

OREGON LEGISLATURE.

Speaker Gregg names the House Committees.

FIRST READING OF BILLS

Still the Order of Business -- Several Resolutions -- Two Joint Committees.

SALEM, Jan. 17.

HOUSE.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The house was called to order pursuant to adjournment, and the roll called.

The journal of Friday was read and approved.

H. R. 16, Blundell--Instructing committee on public lands to work conjointly with the senate committee on public lands.

H. C. R. 4, Munger--For a joint committee to investigate the matter of taxation of Chinese as suggested in Gov. Penoyer's message. Adopted.

H. R. 16, Roberts--That each committee be allowed to employ such clerical aid as may be necessary. Adopted.

H. R. 17, Bilyeu--For giving ex-Union soldiers preference in committee clerkships.

H. R. 18, Harrington--For printing the rules.

H. R. 19, Taylor--Directing the secretary of state to supply session laws of 1880 and 1882.

S. J. R. 3, Veatch--For a committee of five to investigate the matter of sale of swamp lands since 1879.

Motion to lay on the table until the 18th, lost.

Motion to refer, lost.

The resolution adopted.

It names Wager and Dimick on the part of the senate, and McLean, Hale, and Hicks on the part of the house.

Senate amendments to H. C. R. 2 and H. C. R. 5 concurred in. Also, senate substitute for H. C. R. 3, relating to the Oregon City fish ladder, adopted.

S. C. R. 2--For a joint committee on redistricting and reapportionment; concurred in.

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HOUSE. FORENOON SESSION.

Called to order, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. J. W. Harris.

The journal of yesterday was read, and approved.

H. J. M. 2, Paulsen--Praying congress to make an appropriation for the payment of certain Indian war claims. Referred to committee on Indian affairs.

H. C. R. 16, Noyer--For a committee of five to investigate the affairs of the penitentiary. Adopted.

H. C. R. 17, Summers--For a similar committee for same purpose. Adopted.

H. J. R. 7, Maxwell--Instructing Oregon's representatives in congress to urge the appropriation of \$160,000 for construction of a lighthouse and other improvements at Tillamook bay. Adopted.

H. R. 23, Summers--Authorizing committee on swamp lands to work with senate committee. Adopted.

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109, Summers--To prevent persons from unlawfully wearing badge of G. A. R. of Oregon.

110, Bowditch--For permanent location and support of a normal school at Ashland.

111, Noyer--Giving county courts authority to raise county school superintendents' salaries.

112, Mayer--To require labeling of salmon in such manner as to show from what stream taken, the season, and name of the canner.

H. B. 113, Goodsell--To incorporate Selwood.

H. B. 114, Smith--Requiring county courts to establish roads.

H. B. 115, Wilson--To regulate the sale or gift of opium, morphia, etc.

H. B. 116, Haley--Defining rape.

H. B. 117, Paulsen--Making 10 hours constitute a day's work.

H. B. 118, Lafollett--Providing for payment by railroads for cattle or other stock killed by railroad trains on unfenced railroad tracks.

H. B. 119, Crook--Providing for the distribution of \$200 to each school district before making the per capita apportionment.

Petition from Portland Board of Trade for the construction of three roadways across the Cascade mountains; referred to roads and highways.

H. R. 10, Daley--Fixing session of house at 10:30 a. m. to 12 m., and from 1:30 p. m. to 5 p. m.; adopted.

H. B. 120, Goodsell--Granting to Denver & Rio Grande R'y Co. (narrow gauge lines) right of way through state lands in eastern Oregon.

H. B. 121, Pomeroy--Providing penalties for untruthful gross valuations of property in assessment.

H. B. 122, Roberts--To extend the duties of the state superintendent.

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H. B. 123, Gard--To fix salary of superintendent of the penitentiary at \$1500 per annum.

124, Goodsell--Relating to sheriff's deeds and redemptions.

H. C. R. 19, Harrington--To confirm action of secretary of state in giving Oregon pioneer association use of room in capitol building. Adopted.

H. B. 125, Taylor--Increasing jurors fees to \$3 per day, and to \$1 in justices' courts.

126, Benjamin--To appropriate \$15,000 to aid Douglas county to build a bridge across North Umpqua near Wilbur.

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SENATE. SECOND READING OF BILLS.

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2, Goodsell--Authorizing cities of 10,000 inhabitants to build armories; to military affairs.

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4, Bilyeu--For support of state university; to committee of whole house.

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9, Munger--Allowing O. R. & N. Co. to build a bridge across the Willamette; Wilson offered an amendment, Munger moved to refer to Multnomah delegation, Bilyeu moved to refer to committee on commerce, which amendment prevailed.

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Hare introduced S. B. 81, relating to swamp land.

STEEL-RELIEF R. F. MURPHY.

Coleman--Providing penalties for vagrancy. Adjourned.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The speaker of the house named the following standing committees yesterday afternoon:

Elections -- Richardson, Johnson, Kruse, Crockett, Vanderpool.

Ways and Means -- Benjamin, Pendleton, Noyer.

Education -- Blundell, Gubser, Henry, Judiciary -- Harrington, Goodsell, Charles Lafollett, Bilyeu, Daly.

Claims -- Culver, Gard, Bowditch. Military Affairs -- Summers, Gay, Wilcox.

Roads and Highways -- Gard, Pendleton, Lockett.

Enrolled Bills -- Roberts, Little, Hale. Enrolled Bills -- Wilson, Hicks, Davis.

Indian Affairs -- Gay, McLean, I. D. Miller.

Printing -- Paulsen, Summers, R. A. Miller.

Corporations -- Laughlin, Wilson, Mitchell.

Commerce -- Maxwell, Goodsell, Palmer, Blevins, Biggs.

Counties -- McCully, Laughlin, Roberts, Wilcox, Osborn.

Federal Relations -- Johnson, Munger, Hansard.

Mining -- Holland, A. M. Lafollett, Swank.

Public Lands -- McLean, Crook, Noyer. Internal Improvements -- Stafford, Palmer, Holmes.

Public Buildings -- Pomeroy, Munger, McKenzie.

Agriculture -- Crook, A. M. Lafollett, Taylor.

Alcoholic Traffic -- Layman, Benjamin, Haley.

Railways and Transportation -- Mackay, Pomeroy, Layman, Biggs, Mayer.

Assessment and Taxation -- Smith, Harris, Culver, Daly, Thompson.

The following joint committees have also been named:

To investigate the swamp land matters -- Senate: Wager, Dimick; house: McLean, Hale, Hicks.

To investigate the matter of the propagation and protection of fish -- Senate: Allen, Wager; house: Maxwell, Pomeroy, Bilyeu.

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Shupe introduced resolution authorizing president to appoint additional page.

Miller moved amendment inserting messenger instead of page; carried.

Veatch called up his amendment to rules making senate committee on public lands five instead of three; adopted.

S. B. 82, Cartwright--To protect public highways. Also 83--To protect stock growers in state of Oregon.

SENATE. SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS.

1, Weatherford--Regulating foreign corporations. Referred to judiciary committee.

2, Veatch--To limit fees on legal contracts. Judiciary committee.

3, Veatch--To incorporate Cottage Grove, Corporations.

4, Irwin--Regulating rate of interest. Assessments.

5, Stanley--Establishing medical board of examiners.

6, Hare--Regulating actions against counties for injuries on public highways. Judiciary.

7, Dawson--To prevent bulls from running at large in certain counties. Counties.

Shupe introduced amendment to above bill, including Douglas county in its provisions.

8, Chamberlin--Creating a state board of charities. Education.

9, Wager--Regulating foreclosure of mortgages and taxes on same.

10, Lee--Reimbursing certain counties for moneys paid on state taxes. Assessments.

11, Lee--Regulating fees of clerk of supreme court.

12, Lee--Erection of building for use of deaf mutes. Public buildings.

13, Coleman--Regulating notice of vacation of roads. Roads and Highways.

14, Barin--Authorizing collection of road taxes and election of road supervisors. Roads and Highways.

Adjoined.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The president named Arthur Rinehart as messenger.

SENATE. SECOND READING OF BILLS.

15, Simon--Authorizing construction of railroad bridge over Willamette, at Portland.

Miller moved to amend, that the state fix rates over the bridge for railroads, and Multnomah county for foot passengers.

Bill made special order to-morrow at 2 o'clock. Amendment ordered printed.

16, Cartwright--Relating to incorporation of Prineville.

17, Shupe--Creating health officer at North Umpqua. Commerce.

18, Gray--Making the sea beach of Oregon a public highway. Judiciary.

H. J. R. 7, memorializing congress for lighthouse, etc., at Tillamook bay, was referred to a special committee.

S. B. 19, Irvine--To simplify proceedings in justices' court. Judiciary.

20, Barin--To prevent fraud in issuing pedigrees of stock. Agriculture.

21, Chandler--To prevent the sale of tobacco, cigars, etc., to minors under 18 years. Education.

22, Wager--Relating to stenographic reporters. Judiciary.

23, Dawson--Creating board railroad commissioners. Railroads.

24, Weatherford--Relating to questions of fact in equity. Ordered engrossed.

25, Coleman--Creating a general incorporation law for cities and towns. Corporations.

26, Chamberlin--To amend charter of Salem. Corporations.

27, Emmitt--Building crossings on public highways. Roads and highways.

28, Siglin--To exempt homesteads from execution. Judiciary.

29, Gray--To regulate salmon fisheries. Commerce.

30, Hare--To amend road laws. Roads and highways.

31, Bird--Creating sealers of weights and measures. Commerce.

32, Chamberlin--To authorize county courts to appoint road and bridge commissioners. Roads and highways.

33, Cartwright--To redistrict the state. Pending action, the senate adjourned.

REMARKS.

Munger was excused by the speaker from serving on the committee on printing.

There have been no bills on their third reading yet, although it will be seen that both houses made good progress to-day in the matter of second reading.

The president of the senate named Senators Hare and Chandler as the two extra members of the senate committee on public lands. The other three members of that committee are Cartwright, Barin and Stanley.

The house standing committees nearly all met to-night, and organized, and are now getting ready for active work. The clerks have nearly all been "selected" and the average legislator, and committee-man heaves a long-drawn sigh of relief.

The order of business to-morrow is still the second reading of bills, and it is likely that routine business will occupy the entire day. Some fun may be expected next week, however, when some of the members get up to "air their pet measures."

None of the special committees have submitted a report as yet, and the Columbia river improvement committee is the only one having done any work so far. The committees to investigate the books of the state treasurer, the secretary of state and clerk of the board of school land commissioners, and to visit the asylum, penitentiary and mute school will probably all do some work before the end of the week.

The following joint committees have been named since last report: To visit the school for deaf mutes, Wilson, Little and Crockett on the part of the house, and Hare and Hamilton of the senate; to investigate that part of the governor's inaugural as relates to Chinese labor, house, Munger, McLean and Taylor, senate, Bird and Veatch; to visit and report on the condition and workings of the state normal school at Monmouth, house, Wilson, Blundell and Daly, senate, Watts and Stanley.

The house has several good speakers, as has the senate. In the house, Messrs. Benjamin of Douglas, Daly of Polk, Bilyeu of Lane, McLean of Klamath and Lake, Harrington of Multnomah, and others have already held the attention of the house. In the senate, "Harry" Miller of Josephine is still in the lead, and Joe Simon of Multnomah, Siglin of Coos, Weatherford of Linn and Lee of Polk are considered the best and clearest speakers, although Chamberlin of Marion knows how to state his ideas to the perfect understanding of his hearers. There are really more good speakers than have been in these halls for two or three terms.

SALEM, JAN. 19.

This was another quiet day in both branches of the legislature, routine business being the order. Both houses are away ahead of the printer, and early adjournments occurred in both bodies. However a great deal of work was gotten away with, as will be readily observed by a perusal of the extended report. The standing committees have begun to work hard, and some reports may be looked for by the first or middle of next week.

SENATE. MORNING SESSION.

Senate called to order by the president. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Wire, of Salem. Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Also from Indiana was veterans for relief of R. F. Murphy; to claims.

Wager--Memorial to congress forfeiting N. P. railroad land grants.

Miller