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Directed Upon the Oregon Legislature and Lobby.

Ex-senator F. A. Bancroft occupied a seat within the bar of the senate.

The senate committees are a generous recognition of the new members.

The special investigating committees that have nothing to investigate all need clerks and lots of 'em!

The long and the short of it in the senate is Sergeant-at-Arms Crosno (6 ft 4) and Door-keeper Blundell 5 ft 2).

King knocked out the clerks on part of one committee and Holt on some of the others. Well done for two Populists.

Senator Taylor, chairman of the ways and means committee to succeed Marion, is joint senator from Umatilla and Union.

Secretary of State Kincaid was willing enough to swear in the galvanized goldites, but said he did not want to do it piecemeal.

In the rump Republican caucus Benson got 15, Brown 11, Riddle 2, Blank 1. Mr. Blank will be the next Republican speaker.

Mr. Simon's list of standing committees was ready very promptly Tuesday morning, and he was warmly congratulated on his expedition.

Ex-Speaker Moores: "I didn't suppose it was possible a worse legislature could assemble than the one I presided over. But this one beats it so far."

Before they got through with W. S. U'Ren, of Clackamas, they found they had waked up a man who was the most good-natured stayer ever in the legislature.

If these committees to investigate state institutions find there is anything to investigate they can report it to the legislature and ask for clerks and experts; otherwise they should not cost a cent.

"Nobody but a revolutionist would attempt to run a legislature with a minority," said U'Ren to Somers of Linn. The Populists did not supply the first attempt at revolutionary procedure.

A subscriber at Jefferson, an enterprising town of Marion county, says if clerks enough cannot be found at Salem, 175 competent unemployed persons at that town can be secured for their actual expenses during the session of the legislature.

It was very kind to elect Mr. Geer messenger to Washington of the McKinley electors. Furthermore, as they are all rich, it was very liberal to divide his mileage among themselves, as the Roman soldiers parted our Saviour's clothes.

Representative Lake, of Lincoln, has a convict labor law, to work roads, a wide tire law, and a bill to have all road tax paid in cash. He is also interested in a bill to regulate veterinary practice—to prohibit persons who still split open cow's tails, and put-in salt and pepper to cure the blind staggers.

Mr. Yoakum, of Baker county, wants a law to protect a laborer who works in a mine; mining claims that are located ought to be worked a certain amount within a certain time, or else be forfeit; they have too much leeway now, and the Idaho law is about the right thing, as it gives the miner a lien. He now has no protection if a mine is leased. This is a matter that is of great importance to Oregon as the mining interest employs 500 to 1000 men in some of the counties of Oregon. Mr. Yoakum will draw a bill.

Craig of Marion, and Guild of Yamhill, were the only opposition leaders present when the Republicans attempted to organize with 28 members. Craig made a wise move to gain time by ordering a call of the house and raising a discussion that cleared the air and disclosed the situation. Smith of Linn, made the point that there was no power to order a call of the house until it was known who the house was composed of. Then a general stampede followed, and the regulars showed their real strength of exactly 28 members.

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Oregon General Assembly

SENATE GRINDING AWAY.

House Continues in a Dead-lock.

OVER THE ORGANIZATION

Multnomah Members Are Breaking a Quorum.

SENATE—MONDAY AFTERNOON.
The newly elected officers of the senate were then sworn in by the chief justice.

Senator Gowan moved a committee of five to determine the number of clerks and fix their pay. Committee: Gowan, McClung, Brownell, Dawson, Michell.

Senator Johnson offered a resolution for a committee of three on revision of rules with President Simon as chairman; carried.

Calbreath moved that the president appoint two pages; carried.

McClung offered a resolution instructing the secretary of state to supply each senator with a code, senate and house journals and laws of 1895; carried.

Brownell offered a resolution authorizing the Sergeant-at-Arms to appoint an assistant door-keeper. Mr. Brownell spoke in behalf of his resolution. Senator Taylor and others spoke against the resolution on lines of economy. Gowan spoke for the resolution. Johnson opposed the expense, and asked for an aye and no vote. The resolution was lost 12 to 17.

Mr. Gowan offered a concurrent resolution for two on the part of the senate and three on the part of the house to examine the books and accounts of the state treasurer. Patterson of Marion suggested that the time of the committee be limited. McClung moved an amendment that the committee be limited to ten days. Selling and Gowan spoke against the amendment. On division the amendment was lost, and the original resolution adopted.

Harmon offered a concurrent resolution for a committee of two senators and three representatives to investigate the management of the penitentiary.

Holt moved to give the clerks of this committee only \$3 per day; carried with amendment.

Gesner offered a concurrent resolution for a like committee to investigate the state land office. Patterson moved an amendment to make the pay of clerks only \$3 per day; accepted; adopted.

Mulkey offered a concurrent resolution providing for a like committee to examine the books and accounts of the secretary of state; carried.

Price moved a resolution providing that the morning sessions of the senate be opened by prayer. Carried.

McClung offered a concurrent resolution for a committee of five to visit and examine into the condition of the insane asylum. Carried.

Calbreath offered a concurrent resolution providing for a like committee to investigate the soldiers' home at Roseburg. Carried.

Mulkey offered a resolution for a like committee to visit the state university at Eugene with one clerk at \$3 per day. King moved to strike out "one clerk at \$3 per day." Amendment carried on division of the house. Carried as amended.

Driver offered a like concurrent resolution to examine into the management of the reform school. Adopted. Adjourned.

President Simon appointed as pages for the senate Master Hobkirk of Portland, and Master Poorman, of Woodburn.

SENATE TUESDAY MORNING

opened with prayer by Rev. Bowersox. President Simon announced the standing committees as follows:

SENATE COMMITTEES.

Agriculture—Johnson, Hughes, Holt.

Assessment and Taxation—Hughes, Patterson, of Marion, Price, Mulkey, Mackay.

Claims—Selling, Carter, Daly.

Commerce—Harmon, Johnson, Dufur.

Counties—Mackay, Gesner, Taylor, Gowan, Driver.

Education—McClung, Harmon, Mulkey.

Elections and Privileges—Mulkey, Gesner, Smith.

Engrossed Bills—Gesner, Reed, Michell.

Enrolled Bills—Calbreath, Patterson, of Washington, Gowan.

Federal Relations—Bates, Taylor, Dufur.

Fishing—Reed, Michell, Patterson, of Marion.

Horticulture—Carter, Calbreath, Holt.

Insurance and Banking—Bates, Johnson, Driver.

Irrigation—Price, McClung, King.

Judiciary—Gowan, Brownell, Michell, Smith, Dufur.

Revision of Laws—Patterson, of Washington, McClung, Reed, Hobson, King.

Medicine, Pharmacy, Dentistry—Calbreath, Driver, Daly.

Military—Price, Hazeltine, Gesner.

Penal Institutions—Driver, Hobson, Selling.

Mining—Johnson, Holt, King.

Municipal corporations—Hazeltine, Harmon, Calbreath.

Printing—Michell, Mackay, Smith.

Public Buildings and Institutions—Hobson, Patterson of Washington, Wade.

Public Lands—Patterson of Marion, Mulkey, Dawson, Hazeltine, Wade.

Railroads—Brownell, Gowan, Patterson of Washington, Mackay, Dawson.

Roads and Highways—Dawson, Carter, Hobson, Brownell, Daly.

Ways and means—Taylor, McClung, Selling, Hughes, Dawson.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Mackay asking that senate and house committees on printing be empowered to employ two experts and clerks, and to report the amount of work done for each department, make recommendation, etc.; adopted.

By Reed, for committee to meet and confer with a like committee from Washington on the fishing industry; adopted.

By McClung requested secretary of state to supply each senator with \$5 in stamps and \$1 in wrappers; adopted.

Harmon, for committee to investigate agricultural college; adopted.

Gowan, providing for temperature of the senate chamber to range from 60 to 70 degrees; adopted.

No. 1. Johnson introduced the first bill of the session, its purport being to repeal the state board of equalization.

Two hundred copies of the standing committees were ordered printed.

BILLS ON FIRST READING.

No. 2. Daly, to repeal railroad commission.

3. Brownell, to repeal railroad commission.

4. Price, to amend the tax laws.

5. McClung, to define taxable property and amend tax laws.

6. Dawson, to amend section 2794 tax laws.

7. Smith, to amend laws regulating real estate executions.

8. Mackay senate bill 8, to amend section 3919, relative to Columbia bars.

9. Price, to regulate school tax and collection of same.

10. Harmon, to provide a registration law.

11. McClung, to amend section 3587, reducing legal interest to 6 per cent,

making the limit 8 per cent on contract.

12. King, to incorporate Baker City.

13. Selling, to regulate fees of district attorney and assessor in Multnomah county, and to make all fees of county officers payable into the county treasurer.

14. Brownell, to amend sections 3587 and 3591, fixing legal interest at 5 per cent.

15. Daly, to amend assessment and taxation law.

16. Dawson, to amend section 2831, making county treasurer's pay over state taxes semi-annually.

17. Mackay, to amend probate laws relating to corporations.

18. Price, to create liens upon crops by laborers.

19. McClung, to define qualifications of voters at school election, making property qualification.

20. Smith, to protect persons furnishing material for public work, requiring bonds from contractors to corporations.

21. Patterson, of Washington, to provide for county boards of health.

SENATE TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

22. Taylor to incorporate the city of Pendleton.

23. Mackay, to amend section 2890, pertaining to guardians of insane persons.

24. Price, to amend law relating to executors.

25. Gesner, to regulate the selection and sale of state lands, and to amend present land laws.

26. Mulkey, assessment amendments.

27. Holt, to provide for relief of counties in certain cases.

28. Brownell, to regulate examination of insane persons.

29. Smith, dedicating Ocean Beach in Clatsop county for public highway.

30. Dawson, to provide for deduction for indebtedness in assessment.

31. King, to amend section 7,372, pertaining to laws of legal practice.

32. McClung, fixing salary of district attorneys and deputies in judicial district No. 2.

33. Harmon to regulate appeals in certain actions.

34. Daly, to correct defects in sales of real property.

35. Patterson of Marion, to regulate salaries of county officers.

36. McClung, to abolish private seals. Adjourned.

HOUSE MONDAY EVENING.

At about eight o'clock Temporary Speaker Davis of Umatilla, called the House to order.

Lake of Benton, and Lincoln moved a committee of three to wait on the committee on credentials and ask when a report might be expected.

Somers of Linn, moved to amend that committee be discharged. He also moved the House declare the printed roll the members of this House.

Speaker Davis ruled these motions out of order.

Craig made the point of order that the constitution requires two-thirds of all the members—forty to transact business. Point sustained.

Somers moved that Hudson be appointed a committee to call upon the secretary of state or one of the justices of the supreme court to enter and administer the oath of office.

A call of the house was moved but on motion of Bridges was disposed with, after which Somers, motion was carried with a hurrah.

At this juncture, Secretary of State Kincaid being present to administer the oath of office, Speaker Davis ruled the entire proceedings of the evening as being out of order. To maintain his position he read from the constitution the article which declares that it requires two-thirds of the house to be present in order that business may be transacted.

Following this decision Lake renewed his former motion, which was promptly declared out of order.

Riddle moved for a call of the house. This was also declared out of order, the speaker holding that a minority could do nothing more than adjourn.

from time to time. The speaker permitted a roll call with the following result.

Present.	Missing
Barkley	Barkley
Benson	Bayer
Brown	Bilyeu
Chapman	Bourne
Conn	Buckman
Crawford	Craig
David	Dustin
Davis (Umt.)	Emery
Davis (Mult.)	Gill
Gurdane	Gratke
Hague	Guild
Hope	Hill
Huntington	Howser
Jennings	Jones
Lake	Kruse
Langeil	Lee
Marsh	Maxwell
Merrell	McAllister
Mitchell	Misener
Nosler	Ogle
Palm	Munkers
Riddle	Povey
Rigby	Schmidtlein
Smith (Mar)	Smith (Linn)
Somers	Stanley
Thomas	Synseth
Thompson	U'Ren
Vaughan	Whitaker
Veness	Yoakum
Wagner	

Thirty-one were shown to be present. The speaker ruled that no quorum was present.

Various rollcalls showed 27 to 31 present. Several times parties answered to rollcalls who were not members and the roll was called over.

Bridges moved that Riddle be substituted as temporary speaker. Ruled out of order. Crawford of Douglas, tried to substitute Riddle for Davis but it would not work.

U'Ren rose and with a defiant tone dared the members to take any such action; that it was unheard of in any body of this character, etc. He was answered in equally defiant tones by Somers, who declared that the house did not propose to submit to autocratic and tyrannical rule on the part of a presiding officer.

Riddle moved that a committee be appointed to wait on the committee on credentials and report progress. The chair decided it out of order—no quorum. Lake appealed from the decision, claiming that the house was temporarily organized, but the chair would not entertain the appeal. Davis adhered to his position that no motion could be made except to adjourn.

Obstruction proceedings occupied the time until ten minutes of midnight, when adjournment was had until 10 a. m. Tuesday.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.

Some of the Republicans of the house went into caucus Monday afternoon, when Mr. Thomas of Multnomah was elected chairman and Mr. Hudson of Washington, secretary. Twenty-nine Republicans were present, the call having been for a meeting for the purpose of making a selection of minor officers. The result of the caucus was as follows:

Speaker of the house—H. L. Benson of Josephine.

Chief clerk—R. B. Hayes of Tillamook.

Assistant clerk—Harvey S. Jordan, Marion.

Reading clerk—Frank Motter, of Portland.

Doorkeeper—S. W. White, of Portland.

Calendar clerk—E. W. Bartlett, of Eastern Oregon.

Sergeant-at-arms—L. S. Shipley, of Southern Oregon.

It was decided to leave the appointment of the mail clerk, pages, etc., with the speaker.

HOUSE—TUESDAY FORENOON.

The deadlock over organization continued and the temporary speaker called to order at 11:30.

Somers of Linn: I call for reading of the journal of the preceding day.

Speaker: There is no quorum.

Smith of Linn: I demand a call of the House.

Bilyeu: There is no journal to read. I make the point that there is no organized body here and call for a ruling.

Somers: I hope the gentleman does not pretend this is much of an organized body? Point of order sustained.

Lake: I appeal from decision of speaker. Not sustained.

Bilyeu: I call for a roll call. Showed 34 present. No quorum. Moved to adjourn to 12 o'clock. Lost. Mr. Bilyeu stated.

Somers: I demand that we go to work and transact business. Why are all these seats empty?

Vaughan, of Lane: I am a farmer. I want to get up on my hind legs to ask for information. I came down here with honest intent to work and am in earnest. I saw men walk when the roll was call. I stayed until midnight last night. I'll stay until morning tonight. (Applause.)

Smith, of Linn: If you gentlemen are in the majority, go ahead and organize. Thirty men cannot run this business. You have run this legislature so long that you have an idea that you can do anything, law or no law. You take your just part and no more. You are a minority and as a minority can not organize this house.

Lake wanted minutes of last meeting read.

Speaker: It takes forty members to do business under the constitution. A member moved that the gentleman from Lane (Bilyeu), have leave to retire and consult with his other Democrats.

Bilyeu: It might result as did your Republican caucus yesterday—fall for want of attendance.

Veness said the chairman told him that rep-rt was ready last night, at 6 o'clock. It must be ready now.

Bilyeu said the committee was not responsible for any elements here interested in this man or that man, this candidate or that candidate. The committee was performing its duty in its most conscientious manner, and its report was now preparing in the hands of a typewriter.

Somers: In our present condition, we are a house, and we demand the reading of the minutes.

Bilyeu moved that Somers and Brown, be a committee to wait on the committee. [Laughter.]

Riddle: It was necessary for some of these young fellows to wear off the wire edge.

Smith of Linn, grew facetious in reply. The young blood of this country proposes to do its own talking and stand in its own shoes. They did not propose to be dictated to.

Vaughn: Is there a power to fetch a disorganized party together?

Chapman: I am getting tired of this sort of work. Why do thirty or forty members have to be absent to do the work of a committee of five? I am at my post of duty and propose to stay here.

Hudson said the Populists were not the only members to blame. Where were the members from Multnomah county? Where were some other Republicans who ought to be here.

Jennings of Wallowa, moved a committee of three to wait on committee on credentials immediately on adjournment.

U'Ren, who had now come in, said the committee was ready whenever there was a quorum. (Applause.)

Somers: I move we adjourn to 2 p.m. Carried.

HOUSE TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

Temporary Speaker Davis called to order at 2 p. m. Roll call showed 29 present. Somers moved that journal be read. Ruled out. Appeal. Refused. The chair ruled that no motion could be entertained, but to adjourn. Lake insisted on appeal.

Brown, of Morrow, raised a point of order that there was no quorum present when the house was temporarily organized. U'Ren said the gentleman belongs to a party that has

Riddle moved that flag be lowered to half-mast.

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