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### THE BRIDGE BIDS WERE OPENED

County Court Spent Yesterday and Last Night in Discussion.

WHAT GOOD ROADS MEAN

State Might Well Copy After Her Eastern Sisters—Increase of Population by Proper Improvements.

At the session of the county court yesterday, and the adjourned meeting last evening, the principal subject under discussion was the Young's River bridge. A large number of farmers were in from the Lewis and Clarke to urge the early completion of the bridge. They advanced the argument that if Clatsop county, or any other portion of the state of Oregon hoped to people and develop its farming districts, good roads are a necessity. Not only do the farmers need convenient means of access to the city, but the cities need good driveways for the pleasure and recreation of their citizens. Astoria, particularly, needs good country roads. The city itself is built on a series of hills, has no boulevards or public parks, and while being only about ten miles from the ocean beaches, has no driveway or even bridle path over which its citizens can reach the ocean by team, horse-back or bicycle. The farmers believe that if they had good roads and bridge connections across Young's River into the city, the population of the peninsula between Young's River and the Lewis and Clarke would be quadrupled in less than four years time.

It seems to be the opinion of those versed in general business matters that roads are to a community as essential as are the blood vessels to the human body. There are some who think that it is unnecessary to spend any more money on roads at the present, as our intricate system of interior waterways which have already built up the city, will continue to serve the purpose. This may be true, to a certain extent, and it is also probably true, as suggested by certain Astoria business men, that this city and county needs several other things in the immediate future more than it does an additional expenditure on roads and bridges. It remains the fact, however, that what roads the county has have been of greatest benefit, and the waterways have reached their limit of usefulness. If there is to be an increase of population in the country districts, it must come through additional and improved roads.

The more channels of trade that are opened in any community, the greater and better the general business. Even the running of regular trains across from Clatsop Plains daily has enlarged to an appreciable extent the traffic of the city. If people are furnished quick and cheap means of transportation for passengers and freight it cannot fail to increase business all around. Where cities like Baltimore, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, St. Paul, Omaha, Kansas City, San Francisco, Portland, Seattle, Tacoma and Astoria have both water and rail transportation, they reach the highest stages of development. But with all these cities are the most successful which have good country roads. The people in the West do not seem to have realized the importance of this matter, as yet, but down in New Jersey they have brought things to a fine point.

The following statement of the bids opened in the county court yesterday for the construction of the proposed Young's river bridge will be found most interesting:

The bids cover spans to be built on piles, with abutments and pile pivot and steel cylinder piers, with 90 to 120 feet opening, spans 204 to 224 feet, and the entire length of the bridge to be 2800 feet, with 16-foot trestling, and 16 to 20 foot roadway. Wakefield & Jacobson, \$12,461; Pacific Bridge Company, \$12,330; Sanderson & Maney, \$12,309; Wakefield and Jacobson, \$17,354; Pacific Bridge Company, \$13,390; Pacific Bridge Company, \$13,390; Sanderson & Maney, \$17,300; Sanderson & Maney, \$19,670; Wakefield & Jacobson, \$22,750; Pacific Bridge Company, \$17,960; Pacific Bridge Company, \$17,960; Sanderson & Maney, \$23,030; \$25,220, \$16,800, and \$17,600; Pacific Bridge Company, \$16,561.

The entire attention of the court was occupied up to 11 o'clock last night in considering the various bids made by the different contractors on the several styles of bridges. The two county commissioners were opposed to building any bridge unless they could use the special road fund tax imposed on city property. If it is found that this can be done, work will proceed at once. All bidders withdrew their certified checks and gave bonds instead, giving the county court thirty days in which to consider the matter, it being understood that the bids are to be rescaled and placed in Clerk Dunbar's custody. If it is decided that the work can go forward the matter of choice between the different bids, it is understood, will be submitted to Chief Engineer Jamieson, of the railroad company.

It may be asserted with considerable certainty that the treasury portfolio will not be invited to accept T. C. Platt.

### DEBATE ON NICARAGUA BILL.

Opposition Has Its Innings—Other News from the Capital.

Washington, February 3.—After a brief parliamentary struggle in the senate late this afternoon the friends of the Nicaragua canal bill were unable to hold a quorum and sit out the obstruction to that measure. Vilas had continued his speech in opposition, this being his third day. At 4:30 p. m. a cross fire of motions to adjournment, and calls of the senate began. The friends of the bill resisted adjournment, while the opposition sought to close the session and give Vilas a rest from his protracted efforts. The parliamentary contest continued at intervals for half an hour, and the senate refused to adjourn. The friends of the bill finally gave up hope of securing a quorum and yielded to an adjournment. Vilas continues to hold the floor.

The senate agreed to the house resolution fixing February 19 for the ceremony of counting the vote for president and vice-president before the two houses of congress. Although defeated for re-election, Senator Dubois, of Idaho, was welcomed back to the senate today with marked cordiality and with an abundance of floral tributes. His desk was literally overwhelmed with flowers, while tables, chairs, and adjacent desks were brought into use to support many unique devices into which white roses and violets had been wrought. A great cluster of violets was tied with ribbon, bearing in silver, "1900." The main design, rising eight feet from the floor, was arch pillars, being of white roses and the capstone of immortelles, bearing the word "honor."

### THE GRAND CHANGE

Washington, February 3.—One month from tomorrow there will be a change of occupants in the White House and in anticipation of this there is already a general packing of the personal effects of President Cleveland and his family. These are being made ready for shipment to his newly purchased home in Princeton.

President and Mrs. Cleveland will follow the usual custom of inviting the president-elect and his wife to be their guests at dinner at the executive mansion on the evening of March 1. President Harrison entertained President and Mrs. Cleveland in this way before the last change of administration. The lunch usually given by the retiring president in honor of his successor immediately after his formal inauguration will be omitted at the coming inauguration to avoid delay in the movement of the procession following the ceremonies at the capitol.

### BRAVERY REWARDED

Washington, February 3.—The East Tennessee bridge burners have been recommended by the house committee on invalid pensions as worthy of a higher rate of pension than other soldiers, because of the perilous character of their duty and the sufferings they underwent. A number of citizens of East Tennessee in 1861 enlisted in the Union army as bridge-burners, understanding they would be shot or hanged if captured by the enemy. Some were captured and shot, some escaped to the mountains, and others joined the Union army. In view of these facts the committee thinks special recognition should be given them. A bill introduced by Anderson, of Tennessee, provides that thirteen persons who were thus engaged in this service be placed on the pension list at \$24 per month.

### DECLINED WITH THANKS

No Necessity for Nebraska's Proffered Kindness to Chicagoans

Lincoln, Neb., February 3.—The senate this morning killed the Kennedy resolution offered last week and adopted one offering to send corn to Chicago free of any cost to the city if it would be accepted by the mayor.

### "NO, THANK YOU."

Chicago, February 3.—Mayor Swift has been advised of the action of the Nebraska legislature and sent the following telegram:

"Hon. James F. Harris, State House, Lincoln: Answering your message, we sincerely thank the generous people of Nebraska for their proffered donation of corn, but respectfully decline, as the response of our own citizens has been so abundantly generous as to give all aid that will be required to meet the wants of the suffering."

### WANTED FOR ROBBERY.

Roseburg, February 3.—Deputy Sheriff Stephens goes to Salem on the morning train to get John Case, who was arrested there today by the chief of police. He was indicted by the December grand jury for holding up a train at Cow Creek Canyon in July, 1885. Nothing new concerning the Thursday hold-up has developed. Detectives and officers are quietly at work. The notorious jailbird, Bob. Hinman, was seen at Riddle's on Tuesday of last week.

### NO WINES AT THE BALL

Chicago, February 3.—A special to the News from Washington says: At the request of Major and Mrs. McKinley no wine or other intoxicants will be sold at the inaugural ball. Mrs. McKinley is really responsible. It will be the first time liquor has been prohibited at that function.

### DARK OUTLOOK FOR MITCHELL

Indications Now Are That the Senator's Senatorial Sun Has Set.

DAYS' DOINGS AT CAPITOL

The Senate and Rump House Went Into Joint Convention to Ballot, and Then Went Out Again.

Special to the Astorian.  
Salem, February 3.—Indications tonight are that J. H. Mitchell will not be a member of the next United States senate. The joint assembly called today for the purpose of electing a United States senator was composed of only thirty-nine members, seven less than a majority. As there was not a majority to present the assembly took a recess till tomorrow noon. It is now the hope of Senator Mitchell that the other seven members can be induced to come in at that time. Lines have been so closely drawn, however, that it seems that the hope cannot be realized. Failing to secure an election by means of a joint convention, the only alternative for Mitchell is to wait until the house is regularly organized.

The joint convention assembled at noon. It was called to order by Senator Patterson, who nominated Senator Brownell as chairman. Brownell was unanimously elected. The rolls of the senate and house were then called. The following senators answered to their names: Brownell, Drayer, Dufur, Gowen, Johnson, Patterson, of Marion, Price Reed, Taylor—9.

The following members of the house were present: Benson, Bridges, Brown, Chapman, Conn, Crawford, David, Gracie, Guzman, Hogue, Hope, Hudson, Huntington, Jennings, Langell, Marsh, Merrill, Mitchell, Noster, Palm, Rigby, Smith, of Marion, Somers, Stanley, Thomas, Vaughan, Veness, Wagner—25. Senators Hughes and Harmon came in later.

Yesterday's proceedings in the senate and house were read. Senator Reed asked the chair if the house proceeding required of the Benson house temporary organization. The chair would not give Reed a definite reply and Reed put on his hat and walked out of the room. After waiting for about three-quarters of an hour for forty-six members to come in the joint assembly took a recess until 7:30 p. m., not having been able to secure the attendance of forty-six members.

There was no change in the situation at 7:30. The Mitchell men worked like beavers all afternoon and interviewed every available member. When the hour for assembly arrived, it was evident that many less than forty-six were present. The chairman waited for half an hour, and then called the assembly to order. The roll was called and twenty-nine members of the house and ten of the senate, exactly the same as in the day, responded. The clerk reached up to Chairman Brownell and whispered that there were just thirty-nine. Brownell made no response and there was no announcement of the result. After waiting for fifteen minutes for members who never came the convention adjourned until tomorrow noon.

The joint convention was made of the Benson house, with one exception, and ten of the twenty senators who voted yesterday to reverse President Simon. The first exception was Lake, of Lincoln and Benton. Lake told Senator Mitchell several days ago that, in his judgment the proposed convention would not be regular and legal and he would not enter it. He thought the senator ought not to ask his supporters to engage in a proceeding not in strict conformity with the statutes. Lake was as good as his word. Senator Daly and Senator Haseltine were the two others. Daly today declined to go with the minority of the members into assembly with what he termed an illegal house.

Senator Haseltine furnished the sensation of the day. He had become convinced that the organization of the convention had not been effected properly and in succession of the usual vote in both houses the previous day, as required by the statute. He thought it his duty not to participate in it, and so, too, walked out. Senator Reed also went in and, when he found that he was expected to sit with the Benson house, he passed out. There is no prospect that tomorrow will bring an important change.

### HARMONY ASSURED.

American Control of the O. R. and N. Co. Will Do Away with Rate Cutting.

New York, February 3.—The Evening Post says: Capitalists identified with the Northern Pacific Railroad Co., members of the underwriting syndicate, and of the re-organization committee, as well as others connected with the Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company, frankly admitted today that a large block of stock of the last named company had been purchased from German bondholders. They said that the stock so purchased, together with that the pur-

### chasers already held, will give them the new owners of the stock control of the Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company and insure its being maintained as independent property and operated in harmonious relation with the Northern Pacific, Great Northern, and the Union Pacific Railways.

Members of the \$4,000,000 syndicate who underwrite the securities of the Northern Pacific Company heartily approve of the transaction. There will be no disputing traffic from one to another and no cutting of rates by either of the three roads named, but all will work in harmony with the Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company, as a feeder for all three on equal terms. By this arrangement all danger of any one particular interest securing control of the O. R. and N. Co., for the purpose of taking away business from any one or more of the three roads named is done away with, the purchasers of the stock being equally interested in all of them.

### GOLD CONTRACTS VOID.

Washington Pops Make Indebtedness Payable in Gold or Silver.

Olympia, February 3.—The senate today passed a bill relative to the gold clause in all existing notes and mortgages and providing that all indebtedness shall be paid in either gold or silver money. The fusionists all supported the silver clause, winning by a vote of 19 to 9. The entire afternoon session was devoted to a discussion of the merits of the bill and the grounds of the financial problem of the last campaign were gone over.

The senatorial investigating committee has been in session most of the day behind closed doors and several witnesses have been examined. Senator Squire seems to be the target of investigation so far, although an effort will be made to show that Turner used corrupt means to influence the vote.

### SWANSON ELECTED.

Washington, February 3.—The contested election case of Cornell vs. Swanson, from the Fifth Virginia district, occupied the attention of the house today. Three Republicans and three Democrats on the election committee had reported in favor of Swanson, and three Republicans offered a minority report recommending that the seat be made vacant, on the ground that a fair election could not be held under the Virginia election law. When a vote came to be taken, the minority could not muster enough votes to call the yeas and nays, and Swanson's title to his seat was confirmed by an overwhelming viva voce vote.

### SCRIBE FOR SECRETARY.

New York, February 3.—It can be definitely stated that J. Addison Porter, of the Hartford, Conn., Evening Post, will be private secretary to President McKinley. A private telegram from Mr. Porter to a friend in this city states that Major McKinley has appointed him to that position and that he has accepted.

### THE MARKETS.

Liverpool, February 3.—Wheat—spot, steady; demand, poor; No. 2 red spring, 6s 5d; No. 1 California, 6s 9d. Hops—At London, Pacific Coast, £1. Portland, February 3.—Wheat—Walla Walla, 79¢80; Valley, 82¢83.

### CHAPMAN DISMISSED.

New York, February 3.—The police commissioners today dismissed the charges against Police Captain Chapman growing out of the captain's raid on the Seelye dinner at Sherry's.

Butler, the Australian murderer, was in Astoria in 1892 and shipped on the British ship Scottish Glens, wheat laden for England. He then bore the name of Richard Ashe.

### NORMAN STATE'S REPRESENTATIVE

J. L. Rawlins Elected Senator on the Fifty-Third Ballot.

CHARGE CHURCH INFLUENCE

Thatcher's Friends Asserted that Religious Influences Were Working Against Their Candidate.

Salt Lake, February 3.—J. L. Rawlins was this afternoon elected United States senator. The vote is as follows: Rawlins, 23; Thatcher, 29; Henderson, 1; Brown, 1.

Rawlins was elected on the fifty-third ballot. This closed the most exciting political contest ever held in the state. It was such a contest as could not have taken place in any other state, owing to the peculiar features which were brought into the contest. This was what might be called "church day." In the joint assembly church talk was injected into the proceedings so often and so persistently that several times the presiding officer had to call attention to the fact that it was a civil body for the purpose of transacting state affairs.

Consultations between Henderson and Rawlins were before the balloting this morning showed plainly that something important would take place and word was passed around that it was to be "Rawlins' day." On the first ballot Thatcher lost one vote, while Rawlins gained six from Henderson, putting him at the top of the list. A recess was then taken to 2 p. m., and when the assembly convened again over an hour was lost on the efforts made by the Thatcher men trying to force an adjournment.

Nearly all of Thatcher's friends made open charges of church influence against their candidate, while his opponents were vehement in their denial of the charges. Riddout issued a vigorous speech in favor of absolute separation of church and state.

Sloan, chairman of the Democratic state committee, and one of the Thatcher men, said he had in his possession a letter written by a member of the legislature in which he stated that he recognized a higher authority than his duty to the state. Sloan served notice that, if a United States senator was elected by the vote of that member, he would contest his right to vote on the question. When roll call was finished Rawlins had 31 votes, or within one of election, while Thatcher had 24. Several members changed to Thatcher from other candidates, until his vote was brought up to 23. Finally Hansen, Republican, who had voted for Goodwin, changed to Rawlins, and his election was officially announced.

Rawlins is 46 years old and was born in Salt Lake county. He studied law in this city and was admitted to the bar in 1875. He was elected to congress as a delegate on the Democratic ticket in 1882, defeating Frank J. Cannon, but was defeated by Cannon in 1894.

### FIEND'S DREAM REALIZED.

Will Take the Fiestive Shot and Live in Perfect Happiness.

Tacoma, Wa., February 3.—John Kelly, a morphine "fiend," today received tidings that his mother had died in San Francisco, leaving him \$2,000. He has just been released from the county jail. When informed of the money left him, Kelly said:

"When I get to San Francisco I am going to buy \$1,000 worth of room rent and \$1,000 worth of morphine and live perfectly happy until I die."

About five years ago Kelly was left \$50,000 by a relative in San Francisco. He started out to spend it and in six months it was gone.

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