

# THE LEGISLATURE.

Both Houses Are Once More Hard At Work With Many Bills.

## FREE WATER FOR PORTLAND.

The Bull Run Bill Passes in the Senate And is a Law.

## MANY BILLS IN THE HOUSE.

First And Second Readings, Lived by Debate, Wax Warm.

### SENATE.

#### MONDAY AFTERNOON'S SESSION.

Wager's senate joint memorial No. 3 asking congress to aid in constructing railroad between The Dalles and Celilo; adopted.

Hamilton—J. M., For reclassification of public pasture lands; public lands.

Irvine—Joint memorial asking that same benefits given veterans of Mexican war be allowed those who served in the Indian wars of the territory of Oregon; adopted.

Hilton—That the land grant of the Northern Pacific railroad from Portland to Wallula be declared forfeited by congress; adopted.

Gray—That congress aid in survey of public lands and that settlers be reimbursed for excess paid for land purchased of Oregon Central land grant; adopted.

#### HOUSE BILLS FIRST READING.

Roberts—Changing name of Averill, Coos county, to Bandon; engrossed.

Bean—To confirm to Umatilla county, block No. 12 Pendleton; corporations.

Maxwell—To change name of Lincoln, to Tillamook; counties.

Earhart—For purchase code of Oregon and supreme court reports; judiciary.

Maxwell—To change time of holding circuit court and also county court of Tillamook; judiciary.

Harrington—To define who are magistrates.

Thompson—Relating to surveys of public lands in Oregon authorized by the U. S.

Earhart—H. J. M. 5, asking for payments of claims arising from Indian depredations; concurred in.

Armstrong—H. S. R., praying congress to purchase locks at Oregon City; concurred in.

Irvine's bill to incorporate Halsey, with house amendment; engrossed.

Eakin—To fix time of holding county courts.

Dawson—To cure defects in deeds.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Elections—Waldo's bill defining crimes and their punishment; favorably.

Ways and Means—Cook's bill for \$14,000 for a public road in Curry county; favorably.

Education—Jennings' bill to amend school law, with amendments; favorably.

Judiciary—Harrington's bill to satisfy mortgages by affidavit, with amendments; also Harrington's bill for official court reporters; favorably.

Northrup's bill relating to conveyances; Roe's bill amending La Grande charter; Geer's bill repealing the vagrant law; Powell's bill to regulate hunting on enclosed lands; Hume's bill giving judges more discretion in sentencing persons for stealing stock, with amendments; Harrington's bill amending code.

Military Affairs—Ladd's bill to amend code in relation to O. N. G.; favorably.

Commerce—Harrington's bill for punishment of crimes committed on Columbia and Snake rivers; favorably. Also for payment of Indian depredation claims.

Counties—Gillham's bill to create Harney county; Fell's bill defining boundaries of Morrow county; favorably.

Railways and Transportation—Jennings' bill for railroad companies to pay for stock killed; Price's bill for the same thing; unfavorably.

Multnomah Delegation—Earhart's bill on salaries of county treasurers, with amendments; favorably and passed to third reading.

Special Committee—Pope's bill to regulate the practice of medicine, with amendments; referred.

#### TUESDAY FORENOON SESSION.

Motion to refer S. B. 17 to committee with instructions to report in favor of taxing the bonds for state and county purposes (this having relation to the Portland water works). This bill being now on its third reading.

The question was discussed for some time. W. Barin looked at it as an appropriation. The object is to aid the city of Portland. We give aid to various communities to

build bridges, roads, etc. This is an enterprise of the people of Portland to give themselves water. If you do tax, make the law interest in them higher.

The senator for Baker, Chandler, said their town of Pendleton had now such bonds untaxed and towns all around had such bonds untaxed. Why should Portland be taxed?

Senator Tongue said it would not matter in the sale of bonds outside of Portland the fraction of a tenth of a mill. Only in Portland might it influence the price of the bonds. He denied it was a public enterprise.

The proceeds from the rent of hydrants are kept separate from all other moneys, and are paid out only on the order of the committee of Portland. By similar means we may enable Portland to buy up all business there and evade taxation.

Senator Carson said, that all water used in Portland was from the Willamette river which is the sewer of the whole valley. As a result much sickness prevails—typhoid fever is universal and the doctors say it is the result of using this water. Now we want relief. Will you aid us?

Senator Watts—The tax will amount to \$4500 per annum. The gist of the whole matter is a question of competition between Portland capitalists and those of other places.

Shall our men here stand on equality with those of other places? As a friend of humanity I favor good pure water, and so far as Portland is concerned the bigger she is and the more Portlands we have the better. Why discriminate against our own capitalists?

Mr. Chandler regards it as a city enterprise—so he has been informed and as he expects to ask a similar favor for a city of his district he will not favor the amendment.

Motion was lost.

The question on passage of the bill came on and it passed by yeas, 26; nays, 4. So it became the law.

F. J. R. No. 2, relation to committee to examine books of the fish commission.

On motion senate concurred.

BILLS READ A THIRD TIME.

S. B. 21 by Raley. Act to complete a wagon road from Pendleton to Canyon City and appropriating \$1200.

Senator Veatch opposed the bill. Such bills have frequently been proposed within his experience as a member. It is voting away the tax money of our people in a way that is decidedly unconstitutional.

Senator Cogswell was astounded at such opposition from such a source. The Willamette valley has had immense sums appropriated to enable the commerce here to pass along the river—sums even taken from the school funds. No one objected. Now we ask for a little to aid in opening up new regions through naturally inaccessible barriers and we are told the doors are closed. He referred to a decision of the supreme court that "appropriations to open a way through inaccessible barriers between communities are of public interest," and therefore not unconstitutional.

Senator Watts explained about the reference to a former appropriation of money from school funds to aid the commerce of the Willamette, that it was done by senators from other parts of the state mainly, and only then succeeded by ousting one member from his seat.

The vote on the bill stood yeas 22, nays 8, and it became a law.

### HOUSE.

#### MONDAY AFTERNOON'S SESSION.

Resolution that the committee on the fishing industry visit the Columbia river fisheries; lost.

Waldo memorial praying for a government park, to include the summit of the Cascade range in Oregon; referred to committee of representatives from counties.

Bean memorial asking for the speedy sale of Umatilla Indian reservation lands; adopted.

Petition praying for amendments to Grant's Pass charter; adopted.

Geer J. R. for 25,000 copies of "Resources of Oregon" for general distribution to induce immigration; agriculture.

Jennings H. R. for printing House and Senate Journals and Session Laws; adopted.

For pensions for the survivors of the Oregon Indian wars; concurred in.

For the condemnation of a strip of land in Washington territory near Celilo for a portage railway.

For forfeiture of Northern Pacific land grant from Wallula to Portland.

For survey of public lands.

To reimburse settlers who paid excessive prices for public lands along line of Oregon Central railroad.

#### TUESDAY FORENOON SESSION.

Speaker Smith appointed a special

committee to act on H. J. M. No. 8, Messrs Waldo, Ricker, Jennings, Morelock, Paquet, McCoy Thompson, Williamson and Moss.

Motion by Northrup to reconsider H. R. No. 20. Being lost yesterday, carried. Reconsidered. And same lost again.

### FIRST READING BILLS.

162. Condon. To authorize construction and operation of Stuslaw & Eastern Railroad. To second reading.

H. B. 163. Maxwell. For the relief of Tillamook county. To second reading.

H. B. 164. Belknap. To appropriate money to aid the County Court of Benton county to construct a wagon road. To second reading.

H. B. 165. Crook. To improve State Capitol grounds by purchasing additional ground. To second reading.

H. B. 166. Blundell. To amend Section 2585, Hill's Code. To second reading.

H. B. 167. Morelock. To appropriate money to improve a public soda springs in Linn county. To second reading.

H. B. 168. Jennings. To amend Sections 3817 and 3818, Chapter 59, relating to grist mills.

H. B. 169. McCoy. To protect highways. To second reading.

H. B. 170. Moore. To appropriate money to aid the County Court of Washington county to construct a wagon road. To second reading.

H. B. 171. Harrington. For the School District 35, Multnomah County. To second reading.

H. B. 172. Fisher. To repeal Sections 2671, 2672, 2673, 2674, 2675, and 2676, Title 6, Chapter 16 of Hill's Code. To second reading.

H. B. 174. Roberts. To amend Sections 10, 11 and 12, of Title 1. To establish uniform course of instruction.

H. B. 175. Paulsen. For holding agricultural institutes; to second reading.

H. B. 176. Thompson. To establish a State Board of Immigration; to second reading.

H. B. 177. Paulsen. To define the duties and fix the compensation of Recorder of Conveyance.

H. B. 178. Harrington. To provide punishment for stealing dogs; to second reading.

H. B. 179. Ricker. Locating roads for lumbering and logging purposes; to second reading.

H. B. 180. Hume. To regulate commercial agencies; to second reading.

H. B. 181. Bean. To provide for intervenors in court.

182 Miller. To appoint times and places for holding the supreme court, to second reading.

183 Short. Relating to duties of school superintendents, to second reading.

184 Short. To promote peace and good order in society, to second reading.

185 Myers. To protect owners of stallions, to second reading.

186 Myers. To punish a change of marks on saw-logs, to second reading.

187 Ladd. Relating to school districts in towns of 10,000 or more.

188 Morelock. To establish a uniform course of instruction in common schools;

189 Labrie. To authorize County Courts to maintain ferries on public roads, to second reading.

190 Hahn. To authorize a boom. Passed to second reading.

191 Northrup. To regulate the recording of town and cemetery plats; to second reading.

192 West. To appropriate money to aid Columbia and Washington counties to build a wagon road; to second reading.

193 Weed. Relating to duties of road supervisors; to second reading.

194 Fisher. To incorporate Albia; to second reading.

195 Gilbert. To incorporate Sellwood; to second reading.

196 Paquet. To provide for recording wills; to second reading.

197 Gilbert. Relating to country roads; to second reading.

198 Pope. To regulate the sale of medicines and poisons; to second reading.

199 Gilbert. Amending the charter of Portland; to second reading.

200 Parker. To authorize the Astoria Railroad Company to construct a bridge across Young's Bay; to second reading.

Hon. J. Boren invited within the bar.

201 C. G. Fisher. Relating to assault and battery; to second reading.

202 Smith. Relating to saw-mills and saw-dust; to second reading.

203 Smith. For the relief of Wasco county; to second reading.

H. B. 204. Waldo. For the relief

of John Stapleton. To second reading.

H. B. 205. Waldo. For the relief of J. M. Dinsmore. To second reading.

H. B. 206. Maxwell. To allow Astora, Salem & Tillamook Railroad to build a bridge across the Willamette river at Salem. To second reading.

207 Maxwell. Relating to recording of mining claims; to second reading.

Adjourned.

### ABOUT SALEM'S POSTMASTERSHIP.

#### Speculations As to the Confirmation of Mr. Dearborn's Nomination.

As it has been a good many weeks since R. H. Dearborn's name was sent to the Senate for confirmation as postmaster of Salem, it becomes a matter of speculation as to whether his nomination will be confirmed.

Before the holiday vacation his name was before that august body and it was thought by those who were supposed to be in a position to know that he would be commissioned at once. Days have followed days, into weeks turned, and weeks into months, and still the matter stands untouched. The only cause assigned for the delay is: that for the short time he could serve before a change of administration a change of postmasters would not be politic. Mr. Odell has continued to satisfactorily fill the trust during the four years of democratic rule. But Mr. Dearborn's friends cannot content themselves with the idea that the incoming administration would follow the precedent, were he appointed. Hence they do not push the matter. Civil Service reform is a great thing—sometimes. That is, it is just the thing when, through stress of circumstances, the party in power cannot, until the expiring hours of the administration, strike upon a candidate for the position in question who is satisfactory to the party leaders.

Mr. Dearborn is a good, deserving man, and one whom the party would do well to honor. He has served it well and his appointment to the postmastership would be wholly satisfactory to a majority of the outgoing party. He would make a good postmaster. But as national affairs take a change of heads in five weeks it is barely probable that Mr. Dearborn will have the pleasure of adding P. M. after his name.

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