

Portland Playing With Geer

People's Candidate Gained 2 and Lost 2

Nottingham Launches the Boom for Hume

While Paulsen of Clakamas Joins the Binger Hermann Column

Today's joint session was marked by the throwing of numerous bouquets and some speech-making. Geer gained 2 votes in Hodson and Smith of Multnomah, of the Multnomah delegation, and lost Nottingham and Paulsen, so that the vote was practically the same as yesterday.

The taking of the ballot proceeded without event until the name of Nottingham was reached. That gentleman arose, and, after addressing the chair, said: "Since the beginning of the session, and until a few days ago, I have been voting for the same candidate for United States senator, and have been guided in doing so by what I considered my best inclination. I wish now to change my vote and ballot for a Republican, who is a stalwart among the stalwarts, and, I am sorry to say, that he is not from Multnomah county. He comes from the sounding sea, and has the state near at heart. I may be censured by some for my action here today, but I am fully capable of assuming all of the blame on my own shoulders. I wish to be recorded as voting for Hon. R. D. Hume."

He Broke the Gavel. The announcement was received with great applause, and, in attempting to restore order, President Brownell broke the house gavel. This served as an occasion for a fresh outburst of laughter. The roll call was concluded without further incident, but before the result could be announced, Representative Hodson asked that his name be changed from Williams to Geer. The demonstration that attended this announcement had hardly subsided when Senator Smith, of Multnomah, addressed the assembly as follows: "I am tempted to yield to the influence of my friends in voting for a senator. I do not believe in flippantly voting for candidates for senator. I have been regularly for a single candidate for this position until within the past few days. There seems to be no possibility of the election of Mr. Williams as senator, and I feel that it is my duty to add my quota of strength to the election of a senator, and I wish today to cast my ballot for the man who appears to be gaining in favor. I wish, therefore, to change my vote from Hon. G. H. Williams to T. T. Geer." And then there was more applause.

The vote was announced as follows: Fulton, 33; Geer, 27; Wood, 17; Williams, 6; scattering, 5; absent, 2. Except as indicated, the roll call was as it stood Wednesday. It was stated by a Portland man that, to test the intentions of the Democrats, they had given Mr. Geer enough votes to elect him with their help, and that if the Democrats want Geer, the Multnomah men would not skin back a single vote. Friday there is to be a break for Harvey Scott or Congressman Moody. House—Wednesday Night. H. B. 279, Malarkey—Regulate running at large of stock in Multnomah county. Passed. H. B. 325, Hermann—Amending

section 2037 of title X of chapter VIII of the code; passed. S. B. 9, Wehrung—Establishing boundary line of Washington county; passed. S. B. 212, Mulkey—To incorporate Independence; passed. S. B. 120, Steiwer—To reapportion the state in senatorial and representative districts; passed. S. B. 85, Bilyeu, by request, substitute by committee—Providing compensation to volunteers for service in Indian wars of 1855-56. Adopted. Passed, 38 to 22.

Special Order. H. B. 198, Otwell—To regulate the manufacture and sale of foods and drinks; adopted; passed. H. R. 22, Malarkey—Provides that during the evening session no member, except the author of the bill, be permitted to speak upon any measure for more than three minutes without unanimous consent; adopted. H. R. 25, Danneman—Provides that as the codes of Danneman, Murphy, Ginn, Cobb and Claypool were taken from their respective desks during this session, that the secretary of state be instructed to furnish substitutes; referred. H. B. 304, Hodson—To provide for issuing bonds for the redemption of county warrants in counties of over 50,000 population; passed. S. B. 106, Rand—To incorporate Bourne; indefinitely postponed. H. B. 320, Judd—Relating to the authority of board of public building commissioners to acquire water for state institutions; passed. H. B. 368, Whealdon—Relating to stock running at large in a portion of Wasco county; passed. H. B. 255, Rand—To amend section 5359 code of Oregon relating to mortgages; passed. H. B. 319, Committee on Judiciary—Relating to punishment for assault; passed. H. B. 27, Shelly—Requiring sureties for administrators or executors of estates; passed. H. B. 158, Davey, substitute by committee—To provide for criminal prosecution on information made by district attorney; passed. H. B. 96, Danneman—To encourage sinking of artesian wells; committee of the whole house failed to adopt. H. B. 244, Malarkey—Relating to surety companies; passed. H. B. 352, Cobb—Granting power to State Board of Horticulture to appoint deputies and provide salaries for same; adopted. The house adjourned at 11 p. m. House, Wednesday Afternoon

Orton, Shelley and Hansbrough were appointed to fix the salaries of clerks on joint committees.—H. C. R. 25, Special orders. H. B. 99, Davey—To provide for uniform and equal rate of assessment of taxation of express, telephone and oil companies, and to create a state board of appraisers. Indefinitely postponed. H. B. 339, Com. on Fisheries—Relating to license fees of fishing appliances and salmon canneries, etc.; passed. H. B. 338, Com. on Fisheries—Protection of salmon industry; passed. H. B. 225, Webster—To construct fishway at Willamette Falls at Oregon City; adopted. H. B. 197, Phelps—To provide for a more efficient method of assessment and collection of taxes; passed. H. J. M. 4, Shelly—Whereas, the act of Congress approved June 27, 1902, to extend the provisions, limitations and benefits of an act granting pensions to the survivors of Indian wars, etc., only extends these benefits to the survivors of the Indian wars in Oregon and Washington up to and including the year 1856, and not to the no less deserving veterans of the late Indian wars. Therefore, your Memorialists, the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, earnestly pray that your honorable body will so amend the said act as that it will extend these benefits to the survivors of the Modoc war of 1872 and 1873. A conference committee of five

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WHY HE VETOED THE BILLS

Governor States His Objections

Thinks One Bill Would Cost \$50,000 a Year

And That Tax Payers are Wronged by the Other

Governor Chamberlain in vetoing Senate bills No. 50 and 109, state his objections as follows. Objecting to the first named bill he says: It appropriates \$500 annually for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the Act, but while this appropriation is made the bill by its very terms authorizes the creation of claims against the state and the several counties which may reach as much as \$50,000.00 or more in one year, for which deficiency appropriations would have to be made at the next session of the legislature to cover the state's portion thereof. The five commissioners named in the Act are authorized to appoint at least one person in each county of the state as fire warden—they may appoint more. Say that they do appoint two in each county. The salary for each is not to exceed \$300.00. Sixty-five fire wardens at \$500.00 is \$19,500.00 per annum. The fire wardens in each county at the request of the commission have power to nominate with the approval of the commission, five rangers whose salaries are to be paid by the counties and are not to exceed \$2.00 per day while employed in actual service. The secretary of the commission is to receive \$5.00 per day for the time actually employed by him, and he together with each of the commissioners receive mileage at the rate of five cents per mile for the distance actually traveled in the performance of duty.

It is safe to say that there will be applications filed with the commission to appoint men to the full limit of their power of appointment, and the expense in the very nature of things is bound to be large, however capable and honest the commission may be. A large indebtedness will surely be created against the state and numerous claims against the several counties. Protection of the timber interests of the state may justify this expense, but it seems to me that the bill itself (ex vi termin) should limit the amount of moneys which the commission shall expend, and an appropriation made therefor. Second: Another objection to the Act is the fact that the legislature undertakes to deprive the Executive of the state of the power given him by the constitution. It will be noticed that this Act names the five commissioners, who are to hold their office for four years, after which the Executive is to appoint. An admission on the face of the Act that the Executive is the proper person to appoint the commissioners and not the legislature.

For the reasons stated, I return the bill herewith with my veto. And bill 109 he vetoed because the act sought to be amended empowers incorporated cities or towns to appropriate private real property, water, etc., for the general use of the public within and beyond the corporate limits, but there is a proviso "that in all cities containing less than fifteen thousand inhabitants no action for the appropriation of private property or for the payment therefor as allowed by this Act shall be taken by the council of such city or town except a majority of the taxpayers of said city or town voting at an election to be called and held for that purpose have voted in favor of said action." The amendment proposes to eliminate this proviso from the original statute. I cannot believe that it will be for the best public interest that this proviso be eliminated from the present law. The taxpayers should have the largest voice in questions affecting their vital interests and the imposition upon them of taxes.

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HOME FOR THE GOVERNOR

House Concur This Afternoon

Passes Senate Without Opposition

Eddy Compliments the Ways and Means Committee

The appropriation bill to which objection was made Thursday by Senators Kuykendall and McGinn was passed today with only four dissenting votes.

The objections were to the expenses of the Tracy-Merrill chase and the return of their bodies, and aggregate \$1083.71. Also the reward of \$300 paid Sheriff F. W. Dillard for the arrest of Frank Laurence Smith in 1890, for robbing a person on a railroad train. Mr. McGinn asked why this matter was not brought up at the two previous sessions of the legislature, instead of delaying five years. The only answer made was that the law allowed the payment of the reward. This, he cited, as an example of the manner in which bills will be brought up in succeeding sessions, and the present appropriation for the Tracy-Merrill business may yet be four times larger. It is the duty of the superintendent, he said, to return escaped prisoners, and their escape in the first place was due to carelessness. The superintendent had letters from the authorities at the Colorado penal institution informing him of Tracy's escape from that prison in a manner similar to the one in which he escaped here, and more care should have been taken watching him while here. Dr. Smith, of Multnomah, did not

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SCHOOL CHILDREN KILLED

Eight Killed and Fifteen Injured

Trolley Car Ran Down by Fast Passenger Train

Bodies Horribly Mangled - Six of Injured Will Die

Newark, N. J., Feb. 19.—A Lackawanna passenger train struck a trolley car on a crossing at 8:50 this morning. The car was loaded with children, en route to school. Eight were killed and seven injured. The car was demolished.

The train was running at full speed. The motorman saw it approach, but stuck to his post. The car slid along the icy rails until the front platform was across the track. It was a special school car filled with high school scholars. All of the killed were from 14 to 17 years of age. In addition to the eight killed outright, 15 were seriously injured, and six will probably die. The motorman's skull was crushed, and he will die. The train couldn't stop for two blocks. It was a most distressing scene, fragments of the bodies being scattered the entire distance. A portion of the body of one young girl was found on the pilot of the engine (Continued from First Page.)

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