

JOINT ASSEMBLY FAILED.

The Necessary Forty-Six Votes Could Not Be Mustered.

The joint assembly of the Oregon legislature for the purpose of electing a United States senator at noon Wednesday came to naught. The Mitchell forces could only get forty members to enter it. Seeing that it would be impossible to secure forty-six, the required number, a recess was taken until 7:30 in the evening, but the night session developed no change.

Senator Reed tried to get a statement from Chairman Brownell as to which house was participating in the assembly. Brownell would not say and Reed walked out of the room, leaving only thirty-nine present. Of the Benson house Lake was absent.

The session of the convention was the action of Senator Haseltine, who was considered one of Mitchell's warmest supporters. Haseltine was present when the roll was called. He did not answer to his name, and the chair asked him if he wished to be recorded as present. Haseltine said:

"Mr. President, there is no question in my mind as to the illegality of the vote yesterday, and I therefore decline to come in at present."

Huntington Withdraws

Representative Huntington, of Wasco, on Thursday, gave notice that he would withdraw from further participation. This is the first defection, and now leaves but thirty-eight members willing to elect a United States senator by means of a joint assembly. After the roll-call Huntington arose and said he desired to explain his position. He thought the Benson house was legally organized, and accordingly he had voted last Tuesday for a United States senator. He considered it his duty to do so. The joint assembly had now met for the third time, the roll had been called and no announcement of the result had been made from the chair. He had voted for a senator on Tuesday, but his candidate was not that of the balance of the organization. This convention was being held in the interest of a single candidate.

In view of the situation he felt it his duty to withdraw. He did not approve of the methods used in preventing the organization of the house or delaying the vote on senator.

Representative Lake has introduced in the house a bill to provide for the appointment by the governor of a state veterinary board of five, who shall examine applicants for license in much the same manner as the medical board. Members of the board are given per diem, and necessary expenses.

Representative Somers has introduced a bill in the house amending the present law relative to the fencing of railroads. It is designed to make it more convenient for cattle to pass at crossings.

Initiative and Referendum.

The following is the text of Senator King's proposed amendment to the constitution—the initiative and referendum:

"Section 1. The right to approve, reject and repeal state laws, or to reject or approve proposed state laws, shall rest with a majority of the legal voters of the state.

"Sec. 2. The right to propose, reject or approve, as the case may be, laws of the state, shall, in addition to being exercised by the legislative assembly, rest with a number of the legal voters of the state equal to (and not less than) 7 per cent of the votes cast at the last preceding general election, held for the election of the officers of the state and counties.

"Sec. 3. After the filing of such petition, the secretary of state shall designate a date for the holding of an election to vote thereon, which shall not be earlier than ten months after the adjournment of the last preceding session of the legislative assembly, nor later than one year thereafter; and no law, or proposed law, shall be voted upon at such election unless the petition therefor shall have been filed at least ninety days before the date fixed for such election. No election shall be held for such purposes oftener than once in every two years, at which time all bills shall be voted upon that have been petitioned for, and petition filed, within the time required herein.

"Sec. 4. No act passed by the legislative assembly shall become a law until six months after its approval by the governor, except in a case of emergency, in which event the facts constituting the emergency shall be stated in the act and the bill shall receive a two-thirds vote of the members elected to both branches of the legislative assembly; and within six months after its approval a petition shall have been filed, as required in sections 2 and 3 herein, an election shall be ordered as required in section 3 for the acceptance, rejection or approval of such law, or proposed law; and if at such election a majority of the legal votes be in favor of such law, the same shall then (and not before) become of full force and effect, but if less than a majority be in favor thereof, the same shall become void, provided, that if the petition against any law passed by the legislative assembly shall have been presented before the expiration of the six months after the approval of the act by the governor, in the manner herein required, such act shall not take effect before the date of such election.

"Sec. 5. The legislative assembly, or the people of the state of Oregon, in the manner provided, may have the power to provide by law for more effectively carrying out all the provisions and intent of this amendment."

Senator King's second amendment to the constitution provides for the adoption of amendments by the legislature and their submission to the people. It also provides for the manner of submitting a new constitution to the referendum.

THE HOLT ELECTION BILL.

Measure to Be Actively Urged by the Populists.

The Holt election bill is a measure of considerable importance that will be urged actively upon the attention of the legislature. It will be championed by the Populists, and they desire its passage more perhaps than any other bill. It has been introduced by the Populist party throughout the state.

The proposed act relates to the appointment of judges by county courts. Its policy is to provide for representation by the three leading parties on election boards, and it is made obligatory upon the county judge to designate the person recommended by the chairman of the respective central committees. The clerk is to be appointed in similar manner from the two leading parties. The appointments shall be made on the first Saturday in May, instead of in January, as at present.

The important section of the act follows:

"Sec. 3. On the first Saturday in May preceding each regular general election, the county judge in each county in this state shall appoint in each precinct in this county three judges of election possessing the qualifications of electors. In every county the chairman and secretary of the county central committee of the three political parties, which cast the largest, the second largest, and the third largest number of votes, respectively, at the last general election in the state for justice of the supreme court shall each have the right and are hereby authorized to propose and recommend to the county judge of such county, in writing, the name of one qualified elector to serve as judge of election in each precinct in said county, and the county judge must and shall appoint the qualified electors so recommended. If any county chairman and secretary, as above provided, shall fail to file with the county judge, before the first Saturday in May immediately preceding each regular general election, the names of the qualified electors they recommend for judges and clerks of election in any precinct or precincts in any county in this state, the county judge of such county shall appoint said officers on his own motion.

The state senate on Tuesday, by a vote of 16 to 12, refused to proceed to the election of a United States senator. The Benson house, with thirty members present, took a ballot, and cast 29 votes for John H. Mitchell and 1 for George H. Williams, of Portland. The one vote came from Huntington, of Wasco.

Senator Carter has by request presented the following bill relating to the free ferry at Corvallis:

"That the county court of Benton county, Or., is hereby authorized and empowered to establish and maintain a free ferry across the Willamette river, at Corvallis, Or., and to accomplish that end shall have the power to buy, build or lease a ferry, grounds and equipments therefor, or may in the discretion of said court hire or employ other persons to furnish such ferry, grounds and equipments and run the same as a free ferry at all reasonable hours; provided, that in conducting said ferry it shall be lawful for said county court to prescribe rates of ferrage to be charged customers for crossing said ferry during the hours between 8 o'clock in the evening and 6 o'clock in the morning. Said county court is hereby authorized to do everything necessary to maintain said ferry as completely as a natural person could do."

Here is a bill by Senator Harmon that will be of interest to many:

"Section 1. Any person riding or driving any vehicle, whether such vehicle is drawn or propelled by animal or other power, using any of the public roads in the state of Oregon, when met by any other vehicle shall keep to the right, and, when overtaken by any other vehicle, he shall likewise keep to the right, allowing such rider or driver to pass him to the left, so as in both cases to permit such vehicles to pass free and uninterrupted.

"Sec. 2. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction, shall be fined not less than \$10 nor more than \$50, or imprisonment in the county jail not more than twenty-five days."

The senate committee on assessment and taxation has under consideration something like twenty-five bills, covering all phases of the subject. It meets almost daily for the purpose of considering them. Several of the bills provide an entirely new assessment of law; but Chairman Hughes thinks that the session has so far progressed that it will be inadvisable to attempt to enact a general law. An attempt will probably be made to pass a special measure designed to correct the present assessment code.

The total appropriation for legislative expenses two years since was \$65,000.

The Benson house was called to order at 2:30 Monday, pursuant to the adjournment on Friday. There were thirty present. Several bills were introduced and read.

The Davis house held a brief session Monday previous to the meeting of the Benson house. As usual nothing was done except to call the roll and move an adjournment until the day following.

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WEEKLY MARKET LETTER

Downing, Hopkins & Company's Review of Trade.

The wheat markets during the week just closed have been under the control of short sellers. Prominent operators have taken a hand in the deal, and the result has been very heavy unloading of long wheat and a drop in the price of May at Chicago on Friday to 78c, with, however, a reaction before the close on Saturday to 78c; a subsequent decline of half a cent from this latter price with final closing figures at 75½c, a loss for the week of 4 5/8c. The market at the beginning of the week had settled itself into a scalp affair with the tendency lower, on the selling out of long lines and the pressing of sales by people who favor that side under any and all circumstances. Dullness begets sagging markets, and the disappearance of an outside interest in the market is, in part, responsible for the break this week. The public has been loaded up, waiting to get out more advantageously, or else sellers have been overdoing the thing to the extent that when anything does come favorable for a rise there will be some tall hustling to cover. The fact remains, however, that the seller has been greatly favored in the news and by the considerations mentioned. Fluctuations have been more frequent and the oft-repeated stories of cash business at the different markets would give one an impression that holders were resorting to desperate means in order to bolster up an already lost cause. There is a cash demand for wheat all the time, of course, but it is not up to sensational proportions or of such an amount as to result in the buying of futures by the speculative public, and herein lies the weakness of the position assumed by the investor in wheat.

On the surface, the foreign crop advances are just as they were when May wheat in Chicago was selling 10c per bushel higher than at present, but still, and strange to say, Liverpool cables have been coming lower each day since the week commenced.

Market Quotations.

Portland, Or., Feb. 2, 1897.

Flour—Portland, Salem, Cascadia and Dayton, \$4.40; Benton county and White Lily, \$4.40; Graham, \$4.00; superfine, \$3.80 per barrel. Wheat—Walla Walla, \$1.82; Valley, \$4.85c per bushel. Oats—Choice white, 39c@40c per bushel; choice gray, 38c@40c. Hay—Timothy, \$13@14.00 per ton; clover, \$9.00@10.00; wheat and oat, \$8.00@10 per ton. Barley—Feed barley, \$18.00 per ton; brewing, \$20. Millstuffs—Bran, \$15.00; shorts, \$16.50; middlings, \$26. Butter—Creamery, 40c@45c; Tillamook, 40c; dairy, 22½@30c. Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, 70c@80c; Early Rose, 70c@80c per sack; California river Burbanks, 55c per cental; sweets, \$2.00@2.25 per cental for Merced; Jersey Red, \$2.50. Onions—\$1.10@1.35 per sack. Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$3.00@3.25; geese, \$6.00; turkeys, live, 12½c; ducks, \$4@4.50 per dozen. Eggs—Oregon, 20c per dozen. Cheese—Oregon, 12½c; Young America, 13½c per pound. Wool—Valley, 10c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 6c@8c. Hops—9c@10c per pound. Beef—Gross, top steers, \$2.75@3.00; cows, \$2.25@2.50; dressed beef, 4c@5½c per pound. Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, \$3.00@3.25; dressed mutton, 5½c@6c per pound. Hogs—Gross, choice, heavy, \$3.25@3.50; light and feeders, \$2.50@3.00; dressed, \$4.00@4.50 per cwt. Veal—Large, 5c@5½c; small, 6c@6½c per pound.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 2, 1897.

Wheat—Chicken feed, \$27 per ton. Oats—Choice, \$23@24 per ton. Barley—Rolled or ground, \$22 per ton. Corn—Whole, \$21 per ton; cracked, \$20; feed meal, \$23. Flour—(Jobbing)—Patent excellent, \$5.25; Novelty A, \$4.75; California brands, \$5.60; Dakota, \$5.50; patent, \$6.25. Millstuffs—Bran, \$15.00 per ton; shorts, \$19. Feed—Chopped feed, \$17.25 per ton; middlings, \$22; oilcake meal, \$29. Hay—Puget sound, per ton, \$9.00@10.00; Eastern Washington, \$14. Butter—Fancy native creamery, brick, 24c; select, 23c; tubs, 22c; ranch, 18c. Cheese—Native Washington, 12½c. Vegetables—Potatoes, per ton, \$18@20; parsnips, per sack, 75c; beets, per sack, 60c; turnips, per sack, 60c; rutabagas, per sack, 75c; carrots, per sack, 55c@60c; cabbage, per 100 lbs, \$1.50; onions, per 100 lbs, \$1@1.25. Sweet potatoes—Per 100 lbs, \$3.00. Poultry—Chickens, live, per pound, hens, 8c; dressed, 9c@10c; ducks, \$2.00@3.50; dressed turkeys, 15c. Eggs—Fresh ranch, 23c; Eastern, 19c per dozen. Fresh Meats—Choice dressed beef, steers, 6c; cows, 5½c; mutton, sheep, 7½c per pound; lamb, 5c; pork, 5c per pound; veal, small, 6c. Fresh Fish—Halibut, 5c@6c; salmon, 5c@6c; salmon trout, 7c@10c; flounders and soles, 3c@4c. Provisions—Hams, large, 11c; hams, small, 11½c; breakfast bacon, 10c; dry salt sides, 5½c per pound.

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Potatoes—Salinas Burbanks, 75c@90c; Early Rose, 75c@85c; River Burbanks, 50c@75c; sweets, \$1.00@1.25 per cental. Onions—\$1.25@1.60 per cental. Eggs—Store, 16c@17c; ranch, 17c@19c. Butter—Fancy creamery, 20c@21c; do seconds, 17c@19c; fancy dairy, 15c; seconds, 12c@13c. Cheese—Fancy mild, new, 10c; fair to good, 7c@9c; Young America, 11c; Eastern, 12c@14c.

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