both Houses.**  
The session of '85 is an improvement on that of '82, for Dolph is worse than nobody.

**It is now being pretty generally understood that Cleveland himself is going to be President.**  
Two new counties and several charter bills constitute Eastern Oregon's share of the legislation.

**The last Oregon Legislature is to be congratulated; it did very little, and the less legislation the better.**  
Morrow's fence bill has passed both Houses. This perhaps means that Morrow is to be a cow country. It is certainly hard on struggling ranchers.

**In the House 228 bills were introduced; in the Senate 155, total 383. Of these 113—not one-third—became law, and a majority of those were charter bills.**  
The Legislature having failed to elect a United States Senator, the question now is, may the Governor appoint some one to fill the vacancy until the Legislature meets again.

**Foreign insurance companies doing business in Oregon are to be taxed. Who will pay the additional expense, the foreign companies or the insured at home? Insurance rates are high enough now.**  
Umatilla has the satisfaction of having been represented by one of the ablest men in the House. Mr. L. B. Cox has made a representative of more than average ability and usefulness. His constituents are appreciative.

**Multnomah might make a saving in men and money by sending Mr. D. P. Thompson to Salem instead of its usual delegation. The legislation in the interests of Portland would be about the same. The Oregonian would not kick, and the Standard would not dare to object. Economy is no disgrace in these hard times.**  
Hirsch perhaps ought to have been elected by the Republicans. But it is not about time that a small clique in Portland shall cease to mark out, years in advance, who shall receive the important offices supposed to be in the gift of the people? It is an open secret that the ring had decided a year in advance that Dolph should be elected in 1882. At the same time it appears to have been agreed upon that Hirsch's turn should come next. Is it not time that this "boss" business was broken up?  
The contested election case between Burch and Laughlin for the Senatorship from Yamhill was decided upon the last day of the session, Burch to retain his seat, each of the contestants to receive mileage and per diem for the session and one hundred dollars in addition. Contested election cases are generally expensive nuisances, but if this action of the Oregon Senate is not placing a premium on such follies the LEADER would like to know what it really means. If Burch was elected, what right had Laughlin to mileage and per diem, and what right had either of them to one hundred dollars in addition. We move to reconsider.  
The latest approved local option and license law provides that the annual license shall be three hundred dollars, to be paid to the county; that to obtain a license the petitioner asking for the same must be signed by a majority of all the voters in the precinct in which the saloon is to be located, the number of votes cast at the preceding general election to be taken as the basis of each majority, and said petition to be published for four consecutive weeks in a newspaper published in said county. Under such restrictions some saloon men may experience a little difficulty in obtaining the legitimate license to indulge in the "legitimate traffic." If we cannot prohibit, let us restrict as much as possible.

### THE OREGON LEGISLATURE.

**Senate.**  
FEBRUARY 18, 1885.  
Salem, Feb. 18, 1885.  
Sander's house bill regulating the construction and operation of railroads, after a debate, was indefinitely postponed.

**Prim offered a resolution for a constitutional amendment, abrogating section 1 of the state constitution, and empowering the legislature to fix the salaries of the governor, secretary of state, treasurer, supreme judges and other state officers, and further providing that no officer shall receive an increase of salary during his term of office; adopted.**

**Davenport's amended assessment bill came up, under special order, and was amended so as to make the bill consistent and harmonious and to accord with Black's house bill amending the mortgage tax law.**

**Davenport introduced a joint resolution authorizing an investigation of the board of swamp lands commissioners and the LaGrande land office. The resolution was adopted, by a vote of 18 to 10.**

**On motion of Dorris, Black's house bill, allowing borrower to pay taxes on mortgages, was taken up. Dorris explained that the passage of this bill was necessary before action on Davenport's assessment bill.**

**Hare moved an amendment to the effect that where the rate of interest does not exceed 8 per cent, the borrower may agree to pay the taxes. The vote stood, 18 yeas, 10 nays.**

**Cauthorn's Menmouth, normal school bill, after considerable discussion, failed to pass.**

**The senate concurrent resolution, fixing Thursday at 2:30 as the time for electing the librarian, registrar at La Grande, and board of pilot commissioners, was adopted.**

**Montany's bill, for a memorial stone for Washington monument, passed.**

**Voorhes' bill granting railroads right of way over state lands; passed.**

**Simon's bill conferring on state courts jurisdiction over crimes committed on the Columbia river; passed.**

**Siglin's woman suffrage bill came up under special order. Davenport did not believe in the constitution taking away the rights of half of its citizens; did not believe in vested rights; believed all power was inherent in the people, and as part of the people women should have the right of suffrage.**

**Lee felt in honor bound to heed the voice of his constituents, who had declared their will at the last election upon this question.**

**Siglin should vote for this bill, because it was just and right. There was no constitutional inhibition against such measure. He believed men were cowards who would not honestly face this subject. He thought his daughter had as much right to vote as the man who blacked his boots; believed in keeping pace with human progress, and though others might, he would not anchor his faith to the dead past.**

**Haines explained that his constituents had voiced their sentiments upon this question, and he would not change by his vote their verdict.**

**Hare believed women could vote under the constitution, but they should go to the courts for redress. He voted against the bill, against the earnest appeal of his wife and daughter.**

**The vote on the bill stood: Ayes—Bilyeu, Carson, Cartwright, Davenport, Hall, Hirsch, Hoult, Miller, Siglin and Voorhes—10. Nays—Allen, Burch, Cauthorn, Coleman, Dorris, Emmitt, Haines, Hare, Lee, Myers, Pennington, Prim, Reed, Rinehart, Shupe, Simon, Weatherford and Waldo—18. Warren and Williams were absent.**

**Warren's bill regulating the practice of medicine; tabled.**

**Haine's bill regulating the rate of interest; tabled.**

**Simon's usury bill; tabled.**

**House.**  
The Senate resolution, allowing the issuance of arms to the agricultural colleges at Corvallis; adopted.

**Senate joint resolution authorizing the joint committee engaged in investigating the conduct of the swamp land board to remain in session after adjournment for no longer period than ninety days. The resolution further charges the committee with investigation of the State Land Office at La Grande.**

**Bilyeu's Senate bill, giving school districts authority to borrow money if a majority of the voters shall so decide. The purpose of the bill is to enable districts to build school houses without the necessity of raising all the money required in a lump.**

**The vote by which Haine's Senate bill for State hospitals at Umatilla and Huntington, and for the maintenance of health officers at these points, passed three days ago, was reconsidered and lost.**

**Senate.**  
SALEM, February 19th.  
House bill 229, amending the Portland city charter; passed.

**House bill No. 11, to provide for the registration of voters; passed.**

**Lyle—Taxing foreign insurance companies; passed.**

**The Committee on Accounts and Current Expenses reported having examined the State Treasurer's books and reported favorably; adopted.**

**The Senate then proceeded to the hall of the House and proceeded in joint convention to elect a Registrar of the State Land Office, La Grande District, State Librarian and Pilot Commissioner. D. B. Reese, A. F. Bell and Mr. Eaton were nominated for Registrar. Reese received 75 votes, Bell 11 and Eaton 2. Reese was declared elected.**

**For Librarian, J. B. Putnam, S. Hirst and H. H. Hendricks were**

### nominated. Putnam received 56 votes, Hirst 25 and Hendricks 6.

**For Pilot Commissioners, J. A. Brown received 73, Captain Allen Noyes 82, Lewis Wilson 61 and R. A. Irvine of Linn 61 votes. The first three were declared elected. All officers elected are caucus nominees of the Republican caucus.**

**Henkle—To authorize the construction of a bridge from Portland to East Portland, across the Willamette river. Passed.**

**House.**  
House bill, No. 228, general appropriation bill, by the Committee of Ways and Means, was then considered in Committee of the Whole, and, with amendments, was adopted.

**JOINT SESSION.**  
The Senate met the House in joint convention at 12 m., President Waldo in the chair. After roll-call and reading of the Journal, the president announced that no election had been had for U. S. Senator yesterday, and ordered the 21st ballot with the following result:

**Judge Cochran—Abshier, Beall, Bilyeu of Lane, Bilyeu of Linn, Black, Cauthorn, Craven, Chandler, Coleman, Cox, Cyrus, Dick, Dorris, Haines, Hoult, Kaykendall, Leinenweber, Lewis, Lockett, Montanye, Morrow, Miller of Marion, Myers, Nelson, Peery, Pennington, Porter, Prim, Rinehart, Siglin, Taylor, Watts and Weatherford—34.**

**For Hirsch—Cameron, Carson, Cole, Cusick, Davenport of Multnomah, Emmitt, Flinn, Gilbert, Hall, Jolly, Kenworthy, Manning, Mayo, McHaley, Miller of Josephine, Reed, Rogers, Roberts, Shupe, Story, Simon, Sutton, Thompson, Wait, Williams, Will, Wilcox, Waldo—29.**

**Scattering—27.**

**Senate.**  
February, 20.  
H. B. No. 29, by Cox, to provide for the establishment of State Normal Schools.

**H. B. No. 180, by Lyle, authorizing Dalles City to incur a debt of \$50,000 for the purpose of providing the city with pure water; read first, second and third times and passed.**

**H. B. No. 50, by Davenport, for suppression of pernicious literature; passed.**

**H. B. No. 101, by Cox, relating to the estates of debtors and protection of creditors; passed.**

**H. B. No. 104, by Kiddie, defining the duties and fixing compensation for the State Printer; passed.**

**H. B. No. 167, by Morrow, providing for the manner in which wire fences shall be constructed in the counties East of the Cascade mountains; passed.**

**The Committee on Elections reported on the Laughlin-Burch case for contested seat in the Senate, that owing to conflict of testimony the case cannot be decided beyond question; that the illegal voting was general on both sides; that C. H. Burch having received one vote in excess of Laughlin he is entitled to his seat. The committee recommends that each of the contestants receive mileage and per diem for the session, and \$100 in addition; adopted.**

**A communication was received from the Governor announcing his resignation of Hon. M. P. Deady as Regent of the State University. Concurred in.**

**House.**  
Roberts asked leave to introduce a resolution in favor of woman suffrage. Leave was denied.

**Roberts introduced a resolution that it is the sense of the House that women should have the right of suffrage. Chandler moved to lay the resolution on the table. Lost.**

**Cox moved to amend by making the resolution read "that the House do not favor woman suffrage;" adopted.**

**S. B. No. 33, for the election of district assessors; laid on table.**

**JOINT SESSION.**  
The Senate met the House in joint convention at 12 noon, President Waldo in the chair.

**After roll call and reading of the Journal, the President announced that a Senator had not yet been elected and ordered the 24th ballot, with the following result:**

**W. R. Bilyeu—35.**  
Hirsch—Allen, Carson, Cole, Cusick, Davenport of Multnomah, Emmitt, Flinn, Gilbert, Hall, Lee, Jolly, Kenworthy, Manning, Mayo, McHaley, Miller of Josephine, Reed, Roberts, Rogers, Shupe, Simon, Story, Sutton, Thompson, Wait, Williams, Waldo, Will, Wilcox, Connor, Geer, Henkle, Sanders, Woodward—34.

**R. P. Earhart—Baras, Bourne, Cartwright, Gibson, Lyle, Prosser, Riddle, Smith, Therkelsen, Keady—10.**

**Williams—1.**  
Carson—1.  
Boise—1.  
Coleman moved to adjourn; lost.

**Twenty-sixth ballot—L. B. Ison, 36; Hirsch, 34; Earhart, 12; Boise, 2; Watson, 1.**

**THE LAST BALLOT.**  
The following is the last ballot, the sixty-eighth: Slater, 21; Hirsch, 37; Moody, 7; scattering, 23. There being no election the Joint Convention adjourned amidst the wildest excitement. An effort was made to reconvene the Joint Convention, which proved unsuccessful.

**Both Houses have rescinded the resolution to adjourn sine die, and both will attempt to hold session in the morning. The closing scene beggars all description. In the Senate a riotous spectacle was presented, and there was great excitement, pistols being drawn. In the House the Speaker decided that the motion to adjourn was not carried, although it was clearly carried by a large majority. The Republicans will attempt to hold a joint session this morning to elect a Senator, but it is said the Democrats will go home and thereby break quorum. There is trouble expected.**

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