

DOLPH IS THE MAN.

He Is The Nominee Of The Republican Joint Caucus.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

Lots of Business Before Both Senate And House.

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

Full of Surprises—He Paws the Earth And Tears the Air.

Perhaps the busiest day of the present session thus far was yesterday, although this morning's work has followed in the same channel.

The governor's message was and is the all-absorbing topic. It opens wide a vast field for comment and discussion. Each member has his own private opinion as to the worth of the document. It suits all in one particular or another, but still each one has his grave objection to some portions of it.

THE REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.

The republican U. S. Senatorial caucus was conducted last night and there was an attendance of sixty-six. Senator Barin was the presiding officer, with R. P. Earhart secretary.

But two ballots were necessary to accomplish the end.

The first gave Dolph 46 and Geo. H. Williams 11; the second gave Dolph 58 and Williams 6, J. H. Ellis 1, R. P. Boise 1, balance scattering. Dolph was declared the nominee.

SENATE.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The following committees were appointed:

Fishing industries: Barin, Gray, Watkins, Sinclair, Cauthorn.

To investigate penitentiary: Mackay, Hamilton.

Asylum: Looney, Wager.

Secretary of state: Chamberlin, Chandler.

School and land commissioners: Fullerton, Stanley.

Bills were introduced as follows and passed to second reading:

Hatch—Bill No. 32, regulating normal schools.

Fullerton—33, amending road law.

Irvine—34, incorporating Halsey.

Fullerton—35, For Gardiner Mill Co. to build boom in Umpqua river.

Steel—36, to provide additional salary of \$3 per diem for clerk of Multnomah circuit court.

Tongue—amending law requiring separate examination for wives in making deeds for realty.

Dawson—38, prohibiting sale of tobacco or cigarettes to minors.

Wager—34, laying out roads.

Chandler—40, fees of clerk and sheriff Baker Co.

Cogswell—41, abstracts election ballots.

Wager—42, exempt homesteads from execution.

Looney—43, to repeal State University law as to free scholarships.

Watkins—44, biases in selection of jury.

Dawson—46, to regulate railroads and corporations.

Chamberlin—45, Creating Morton county from Umatilla county.

Cogswell—Against entry o lands by parties ejected.

The following resolutions were introduced:

House concurrent creating a committee to visit Blind school—concurrent.

Also for a committee to investigate the management of the State university—concurrent.

Hatch, granting State Superintendent of public schools certain privileges. Referred to judiciary committee.

Dimick—Joint memorial asking congress to pay soldiers the difference between greenbacks and coin at the time of their payment; adopted, and is as follows:

WHEREAS, During the war of the Rebellion of 1861 and 1865 the government of the United States paid her soldiers in greenbacks of the value of from 40 cents to one dollar, averaging probably about 60 cents, and

WHEREAS, all other obligations of the government have been paid in coin, and

WHEREAS, there is now a large surplus in the United States treasury that would not be there but for the sacrifice made by the soldiers of the Union,

Therefore, The legislature of the state of Oregon memorialize and pray the congress of the United States to enact a law, providing for the payment to each soldier the difference between the value of the currency paid him, and the value of coin at the time of payment.

And we specially ask our senators and representatives in congress to use all honorable means to procure the enactment of such laws as may be necessary to that end.

Fullerton—Resolution asking

treasurer to furnish statement of funds in his hands, from sale of public and swamp lands within the state; adopted.

Watkins—That the sergeant-at-arms furnish one thousand copies of the governor's message for use of the senate.

Watkins—For a committee to investigate the causes of the change in school text books; adopted.

Irvine—Resolution for a committee to examine into the sale of state timbered lands to corporation.

MORNING SESSION.

Irvine—Moved that senate adjourn at 10.30 to-day. Carried.

Carson—Moved that H. C. R. No. 12 be taken from the table and passed. Carried. This resolution grants certain committees power to send for persons and papers.

Tongue—S. R. No. 18—Instructing Ways and Means Committee to make inquiry into state agent Mullons, contract whereby he acts as such agent.

The following bills were introduced, read the first time and passed to second reading.

Moore—No. 47. To incorporate the city of St. Helens.

Steel—48, Relating to public and other government surveys within the state of Oregon.

Chandler—49, To amend certain acts with reference to stock inspectors.

Dimick—50, For defraying the funeral expenses of certain soldiers of Indian and other wars.

Wager—54, To amend the incorporation act, incorporating the city of Weston.

Watkins—52, Amending of laws governing the drawing of jurors.

Fullerton—53, To provide for the time of holding circuit courts in the 2nd judicial district.

Adjourned till Monday at 2 o'clock p. m.

HOUSE.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Layman—License law.

Jennings—Legal interest 6 per cent.

Waldo—Repealing bribe law.

Crook—Road Chetco to Port Orford.

Hume—Heating passenger cars.

Smith—Portage railway between upper and lower Cascades.

Price—Erecting boom in Rogue river at Tofo.

Earhart—Purchase of law reports and code.

Blundell—State weather service.

Harrington—Defining magistrates.

Moss—Incorporating Lakeview.

Howard—Amending charter of Grant's Pass.

Ricker—Boom in Umpqua river.

Condon—Regulating age of consent, making it 16.

Stafford—Insurance law.

Maxwell—Circuit court in Tillamook county.

Powell—To amend trespass law.

Hahn—Against fish traps.

Apperson—Against adulteration of food.

Hunter—To incorporate Enterprise.

Harrington—Regulating building and loan associations.

Pacquet—Duties of school superintendents.

Jennings—Railway companies killing stock.

Gillham—Creating Harney county from Grant.

Bowditch—To incorporate Ashland.

Moss—Fixing salary of county judges.

FORENOON SESSION.

Journal was read and approved.

Blundell moved that Hon. Wm. Manning be invited to a seat within the bar.

Condon moved that Hon. Kelsey be invited to a place within the bar.

Senate sends in message informing house that the senate concurs senate joint memorial No. 2. in relation to the reimbursing of Union soldiers who suffered pecuniary loss from the depressed value of greenbacks in which they were paid; adopted.

Speaker appointed Thompson, Stafford and Meyers as a committee to investigate the school for deaf mutes, and Ladd, Roe and Morelock as committee to investigate the State University.

Motion was made that rules be suspended and second reading of bills be omitted until they were printed, carried.

Blundell—House resolution No. 14 that a committee be appointed to examine the need of a proposed change of text books in Oregon schools, adopted.

Miller—Introduced house resolution No. 13, adopted.

House Bill No. 73 was read, an act to provide for the appropriation of \$14,000 for purchasing artillery equipments and accoutrements for Battery A.

House bill 74 to make amendments in laws of Oregon.

House bill No. 75 by Harrington, amendment of general laws of Oregon.

House bill No. 76 by Apperson, to amend section 495, general laws of Oregon in relation to dissolution of marriage contract.

Geer—Bill No. 78. For the better protection of laborers and employes working for rail roads and corporations.

Geer—79. Amending certain laws for the collection of school district tax.

Short—80. To repeal the special contract law.

Geer—81. To amend the laws relating to Chinese and other pheasants.

Geer—16. Relating to the Governor's Message two years ago, in reference to the registry law and power of the supreme court. Adjourned to Monday 2 o'clock.

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

He Lets the R. R. Commissioners Out—An Exploded Bomb.

The governor commenced his annual message by giving the financial condition of the state, noting that the expenditures of the current year were swollen by the appropriations for the railroad and fish commission. The state indebtedness amounts to \$29,411.66, and that will be entirely liquidated within the six months. Under assessment and taxation he urges legislative action, and recommends an income tax law. The railroad commission he dismisses, stating the decision of the supreme court had left the commission with power only of investigation, and as they had performed that duty he removes them from office. He thinks the legislature cannot delegate power to the commission, and indicates that the right way is to pass a maximum rate bill.

He advises the forbidding of taking salmon by fish wheels, and recommends the abolishment of the fish commission, as there is no use for it since the Clackamas hatchery has passed under the control of the federal government.

The asylum, penitentiary, deaf mute school, blind school and orphan's home he thinks should be under state superintendency.

The state university at Eugene is in a flourishing condition and he deprecates taxing the people for its support. He opposes free scholarships in it, and thinks the law school and school of medicine in Portland should not receive state aid. He recommends the appropriation of \$10,000 to buy a farm for the agricultural college at Corvallis, but thinks free scholarships in that should be abolished, and that there should be no further aid in the shape of appropriations. He says the grounds and buildings in Corvallis have been accepted according to law and that there can be no further doubt upon their legal possession.

He congratulated the country on the Chinese Exclusion Act, recommends punishment for bribery at elections, and care in the selection of United States senator.

BIDDING FOR A STREET RAILWAY.

Not Content With a Single Line, Salem is Branching Out.

Scarcely two months ago the Salem Street Railway Co. was incorporated, and to-day, much to the convenience of our citizens and sojourners, cars are making regular trips from Commercial street to the Capitol. From the birth of the incorporation it was the ultimate intention of the prime movers in the enterprise to, from time to time, build each branch lines or feeders as would justify. With this end in view, it is safe to predict that the close of the present year will find Salem enjoying the benefits and conveniences of lines extending east toward the state institutions, north to the northern suburbs and fair grounds, and south to the cemetery. An immediate extension up either Chemekete, Center or Marion streets has been decided upon by the directors of the company. They are at present considering the inducements offered by the different streets and will within two or three days make a final decision in the matter, locating the line up one street or another. The property owners along the three streets have about completed the raising of their subsidies and an early decision of the location of the extension, will be announced by the directors.

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MISTAKEN IDENTITY.

Brannon, One of The Overland Passengers is Brought From Harrisburg.

HE AND AVERY FACE TO FACE.

Avery Says Brannon is Not the Man Who Did the Shooting.

Sheriff Croisan last night went up to Harrisburg and this morning returned, bringing with him the young man Walter Brannon, who was supposed to have been a party to the shooting scene on the overland train Tuesday night. Mr. Brannon was only too glad to accompany Mr. Croisan to this city, where he was brought face to face with Frank R. Avery, the wounded man.

Brannon said it was a clear case of mistaken identity and immediately upon being brought by the sheriff into the presence of Avery the latter exclaimed: "No, no, he is not the man. It was the one with the blonde moustache. This is the man I fell against after I was shot. He was in the car and when I opened the door and fell I remember seeing him."

Brannon and Avery agree upon the man with the blonde moustache as having been the one, as he and Avery were on the platform together. This man was bound for San Francisco.

After the train left the Salem station on the night of the occurrence the conductor checked up and found only one passenger to be missing since they had passed Gervais. This was Avery. From this it will be seen that the assassin, whoever he can be, was still on the train after leaving Salem.

"Frank A. Avery," the wounded man, told a CAPITAL JOURNAL man this morning, "is my true name. I tried to conceal it for the sake of my parents and sisters, who reside in San Francisco. I didn't want them to know I was wounded. That is all I wished to conceal. I was shot by a man I had never seen before, and I can only think he mistook me for someone else. I have often been taken for different persons, but this is the roughest treatment I ever received at their hands."

Avery is able to sit up all the time, but to-day his wounds were painful not a little. The ball has not yet been extracted from his back and as yet the physicians have been unable to definitely locate it.

Avery has telegraphed his father at San Francisco to prosecute the search vigorously for the man who did the firing and says he is himself ready and anxious to prosecute him to the full extent of the law.

The wounded man takes his injuries with a cool nerve, bearing up bravely under the pain and thinks he will be able to proceed on his journey southward after a few weeks. He is at the home of Mrs. Baker, where comfortable quarters are prepared for him, with able assistants and medical attention. He is but twenty-six years of age, though looks much older on account of heavy growth of beard. He is a single man, but says he has several sisters in San Francisco who would be here to nurse him had he not telegraphed them that he was not seriously wounded and would come out all right after a few days.

THEIR HEADS FALL OFF.

How the Governor Dismissed the Railroad Commission.

Yesterday afternoon the members of the state railroad commission, Hon's George A. Waggoner and J. H. Slater were not a little surprised upon the receipt of notes reading somewhat like this:

Dear Sir: You are hereby removed from the office of railroad commissioner for the state of Oregon, for cause. Said removal takes effect this date. Yours respectfully, SYLVESTER PENNOYER, Governor of Oregon.

To say that the air was filled with consternation in the vicinity of the office of the commissioners would be a mild expression of the true state of affairs. The governor says in his communication to these gentlemen that their removal is "from cause." Just what that is the gentlemen thus hastily dethroned are at a loss to know. The supreme court in its decision would seem to divest them of what power was thought to be vested in them. The governor, looking at it in this light, the commissioners divested of their power and their work of "examination" and "investigation" accomplished, with one full swoop of his sword severed their official heads.

The commissioners feel grieved and are inquiring the "cause why" with no degree of success.

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