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## PLAN AN EXTRA SESSION

### OREGON LAWMAKERS MAY NOT ADJOURN SINE DIE.

Propose to Authorize president of Senate To Issue the Call for Next Meeting Or Set Date Themselves.

The Oregonian says: Republicans of the Legislature are discussing a plan to bring the body together again six months or a year hence. They say that emergencies are likely to arise before the session of the next lawmaking body such as will need the attention of the Legislature, and, as a Democratic Governor would probably not summon a Republican Legislature to deal with those emergencies, the members should devise a plan for meeting independently of the Chief Executive.

Among the emergencies are cited the possibility of vacancy in the Oregon delegation in Congress and the probability of the Governor's vetoing important measures after adjournment of the present regular session, which the Legislators think should be passed over the veto.

This question has been discussed at Salem and on the train to and from the capital for three weeks, and the leaders of the Legislature are pondering over it studiously. The only doubt that makes them hesitate is the query: "Would the plan make thunder for Democrats?"

The Legislature has constitutional authority to adjourn until whatever time it desires to meet again, but when it adjourns without day, only the Governor can call it together. Two proposals are now under consideration by Republican of both houses: First, to adjourn at the call of the President of the Senate; second, until some specified time. If the latter alternative shall be adopted, the lawmakers may meet again next Autumn or following January.

So far have Republicans gone in consideration of the extra session proposal that some have suggested a caucus, at which all may air their views in concert.

If the Legislature should adjourn before the 40 days shall have expired, during which they are allowed \$3 per diem by the constitution, there would be good reason for extra sessions, say its advocates, although they know that they would draw no money from the state treasury.

Serious doubt exists as to whether the Legislature can legally authorize the President to issue the summons. There is no question, however, but the Legislature has constitutional authority to adjourn to whatever day it chooses.

### SHORT OF CASH.

If the amount of money in the hands of the taxpayers of Grant county on March 1, 1904, was anything near as small as that indicated by the assessment roll of last year, Grant would be experiencing one of the worst financial famines known to man. The assessment made by T. M. Ray and his depu-

ties last year disclosed only \$2800, in cash in the entire county. Of this amount taxpayers of Willow precinct gave \$175; Warm Springs precinct \$225; Long Creek \$2,000; Hamilton, \$100; John Day \$100; Quartzburg, \$500; South Fork, \$15,000. None of the other precincts, in the county had a single dollar in cash available for assessment.

Another noticeable feature of this part of the assessment is that this amount is the aggregate of the money given in by only nine taxpayers. Some people wonder why Grant county is in debt. It is not the fault of the assessor or any of his deputies, but the taxpayers themselves in withholding their property from the assessor. The assessment roll of this county should show property of the value of at least \$5,000,000.—Blue Mt. Eagle.

### DEMAND FOR MUTTON.

Howard Stephens, of the firm of Hunter & Stephens, sheep buyers, has returned from a week's trip to Nebraska, says the Pendleton Tribune. Mr. Stephens says the sheep situation at the present time is most satisfactory and believes that by early spring prices for mutton sheep will be unusually high.

"Sheep will bring much better prices this spring than they did last year at any time during the season," said Mr. Stephens yesterday. "The demand for good mutton sheep will be strong all season owing to the scarcity of cattle in many sections of the country. The sheepmen of Umatilla county will have a much better year than last year."

J. B. Huntington, father of this city, was a visitor here from Portland for a few days renewing old acquaintances. Mr. Huntington is preparing to open a law office in Portland in the near future—in fact as soon as he can get suitable accommodations. A host of friends in this portion of the state wish him success.—Huntington Herald.

### Victory White Bronze Monuments.

The local agent, M. L. Lewis, has just received notice from The Monumental Bronze Co. of Bridgeport, Conn. that White Bronze has been awarded two medals, viz: Class No 194, Art Work in Zinc and class No 220 Marble, Stone and Metal Monuments.

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## HIS VIEW OF THE CONVENTION

### SHEEPMAN TALKS OF SPLIT OF THE LIVESTOCK MEN.

He Claims That Much Good was Accomplished Despite the Disturbances—Adopted New Constitution.

"Despite the disturbances and the sharp debates and final withdrawal of the Texas cattlemen, it was the best meeting held by the National Livestock Association," said James H. Gwinn to the East Oregonian, concerning the Denver meeting of the association.

"Three vital progressive steps were made by the convention, all of which will further the benefits and influences of this association: First, under the new constitution, the railroads are not allowed representation, either on the executive committee, nor as individual members of the association; second, the stockyards and commission men granted a five days market each week, instead of two days, as formerly; third a recommendation was made by the general traffic manager of the Union Pacific to his company that a stock train hereafter shall consist of but fifteen cars run at a schedule of 20 miles an hour.

"Each of these vital changes is a triumph for the stockmen, and in addition a movement is now on foot looking to the arrangement of special schedules for trainloads of spring lambs; which shrink very rapidly in transit.

"Heretofore the slow movement of stock trains from the western ranges to the markets has made it a losing proposition to ship lambs, because of the heavy shrinkage of this class of stock. If the new special schedule is arranged for lamb trains, it will mean a new field for western growers.

"Under the new constitution the following ten branches of the livestock industry are represented on the executive committee of the National association; sheep, cattle, horse, goat swine breeders, pure bred association, stock feeders, livestock exchanges, packers and stockyards. The railroads have no representation.

"It is now the plan to have each of these branches or the industry to organize a national association of its own, these associations to furnish one member each for the organization of the National Livestock association.

"Recommendations made for the adjustment of difficulties between stockmen and an educational and fraternal campaign is to be carried on all along the line. A resolution commending the present forestry policy of the government was unanimously passed, and taken all through it was the most beneficial meeting ever held.

"The bolting Texas cattlemen formed the American Stockgrower's Association, but immediately appointed a committee to confer with the National Livestock Association looking to amalgamation, this conference to take place in Denver, on May 9th this year."

Alfalfa at Geer & Cummins

## SHALL HOMESTEADS BE LARGER?

### Mondell Questions Wisdom of Giving Up Arid Land to Cattle.

Whether 640 acres as a homestead shall take the place of 160 acres is a question which is being discussed before the public lands committees of the Senate and House says a press dispatch from Washington. Statements have been made showing that a square mile is not too much to allow a man in certain states of the West, and that 160 acres is too little. An interesting argument was made last Friday before the House committee by Representative Mondell, of Wyoming, chairman of the House irrigation committee, in which he took decided ground against any hasty legislation on this subject.

"Congress passed a law on this question the land of Western Nebraska," he said, "with the understanding that it would be in the nature of an experiment. After a fair trial there and a careful examination of its results, it may be wise—may be wise, I say—to enact similar legislation for other limited localities; but to forthwith apply the plan to great areas of the West at this time would be a dangerous thing. The Nebraska law has been in no sense a demonstrative as yet."

Mr. Mondell stated that he had made four or five long railroad trips throughout this part of Nebraska, and he had observed no indication of settlement under this law. He saw no new houses; no evidence of increased population. He admitted that there are vast areas of the West which can eventually be classified as grazing lands solely, irremediable beyond any process of irrigation, better farming methods or through the introduction of new and arid land crops, "but," he said, "we are in no condition at this time and will not be for many years, to intelligently classify all those lands. There is a great advance being made on the desert to-day, to which newly discovered crops and methods of culture are constantly making productive and will reclaim millions of acres which a few years ago were supposed to be absolutely unfit for crop growing. It would be a serious mistake to condemn to indefinite stock raising any of these lands, which will, as agricultural science progresses more and more, become suitable for homes."

As an illustration, he stated that in his own county of Weston, some 12 years ago, a start was made to grow grain without irrigation. Now 250,000 bushels of grain and 25,000 bushels of vegetables are produced annually—wheat yielding from 18 to 25 bushels per acre. In Crook County, to the north, the crop production without irrigation is much more. In the northern part of Weston county, 12 years ago, an almost unbroken range, there is now an average of between two and three farms on every square mile. Said Mr. Mondell:

"We will, if we proceed carefully in our land policy, ultimately cultivate as much land by these 'dry-farm' methods as through irrigation. For every 1,000,000 or 10,000,000 acres we reclaim through irrigation in the West, we will have 1,000,000 or 10,000,000 acres producing profitably without irrigation."

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