

YESTERDAY'S SESSION ALMOST FEATURELESS

Only Legislative Action Was Passage of Portland Fire-Boat Act and Bill Providing for a Suspension Bridge at Oregon City.

In House and Senate, Respectively, and Bill to Create Stockman County Out of Crook and Wasco Counties, in House—The Vote of Senator Practically the Same and Was Merely a Farce—May Change Next Week.

FRIDAY'S VOTE.

FULTON	29
GEER	15
WOOD	13
SCATTERING	16
ABSENT AND PAIRED	17
TOTAL	90

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Yesterday's session of the Legislature was a very tame affair indeed, and was almost entirely without feature. The only exceptions being the sharp but brief debates occasioned by some offers of amendments to the bill providing for a fire boat for Portland, which was passed in the Senate, and the passage of the bill creating the county of Stockman out of Crook and Wasco counties in the House.

No opposition developed in the House to the passage of the bill creating Stockman county by taking away parts of both Wasco and Crook counties, and making Antelope the temporary county seat, and it passed this morning. Burgess, of Lake, spoke in favor of the bill, and but four votes were entered against it. The people behind the measure are free to admit that there will be some trouble when the matter comes up in the Senate.

Both of Columbia, of the special committee to examine the bill providing for an opportunity being given the voters of Columbia county to vote on a change in the county seat, moved that it be referred back for amendment to this same special committee. Shelley, of Lane, objected, saying this bill should be referred to the committee on towns. He declared there was some opposition manifested by the people of St. Helens to having the county seat moved to Rainier. Edwards, of Lane, supported his colleague but their motion was lost, and the bill went back to the special committee.

As to the vote on Senator it was simply a mechanical farce, and developed no new features to the situation—being simply gone through with as a matter of form or to live up to the provisions of the law.

As the adherents of either faction were non-communicative yesterday, having their minds centered more on spending the Sunday at their homes than upon trivial Senatorial affairs, nothing of a definite nature could be gleaned.

Both the Fulton and Geer forces are quite confident of success, but Senator Fulton seemed to be in a more perturbed and uneasy state of mind than usual and it was said that "things" were not shaping up to suit him.

Although there are all sorts of rumors of combinations afoot, none of them could be traced down to a substantial foundation, and the situation remains practically the same with no prospect of a change, and there can be no intelligent summing up of the situation until Monday, when, if any change at all is to take place during the week it will become evident.

The Fulton forces are confident that the Multnomah delegation will break in Fulton's favor early this week, while the Geer people, when approached upon the subject wink knowingly and say that it is impossible, and that while they are willing to concede that Fulton's strength will probably reach thirty-nine, they declare that he can get no more and will not be elected.

Fulton is exerting every effort to bring about a caucus, but his efforts are in vain, which accounts for his uneasiness and unrest. A supreme effort in this direction was no doubt attempted in Portland last night, but several among those who went down said that it would be useless to attempt it and they respectfully declined to tempt it for it remained with the Multnomah delegation, and they post-caucus except among themselves. A conference of the Multnomah delegation will be held on Monday night, when, it is possible, some change of action may be decided upon.

The joint assembly yesterday was a decidedly tame and uninteresting affair. There were no changes and nothing new in the Senatorial vote developed. A number were absent and some were paired. The result of the vote was as follows: Fulton, 29; Geer, 15; Wood, 13; Pittcock, 5; Mills, 4; Williams, 3; Sears, 1; Mallory, 1; Wolverson, 1; Fenton, 1; Absent and paired, 17.

SENATE.

(Friday Morning.)

Called to order at 11:45. Prayer by Rev. T. F. Royce of Salem. A number of messages from the House.

S. B. 119, McGinn, for a suspension bridge at Oregon City; advanced to the third reading and passed.

H. B. 58, Fisher, to allow Portland to build a fire boat; advanced to third reading and passed.

Adjourned until 11:45 Monday.

HOUSE.

(Friday Morning.)

House opened with prayer by Rev. T. F. Ford, of Eugene.

Third Reading House Bills.

H. B. 152, Both, amending charter of Rainier. Passed.

H. B. 144, Blakely, incorporating Adams; passed.

H. B. 126, Murphy, amending charter of Elgin; passed.

H. B. 77, Corbett, authorizing county

court of Linn county to establish and maintain a free ferry across Willamette at Harrisburg; passed.

H. B. 58, Fisher, providing for a fire boat in the city of Portland and levying a special tax for the same; passed.

Committee Reports.

Multnomah delegation—H. B. 58, by Fisher, providing for a fire boat in Portland. Favorable with amendments. Special committee—H. B. 78, Wheelon, authorizing Dalles City to issue additional water bonds. Favorably. Report adopted.

Yamhill county delegation—H. B. 43, Galloway, incorporating Willamina; favorably. Adopted.

Columbia county delegation—H. B. 109, by Both, providing for permanent location of county seat of Columbia county; favorably. Adopted. An effort to re-refer the bill to the committee on counties failed by a vote of 15 to 18. H. B. 191, Johnson, by request, incorporating Alamo, Grant county; passed. H. B. 78, Wheelon, amending charter of The Dalles; passed.

H. B. 91, Burgess, creating the county of Stockman and fixing the salaries of the officers thereof; passed. Ayes 45, nays 4, absent and not voting 11.

Third Reading House Bills.

H. B. 75, Eddy, amending section 12 of chapter 11, of title 1, Bellinger and Cotton's Code, excepting the state from statute limitations in matters of litigation; passed.

H. B. 8, Phelps, amending code relating to fences in Eastern Oregon.

Second Reading Senate Bills.

S. B. 10, Steiwer, regulating carriage of sheep by express. Judiciary.

S. B. 100, Steiwer, incorporating the city of Alamo, Grant county. Cities and Towns.

S. B. 43, Pierce, incorporating North Powder. Cities and Towns.

S. B. 28, Hobson, amending Stayton charter. Considered, engrossed, and placed on calendar for third reading.

S. B. 112, Johnston, amending charter of Dufer. Cities and Towns.

S. B. 106, Rand, incorporating town of Bourne. Cities and Towns.

Third Reading Senate Bills.

S. B. 28, Hobson, amending Stayton charter; passed.

S. B. 106, Steiwer, incorporating Alamo, Grant county; passed.

House adjourned until 11:30 a. m. on Monday.

SIX HOLD OUT

WILL NOT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE MCGINN CLERK RESOLUTION.

By the adoption of the McGinn resolution there are twenty-four special clerks employed in the Senate besides the regular allowance under the Kykendall law. All of the Senators except six, who opposed the resolution so strongly, have availed themselves of the privilege and an individual clerk accordingly.

Senator Kykendall for several days after the resolution had passed, was assailed from all quarters by a horde of female beauties, but he was invulnerable and would not yield, claiming that he had no use for an extra clerk; that he had a principle at stake, which he incorporated in the Kykendall law, and that he would remain true to that principle, come what may.

There was a question arose, subsequent to the passage of the resolution, as to whether it was legal and whether the clerks would be entitled to pay from the state, but it seems that the matter has died out and will probably be passed over.

Those employing extra clerks under the McGinn resolution, follow: Croisan, Caroline Bushnell, Salem; McGinn, Dorothy Copeland, Portland; Brownell, Albert Crossland, Mulkey; Merle Davey; Smith of Yamhill, Lucille Gray; Hobson, John W. Irvine; Carter, Horace D. Jones; Fulton, D. L. Kirker; Holman, Maud E. Mackay; Hunt, Harold D. Marsh; Williamson, B. B. McCarthy; Rand, Minerva Monteith; Wehrung, J. T. Morgan; Mays, Thad S. Potter; Marsters, H. C. Stocum Jr.; Daly, M. Eva Starr; Steiwer, M. Steiwer; Wade, Isis Wade; Sweek, Emma M. Brown; Smith of Multnomah, W. P. Sinnott; Howe, Ella Swansen; Johnson, Lottie Cooley; Farrar, Bertha Forstner.

The six Senators who refuse to employ extra clerks and continue to hold out against the entreaties of the fair employers, are the following: Miller of Linn, Kykendall of Lane, Both of Lane, Dimnick of Coos, Myers of Multnomah, and Pierce of Umatilla.

READY IN THREE DAYS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—Marconi, who arrived here today, says his system will be ready for commercial use by the public within two or three days.

NEW ELECTRIC TRAIN SIGNAL.

SPOKANE, Jan. 22.—J. W. Williams, of this city, has just received a patent on an electric signal for railroads, by which he believes railroad accidents will be reduced to a minimum. This is a device which will keep a signal about 2 1/2 miles in front of every train and a similar one to the rear at the same distance. One colored light would be used for a train passing one direction, while another colored light would be used for a train running in the opposite way. By this means the crossing of trains would be on their guard when two locomotives might be approaching each other. This invention also gives notice of a turned switch, and of cars upon a side track.

A company composed of J. W. Williams, W. W. Thornton, T. L. Williams and Charley Stanley will handle the invention.

As the invention is merely a system of electric lights so arranged that the wheels passing two rails will make the connections, the invention will not be manufactured by the owners, but territory will be sold for its use.

BOMBARDMENT IS CONTINUED

San Carlos Still in Possession of Government

THE GERMAN COMMANDER

Reports to His Government That He Has Destroyed the Fort

VENEZUELAN GUNBOAT RESTAURADOR NOW IN GERMAN POSSESSION, AROUSES ANGER AT LA GUAYRA—SITUATION REGARDER AS COMPLICATED.

MARACAIBO, Jan. 23.—At 2 o'clock this afternoon fort San Carlos was in possession of the Government forces, and the bombardment by the German warships was still going on. There has been no material change in the situation. The gunboat Panther was the only vessel to come inside the bar. Communication with the fort is very difficult. Great excitement prevails in Maracaibo.

La Guayra, Jan. 23.—The former Venezuelan gunboat Restaurador, now in possession of the Germans, arrived here at 2 o'clock from Puerto Cabello and anchored near the shore. Her presence caused great popular indignation. At 3 o'clock several rifle shots were heard in the distance. Shortly afterward the Restaurador left her anchorage and moved to a position outside the harbor and under the protection of the guns of the British cruiser Tribune.

Says He Destroyed It.

Berlin, Jan. 23.—Commodore Scherer, commander of the German fleet in Venezuelan waters, reported the bombardment of fort San Carlos under date of January 21st as follows:

"On the 17th instant while the Panther was passing Maracaibo bar she was unexpectedly attacked by fort San Carlos, which opened a heavy fire on her. To this the Panther replied, and the cannonade was exchanged for a half hour. Owing to the difficulties of navigation the Panther then desisted. In order to exact immediate punishment for this attack, more so as the Venezuelan Government had proclaimed it a victory, I bombarded the fort with the Vineta on the 21st instant and destroyed it."

May Complicate Matters.

Washington, Jan. 23.—Today's meeting of the Cabinet was one of the most important held in several weeks. Subjects of great moment were discussed fully. All the members of the Cabinet were present and all sides of the Colombian treaty and the Venezuelan situation were discussed at length, but it can be said by authority that no change in the attitude of the United States is in contemplation at this time. The Government will continue its policy of "sitting tight." The bombardment of San Carlos by the German warships is regarded sincerely by the officials of the administration because of their apprehension that it may complicate seriously the pending negotiations.

STILL THE SAME

ONE MAN MISSING AND THE DEMOCRATS CANNOT GET ENOUGH VOTES.

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 23.—The joint session of the Democratic members of the two houses of the Legislature has been continuous today except for two hours, from 2 o'clock p. m. when adjournment was taken to permit the House members to attend a meeting of the House until 4 o'clock when the joint session was again called to order. Again today the action on the Senatorship was blocked by the absence of one man. Caucuses and conferences have been held during the day by the different factions, but no settlement of the deadlock appears in sight.

At 10:30 o'clock a ballot for United States Senator was taken in the joint session of Democratic Senators and Representatives. Madden was absent still and there was no choice. Fifty votes were cast, and all for Teller. The representatives after the joint session took a recess until tomorrow morning. The Democratic Senate resumed its continuous session in the Senate chamber.

While examining an old mattress at her home in Racine, Wis., Mrs. Theodore Wilchus discovered \$1,600 in greenbacks which had been hidden in the mattress by former owners, one of whom is dead and the other is in an insane asylum.

THE PANAMA CANAL TREATY

Transmitted to the Senate Committee Yesterday.

THE LEASE IS PERPETUAL

United States Given Police and Sanitary Jurisdiction Over Territory

ALSO GIVEN RIGHT TO FORTIFY HARBORS AT BOTH ENDS OF THE CANAL—REPRESENTATIVE LESSLER SAYS THAT HE WAS OFFERED \$5,000.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—The treaty between the United States and the Government of Colombia, which was signed yesterday by Secretary Hay and Dr. Herran as representatives of the two countries, was transmitted to the Senate today and by the Senate referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By the terms of the treaty the United States agrees to make a cash payment of \$10,000,000 in gold to the Colombian Government and, after the expiration of nine years, to pay a rental of \$250,000 per year.

The lease of the strip of land to be used for the canal and for canal purposes is practically made perpetual, the provisions on this point being that the first lease shall be for 100 years and renewable thereafter at the pleasure of the United States.

The strip is to be six miles wide and over this territory the United States is given police and sanitary jurisdiction, although it is explicitly specified that Colombia does not surrender the sovereignty over it. The United States is also given the right to improve, use and protect the harbor at both the Atlantic and Pacific ends of the canal.

The Bribery Case.

Washington, Jan. 23.—The House Committee on Naval Affairs began the investigation authorized by the House in consequence of the charges made by Representative Lessler, of New York, that he had been approached with an offer of money for his vote in the committee in favor of the construction of the submarine torpedo boats.

Lessler testified that Philip Dublin, a deputy in the office of John McCullagh, superintendent of elections in New York, had been sent for by Lemuel W. Quigg, and urged that he should give \$5,000 in it if he (Lessler) could be brought to vote for the bill. Lessler told of the conversation he had with John McCullagh in Washington. McCullagh, he said, told him that there wanted him to support the measure, elect or defeat him and that there were men in New York who could re- Lessler said he told McCullagh that he would not do it.

Charged Obstruction.

Washington, Jan. 23.—The Statehood bill again occupied the attention of the Senate today. During the debate several spirited colloquies occurred, in which Senators on both sides of the question charged others with obstructing important legislation.

Delegates for Alaska.

Washington, Jan. 23.—The House today passed 235 pension bills. The included pensions to the widow of General Franz Siegel, of \$100 a month; the widow of Gen. Francis Negley at \$50, and the widow of Rear Admiral Henry Pickering at \$40. The Alaska Delegate bill was passed. It provides for a representation of the Territory of Alaska in the House of Representatives by delegate. The date of election shall be the last Tuesday in September. The first delegate to be elected next autumn.

TO RECOVER GOODS

GUARDIAN OF A. H. DAMON SEEKS TO RECOVER SOLD FURNITURE.

A. A. Damon, guardian of the person and estate of A. H. Damon (insane), plaintiff, through his attorney, L. H. McMahon, has brought suit in department No. 1, of the State Circuit Court to regain possession of the household goods belonging to the estate, and sold to J. M. Shants by the daughter of A. H. Damon, Fern; who is now married and living in Portland. Mr. Shants, defendant in the suit, is a dealer in second hand goods, and purchased the articles in good faith. The goods, so it is alleged, are of the value of \$857.25, and this sum is demanded in the event of the failure of the defendant to return the property. There is a long list of articles mentioned in the complaint, ranging all the way from a brass lantern up to the most expensive of furniture.

SUIT ON A NOTE

A. AND A. N. BUSH SEEK TO RECOVER THE SUM OF \$130.

A suit to recover on a promissory note was filed yesterday in department No. 1 of the State Circuit Court for Marion county in which A. Bush and A. N. Bush are plaintiffs and J. M. Baker and B. B. Herrick, Jr., are defendants. The note is for \$130 and was executed at Salem on August 16, 1898, drawing interest at the rate of 10 per cent per annum. The plaintiffs demand judgment in the sum of \$130 with interest and \$5 special attorney's fees and for the costs and disbursements of the suit. Geo. G. Bingham appears as attorney for the plaintiff.

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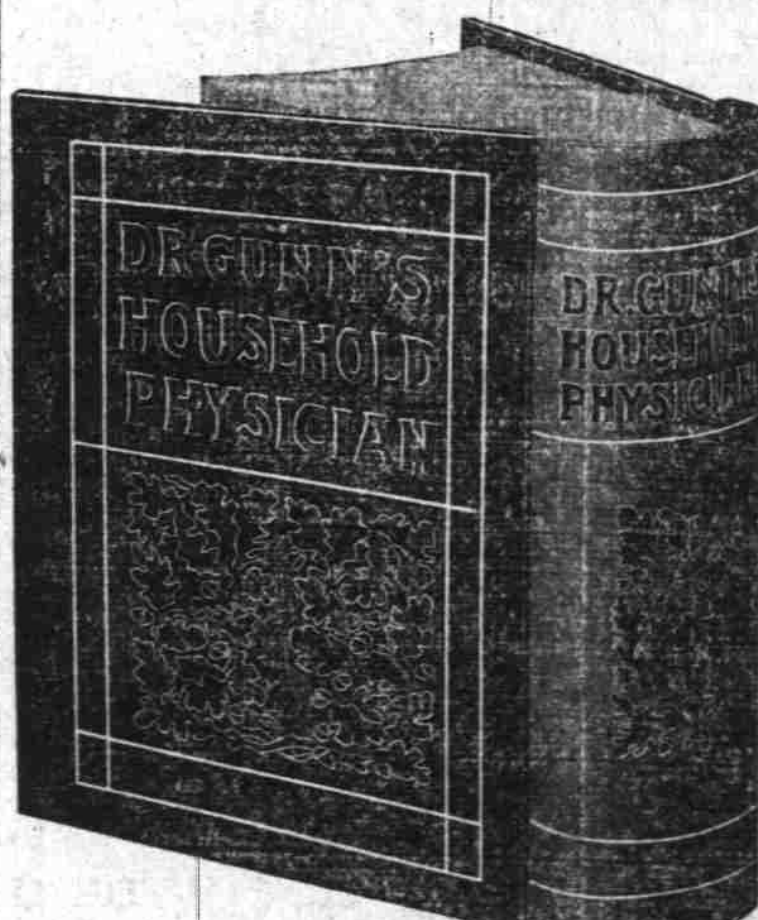
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