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THE JOURNAL STANDS FOR PROGRESS, DEVELOPMENT, GOOD GOVERNMENT, AND NO DEGRADED LABOR.

SOME OPINIONLESS NEWSPAPERS.

Some of the leading newspapers of the state have been as devoid of opinions during this legislature as the desert of Sahara is of shrubbery or New York high society is of virtue.

Many of the so-called MOLDERS OF PUBLIC THOUGHT have never in the forty days denounced any of the grafts and bad pieces of attempted legislation.

THEY VOICED THE VOICELESS VOID of the intellectual vacuum in which their intellects dwell.

They flattered members, they helped boost some things, but as for HELPING KILL A SINGLE BAD BILL THEY WERE NULL.

It was their busy day to keep still. The people and the members looked to them in vain for guidance, counsel or support in any reform. Their reporters at Salem gave a great deal of news about grafts and bad bills, but they generally gave both sides equal space, AND THAT ONLY HELPS CONFUSE THE READERS.

What is to become of the man who knows a thing is wrong, but is afraid to say so? Where will he go to in the next world?

The same papers that failed to stand up editorially against grafts and wrong-doing will now condemn the whole legislature.

They will deplore high taxes, useless offices, steals, combines and raids BUT WHAT DID THEY DO TO PREVENT THEM?

Let the men who fight the battles of reform in this state understand that, except in a few of the smaller newspapers, they must fight their battles unaided by any expression of editorial opinions.

NORMAL SCHOOLS WIN OUT.

This was expected by those who studied the situation from the start. The committees in both houses were strong in their behalf—dominated by their representatives and senators.

BY ACTING AS JOINT COMMITTEES THEY FULLY DOMINATED. In the house the institutions of higher education had three out of five places on both ways and means and education committees.

In the senate two of the strongest members from the higher education were on the committees of education and ways and means, and A THIRD MAN ON EACH COMMITTEE FROM EASTERN OREGON.

This made the combination easy to form, and where if one of these all-important committees would not act favorably the other would. Jointly they always acted favorably.

It is any wonder the honest and disinterested representatives of the people WERE UNABLE TO ACCOMPLISH THE REFORMS they went to Salem pledged to accomplish?

The machine was more powerful than the public sentiment of the whole state.

Senator Booth, in closing his debate for four schools admitted that in the end the state would have to support one first-class institution.

The plain truth is that if these institutions would charge a little tuition they could all run almost without state aid.

The State University and the Agricultural College should do the same, and they would cost the state NOT HALF WHAT THEY DO AT PRESENT.

The governor is in receipt of a letter from a man who has moved to Lane county and is sending his five children through the State University free. He threatens that all the votes of his family will be cast against the governor, for the special privileges they enjoy AT THE EXPENSE OF THE GENERAL TAXPAYER.

The issue is not that the institutions of higher education are to be abolished, but that they are putting a greater burden on the taxpayer than they should in proportion to the population and wealth of the state. THEY HAVE BEEN OVER-DEVELOPED BY LOGROLLING AND POLITICAL COMBINES.

They threaten public men with defeat if their demands are opposed. If the Vawter bill goes into effect the governor should see to it that the one board of regents to control the normal schools IS NOT DOMINATED BY THE HIGHER EDUCATIONAL MACHINE.

The political machine and the educational machine are a hard combination for the people to contend with.

They comprise the bright and predatory elements that always DEMAND MORE SALARIES AND APPROPRIATIONS.

This problem must be met and fought by the whole state's best independent thought.

Senate Friday Afternoon.

H. B. 190, Carter, requiring the publication of notices. Indefinitely postponed.

H. B. 227, Knowles, relating to riotous conduct. Indefinitely postponed.

H. B. 228, relating to punishment

for larceny. Indefinitely postponed.

H. B. 226, relating to the reckless use of firearms. Indefinitely postponed.

H. B. 198, relative to the secreting of a witness. Indefinitely postponed.

H. B. 151, relating to liens on

mining claims. Indefinitely postponed.

H. B. 160, prohibiting the making of false statements of mining claims. Indefinitely postponed.

H. B. 297, Farrell, regulating the employment of females. Enacted.

H. B. 417, regulating the salaries of the treasurer and school superintendent of Multnomah. Enacted.

H. B. 418, regulating the salary of the assessor of Multnomah. Enacted.

H. B. 394, relating to regulation of insurance companies. Enacted.

H. B. 364, regulating salary of district attorney in sixth district. Enacted.

H. B. 77, Farrell, relating to the adoption of children. Enacted.

H. B. 52, Northrup, relating to the acknowledgment of deeds. Enacted.

H. B. 62, Barrett, relating to bribes. Passed.

H. B. 410, Jewell, relating to fisheries in Rogue river. Passed.

H. B. 106, Coffey, fixing punishment of felony. Passed.

H. B. 71, Burns, relating to garnishment. Indefinitely postponed.

H. B. 175, Vawter, relating to testimony in criminal courts. Indefinitely postponed.

H. B. 84, Freeman, relating to provisions in wills. Passed.

H. B. 27, Jackson, defining lawful woven wire fence. Passed.

H. B. 149, Carter, relating to the recovery of real estate. Passed.

H. B. 151, Bones, relating to the protection of deer. Passed.

H. B. 332, Purdy, giving locomotive engineers, shrievally powers. Passed.

H. B. 217, Farrell, to protect trainmen and regulate wires across tracks. Passed.

H. B. 324, providing for the management of lands coming to the state. Enacted.

H. B. 85, providing for more equitable method of taxation. Passed.

H. B. 86, providing for boards of equalization. Passed.

H. B. 87, Freeman, providing for state board of tax commissioners. Failed to pass.

H. B. 88, Freeman, to provide for levying taxes. Passed.

H. B. 89, Freeman, providing for the collecting of taxes. Passed.

H. B. 57, providing for increasing and decreasing capital stock of corporations. Passed.

H. B. 336, Carter, to regulate stock running at large. Passed.

Hunting for Trouble.

"I've lived in California 20 years, and am still hunting for trouble in the way of burns, sores, wounds, boils, cuts, sprains, or a case of piles that Bucklen's Arnica Salve won't quickly cure," writes Charles Walters, of Alleghany, Sierra Co. No use hunting, Mr. Walters; it cures every case. Guaranteed at J. C. Jerry's drug store; 25c.

WILL MEET MONDAY.

Railroad Commissioners Will Organize and Elect Secretary.

The newly appointed railroad commissioners, met yesterday and decided to meet Monday morning to formally organize, elect a president from one of the body and name a secretary at a salary of \$2000 a year and a stenographer at \$1200. The commission will begin active work Monday.

Six Day Bicycle Race in Boston.

Boston, Feb. 23.—The six day team cycle race which commenced in the Park Square ring on Monday will finish tonight. The riders, who are paired, have done six hour stunts each day—three in the afternoon and three in the evening. Ten teams are competing and all are expected to finish well. The track is of four laps to the mile, banked, and with raised corners at each end. All the best known cyclists in the vicinity are competing as are also Root and Folger, McFarland and the Bedells.

To Preserve Historic Home.

White Plains, N. Y., Feb. 23.—Owing to the efforts of the Daughters of the American Revolution an appropriation will be applied for from the legislature for the purpose of purchasing the Fiero homestead here and preserving it for the nation. It was in the Fiero homestead the constitution of the United States was first read and close to it is the site of the famous old court house which it is also proposed to preserve as a memorial and as the birthplace of the United States. Senator Carpenter has taken charge of the matter.

HOUSE FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Defeats the Famous Anti-Tipping Law

Motion for reconsideration vote by which senate bill No. 90, by Wheelon, appropriating \$60,000 for extension of the portage road to The Dalles. Carried. Bill took place on calendar.

S. B. 142, Malarkey, to protect lives of traveling public. Passed.

S. B. 234, Bailey, to provide protection of workmen by covering exposed machinery. Passed.

S. B. 159, Judiciary committee, to authorize salaries and wages of public officers and employees be subject to attachment. Favorable report of committee of whole with amendment adopted. Failed to pass.

S. B. 237, Kay, by request, to regulate the business of barbers. Passed.

S. B. 249, Mullit, to fix the salary of the prosecuting attorney of the second prosecuting attorney district. Passed.

Senate and house in joint assembly to elect two commissioners of port of Portland commission.

Port Commissioners.

In accordance with the provisions of the act under which the port of Portland commission was created the house and senate met in joint assembly at noon today and elected C. F. Swigert and W. D. Wheelwright as members of that commission to serve for four years. The election was held to fill vacancies caused by the resignation of C. F. Thomas. Mr. Driscoll, of Multnomah, placed the candidates in nomination and Senator Hodson seconded.

There were 83 votes cast unanimously for the nominees who were declared elected but there was a question of the unanimity since there were a number of votes for "Sweet-wright and Wigert," much to the amusement of the members and spectators whose outbursts of merriment disturbed the solemnity and dignity of the occasion. President Haines, however, ruled arbitrary and declared the election of Swigert and Wheelwright unanimous.

S. B. 181, Johnson, by request, to regulate sale of concentrated stock foods. Passed.

S. B. 147, Kay, relating to fees of the secretary of state. Passed.

S. B. 241, Coke, relating to railroad constructing and maintaining bridges. Passed.

S. B. 184, Haines, to define the crime of burglary. Passed.

S. B. 193, committee on medicine, pharmacy and dentistry, to regulate the practice of osteopathy. Passed.

S. B. 218, Mullit, to provide for disposal of 10 per centum received from United States government forest reserve rentals. Passed.

Report of committee on clerks on salaries of clerks. Referred to resolution committee for revision.

S. B. 109, Caldwell, relating to itinerant vendors of medicines. Passed.

S. B. 245, Cole, for enclosing and using of portions of the county roads within the limits of irrigation projects under control of the reclamation bureau. Passed.

A Telegraph Joker.

Senate bill 161, by Bingham, did not receive a very cordial reception at the hands of the house yesterday afternoon and went the way of the

vanquished because the discovery was made and exploded that its provisions would grant railroads the indisputable right to run their telegraph lines through any strip of timber and mow down valuable monarchs of the forest indiscriminately on both sides of the line until the wires were cleared. The bill, ostensibly, simply gives the railroads the right to cut down such timber along the line of their rights of way when the trees or their branches interfere with the line and the electrical current but Barrett, of Washington, thought he 'smelled a mouse' in one particular line which would give the railroads too much destructive power to the detriment of the state's forestry.

Anti-Tipping Bill.

"Anti-tipping" is one of the many proposed reforms which the house will not put up for, as exemplified by the result of the vote on senate bill No. 151, by Bailey, which failed to meet with the favorable consideration of the lower branch of the assembly when it came up for final passage yesterday afternoon. The object of the bill purported to be "to prevent dishonesty in agents," according to the title, and provided punishment for any person accepting, soliciting, or giving any consideration for favors shown, employer, principle, etc., but when the reading clerk finished reading the bill it was "jumped onto with both feet" by several members of the house as an "anti-tipping" bill and, no sooner was this suggestion sprung than a motion for indefinite postponement was offered and, despite the efforts of Northrup, of Multnomah, to explain that it was merely an anti-bribery bill, it was counted down and out on general principles, the members preferring to take no chances.

Normal School Action.

When recess was taken at noon today the normal school question was still in the air and no further action will be taken until a joint committee of three members from each branch of the assembly will have held a conference and arrive at a conclusion as to whether or not there will be three or four schools, or whether, if the latter course is decided upon, the Drain normal shall be appropriated sufficient money to carry it over two years or only for the completion of the present year's work.

There is a strong determination on the part of the house that the Drain normal shall be abolished and its willingness to permit of a sufficient allowance to complete this year's work but no more was emphasized yesterday afternoon when the house positively and decisively refused to concur in the senate's amendments to the Vawter bill, providing for the creation of one board of regents for all schools, inserting a section appropriating \$27,500 to support the Drain school for the ensuing two years. Another amendment also passed it up to the board thus created to select which of the normal schools should remain in existence and report its recommendations to the next legislature. This provision was allowed to remain in the bill.

The house made an effort to entangle the governor in the mess again by the introduction of a resolution inviting him to appear before the joint assemblage of the legislature and state his views upon the question and his opinion as to which of the schools should be retained. This resolution, however, was referred to the resolutions committee and, it is pretty well understood that it will never again make its appearance upon the scene.

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Philadelphia Cricketers for Bermuda

Philadelphia, Feb. 23.—The Philadelphia cricket team, accompanied by a large party, sailed on the Bermudian today for Bermuda, where they will arrive on the 25th. Three two-day matches will be played on the island with the Hamilton Cricket Club, the Army and Navy and the All-Bermuda.

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