

## DAILY VOTE ON SENATOR

Required by Strict Letter of Law

How the Legislature Used to Be Held

A. Nottner, of Portland, one of the oldest newspaper men in the state, has been a regular attendant at the legislature the last week, was telling a reporter of his recollections of the time when the legislature was held here on Sunday, in order to exactly prescribe with the law, which requires a ballot to be taken on U. S. senator every day until he is elected. This marks the first period of understanding along this line, as later it was decided that Sunday was a legal holiday, so a vote was taken every day but that. Now the attorney-general has interpreted the law to mean that every legislative day during the session is meant, so when neither the house or the senate choose to meet, it is considered not to be a legislative day, and as strictly as ever the letter of the law is observed.

## MUSIC HOUSE OPENED

Large Portland House Starts a Branch Store

There has recently been opened in this city a new establishment which will interest many people. It is the branch house of the Allen & Gilbert-Ramaker Music Company, of Portland, which is the successor to the Wiley B. Allen Co., and one of the largest houses on the Pacific coast. Their Salem store is located at the old stand of the Salem Woolen Mill Store, and is in charge of such experienced men as Wm. Christington and Mark Savage. They have put in a superb stock of pianos and organs, among which will be found such reliable makes as the Knabe, Steck, Hardman, Everett, Ludwig, Fischer, Hamilton, Harrington, Howard, Kingsbury, and Cable, Mason & Hamlin, Chicago Cottage and Estey organs. These goods are known the world over, and will be sold here in Salem as cheap as anywhere, and on the installment plan when desired. In the organ business a full line of small

musical instruments, is carried, the stock of Jacob Wenger, including violins, guitars, mandolins, harps, strings, and everything in that line, as well as a full stock of the best sheet music. These gentlemen all understand their business, and will without doubt score a success in this new business. Look them up at 239 Commercial street.

### Basket Ball.

The Willamette University girls' team will play the O. A. C. team in the University gymnasium tonight. Game called at 7:30. Admission 25 cents.

### Change of Firm.

R. H. Leabo, for the last year manager of the Pacific Coast Circuit Company's interests in this city, has sold to H. S. Gile, of this city.

### A Bit Sarcastic.

Congressman Woods, of Stockton, is to succeed John P. Irish as naval officer of this port. The latter was appointed by Cleveland, but was continued in office by McKinley because of his support in the 1896 campaign.

He has held the office six years or more at a salary of \$500 per month. That he ever did anything during that time but draw his salary and make Republican corporation speeches while posing as a Democrat, we have not heard. We hope he has saved enough to spare the people from his ever again becoming a "public charge."—San Francisco Chronicle.

### Would Make a Big Lake.

A staff correspondent of the Oregonian, writing from Burns, Eastern Oregon, says of a recent survey of a proposed irrigation enterprise: A dam 400 feet long at the bottom, 60 feet high, and 750 feet long at the top would make a lake of Silver valley. The lake would be 8 1/2 miles in length, it would average 1 1/2 in width; it would hold an average depth of 30 feet of water. It would be fed by the streams that drain 12 townships of high mountain lands, which receive the heaviest snowfall of this region. There are said to be in all 17 of these streams, and they reach up to the summit of the southern spur of the Blue mountains. Any person can easily believe that mountain region would dampen the outside limits of the lake in one flood season and furnish a constant and adequate supply of water for the rich soil of Harney valley.

### Another Charter Meeting.

There will be a meeting Monday evening at the city hall of those interested in the new Salem charter, with the Marion county delegation, to discuss that document, and consider the advisability of any further amendments to it.

Ankeny will probably be the next senator from Washington, but who will represent Oregon is an unguessable conundrum now.

### THE MAN FOR SENATOR.

Until some good man is elected, The Journal will take the liberty to speak of the most prominent aspirants, not to dictate any man's selection, but to bring out their good points.

T. T. Geer, who made a very good governor, was favored by this paper for a renomination. The editor voted a Geer primary ticket, and then voted for him for senator on election day. We considered him right on the tariff and expansion.

Having expressed himself in that way, the editor does not consider that he has any further right to insist on his own idea in this matter, and would like to treat Mr. Geer just as well as any other candidate.

Mr. Geer is a pleasant campaign speaker of more than ordinary force and ability before an audience, but not for his great profundity. His humor, and the fact that he does not shoot over the heads of the ordinary man makes him a vote-getter.

More plausible than stable, more witty than wise, more disingenuous than sagacious, he would still make a more than average member of the senate, and if kept there long enough would become a very useful man.

In our next we will speak of some other aspirant equally worthy as Geer, and only mentioned second because some one had to be mentioned first.

### PROVISION FOR THE ORPHANS.

The general laws of this state for the support of orphans has now been in operation for two years, and seems to have worked very well. At least there has been no unfavorable comment or criticism.

This paper did not favor the adoption of that law, because there were large appropriations being made for the support of individual institutions maintained by different denominations.

The new law gives state aid to the amount of not over \$50 per child for any one year to any orphanage, that complies with certain requirements of state control. As stated, the law seems to be a fair one.

Compared with the expenditures of other states, the law also seems to be a measure of economy, and the number of children in orphanages has not been unduly increased thereby.

As the law gives this sum of \$50 per annum to each child maintained in an orphanage up to the age of 14, it would be a wise provision to require all institutions caring for homeless children to come under its operation.

There are a number of institutions in the state caring for homeless and indigent children, and doing very good work, that are receiving state aid in the form of an appropriation that could much better be provided for under the general law.

The Portland Boys' and Girls' Aid Society, the Oregon Children's Home

and similar works of charity, if they come properly within the provisions of the orphanage law, should be asked to take the \$50 per annum per child, instead of being given a lump sum of \$5000 by the legislature biennially.

There should not be two forms of support given for one and the same purpose. Make all those caring for orphans come under the one general law, should be the rule of the state.

It is not understood that any of the orphanages are asking for an increase of the \$50 annual allowance. As long as that law works as well as it has it would be wise to extend it to all dependent child institutions.

Any institution that undertakes to board, educate, clothe and give a home to a homeless child is a blessing to the state, if it trains that child up properly, at the maximum cost of \$50 per annum.

The management of these institutions involves a great responsibility, and the state should see that only persons of the highest character and the purest motives have the control of such unfortunate.

A homeless child appeals to all that is most sacred in our feelings, and the state of Oregon will doubtless continue to make wise and adequate provision for the waifs of society.

## Here Is A Roundabout

Salem, Jan. 23.—A petition was presented in the legislature this morning, calling for \$200,000 dollars of bonds for paying Indian War Veterans, their widows and orphans. They claim the money as due from the territory of Oregon, and was promised, but never paid.

### A Great Stickler For Etiquette.

Dr. Thompson, master of Trinity college, Cambridge, was an exceedingly cold and austere man, never taking much notice of the undergraduates under his care. On one occasion a Trinity man happened to be out walking and was caught in a storm. He ran across a field and took shelter beneath a large tree. When he arrived there, he found, to his horror, that Dr. Thompson was beneath it seeking protection from the rain. For some time both stood silent, watching the clouds, till at last the undergraduate, growing desperate, ventured to remark that he thought it was clearing up a little. "Sir," said the doctor laughingly, frowning upon the wretched youth, "all communications to the master of Trinity must be made through the tutors."—Exchange.

### Hanging Pictures.

In hanging pictures remember that the flat appearance of walls always should be preserved. Do not let the pictures tilt forward at the top, and if the wires by which they are hung show they should be in straight lines from two hangers and not from a central one, making oblique lines.

## DOWNING IN THE LEAD

For Superintendent of the Pen

Developing Great Strength for That Position

The friends of Henry Downing are much elated at the strength that gentleman has developed in his candidacy for superintendent of the state prison.

The Sublimity farmer has hosts of friends who are saying good things in his favor at the executive office, and no one can be found to say an unkind word against him.

Sending the state land office east of the mountains puts this appointment where it is almost sure to come to Marion county.

The appointment will not be made for some time yet, and this gives Mr. Downing's friends all over the state a chance to get in their endorsements, and they are doing it with heartiness.

Starting with the endorsement of the Democratic organization of this county, Mr. Downing has built up a splendid array of endorsements. A hard worker within his party, for which he has made great sacrifices, he also has hosts of friends among the Republicans, who like him, not for any political favors, but, as a gentleman, a citizen and a neighbor.

## Fair Bill Not Signed

The Lewis and Clark fair bill was not signed today by President of the Senate Brownell, but will probably go to the governor for approval on Monday. There is no anticipation of its being vetoed, as it was recommended for adoption in the governor's inaugural message.

### Trying to Explain the Accident.

"Bimler's auto got slowed, didn't it?" "I don't know whether it was the auto or Bimler."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

### Foresight and Anthracite.

He dabbled in stocks and won. For he was a lucky feller. Not only did he make his pile. But he lost it in his cellar. —Chicago Tribune.

### Strike Echo.

New Arrival—Well, well! I had an idea that heaven was paved with gold. St. Peter—No; anthracite.—Brooklyn Life.

Ira Rose, sentenced to 1 1/2 years for larceny, has been received at the state penitentiary from Umatilla county.

## OPENING PIANO AND ORGAN SALE

The Allen & Gilbert-Ramaker Co. Propose to Sell 25 Instruments in the Next Two Weeks—Read What They Have to Say in Regard to it.

The second shipment of pianos and organs were received today and are now on exhibition. We are prepared to show you the finest line of goods ever exhibited in Salem. We have them in all woods and designs, and at prices that will astonish you. Now is the time for you to buy an instrument, as we will offer, for the next few days, any piano or organ in our store at greatly reduced prices. We do this simply as an advertisement. We want to place 25 instruments in the next two weeks, and we will do it if good goods, low prices, and hard work can accomplish it. Our line includes the Knabe, Hardman, Saack, Everett, Fischer, Ludwig, Smith & Barnes, Cable, Cable, Kingsbury, Harrington, Howard, Hamilton and others. In the organ department can be found the Mason & Hamlin, Estey, Packard, Chicago Cottage, etc. We challenge the world for a better assorted stock. Remember that our great reduction sale will only last 10 days.

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