Lark Bilyeu, Democrat, of Lane, occupied his seat in the house a half hour before the Mitchell joint assembly which met at noon Monday. Bilyeu was writing at his desk. It had been rumored around the capitol during the morning that it was the purpose of the Democrats to enter the joint assembly, and Bilyeu's presence appeared to confirm the report. As the hand of the clock moved slowly toward 12, the member from Lane continued composedly to dip his pen in the ink and seemed to be oblivious to surroundings and wholly taken up with the

work in which he was engaged. At noon, Chairman Brownell mounted the speaker's rostrum, and, calling to order, directed the clerk to call the roll. The senators, the same as last Friday, answered to their names. As the clerk was concluding the senate call, Vaughan, the aged representative answer to his name, and the chair from Lane, who has been quite sick, appeared in the lobby, supported by his wife. He looked pale and very ill, but he walked slowly to his seat. Just about the same time, Lee, Democrat, of Polk, likewise appeared at his

Bilyeu's name is third on the house When it was called, he arose, and, addressing the chairman, said:

"This is the first time I have made my appearance here in the joint assembly. I am here for the purpose of assisting to complete the organization of the legislature. I want it distinctly understood that I am not here in any manner whatever to aid in the recognition of the Benson house. I have many times stated my position on that subject, and I do not believe that its organization is legal.

'I have been accused of aiding and abetting in holding-up the legislature. I am here to disabuse the mind of any one that I occupy that attitude. I inform you that if the legislature is not organized, and at once, I wash my hands of the whole business. I am tired walking the streets of Salem waiting for the majority of this legislature to get together and do its duty.

'The people who elected me know I am not a fool; or at least they believe so; else they would not have sent me here. They want me to help organize this 'legislature on a proper basis; and I am here for that purpose.

"I want to say that many questions have been raised in the senate and elsewhere relative to the permanent organization that are not germane to the subject. I take it that the temporary organization of the house is sufficient for the purpose of this convention. I have all along maintained that the temporary organization is the only constitutional organization, and that is where I stand now. The members of this body, which is made up of members of the leigslature, are not called upon to pass upon that question. The state constitution has nothing to do with this joint convention. I believe the decisions of the United States senate are a sufficient guide for the actions of this body. When a majority of members of the legislature declare their choice for United States senator, no power in the universe can set it aside.

"We have the power here to determine this question of organization. I ask the Republicans to come forward and organize. After this I wash my hands of the whole proposition. I am present."

The call then proceeded. Lee swered to his name, but when Merrill of Columbia was reached there was no response. Twenty-nine members of the house were found to be present, and ten from the senate-thirty-nine in all, or seven short of a majority.

Chairman Brownell then stated that he had received word that Merrill would not be up till the 2:20 train. He suggested that a recess till 7:30 in the evening be taken. This was done.

There was no change when the convention met at night. Bilyeu and Lee, Democrats, were in their places, and Merrill, Republican, arrived in the afternoon and was also present. Chairman Brownell waited till 7:38 before he called to order. When the name of Vaughan of Lane was reached, Johnson of Linn asked that he be excused on account of illness. Thirty-nine were present. The conevntion adjourned immediately following the roll call.

When the senate reconevned on Monday, McClung moved to reconsider the vote of last Friday, ordering the bill fixing the legal rate of interest at 6. per cent to third reading. This was done, and, on motion of McClung, the bill was recommitted to the committee on revision of laws. The following new bills were introduced:

By Dufur, by request, enabling school districts to borrow money for a short time without issuing bonds; legislative clerical aid; Johnson, fixing rates of express companies; King, to prevent fraud in sales of mines; Daly, by request, accepting the terms of the act of congress providing for the reelamation of arid lands; Johnson, fixing telegraph rates. A number of bills were read the second time and referred.

# The Benson House.

The Benson house met at 2:30 Monday, and after reading two unimportant bills, adjourned.

The Davis House.

The Davis house met Monday and immediately adjourned.

# Firecrackers Caused It.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 11 .- A boy named Albert Auld was killed through the shying of a coal cart horse at fire tion of amendments by the legislature crackers in Chinatown this evening. The load was overturned, and crushed Auld's skull. Mayor Redfern stopped the firing of crackers in the streets.

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 sensation of the convention was the action of Senator Hasletine, who was considered one of Mitchell's warmest supporters. Hasletine was present when the roll was called. He did not 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 mer for the third time, the roll had been called and no annoucement 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 conven- any attempt at manipulation an imtion was being held in the interest of a practicability. 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

### Initiative and Beferendum.

The following is the text of Senator King's proposed amendment to the constitution-the initiative and referen-

"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 brands, \$5.20; Dakota, \$5.50; patent, 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, King, regulating the employment of 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 legisla-tive 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 leigslative assembly, or the people of the state of Oregon, in the manner provided, may have the power to provide by law for more effectually carrying out all the provisions and intent of this amendment."

Senator King's second amendment to the constitution provides for the adopand their submission to the people. It also provides for the manner of submitting a new constitution to the referenWEEKLY MARKET LETTER.

Downing, Hopkins & Company's Review

The week closes on firmer wheat markets, based primarily on a decided feeling that the liquidation of long wheat had run its course for the present. That this liquidation has been completed is not to be doubted, and legitimate laws will once more control the market. Foreigners have been liberal buyers of wheat in all positions in our market during the decline. Expert sales are large both for prompt and deferred shipment. The interor milling demand has been rather disappointing but shows some sign of improvement. The point to be considered as most worthy of attention when considering the price of wheat is, that the conditions of supply and demand which caused the advance to over 85c still exist with even increased force. Such being the case, wheat should prove a profitable purchase after this severe break, due to speculative stampede entirely unwarranted by facts. One peculiarity in the situation has been the Liverpool market. When Chicago closed weak, Liverpool would come from 1/4 to 1d higher the next morning, and vice versa when we closed strong, consequently the people who have been in the habit of taking their cue from the action of foreign markets, have been sadly at sea. May wheat at Chicago closed on Saturday at 77c, a gain of 4c from the lowest point reached during the late decline, and 1 6c better than the closing price a weak ago. In the corn market prices are nearly

unchanged from what they were a week ago. It is a difficult task to say anything new of corn that could possibly be of interest to the trade. Everyone knows about the big crop of 1896, and how unwieldly an output it was, and how hard it is to lift the price. It will take something artificial to do it, and that is not even a probability, for the reason that legitimate arguments for present prices are found in such superabundance as to render

### Market Quotations.

Portland, Or., Feb. 9, 1897. Flour-Portland, Salem, Cascadia and Dayton, \$4.40; Benton county and White Lily, \$4.40; graham, \$4.00; superfine, \$2.80 per barrel.

Wheat-Walla Walla, 81@82c; Valley, 83@84c per bushel. Oats-Choice white, 39@40c per

bushel; choice gray, 38@40c. Hay-Timothy, \$13@13.50 per ton; clover, \$10.00@11.00; wheat and oat, \$10.00@11 per ton.

Barley-Feed barley, \$18.00 per ton; brewing, \$30. Millstuffs-Bran, \$15.00; shorts,

\$16.50; middlings, \$26. Butter-Creamery, 40@45c; Tillamook, 40c; dairy, 22 1/2 @30c.

Potatoes-Oregon Burbanks, 75@85c; Early Rose, 70@80c per sack; California river Burbanks, 55c per cental; sweets, \$2.00@2.25 per cental for Merced; Jersey Red, \$2.50.

Onions-\$1.50@1.75 per sack. Poultry-Chickens, mixed, \$1.75@ 2.25; geese, \$5.00; turkeys, live, 11c; ducks, \$4@4.50 per dozen.

Eggs-Oregon, 11c per dozen. Cheese - Oregon, 121/c; Young America, 18 1/2 per pound.

Wool-Valley, 10c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 6@8c. Hops-9@10c per pound.

5 16c per pound. Mutton-Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, \$3.00@3.25; dressed mut-

ton, 5 1/2 @60 per pound. Hogs-Gross, choice, heavy, \$3.25@ 8.50; light and feeders, \$2.50@3.00;

dressed, \$4.50@5.00 per cwt. Veal-Large, 5@5 1/2c; small, 6@ 61/2 per pound.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 9, 1897. Wheat-Chicken feed, \$27 per ton. Oats-Choice, \$23@24 per ton. Barley-Rolled or ground, \$22 per

Corn-Whole, \$20 per ton; cracked, \$21; feed meal, \$21.

Flour-(Jobbing)-Patent excellent, \$5.10; Novelty A, \$4.60; California \$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 fiative creamery, brick, 24c; select, 23c; tubs, 22c; ranch, 18c. Cheese-NativeWashington, 121/20.

Vegetables-Potatoes, per ton, \$18@ 20; parsnips, per sack, 75c; beets, per sack, 60c; turnips, per sack, 60c; rutabagas, per şack, 75c; carrots, per sack, 85@45c; cabbage, per 100 lbs, \$1.50; onions, per 100 lbs, \$2.50.

Sweet potatoes-Per 100 lbs, \$3.00. Poultry-Chickens, live, per pound, hens, 8c; dressed, 9@10c; d \$2.00@3.50; dressed turkeys, 15. ducks, Eggs-Fresh ranch, 15c; Eastern,

-c per dozen. Fresh Meats-Choice dressed beef, steers, 6c; cows, 51/6c; mutton, sheep, 71%c per pound; lamb, 5c; pork, 5c per

pound; veal, small, 6c. Fresh Fish-Halibut, 5@6; salmon, 5@6; salmon trout, 7@10; flounders

and soles, 3@4c. Provisions-Hams, large, 11c; hams, small, 1116; breakfast bacon, 10c; dry salt sides, 5% o per pound.

San Francisco, Feb. 9, 1897. Potatoes - Salinas Burbanks, 75@ 85c; Early Rose, 75@85c; River Burbanks, 50@75c; sweets, \$1.00@1.25 per cental.

Onions-\$1.50@1.85 per cental. Eggs-Store, 15@16c; ranch, 17@18. seconds, 18@19c; fancy dairy, 17c;

seconds, 14@15c. Cheese - Fancy nild, new, 10c; fair to good, 7@85 o; Young America 11@12c: Eastern, 12@14%c.

# From Cuba to Kingsburg.

roads this coming year as will the New RAISIN CULTURE IN FRESNO York division of that rapidly growing

What Brought Success Out of Failure to Hon. Z. T. Maxwell.

From the Republican, Fresno, Cal. The Hon. Z. T. Maxwell, in 1887, having just finished a term in the Missouri legislature, was compelled by ill health to seek change of climate, and after traveling for some months on the Pacific slope, settled in Kingsburg, Fresno county, California, and engaged in raisin culture.

The change from Cuba, Mo., Mr. has framed a road improvement bill Maxwell's old home, to the balmy air with the approval and co-operation of of Kingsburg, for a time seemed to the State Grange officials, and with benefit the invalid, and, for a while, in the combined influence of the wheeladdition to his labors on the raisin men and the farmers it is confidently farm, he began to take a prominent believed favorable legislation will be part in the county politics, and held secured. The work will be pushed vigseveral offices of trust in his new state. But ill health was the drawback which prevented him from arriving at the highest political honors, and his active junction with the National Assembly mind chafed under the restraint of an of the L. A. W. This will be an event impaired constitution, so that instead of widespread importance, since gentleof improving he became worse. These facts concerning Mr. Maxwell's health were so well known among the people of Fresno county, that when he lately reappeared on the busy scenes in apparent health, he was warmly congratulated by his numerous acquaintances, and among others the writer of this arthe spurge family, as a possible cure for ticle.

In response to a request to give the reporter particulars as to the course of his illness, symptoms, cure, and indeed all there was in it, he said:

"You have asked me for more than I could describe. Sometimes I have looked over an alphabetical index of diseases, and fancied I had them all, but general debility, weakness, insom nia, indigestion, constipation, partial atrophy of muscles, headaches, pain in the back and limbs, and wretchedness was my lot.

"My horizon was contracting, and I supposed that the circle of my vision would never again have anything but for good is to penetrate and search out the hidden misery, it goes through like an "X" ray, and conquers and subdues the pain. All pain trouble of a nervous nature needs careful treatment and patience. my bed for a center, for on top of my previous ill health, in 1895, I caught la grippe, which brought me so low that I was very nigh the grim portal. The amicted nerves must be soothed into

"New Year's day I was despondent and unhappy, not knowing there was such good fortune in store for me, for I had hardly ambition to read the newspaper that was brought me, and threw it on the bed in disgust. As I did so my eye caught the announcement of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and half in anger and half in contempt I read what it said and again threw the paper down. But I could not get this announcement of Pink Pills out of my head, and at last I determined to try them, and I did so. I began to use the pills, following directions carefully, and by the time I had taken the first box my appetite had returned, and I was so invigorated that it almost seemed as if I were renewing my youth. I kept on taking the Pink Pills until I was thoroughly recovered, and now can do more work than for twenty years before.

"I will say that not only have they saved me much expense in doctors' bills, but my life, and I am only too glad to publish this testimonial to the virtues of Pink Pills.

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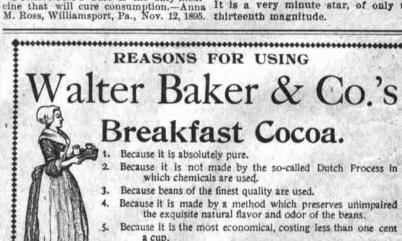
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Everybody Wants Good Roads. The good roads movement away back in the beginning of the agitation w something akin to a real joke. Just cause a few bicyclers wished smoot highways whereon to indulge the new-found hobby of wheeling, it se ed absurd that they should ask to a ... ve the highways of the land improved.

For a time the movement didn't move worth a cent. People looked upon bicycling as a passing fad or craze, and they considered the good roads movement a companion-plece to it.

But the bicycle "fad" doesn't pass away. It seems to be here "for keeps," and so the demand for good roads on the to search out the seat of the pain, or the part of wheelmen is a fixed and lasting one; but beyond this is a stronger, broader demand for improved highways. A road that is good for the bicycle is good for all people, and were the bleycle to pass away, the lesson it has taught would remain in the minds of thinking people. Good roads are a logieal, happy necessity for all-not a luxury for the few.

submission, and stimulated into healthful action, so as to restore. This is the virtue of the great remedy for pain, and it is, therefore, well known as the best. It may be called the searchlight after the truth of our bodily ailments. Many years ago the great German A scientist claims that there are only mathematician, Bessel, announced that seventy-two different kinds of venomboth Sirius and Procyon-popularly known as the dog-stars possessed in-THE STRONGEST FORTIFICATION visible companions revolving around Against disease, one which enable us to undergo unscathed risks from hurtful climatic influences, exposure, overwork and fatigue, is the viror that is imparted to a debililated physique by the pectiess medicinal safeguard, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. You may possess this vigor in a higher degree than the trained athlete, although your muscular development may be far inferior to his. Vigor implies sound, good digestion and sound repose, two blessings conferred by the Bitters, which remedies mularial, rheumatic, nervous and kidney trouble. them. He was led to this conclusion by studying the motions of those stars. In 1862 the companion of Sirius was discovered with the telescope, and during the present year it has reappeared, after being invisible for six years through too close proximity to its brilliant comrade. Quickly following the reappearance of Sirius' companion has also come the discovery of the compan-Smokeless powder, made of ammonia ion of Procyon, which had never been and two forms of potasium, has been seen until Professor Schaeberle caught sight of it with the great telescope of the Lick Observatory a few weeks ago. I believe Piso's Cure is the only medi-It is a very minute star, of only the



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