

# THE LEGISLATURE.

They Are Already Down To Strict And Lively Business.

**BILLS ARE RAPIDLY RUSHING IN.**

The Early Days of The Session Full of Deep Interest.

**THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.**

A Plain, Unvarnished Document Full of Good, Hard Sense.

## SENATE.

### TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Wager, of the committee appointed to wait on the Governor, reported that official ready to communicate with the two Houses Wednesday at eleven o'clock, and introduced a joint resolution naming that hour and legislative hall the place for the joint session. Carried.

Gray gave notice that he would offer an amendment to the Rules of the Senate to-morrow, creating a standing committee on fishing.

Carson—Bill No. 17, to amend the city charter of Portland.

Looney—Bill No. 18, to create board to select school books.

Wager—Bill No. 19, amending title on Chapter 1, General Laws.

Dawson—Bill No. 20, to perfect the records of mortgages and securities.

Raley—Bill No. 21, to improve wagon road from Pendleton to Canyon City.

Dimick—Bill No. 32, for destruction of Canada thistle.

Norval—Bill No. 23, for the relief of Union county.

Watkins—Bills No. 24 & 25, to amend the law in regard to selection of judges.

Chamberlin—Concurrent resolution No. 3, for a committee to investigate secretary of state's office. Carried.

Fullerton—Concurrent resolution No. 4, for a committee to examine the board of school land commissioners. Carried.

President appointed Steel and Cogswell on the committee to investigate the state treasurer's office and accounts, and Veach and Hatch on the committee to investigate the State Agricultural college. Adjourned to 10 a. m. to-morrow.

### WEDNESDAY FORENOON SESSION.

Senate called to order at 10 a. m. President Simon in the chair.

Session opened with prayer by Rev. W. Rollins of the M. E. church, Salem.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Walt—Introduced Senate resolution No. 8, for the selection of clerks and clerical aid for the various committees.

Carson—Senate resolution No. 9, instructing the sergeant at arms to procure a clock for the use of the Senate.

Steel—Senate concurrent resolution No. 5, to examine state printer's work and employ an expert.

Irvine—Senate resolution No. 10, with reference to liens, and requesting judiciary committee to prepare bill covering same.

Gray—Senate resolution No. 11, to create a standing committee of five on fisheries.

Message from the house announcing a resolution creating a committee to investigate the affairs at the penitentiary. Senate concurred.

Wager—Concurrent resolution No. 6, providing that the committee on assessment of both houses be one general committee. Carried.

Gray—Bill No. 23, for the construction of a railway and a water way around The Dalles.

Watts—Bill No. 27, to establish normal schools, and provide for the examination of teachers.

Dawson—Bill No. 28, to provide for the purchase of land and erection of buildings for the mute school.

Tongue—Bill No. 28, relating to the rights of heirs to real property.

Cogswell—Bill No. 30, to provide for the times of holding courts in Klamath county.

Cogswell—Bill No. 31, to provide for the re-entering of certain lands in the state, and defining the penalties.

The hour having arrived, the Senate marched to Representative hall to listen to the Governor's message. After which, adjourned to 2 o'clock p. m.

House resolution No. 13 was read and adopted, to provide that a committee be appointed to examine affairs of the secretary of state.

Notice was given that Cherrington would be present at 4 o'clock this p. m., and take a picture of state house with senate and house on steps.

House bill No. 41 read and passed

second reading. House bill No. 42, amendment of Gen Laws of Oregon in regard to Game laws. House bill 43, read. Message from senate was read, and senate took chairs in front, within the bar.

Roll of senate was then called by senate clerk, to which all responded. Roll call of House, after which a committee of three, Apperson, Chamberlin, Miller of Jackson were appointed to notify Gov. Penoyer, that they were ready to receive his communication.

## HOUSE.

### TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Blair introduced a bill to confirm title of block 12, Pendleton. Condon—For state board of horticulture.

Gilbert—To correct title in deeds. Williamson—To secure personal property.

Earhart—To fix salaries of county treasurers; to amend Portland charter; to pay outstanding state warrants.

Strowbridge—Soliciting seamen to desert.

Roberts—Committee of five to investigate state treasurer's and land commissioners offices.

Layman—Speaker to appoint fourth page as mail carrier.

Pausen—Committee to investigate state printing office.

Roe—To amend charter of La Grande.

Pope—To regulate practice of medicine.

Roberts—For state inspection on engines.

Ladd—To appoint harbor masters at ports; to amend militia law.

Northup—Requirements of pilot commissioners.

McCoy—Creating Fulton county with Wasco, as temporary seat.

Stafford—To publish financial condition of counties.

Maxwell—Changing name of Lincoln to Tillamook.

Pacquet—Amending law of assessment and taxation.

Hunter—To improve Wallowa canyon road.

### WEDNESDAY FORENOON SESSION.

Called to order at 10 a. m. After roll call Rev. Dick, formerly pastor of the Evangelical church, invoked the divine blessing on the house and its doings.

Yesterday's journal was read and approved.

House concurrent resolution no 9 was read and adopted.

No 10 was read and a committee of five appointed three from the senate and two from the house to examine the affairs at the Oregon State Penitentiary, adopted.

No 12 was read and a committee of five appointed three from house and two from senate.

No 3 was read and amended.

No 10 read and adopted.

No 11 read, discussed and adopted.

House Bills No 38, 39 and 40 were read.

Message from senate was read; senate concurs with house bill no 6.

A committee is to be appointed to examine the work of the state printer for the last two years.

Governor Penoyer was escorted to the chair and introduced. He spoke of the present system of taxation as an outrage and a disgrace a wish for honesty while dishonest persons were rewarded by exemption from taxation. Of the management of the penitentiary and insane asylum he spoke in high praise. The message spoke of the need of a reform school.

The House adjourned to meet at 2 p. m.

### The Salem Street Railway.

After the numerous trials and difficulties attendant upon placing in operation a system of street railway. The Salem Street Railway Co. yesterday afternoon began making regular trips from Commercial street to the Capitol.

Everything moved off nicely and to-day the cars are making their frequent trips up and down the principal thoroughfares of the city, carrying the weary laborers and the wary legislators to and from.

Within a very few days the line will be fully completed from the depot to the Insurance building and also the Chemakete. All hail the Salem Street Railway Co.

### Shot Down For Winter.

Searle & Deane have completed their contract on the O. P. and work has closed for the winter all along the route. The men were paid off in cash on the spot and no serious results attended the cessation of work. In early spring a renewal of work along the route will be made, and the construction pushed rapidly forward.

## SHOT ON THE TRAIN.

Three Bullets Penetrate the Body of An Overland Passenger.

Hit in The Dark—Assault and Inevitable Unknown—A Deep Mystery.

When the overland train arrived at the Salem depot last night a wounded and bleeding man was brought from the train by the conductor and assistants and placed in a cab and brought to the city. The conductor said the man had been shot three times by some unknown assassin, soon after the train had passed Gervais. The wounded man was taken to Fry's drug store, where medical aid was summoned to come and care for him. Drs. Richardson, Cusick and Holmes responded and the man was placed on a cot in the rear of the drug store and an examination made.

### THE WOUNDS.

It transpired he had been pierced by three bullets. The first struck him on the left arm, below the elbow, the ball ranging toward the wrist. This ball was readily extracted, and proved to be of 44 calibre. The second ball entered his neck on the left side. After considerable probing the ball was removed, having penetrated the flesh considerable distance. The third ball entered at the base of the left shoulder and glanced downward. Up to 3 p. m. to-day the doctors had not been able to locate the ball. Their probes failed to reach it, although they followed the track of the missile six inches. The opinion is given by them that the ball has not penetrated a vital point, and that they will be able soon to remove it.

### THE SHOOTING.

There are so many and such contradictory stories regarding it, that the true state of affairs is difficult to learn. The wounded man, when approached on the subject, says he is confident he is not the man whom it was intended should be hit, as he claims he has not an enemy on earth. He was standing on the platform of the car with Arthur Brennan and another man when an explosion occurred, quickly followed by another and another, and then he opened the car door and fell to the floor inside. He had been in Portland a few days and was low of funds and had a friend Van Horn on the train who had purchased a ticket for him to San Francisco.

### WHO IS HE?

His identity he wished to conceal, but when told that his description would make him known to his friends, he stated that his name was Frank Avery Pearson. Letters in his pockets bear the name of Frank A. Avery. This morning he still insisted that his true name was Pearson. It is evident from his conduct that there is some mystery about the whole matter and that Pearson or Avery knows considerably more about it than he is willing to make known.

### HE IS NOT AVERY.

Simon, the cigar man, said he knew Frank A. Avery, a traveling man of San Francisco, but this morning when he saw the man concerning whom there is something shrouded in mystery, he said it was not Avery and that he had never seen the man before. Pearson is a rather fleshy and heavy set man, about 33 years of age and a Scotchman. He is a well educated man, a good talker, and wears full beard.

### WHO DID THE FIRING.

From the many reports this is a hard matter to determine. Pearson says he will not give his friend's name although they were on the platform together when the firing occurred. Brennan was also there at the time, and after the shooting he was brought in the car where Pearson was reclining and they were brought face to face. Pearson when asked if that was the man who did the shooting, said: "Yes, that looks like him. I think he is the one." At this Brennan flew into a rage and wanted to know if he meant to say he (Brennan) had shot him (Pearson). Pearson said that was what he meant. It seems rather peculiar that no witnesses should have been detained by the conductor, but such is the case. Pearson's friend went on below and Brennan was ticketed for Harrisburg.

### AN UNENVIABLE POSITION.

Pearson swears Brennan is the person who did the firing and has sworn out a warrant for his arrest. Brennan is being watched at Harrisburg, where he arrived this morning and will no doubt be brought to this city to-morrow to answer for the crime or prove himself innocent of the charge.

## LOCAL SUMMARY.

—Painless dental operations at Dr. T. C. Smith, 92 State street. If. —Traffic on the upper Willamette is lively, and much freight is moving.

—Hon. Sol Abrams of Douglas county is registered at the Chemekete.

—A marriage license was to-day granted to Mary O'Neal and J. W. Heninger.

—Frank, the 13-year-old son of James Bachelor, is quite ill at his home in this city. Typhoid fever is the malady, and his recovery is doubtful.

—Mr. J. C. Proebsted and wife, of Vancouver, W. T., have been the guests of her parents, in this city. J. C. Proebsted returned to Vancouver on the morning train.

—Additional road supervisors have been appointed as follows: District No. 2, H. W. Timms; 3, J. R. Willard; 5, R. F. Myers; 6, Jesse W. Looney; 7, J. W. Pate; 8, John Neal.

—The evening school conducted by Messrs. Randle and Meyers, in the Murphy block, up stairs, starts off with quite flattering prospects of success. The attendance is good and on the increase.

—There will be preaching at the M. E. church to-night by Mr. Hilton, who is quite an interesting talker. Mrs. Malloy last night again conducted one of her usually successful meetings.

—You will at all times find a fresh and nice line of choice, reasonable family, and fancy groceries at the old reliable and well-known grocery house of Souire Farrar & Co. Delivered free to any part of the city. Prices always reasonable and goods first class.

—The Chemekete and Olive lodge of the I. O. O. F. of the capital city, will conduct a public installation of officers at the opera house on Friday evening at 7:30. The occasion will be a most pleasant one, as following the installation the light fantastic will be tripped a few trips.

—From deference to Mr. Hilton and the W. C. T. U., services at Unitarian church were omitted last Sunday evening. The same theme, Adam in Eden, will be presented next Sunday and Mr. Rork is especially anxious that his regular auditors and skeptics be present.

—C. W. Caldwell of Farmington, Idaho, a former resident of Marion county, was on the streets yesterday. He will visit friends a couple of weeks before he returns. This is his first visit to the valley for twelve years. He notes many improvements and is refreshed to breathe our pure balmy air once again.

## MONMOUTH NOTES.

Miss Alice Savage is in school again after an absence of three weeks.

Dedication of the Baptist church at Independence will occur next Sunday.

Miss May Williamson of the senior class is on the sick list, but we hope to see her smiles again soon.

Miss Lena Bosworth, the artist, is returned from Salem and will resume work at once. Miss Bosworth has quite a number of students both in painting and drawing, who are progressing very nicely under her efficient management.

I picked from the orchard to-day, a bucketful of apples consisting of five varieties, all good eating apples and in good condition. "Old Probabilities" has certainly dealt gently with us for this is remarkable for the middle of January.

The mock trial by the students over the appropriation of public money, was very interesting. One coming into the court room would think he had found a nest of lawyers and a band of embezzlers. Talent must be developed—whether embezzlers or lawyers.

Died.—At her parents' home in Monmouth, Miss Emma Percival. Emma had just returned from Yaquna City, where her brother has been sick with typhoid fever. She waited on him as only a sister could till he recovered at the sacrifice of her own life. She was a former student and leaves many friends to mourn her loss.

The Coast Range is covered with snow, presenting a most beautiful picture. A person imagines he is taking a peep into the Arctic regions, the ground covered with snow, the trees touched with frost and icicles—pen or brush could not do justice to the scene. Yet how pleasant here in the valley, cattle grazing on the green pastures, men plowing and sowing—an Eastern May-day.

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