

OREGON LEGISLATURE.

A Very Busy Day in Both Bodies.

50 BILLS IN THE HOUSE.

Read the First Time—The Senate Committees—Joint Committees—Other Business.

SALEM, Jan. 12.

HOUSE.

MORNING SESSION.

House called to order at 10 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. R. W. Hill, D. D., of Salem.

The journal of yesterday was read, and approved. H. B's from 55 to 76 were introduced, but not read.

H. C. R. 8.—Daly, providing for a committee to examine into the workings of the Normal school, of Monmouth. Adopted.

H. C. R. 9.—Benjamin, for a committee to recommend the basis for apportioning the state into legislative districts. Adopted.

FIRST READING.

H. B. 28, Biggs.—To redistrict the state into legislative districts.

H. B. 29, Bowditch.—To incorporate Ashland.

H. B. 30, Summers.—For organization and discipline of militia.

H. B. 31, McCully.—Read second time, by title, and referred to committee on corporations.

H. B. 32, Wilson.—To amend charter of Portland.

H. B. 33, McLean.—To amend act creating Klamath county.

H. B. 34, Goodsell.—Relating to wills, testamentary evidence, and administration of wills.

H. B. 35, Hale.—To increase the county school tax levy to five mills.

H. B. 36, Biggs.—To regulate freight rates on railroads.

H. B. 37, Bilyeu.—To license foreign corporations or companies doing business in Oregon.

H. B. 38, Bowditch.—To incorporate Medford.

H. B. 39, Harrington.—Relating to exemptions from execution.

H. B. 40, Crockett.—To create county of Tumalo.

H. B. 41, Smith.—To provide for clearing creeks of driftwood, for the purpose of drainage.

Ex-Gov. Woods was invited to a seat within the bar of the house.

Adjourned till 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The house convened and the roll was called.

Four new house bills were introduced. H. B. R. 3, Mayer.—For a committee to investigate the matter of the Oregon City fish ladder.

On motion of Harrington 1000 copies each of Moody's message and Penney's inaugural were ordered printed.

FIRST READING.

H. B. 42, Smith.—Relating to the age of consent of girls.

H. B. 43, Wilson.—To make kindergarten work a part of public school system.

H. B. 44, Lockett.—Providing for selection and sale of state lands remaining unsold.

H. B. 45, Johnson.—To regulate salaries of county treasurers.

H. B. 46, Roberts.—To provide bounty on certain wild animals.

H. B. 47, McCully.—For improvement of Wallawa canyon wagon road and appropriating \$3000 therefor.

close seasons, provide for a fish commissioner, and prescribe his duties.

75, Bilyeu—Limiting time when a judgment may be enforced in an action at law.

76, Biggs—To relieve debtors.

77, Paulsen—To amend the lien laws.

78, Noyer—To provide for support by the state of all idiotic and insane.

79, Munger—For immediate taking of testimony of witnesses that are unable to procure bonds.

80, Thompson—To prevent swine running at large.

81, Thompson—To prevent bulls running at large between September 15 and and July 15.

82, Swank—To regulate tolls on wagon roads.

83, Hansard—To repeal act appropriating \$5,000 for aid of the Oregon Agricultural Society and providing for State board of agriculture.

84, Richardson—To make rate of interest six per cent.

85, Mackay—To regulate salmon fisheries.

86, Wilcox—For the relief of W. E. and S. E. Settlemier.

RESOLUTIONS.

H. R. 13, Benjamin.—To provide for furnishing officers of the house with stamps and newspapers. Adopted.

S. J. R. 2.—For a committee to look to the protection of the fish industry of the state. Adopted.

H. R. 14, McLean.—To furnish members maps of Oregon. Adopted.

H. C. R. 13, Paulsen.—For a joint committee to investigate the state printing during the past two years. Adopted.

H. R. 15, Mitchell.—To furnish members with session laws. Postponed.

Adjourned till 9 a. m.

SENATE.

Called to order at 10; roll call; prayer, by Rev. Mr. Wire; reading of journal.

Courtesies of senate extended to ex-Governor Chadwick, Hon. Mr. Fenton, and all ex-members present.

Special hour for consideration of resolution and substitute for appointment of committees for senate having arrived, the president called it up.

After remarks by Lee, Hare, and Coleman, the question was called for, and the vote on Mr. Weatherford's substitute naming the committee to appoint the committees stood, ayes, 8; nays, 23.

The substitute was lost, and the vote came up on the original resolution of Mr. Siglin, that the president appoint the committees, and was carried by the same vote.

The president then appointed the following:

STANDING COMMITTEES: Railroads—Miller, Allen, Steel, Coleman, Hamilton.

Public Buildings—Hare, Looney, and Veatch.

Roads and Highways—Dawson, Williams, Stanley, Watts, Weatherford.

Counties—Chamberlin, Gray, Hamilton.

Military Affairs—Dimick, Chamberlin, Wager.

Commerce—Barin, Gray, Rinehart.

Education—Watts, Shupe, Cauthorne, Engrossed Bills—Steel, Dawson, Siglin.

Judiciary—Simon, Hare, Barin, Weatherford, Siglin.

49, Weatherford—Referring to toll roads; county court to establish rates of toll; charges must be printed and posted.

50, Dawson—To protect birds and pheasants.

51, Chamberlin—To make the main channel of Willamette boundary line between Marion and Polk counties.

52, Miller—To regulate freight and passenger rates.

53, Allen—To regulate freight and passenger rates; passengers failing to purchase tickets 10 cts will be charged; unlawful to issue passes to members of legislature, \$50 to \$500 fine for violation of same.

54, 55, Simon—Two bills amending the corporation laws of the state; authorizing R. R. corporations to lease their roads to other R. R. corporations.

Lee—A resolution to amend the rules authorizing the senate to elect judiciary, ways and means, public lands, railroads, and assessments committees; laid over under rules.

Gray—Called up and spoke at length to his resolution for the appointment of a committee to investigate the obstructions of the Willamette and Columbia in conjunction with U. S. Engineers. The resolution was adopted.

Veatch, S. J. R.—Relating to the purchase of swamp land, and appointing committee to investigate sales made of swamp land.

Simon moved to refer to land committee.

The motion to refer was lost; and the resolution introduced was adopted by unanimous vote.

S. R. 11.—Authorizing certain committees to appoint clerks; adopted.

Wager, S. C. R.—For the appointment of a joint committee on redistricting the state, to which all bills are to be referred.

Weatherford moved that the resolution be referred to special committee of three. Carried, and president appointed Lee, Weatherford, and Shupe.

Irvine, S. J. M. 1.—Memorial to congress protesting against the importation of Chinese, and complaining of the non-enforcement of the Chinese restriction act; also.

S. J. M. 2.—Forfeiting lands where wagon road companies have failed to construct roads.

Rinehart, S. J. R. 4.—Relating to Pine Creek wagon road; appointing a committee to investigate the same.

On objection by Simon, it was laid over until printed, under the rules.

Lee called up S. R. 2, by Gray, relating to salmon fisheries, which, after reducing the number of the committee, was adopted.

Chandler, S. J. R. 5.—Petitioning congress to prevent stock ranges from being monopolized by foreigners.

Stanley, S. J. R. 6.—Repealing the advisory board of pardons. Adopted.

The following joint special committees have been appointed to date:

On Joint Rules—Senate, Carson and Weatherford; house, R. A. Miller and Wilson.

To examine the affairs and books of the Insane Asylum—Senate, Chamberlin and Stanley; house, Roberts, Wilson, and Holmes.

To examine the books of the State Treasurer—Senate, Shupe and Siglin; house, Roberts, McCully, and Mayer.

To examine the books and accounts of the Secretary of State—Senate, Steele and Coleman; house, Pomeroy, Harris, and R. A. Miller.

FRIDAY, Jan. 14.

MORNING SESSION.

Senate called to order by the president at 9.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Webb, of Salem. Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Weatherford, from committee, reported a substitute for the appointment of a committee on redistricting and reapportionment of the state, providing for two republicans and two democrats from the senate, and three republicans and two democrats from the house.

RESOLUTIONS.

Chandler—Providing that when male clerks are employed by committees, ex-Union soldiers shall have preference, if competent.

Lee—Authorizing Columbia River Improvement committee to employ a clerk. Carried.

Chandler moved to rescind the resolution appointing a committee on the Columbia river improvement, for the reason that the committee was too large.

The motion was withdrawn, because committees in both houses had been appointed, and the house had adjourned.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY.

HELD FOR CRIMINAL LIBEL.—FOR some time past O. T. Porter, of the Albany Bulletin, and Geo. Rogers, of the Salem Lance, have been exchanging personal "courtesies" through their respective papers in regard to certain acts of each other.

An item which appeared in last week's Lance was too much for Porter, and on Thursday he swore out a warrant for the arrest of Rogers charging him with criminal libel, and sent Constable Burkhardt, of Albany, down to Salem to arrest Mr. Rogers.

Mr. Burkhardt came and returned with him to Albany the same night. Rogers was arraigned before Justice Humphrey, and was placed under \$200 bonds to appear the next morning, but was released on his own recognizance.

Yesterday morning Rogers appeared before the justice and waived examination. He was bound over in \$200 bonds, to appear before the next grand jury of Linn county, which meets in March.

Bonds were promptly furnished and yesterday afternoon's train brought back to Salem the editor of the Lance. The item upon which the charge of criminal libel is made is as follows: "The mule of the Albany Bulletin asked us to inform him as to the truth of a certain article published in the Oregon Siftings in regard to us. Even if it were true, it could not be said to be a libel, as the article in regard to the time that you called your son Tracy into your bed-room, that he might witness the brave act of pulling your wife out of bed by the hair of her head and otherwise abuse her, hoping thereby to goad the poor woman to apply for a divorce, to enable you to continue a liaison with a giddy girl. Perhaps misery could be induced to write it up for the Siftings. Eh?" The case will come up at the March term of the circuit court, at which time some interesting developments are promised.

A LIVELY RUNAWAY.—Visitors to the scene of the Bennett House fire were yesterday morning treated to a view of an exciting episode. The two horses hitched to the back of Minto Bros. came dashing around the corner from the Monroe house and ran at a breakneck pace down State street.

Douglas Minto, the driver, was making strenuous efforts to stop the excited team, but control over them could not be regained. When opposite the Capital engine house, Mr. Minto managed to turn the horses toward the sidewalk opposite the engine house, and the whole concern went dashing into the awning and meat market at that place.

The horses, hack, driver, passengers, and all, came to a sudden stop, and two hosts of the awning were knocked completely out. How the driver and young fellow who was riding with him managed to keep their seats is a mystery.

The two passengers, who during the whole time had been shut up in the hack opened the door and jumped out hastily into a sea of mud in their anxiety to get out of danger. Great credit is due to Mr. Minto for his courage and presence of mind in stopping the team as he did, in a manner so regardless of his own safety. Otherwise the lives of his passengers might have been sacrificed.

THE MINSTRELS.—The entertainment of the H. A. C. minstrels at the opera house last evening was well attended. The arrangement of the stage was very nice. The first part was well rendered, the music was very good, and the jokes and local hits were enjoyed by all present.

"The Willow" by J. H. Ross, deserves especial mention. The song and chorus, "Climbing up the State House Stairs," by Billy Dugan, brought down the house.

Harry Jackson, Charley Kelly, Keller and Hastings, Coomer, Prof. Kyley, George Hoye, Billy Dugan and in fact all those who took part in the entertainment, not by any means omitting those who furnished the music, did well in their several parts.

The Mischievous Twins, the concluding farce, was good enough for professionals. The original "Jumbo" appeared, and took the house by storm. The entertainment was very satisfactory in a financial way.

BIG BONES.—Messrs. Palmers, of Dayton, Yamhill county, have recently discovered, or discovered, another "one of Oregon's wonders." It was discovered in the bed of Palmer's creek, and proves to be the petrified bones of the mastodon, or some other gigantic animal that existed thousands of years ago, whose race is now extinct.

The bones are unusually large, even for a mastodon, unless, as it evidently seems, it was an exceptionally large one. These bones were discovered but a few days since. Mr. Palmer says he is positive the rest of the skeleton can be found at the same place, and when the high water recedes, he will make a more thorough investigation.

REMARKABLE.—The Oregonian of Sept. 13, 1886, says: "Professor Morris gave his thirty-second lecture in Portland last evening, and although he raised the admission fee, the hall was more crowded than any evening before. The lecture was very much appreciated. At its close he paired off three couples phrenologically. Then while blind-folded he examined ten gentlemen, five republicans and five democrats, and told their politics, and then ten more and told the German from the British descent." Don't miss the free lecture at Salem, opera house, on Monday evening, January 17th.

BRIDGE BLOWN DOWN.—The water company some time ago erected a suspension bridge to the middle of the mill pond, so that communication with the wheel of the wire cable leading to the water wheel at the agricultural works might be had. The high wind of Thursday night proved too much for the bridge, and blew it into the water.

NEW LIGHTS.—Wash. Stimpson's saloon is now brilliantly lighted with the new incandescent system of electric lights. It works fine. Strong's restaurant has also adopted the system throughout, and now has both the incandescent and arc system of lights. It is immense. Wm. Wolf and T. McF. Patton have also adopted the incandescent system.

ELEGANT.—Stimpson has now in his employ one of the finest bakers on the Pacific Coast, who understands his business in every particular. His display of cake now on hand is elegant, and they are sold cheaper than you can make them yourself.

FROM SUNDAY'S DAILY.

WAR RENEWED.—WAR between Ireland and Italy has been renewed. The STATESMAN, the other day, told a simple little tale, wherein the Irish duke and Italian count were living together in beautiful harmony, running a fish market and peanut stand. But peace no longer reigns, and grim-visaged war has put in appearance.

It appears that the count entered into partnership some time ago with the duke, and put his peanut roaster into the business. Now he seeks to withdraw from the firm, but he of the fish market won't have it. Attorneys have been engaged on each side, but so far no damage has been done, except that some very bad language in Irish-Italian and mongrel English has been indulged in. The end is not yet.

TWO APPOINTMENTS.—Gov. Penneyer has decided to appoint Hon. Robert Clow, of Polk county, superintendent of the penitentiary, and M. J. McKinnon, of Multnomah county, first warden. Mr. Clow was a joint senator from Polk and Benton counties for the legislatures of 1880 and 1882, and is well known on the west side of the river. He has a reputation for integrity and capacity. There were a number of applicants for the place, among whom was Wm. H. Watkins, of Portland, who had strong recommendations. Mr. Collins, the present superintendent, has made a very efficient officer, and he will retire with the consciousness that he has done his duty well.

TENDERED HIS RESIGNATION.—With the retirement of Gov. Moody, K. P. Earhart, late secretary of state, tendered his resignation as adjutant general of the state to Gov. Penneyer. Mr. Earhart's successor has not yet been named. The law makes it incumbent on the secretary of state to keep the military records, yet he could not properly be considered the head of military correspondence without an appointment as adjutant general, and Gov. Moody, therefore, commissioned him as such officer. There is a great deal of hard work connected with the duties of this office, but no pay; and the militia of the state feel under very great obligations to Mr. Earhart, whose efforts have so often and continuously been directed towards its improvement and advancement.

POETS AND POETRY OF AMERICA.—The writer had the pleasure of listening to Rev. J. R. N. Bell's lecture on the "Poets and Poetry of America," a few years since, and can say it was one of the most interesting lectures he ever heard. The lecture was written in answer to one of Dr. J. M. F. Browne, of Portland, on the "Poets and Poetry of Greece," which was delivered to a Salem audience, several years since. Dr. Bell has a wide reputation as a pleasant and able lecturer, and it is to be hoped he may have a crowded house on Tuesday night next. The lecture will be delivered at the Congregational church for the benefit of the literary and social society. An admission price of ten cents will be taken at the door to defray the expenses of the lecture.

A TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENT.—When the Capitals' steamer burst its air chamber the other morning, the probability was that the engine would be rendered useless until a new chamber could be brought from the east. Johnny Dugan, yesterday, put on a heavy iron chamber in place of the bursted one, and in the afternoon the steamer was tested, and proved to be almost as good as ever. The steamer will now be serviceable until complete repairs are made. It must have taken an immense pressure to burst the old chamber. At the first test of the steamer, 350 pounds of steam to the square inch were raised, and the steamer didn't try, either.

THE BENNETT HOUSE FIRE.—Workmen have started to clearing away the debris from the scene of the Bennett house fire. Chinamen and small boys were engaged yesterday in hunting for more of the lost money, and a little was found. A new sidewalk will be built around the lot, and in this spring it will be decided whether to build anew or not. Messrs. Gray & Sons have had a standing offer for five years to the owners of the rest of the Chinatown buildings on State street, to tear down the Bennett house and remove it, provided the same thing would be done by the latter. Chinatown may now be gotten rid of.

TO HAVE A BRIDGE.—The citizens of Oregon City have taken the initiatory steps toward having a bridge across the Willamette at that place. On Friday, a vote of "bridge" or "no bridge" was taken, and the result was 196 for and 12 against. The city will advance \$1,000, the county \$400, and a syndicate of land owners across the river the rest of the money necessary to build a suspension bridge about 70 feet above the water and between 400 and 500 feet long. It is extremely probable that the bridge will be built.

SET FOR HEARING.—THE case of the State of Oregon vs. Nelson Dilley and Henry Johns, convicted and sentenced to fifteen and five years, respectively, in the penitentiary, at the last term of the circuit court for this county, has been appealed to the supreme court, and will be argued on next Thursday. These are the two young men who entered the Chinese camp, near Gervais, last fall, and stole a small sum of money and shot a Chinaman. They are now in the penitentiary, and the chances are that they will stay there.

HUNTING CLOTHING.—Justice Payne's office, on State street, was yesterday the scene of an interesting spectacle. From morning till night there was a constant stream of visitors who were searching for clothing, which was taken from the Bennett House the morning of the fire. Many articles were recovered, and many more were missing. These latter were probably stolen, as none of the articles of apparel were lost in the fire. Many pieces were unidentified.

THE BEAUTIFUL SNOW.—For the first time this winter snow fell, yesterday. In the morning a few flakes descended, and in the afternoon the snow came down thick for a while. About 1 o'clock a clap of thunder was heard, which was also the first heard this season.

NEW SECRETARY.—At a meeting of the Baptist Home Missionary board for the state of Oregon, held in Salem last week Rev. G. J. Burchett, now pastor of the Baptist church of McMinnville, was elected general secretary for the Home Mission in the state. The gentleman telegraphed his acceptance and will enter upon his work very soon. This position has been held by Rev. J. C. Baker, who is soon to be transferred to another field.

TO BE MARRIED.—Cards are out announcing that on next Thursday evening Carrie V. Palmer and John B. Denny will be married, at the residence of the bride's parents. Miss Palmer is one of Seattle's best known young ladies. She graduated from the Territorial university, class '85. Mr. Denny was born and raised in Seattle, and enjoys the esteem and respect of all who know him.—[Post-Intelligencer.]

BEING DISTRIBUTED.—F. E. Hodges, secretary of the Oregon firemen's association, has just received from the hands of the printer, the proceedings of the fifth annual meeting of the association and the firemen's tournament and is at present engaged in distributing them. The pamphlet is gotten up in a neat and readable style, and contains nearly 100 pages.

REVIVAL SERVICES.—Mrs. Hemus held a very interesting children's service yesterday afternoon at the M. E. church. To-night Mrs. Hemus will preach, and to-morrow night may be the last occasion on which she will speak during the present series. There is a deepening interest resulting in a number of conversions.

IN PORTLAND.—The N. S. Bentley has arrived at Portland, and gone into the boneyard for repairs. It won't be very long before the tooth of her whistle will be heard on the upper Willamette. The expense of repair will not be very great.

AT PORT'S.—Largest assortment of combs and brushes at Port's drug store, 100 State street. Combs from 10 to 50 cents each. Brushes from 35 cents to \$2.90 each. All goods at New York prices.

HEAVY PAY-ROLL.—The amount of State Printer Baker's pay-roll for the week just closed was \$555.55. This is quite a large sum to pay for one week's work.

HIS BEST RECOLLECTION.—A colored man was placed on the stand in the suit of Elizabeth C. Thomas against the city of Detroit in the United States court yesterday and asked by Mr. Kirchner how far it was from the fence to the curbstone.

"I don't know, sah," answered the negro.

"Well, about how far?" asked Mr. Kirchner.

"I don't know, sah," he repeated.

"What is your best recollection?" asked Mr. Corliss.

"My best recollection is dat I don't remember, sah," said the witness.—[From the Detroit Free Press.]

THE BABY'S FAITHFUL FRIEND.—"Drive that dog out!" "He won't go, sir."

"I'll find away to start him," said the "Boss" angrily, as he hurled a stick of wood at the offending cur. The animal retreated under the little carriage and escaped unhurt.

"I think, sir," said the boy on the premises, "that the dog belongs to the folks that left the kid's cab here to be mended."

"Oh, in that case he may stay," remarked the boss indifferently.

The homely yellow dog curled himself up contentedly, for he understood the tone, if not the words, and he stayed by the baby's carriage until it was mended and taken home.—[Detroit Free Press.]

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