

From a private letter from Salem we learn that our high school bill stands a very poor show of passing the legislature owing to the prejudice against so much state money being appropriated for educational institutions.

It appears from the Portland Telegram that Harney county was the first to send a report and maps to Secretary Moore of the Oregon Irrigation Association.

It follows this with a copy of the report which gives the matter in detail, the water sheds, the natural slope of the land, together with a table of the irrigable lands, appropriated and unappropriated in Harney valley, the characteristics of the soil and etc.

King county, Washington, is anxious to have a senator to represent that county, or rather Seattle, principally, if not solely, as against the rest of the state of Washington.

The "one-mile limit law" which was introduced at the opening of the legislature was killed in the committee where it had been referred. The bill was to prevent sheep from being herded or grazed on the public ranges within one-half mile of possessory claims.

We learn through a Portland exchange that Crook county has sent in a report on its possibilities for government irrigation works. She claims to have 2,000,000 acres available for settlers.

people have a monopoly and will not give up to government aid. This will practically shut Crook out of the race and as only Klamath county is in line so far, Harney county stands a good chance of being first to receive attention from the government.

The report comes from Salem that if C. W. Fulton should not get enough support to be elected U. S. Senator this week, that it would "be all off with him" and he might as well quit.

We also learn that Jonathan Bourne is doing things up about right at his head quarters at the capital city but seems somewhat "slippery" as it is not known whether he is there in the interest of Bourne or some one else.

What will the present session of the legislature do with the Mays law? They don't seem inclined to respect it so why not repeal it.

A dispatch says that Binger Hermann will return home as soon as he is relieved of his duties as commissioner. He is also quoted as saying he had not seriously considered being a candidate for congress to fill vacancy of Tongue.

It looks as if the private irrigation schemes, launched under the provisions of the Carey act, were going to defeat any irrigation work by the government under the latter law, in this state, for this year at least.

Governor Chamberlain has appointed Albert Tozier, of Portland, to be expert to measure and examine printing in the office of the state printer.

The appointment of W. A. Richards to succeed Binger Hermann as commissioner of the general land office has been confirmed.

Levi Ankeny has been elected U. S. Senator from Washington.

Rabbit drives are the order of the day. Besides being great sport it is benefiting the farmer.

HOUSE BILL NO. 61.

An Act to Establish a High School at Burns--Introduced by Test.

Whereas the people of Harney county have for many years paid their proportion of the funds necessary for the maintenance of the several schools receiving support from the state, but owing to its remoteness and lack of railways, or other convenient or safe means of travel, the hardships and very great expense of ingress and egress, have practically precluded the students of that county from availing themselves of the advantages of any of those schools which have been maintained, in part, by taxes from that county, and such students are thereby denied the educational advantages which it is the policy of the state to place within reach of all; therefore, be it enacted by the legislative assembly of the state of Oregon:

Section 1. That there is hereby appropriated out of the general fund of the state of Oregon the sum of \$10,000, in annual payments of \$2,500 each for four years, to be used in establishing and maintaining a high school in Burns, Harney county, Oregon, in the manner hereinafter provided.

Section 2. The board of directors shall consist of the county judge and two county commissioners, the county treasurer, and county school superintendent, who shall act in their official capacity as such board; the county judge to be ex officio chairman, and the county school superintendent ex officio secretary, and who shall serve without compensation; and it shall be their duty to establish such high school and prescribe such course of study in the higher grades as they may deem proper and suited to the needs of the advanced students of the county.

Section 3. That the board of directors may, by rule, fix a proper educational qualification for admission to said high school, but shall in no case make any charge for tuition or require the payment of any fees from any pupil for admission to and instruction in said high school.

Section 4. That the board of directors shall provide, by the erection of a suitable building, or otherwise, rooms for study and recitation, sufficient to accommodate not less than one hundred and fifty students, and properly furnish said rooms for occupancy, but no part of the money hereby appropriated shall be used for the erection of such building.

Section 5. That all the money hereby appropriated shall be used exclusively in the payment of the teachers in said high school and of the current expenses incident to its maintenance.

Section 6. Upon the presentation of the certificate of the chairman of the board of directors herein mentioned, that a high school as herein provided has been established in Burns, Harney county, Oregon, and that school rooms sufficient for the accommodation of not less than one hundred and fifty students have been provided and properly furnished, the secretary of state shall draw his warrant upon the state treasurer in favor of the chairman of the board of directors of Burns school for the sum hereby appropriated.

WILL WE GET LEFT?

According to the Oregonian's Washington correspondent Oregon may not get in on the first irrigation works. He says Secretary Hitchcock will take steps looking to appropriating among the Western states the irrigation work first to be undertaken under the general law, as soon as congress adjourns.

"The chance for Oregon securing one of the first works is fast ebbing away. Since the irrigation convention held about seven weeks ago, the Geological Survey has heard nothing as to local projects from the special committee, and is somewhat at loss to understand the lack of interest in the work on the part of the Oregon people.

to a number of projects that are recommended more or less strongly, but none in Oregon.

"The survey officials here have been waiting for the irrigation committee, which was chosen to advise the department as to the most favored localities in Oregon, in order that the wishes of the people might be carried out as nearly as possible. If this report is not soon made, the survey will not have time, before the secretary announces his choice, to inspect and report upon the sites of proposed works in Oregon, and the state will have to take a second choice, and possibly wait for a year or more, until sufficient funds have accumulated in the treasury to cover the cost of the favored Oregon scheme."

The local organization of this county has forwarded a complete report of an irrigation project in this county to the committee referred to above. From what we can learn it is the only one yet received. In justice to Harney county this report should be forwarded to Washington. The committee should not wait for other propositions until it is too late for Oregon to get first consideration--especially as this state has a large amount to its credit in the irrigation fund.

A recent decision of Judge Marshall, of the United States District Court, in regard to ranging stock on forest reserves is regarded of great importance. Judge Marshall states that congress has exceeded its legislative power in empowering the secretary of the interior to make rules the violation of which would be a criminal act, and held that the law prohibiting the herding of stock on forest reserves was unconstitutional.

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