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FOR DIVISION OF GRANT COUNTY SO AS to form

HARNEY COUNTY.

FOR TEMPORARY COUNTY-SEAT:

BURNS.

COUNTY DIVISION.

SOUTHERN GRANT standing before the jolly, well-to-do members of the Legislature reminds us of the little story told of a needy Irishman that silently placed himself before a rich man, upon whom his emaciated features, tattered clothing and hungry eyes made no impression until when carelessly asked "What do you want, Pat?" he replied, "Isn't the looks o' me tellin what's wantin wid a thousand tongues?"

THE Legislature ordered 1000 copies of Gov. Pennoyer's message printed.

IN the Oregon Senate, the following were appointed on the joint committee to ascertain why the recent change was made in school text books: Messrs. Tongue, Steele and Cauthorn.

THE following are among the bills introduced in the Oregon Legislature:

To change the laws as to legal fences.

Making any person who refuses to leave the premises of another, when ordered, guilty of a misdemeanor.

Requiring importers of sheep to obtain from the stock inspector a certificate setting forth that the animals are free from disease.

To provide for the building of a wagon road from Paisley to the southern boundary of the State, near the Klamath river.

To establish a reform school for juvenile offenders, located at Salem, and making an appropriation therefor.

To promote drainage for agricultural and sanitary purposes.

To prevent betting on elections.

To regulate the practice of medicine and the fees therefor.

To build a wagon road from Pendleton to Canyon City.

To prevent pasturing of sheep on lands of others.

Making legal rate of interest 8 per cent and allowing special agreements.

Changing name of Bully creek, Malheur county, to Alder creek.

To amend the school laws, requiring at least five months' school in any district.

Amending the law relating to the adoption of text books, requiring the vote of county superintendents to be submitted to and approved by the Legislature.

To incorporate the town of Vale, Malheur county.

Fixing a penalty for drunkenness.

THE vote re-electing Dolph U. S. Senator, is recorded thus: Senate—Dolph, 21; Pennoyer, 9. House—Dolph, 46; Pennoyer, 9; scattering, 4. In presenting Gov. Pennoyer as a candidate, Senator Wager made a brilliant little speech, in the course of which he said, "Though marching far down in the valley of defeat, the Democratic banner is still unsurrendered."

IN reference to the Swamp Land question, and the efforts made to reach a conclusive settlement, Gov. Pennoyer in his annual message says: "During the past two years every effort has been made to reach a finality in swamp land matters. During the summer of 1887, two Federal and two State agents were in the field engaged in the examination of lands, and during the fore part of last summer a Federal and a State agent continued such examination. In order to thus speedily close up such examinations an expense was incurred slightly in excess of the appropriation, for which it is hoped the Legislature (when it considers the great importance of a speedy adjustment of the matter) will make the necessary appropriation. In October last, however, in order to avoid any further indebtedness, a proposition was made by the land commissioner of Oregon to the Interior Department, changing the stipulation existing between the State and Federal government, so that the remaining small lists of land to be examined, the reports of the Federal agent would be taken as conclusive. This proposition was accepted, and the small balance of swamp lands will hereafter be examined and reported upon without further expense to the State."

Acres swamp land patented to the State, 34,087.14. Certified and not patented, 97,946.66 acres. Estimated and not certified (approximate) 150,000 acres. Unexamined (estimate) 50,000 acres.

Costs in the Harney Country.

It is desired to call the attention of the Legislature now in session to the very heavy tax imposed on every citizen of the proposed Harney county, in all matters where he may have mileage to pay.

The sheriff of Grant county has a deputy residing at Burns. All papers for service in Harney are sent him by mail from Canyon City.

The mileage to Burns and return, 150 miles, at 13½ cents per mile, amounting to $20, is charged in every case, and turned in to the sheriff's office in Canyon City.

In addition, the deputy at Burns charges mileage from Burns at the same rate per mile for his own use.

This is paid by the residents of the proposed Harney county, who furnish about three-fourths of the litigation of Canyon City.

Judge W. A. Wilshire, of Lakeview, arrived in the valley on a business trip.—Ashland Valley Record

Times-Mountaineer, 26th: Smallpox is raging at Walla Walla, and we understand no public assemblies are allowed to be held. The Dalles has enjoyed absolute immunity from this scourge, and with proper sanitary measures there need be no fear of any disease becoming epidemic.

Portland Welcome: The talk of killing out the Chinese pheasant (or scholmeringue) is ill-timed if not senseless. They have not grown so plentiful as to become a nuisance, their beauty is a matter of pride to our State, and they surely kill enough worms and destructive insects to offset any harm they may do.

Oregon Register: McMinnville has quarantined against Amity on account of small-pox.

Roseburg Plaindealer, 25th: Hon. L. D. Montgomery came up from Salem on Thursday morning's train.

Representative Thompson (Dem.) says he does not think California will be represented in the Cabinet.

The French ministry at Paris, since the election of Boulanger, have tendered their resignations, which have been declared by President Carnot.

Queen Victoria invited Minister Phelps and lady to dine with her last Monday and to remain at the castle over night. Mrs. Phelps has given her last reception in England.

The capital of Arizona has been removed by the Legislature from Prescott to Phenix. Much excitement prevails.

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FACTS ABOUT SEEDS.

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The Experimental Stations are now doing much to determine the habits and characteristics of commercial seeds and plants. A prominent institution of this kind is the "Station" under supervision of the Sterling Syrup Works at Sterling, Kansas. So extended, systematic and faithful are the tests made at these grounds that reports of all the more important work will be published from time to time by the National Government.

Referring to the seed tests of the past season the "Station" writes the Lewiston Seed Company, Lewiston, Idaho: "You kindly sent us trial packages of Vegetable Seeds last spring. We planted them with seeds received from Eastern growers and were pleased with the "West-Test" seeds. In growing plants two things seem to be entirely proven. The first is that specialists who grow seeds only, who improve the plants by selecting and by hybridizing and by importing new kinds, who make a careful study of the plants, produce very much better seeds than those who grow the plants and save the seeds for their own use. Expert seedsmen in the last few years have improved plants more than inexpert plant growers had previously done in a hundred years. The second point is that many plants when removed to new conditions of soil and climate require to be acclimated and it takes some seasons to do this. Seeds grown on the Gulf coast where rainfall is excessive and where growing seasons are long and warm, and seeds grown in the humid air of the seaboard States, where there are frequent rains and fogs and mists and dews, do not at first succeed well when suddenly transplanted to the dry air of the interior of this great continent.

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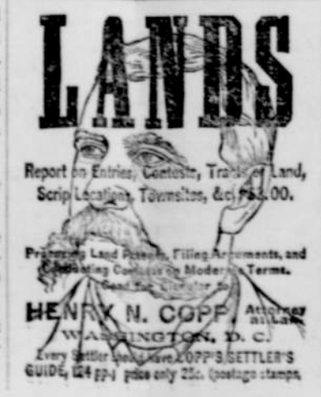

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