

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 indorsed 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 clerks are 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 committees 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 county judge shall designate one of the three judges to be chairman. The judge and clerks so appointed shall hold their office for two years. Immediately after the appointment of said judges and clerks the county clerk shall make out and send to each judge and clerk so appointed by registered mail a notice of his appointment."

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 imprisoned 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 \$55,000.

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.

Representative Crawford, of Douglas county, has introduced a maximum freight rate bill, designed to govern the railroad corporations of the state. Rates in detail for various distances are prescribed for every manner of freight, and it is made unlawful for any corporation to charge more. Representative Crawford says that one principal object of his bill is to prevent railroads from raising rates when the price of wheat or other commodities advances.

TO REAPPORTION THE STATE

Representative Somers' Bill Base on Census of 1895.

Under the constitution, it is the duty of the present legislature to reapportion the state in senatorial and legislative districts, based on the state census of 1895; and to that end, Representative Somers has framed a reapportionment measure. The census figures were obtained by Somers from the secretary of state. The ratio of apportionment for senatorial districts is one senator for every 12,084 of population, and fraction thereof exceeding one-half; and for representatives one for every 6,042 of population. For senators, the apportionment is as follows:

- First district—Marion county; two senators.
- Second—Linn; one.
- Third—Lane; one.
- Fourth—Douglas; one.
- Fifth—Coos, Curry and Josephine; one.
- Sixth—Jackson; one.
- Seventh—Gilliam, Crook and Klamath; one.
- Eighth—Lincoln, Benton and Lane; one.
- Ninth—Polk; one.
- Tenth—Yamhill; one.
- Eleventh—Clackamas; two.
- Twelfth—Washington; one.
- Thirteenth—Linn and Marion; one.
- Fourteenth—Multnomah; eight.
- Fifteenth—Clatsop; one.
- Sixteenth—Washington, Columbia and Tillamook; one.
- Seventeenth—Wasco and Sherman; one.
- Eighteenth—Morrow, Grant and Harney; one.
- Nineteenth—Umatilla; one.
- Twentieth—Union and Wallawa; one.

For the representative districts, the apportionment is as follows:

- First representative district—Marion county; five representatives.
- Second—Linn; three.
- Third—Lane; three.
- Fourth—Douglas; two.
- Fifth—Coos; one.
- Sixth—Douglas, Coos and Curry; one.
- Seventh—Josephine; one.
- Eighth—Jackson; two.
- Ninth—Benton; one.
- Tenth—Polk; two.
- Eleventh—Lincoln and Tillamook; one.
- Twelfth—Yamhill; two.
- Thirteenth—Clackamas; four.
- Fourteenth—Multnomah; fifteen.
- Fifteenth—Washington; three.
- Sixteenth—Clatsop; two.
- Seventeenth—Columbia; one.
- Eighteenth—Wasco; two.
- Nineteenth—Gilliam, Sherman and Crook; one.
- Twentieth—Morrow and Grant; one.
- Twenty-first—Umatilla; two.
- Twenty-second—Union; two.
- Twenty-third—Baker and Malheur; one.
- Twenty-fourth—Lake, Klamath and Harney; one.
- Twenty-fifth—Wallowa; one.

Hold-over senators representing joint districts shall be considered senators for the new districts in which they reside.

The most important change in the measure is the increase of the representation of Multnomah county. It gives fifteen representatives as against nine at present, and eight senators as against five at present. Multnomah has about one-fourth the state's population.

Senator Mulkey's road bill is for an amendment to the old law providing for taxing lands adjacent to the county roads for the purpose of improving them. It makes the territory affected to extend not more than two miles on each side of the proposed road, or to the next adjacent parallel road, instead of three miles, as under the old law. It provides that not less than one-fifth of the tax shall be paid by the county, the remaining four-fifths to be paid by the taxpayers, provided that the county court may determine for the county to pay more than one-fifth of the tax. The law, as it now exists, provides for the payment of the entire tax by the taxpayers residing within three miles of the road in question. Less than a majority of the taxpayers residing within the limits may petition the county court for such tax levy for the purpose of improving a county road. The court, upon discretion, may order the levy upon petition of less than a majority.

An effort is to be made to establish at La Grande, Union county, the "Eastern Oregon agricultural college," which shall receive one-half the annual government appropriation now made to the state agricultural college and experiment station at Corvallis. A bill has been prepared to that effect, and it is understood that it will be championed by Representative Stanley, of Union.

Representative LaGell has introduced a bill to make Ashland college and normal school a state institution, to be known as the "Southern Oregon normal school." A board of twelve regents is appointed, and the general policy of government is the same as for other normal schools. The bill carries a \$15,000 appropriation.

At the request of the Arlington Rod and Gun Club, Representative David has introduced a bill to prevent night hunting of wild ducks, geese, swan or other water fowl, on the islands of the Columbia river.

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THE MEANING OF IT.

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TURNER SECURES THE PRIZE

Elected to Succeed Hon. Watson C. Squire.

RECEIVED SIXTY-EIGHT VOTES

Made the Nominee of the Fusion Caucus—He Received Eleven More Than a Majority of the Entire Legislature.

Olympia, Wash., Feb. 1.—Judge George Turner, of Spokane, was at noon Friday elected by the legislature to succeed Watson C. Squire in the United States senate. He was chosen on the twenty-fifth joint ballot of the session, and on the first ballot of the day, as a direct result of the caucus of fusionists which made him its nominee last night, and one of the most interesting and stubbornly contested of the senatorial battles of this state is brought to an end.

The election was of an exceedingly formal nature, although those who refused to abide by the caucus nomination continued their opposition to the last moment, in the hope of causing delay and of the possibility of the defeat of the choice of the majority.

Turner received 68 of the 87 votes of fusionists, or 11 more than a majority of the entire legislature. Nineteen fusionists refused to vote for him, all of whom were Populists, except Williams, silver Republican. Fourteen



voted for G. H. Westcott, ex-mayor of Blaine. Williams voted for Squire, and Reinhart for A. R. Kreitz. The 25 Republican votes were cast as usual for Arthur A. Denny, of Seattle, the result being:

Turner.....68 Squire.....1
Denny.....25 Kreitz.....1
Westcott.....14 A. Denny.....3

Judge Turner received the votes of all the Democrats and all of the silver Republicans, except one, and 40 of the 58 Populists, as follows: Populists, 40; Democrats, 16; silver Republicans, 12.

PRIZEFIGHT BILL SIGNED.

Governor of Nevada Would Not Oppose Wishes of the People.

Carson, Nev., Feb. 1.—Assembly bill 8, intended to permit Corbett and Fitzsimmons to fight in this state, is now a law, the governor having signed it. When asked if he ever had any thought of vetoing it, he replied:

"I wanted to see what the majority of the people seemed to want, intending to be entirely guided by their wishes. This policy I have pursued to the end, and because the people were in favor of the bill, I signed it. Of the merits in the argument made against the glove contest in the bill, I have nothing to say. A majority of our citizens seemed to wish it, and I have signed it. That is all there is to it."

Wheelock is in San Francisco now, but before his departure, he refused to say anything concerning the location of the fight if it came to this state at all. That it will come to Nevada seems almost a sure thing, but Carson and Reno both claim to be the favored spots in which it will actually occur.

Insulted by Spaniards.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 1.—The three-masted schooner Jennie A. Stubbs, Captain Door, from Lemoine, Me., which put in here last night, after an unusually rough voyage from Rum key, West Indies, reports maltreatment at the hands of Spanish officers at Porto Rico. The Stubbs left Philadelphia in December for Porto Rico, with a cargo of coal, and Captain Door carried a bundle of American newspapers for his consignee. At Porto Rico she was boarded by Spanish officers, who relieved Captain Door of his newspapers, and subjected the officers and crew to the closest scrutiny. They were dogged throughout their stay on the island, and at every turn were watched and annoyed by Spanish officers.

The War Portfolio.

Conton, O., Feb. 1.—"I have been tendered and have accepted the war portfolio." Thus spoke General Russell A. Alger, of Michigan, to a press reporter today. The general had just emerged from the south parlor, which is the conference room where Mrs. McKinley is out of the city. He and Major McKinley had just completed the interview in which the formal tender and acceptance were passed. Without saying anything more the general re-entered the parlor, where he remained until 4:15 he returned to Cleveland to renew his conference with the national chairman, and will go thence to his home in Detroit.

Ivory Falls for Home.

Queenston, Feb. 1.—Edward J. Ivory, of New York, who was acquitted in London of the charge of conspiracy to cause dynamite explosions; John F. McIntyre, Ivory's counsel, and the three American witnesses in the case, Patrick Wynne, Patrick Rourke, and Thomas Smythe, sailed for New York today on the Majestic.

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