

# THE SPECIAL SESSION

## Both Branches of the Legislature Down to Business.

### MANY BILLS WERE INTRODUCED

Joseph Simon Elected President of the Senate—E. V. Carter, Chairman of the House.

Salem, Sept. 26.—In obedience to a call issued by Governor Lord, the Oregon legislature convened in special session at the state capitol today.

The senate was called to order at 10:10 o'clock by Taylor of Umatilla. Temporary officers were elected upon a strict party vote of 24 to 6.

A committee on credentials was appointed, consisting of Ben Selling, G. W. Proebstel and William Smith.

The senate adjourned until 10:45 to give the committee on credentials a chance to make their report. The report was adopted when the senate reconvened, and the new members were sworn in by Chief Justice Wolverton.

The resolution providing for permanent organization was presented by Reed of Douglas, and was adopted.

The election of officers proceeded, with the following results:

President—Joseph Simon, of Multnomah.

Chief clerk—S. L. Moorehead, of Junction.

Assistant chief clerk—J. F. Yates, of Multnomah.

Reading clerk—J. D. Lee, of Multnomah.

Calendar clerk—Frank C. Middleton, of Multnomah.

Sergeant-at-arms—Joseph S. Purdom, of Grant's Pass.

Doorkeeper—W. W. Smith, of Clackamas.

Mailing clerk—V. H. Humphrey, of Salem.

Pages—Harvey Bell and Frank Hartman.

The minor officers of the senate were then sworn in.

A resolution calling upon the secretary of state for his report on the financial condition of the state was presented and adopted.

The rules of the session of 1897 were adopted.

Mulkey of Polk, introduced a resolution for a joint committee of two from each house to examine and report upon the books of the secretary of state. It carried.

A bill was introduced by Brownell of Clackamas, to repeal the act creating the state railway commission, and passed to its second reading.

Mackay of Multnomah, introduced a bill to provide new pilotage rules for the port of Portland.

Daly of Benton, introduced a bill to reduce the statutory rate of interest to 6 per cent.

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Agriculture and forestry—Looney, Kelly, Clem.

Assessment and taxation—Mulkey, Mackay, Porter, Cameron, Taylor.

Claims—Howe, Fulton, Daly of Lake.

Commerce and navigation—Selling, Howe, Proebstel.

Counties—Mackay, Taylor, Howe, Cameron, Patterson.

Education—Kuykendall, Harmon, Porter.

Elections and privileges—Harmon, Brownell, Wade.

Engrossed bills—Daly of Benton, Reed, Michell.

Enrolled bills—Patterson, Mulkey, Cameron.

Federal relations—Driver, Proebstel, Dufur.

Fishing industries—Reed, Michell, Bates.

Horticulture—Daly of Benton, Patterson, Looney.

Insurance and banking—Haines, Adams, Bates.

Printing—Michell, Selling, Haines.

Irrigation—Proebstel, Cameron, Morrow.

Judiciary—Fulton, Brownell, Michell, Kelly, Dufur.

Medicine, pharmacy, dentistry—Daly of Lake, Kuykendall, Morrow.

Military affairs—Haseltine, Taylor, Wade.

Penal institutions—Haines, Driver, Looney.

Mining—Cameron, Harmon, Smith.

Municipal corporations—Haseltine, Adams, Haseltine, Reed.

Public buildings and institutions—Adams, Haseltine, Reed.

Public lands—Porter, Mulkey, Howe, Driver, Wade.

Railroads—Brownell, Patterson, Mackay, Morrow, Daly of Benton.

Revision of laws—Kelly, Reed, Fulton, Smith, Daly of Lake.

Roads and highways—Bates, Looney, Proebstel, Clem, Daly of Benton.

Ways and means—Taylor, Mulkey, Kuykendall, Selling, Adams.

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# WEEKLY MARKET LETTER.

[Reported by Downing, Hopkins & Co., Inc., Board of Trade Brokers, 711 to 714 Chamber of Commerce Building, Portland, Oregon.]

On the advance of 3c to 5c in wheat at Chicago last week shorts covered freely. They put the September to 67 3/4, and the December to 64 5/8. It looked at the close Saturday as if the demand from the shorts had been appreciably relieved. At the same time that the speculators were taking in their contracts at Chicago the seaboard shippers were covering theirs freely. There was a letting up in the demand of both sorts during the closing days of the week. Brokers with export connections said the inquiry for cargoes was not what it had been. The commission people with relations in all directions said the southwestern and northwestern shorts had materially relieved their anxiety. So far as the speculative position is concerned it did not look as bullish last Saturday as it did a week ago. The bear liquidation on the advance had evened the pit up. From being very bearish the local crowd seemed to have become bullish; a pretty good indication of what has been going on.

Last week's receipts were in excess of the week previous, although the spring wheat movement was curtailed somewhat by showery weather. There were heavy clearances, largely flour. There was a very bewildering shipping situation most of the week. Local receipts were so small there was a scramble from millers, elevator owners and cargo people to get the desirable grain. Yet the demand was not general. On the same days some of the most active of brokers would call the demand poor, while others would call it sharp, indicating that the smallness of the stocks and the lightness of the arrivals did not require many orders to make the demand look large to a man who had an order for a cargo. There were over 8,000,000 bushels at primary markets during the week, half at the two Northwestern points. Duluth and Minneapolis were strong in spite of their heavy arrivals, but the biggest single buyer in those markets was a Chicago elevator operator, Armour.

### Seattle Markets.

Tomatoes, 50c per box.  
Cucumbers, 10@15c per doz.  
Onions, \$1@1.25 per 100 pounds.  
Potatoes, \$12@14.  
Beets, per sack, \$1.  
Turnips, per sack, 75c.  
Carrots, per sack, 75c.  
Parsnips, per sack, \$1.  
Beans, green, 2@3c.  
Green corn, \$1@1.25 per sack.  
Cauliflower, 60c per doz.  
Hubbard squash, 1@1 1/2c per pound.  
Cantaloupes, \$1.25 per box.  
Celery, 40@50c.  
Cabbage, native and California \$1.50 per 100 pounds.  
Apples, 50c@60c per box.  
Pears, 50c@60c per box.  
Prunes, 20@40 per box.  
Butter—Creamery, 25c per pound; dairy and ranch, 15@20c per pound.  
Eggs, 23c.  
Cheese—Native, 11 1/2@12c.  
Poultry—Old hens, 13@14c per pound; spring chickens, \$3@4.  
Fresh meats—Choice dressed beef steers, prime, 6 1/2@7c; cows, prime, 6 1/2c; mutton, 7 1/2c; pork, 5@6c; veal, 5@6c.