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SATURDAY, Aug. 10, 1889, 2 P. M. The Convention assembled, Col. Prosser President pro tem, and immethat it but just and fair to allow the Education and Educational Institu-

or supported wholly or in part by the vote now, and that they had no more two Representatives public funds shall be forever free from respect for the opinion of the Supreme sectarian control or influence."

lege or university fund, which shall bers of the bar. have been caused by defalcation, misterest shall be paid.

cle was considered engrossed, passed ment on the matter without the use of to its third reading and it was put on the ballot. its final passage. The article was adopted, 53 ayes, 2 noes, and it was referred to Committee on Revision.

consider the article reported by the to 2 P. M. Committee on Federal Relations, being

ARTICLE -.

ligious sentiment shall be secured and Dunbar's amendment, which provides that no inhabitant of this State shall for leaving the matter of egual suffrage ever be molested in person or prop- to the legislature, and after some dis erty on account of his or her mode of cussion was also defeated, by a vote of

religious worship. title to the unappropriated public section, which was lost by a vote of 22 lands lying within the boundaries of to 32. this State, and to all lands lying with- The next section, excluding, in addi in said limits owned or held by any tion to women, all idiots, insane per-Indian or Indian tribes; and that un-sons, and persons convicted of infasame shall be and remain subject to adopted. the disposition of the United States, Section 6 provides that voters shall

residing without the limits of this adopted. State shall never be taxed at a higher be hereafter purchased by the ing his ballot," was adopted. United States or reserved for its use. Provided, That nothing in this arti-

ing, as other lands are taxed, any lands owned or held by any Indian who has it was adopted. severed his tribal relations, and has from any person, a title thereto by pat- shall be on the Tuesday next after the ent or other grant, save and except first Monday in November, 1890, and such lands as have been or may be thereafter all elections for such offices granted to any Indian or Indians un- shall be held biennially. The first der any Act of Congress, containing a election of all State officers, after the provision exempting the lands thus election held for the adoption of this granted from taxation, which exemption shall be on the Tuesday tion shall continue so long and to such next after the first Monday in Novemextent as such Act of Congress may ber, 1862, and every fourth year there-That provision shall be made for the

from sectarian control. The debts and liabilities of the Ter- Mr. Godman presented a substitute

ferred to Committee on Revision. Federal Relations and Boundaries, be- 11 was restored.

ing an article on the boundaries of the State of Washington, was taken up, and after some consideration it was recommitted to the committee from which it came.

The temper of the Convention was adverse to doing any further business, and although some wanted to remain in session longer, nothing but dilatory motions were made, until finally an adjournment was made to Monday August 12, at 9 A. M.

MONDAY, Aug. 12, 1889, 9 A. M. The Convention met, the President in the chair.

Prayer by the Chaplain. After reading the minutes the Convention resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, the President in the chair, to consider the article on " Elections and Elective Rights," and the whole article was read and then considered by sections.

Upon taking up section one, which is as follows, viz:

Section I. All male persons of twenty-one years or over possessing the fol-lowing qualifications shall be entitled to vote at all elections: They shall be citizens of the United States, provided, that Indians not taxed shall never be allowed the elective franchise: Provided further, that all male persons who at the time of the adoption of this Constitution are qualified electors of the Territory shall be electors. They shall have lived in the State one year, and in the county ninety days, and in the city, town or precinct thirty days entitled to three Senators. immediately preceding the election at which they offer to vote.

Mr. Eldridge moved to strike the word male from the first; section, and made a lengthy and able speech in support of his motion and cited the Declaration of Independence and called the attention of members to their oath to frame a Constitution in District, and be entitled to one Senaaccordance with said declaration, and that said all men, which includes women, have an inalienable right to life, liberty and pursuit of happiness, and that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the gov- Thirteenth District, and be entitled to erned. He also called attention to one Senator. the fact that the legislature passed an act granting the suffrage to women Fourteenth District, and be entitled to which was reaffirmed and re-enacted one Senator. by a subsequent legislative assembly and he also quoted the platform of the kiakum shall be the Fifteenth District, Republican and Democratic parties and be entitled to one Senator. which committed them unreservedly to woman suffrage. He also read from Sixteenth District, and be entitled to the decision of the Supreme Court of one Senator. the United States which maintained that the organic act of Utah conferred the power on the legislature to grant female suffrage. His speech was both eloquent and exhaustive, and he showed that it was just, wise and expedient to strike the word male from the article and thus put women on a Nineteenth District, and be entitled nated, with instructions to prepare anlevel and equality with men and se- to five Senators. cure to her the right of suffrage, as being the right protective of all rights. shall be the Twentieth District, and Give woman the right to vote and it be entitled to one Senator. opens the avenues to her of self support and independence. The more we and San Juan shall constitute the consideration of the article on "Harexercise the mind the more intelligent Twenth-First District, and be entitled bors, Tide Lands and Navigable we become, and participation in the to one Senator. means of exercising the mind. His Twenty-Second District, and be enspeech occupied one hour and fifteen titled to one Senator. minutes, and was replete with argu- The counties of Skagit and Island ment, in very forcible language. No shall be the Twenty-Third District, lines along the harbor frontage of one attempted to reply to ms argu-ment for two reasons: First, because The county of Whatcom be the after to be incorporated, within the it was unanswerable, and second, it Twenty-Fourth District, and be en- State on the shore of navigable tide

on account of sex," and in support of The county of Columbia shall have his motion he declared himself unre- two Representatives, servedly in favor of woman suffrage, The county of Cowlitz shall but aside from being such, he thought one Representative.

views, and declared it to be their opin- one Representative. "All schools maintained ion that women had a lawful right to The county of Jefferson shall have Court Judges of this Territory on the two Representatives. Section 5. All losses to the perma- legality of the woman suffrage act than nent common school or any State, col- they were compelled to have, as mem-

Mr. Turner followed on the other management or fraud of the agents or side briefly, and contented himself officers controlling or managing the with anouncing his fiat to vote down Representatives. same, shall be audited by the proper the amendments, but not forgetting authorities of the State, and the what the future might have in store amount be a permanent debt against for him personally, that he wanted her the State in favor of the particular to have the suffrage whenever a majorfund sustaining such loss, upon which ity of the people are in favor of it, and not less than six per cent. annual in- by the people he said he meant men and women. He did not, however, say The rules were suspended, the arti- the women could express their judg-

After further remarks by Mr. Eshelman in favor, and Messrs, J. Z. Moore and Mr. Stiles against, the Convention, The Convention then proceeded to without coming to a vote, took a recess

The Convention resolved itself into Compact with the United States. Committee of the Whole, the President The following article shall be irrevo- in the chair, and the fifth section was cable without the consent of the immediately taken up for considera-United States and the people of this tion, and the amendment of Mr. Griffitts was, upon vote, defeated, and and First, That perfect toleration of re- the question then recurred upon Mr. 18 to 38, the motion of Mr. Eshel-Second, That the people inhabiting man to add "municipal" to "school this State do agree and declare that election" was also lost. This was folthey forever disclaim all right and lowed by a motion to strike out the

til the title thereto shall have been mous crimes, unless restored to civil extinguished by the United States, the rights, from the elective franchise, was

and said Indian lands shall remain be privileged from arrest during their under the absolute jurisdiction and attendance at elections, and in going control of the Congress of the United to and returning therefrom, and no States and that the lands belonging elector shall be required to do military to the citizens of the United States duty on the day of the election, was Section 8 provides that " all elections

rate than the lands belonging to resi-shall be by ballot, and the legislature dents thereof; and that no taxes shall shall provide for such a method of votbe imposed by the State on lands or ing as will secure to every elector absoproperty therein belonging to or which lute secrecy in preparing and deposit-

Section 9 provides that the legislature shall enact a registration law apcle shall preclude the State from tax- plicable to cities and towns having population of over 500 inhabitants, and

Section 10 provides that the first obtained from the United States, or election of county and district offices after, which section was adopted. Section 11 provides for submitting

establishment of systems of public the question of woman suffrage to the the children of this State, and free election in November, 1890, which was adopted.

ritory of Washington, and payment of for the above section, submitting the the same, are hereby assumed by this question of woman suffrage to the qualified electors at the same time the Con-The rules being suspended, the arti-stitution is submitted, which was adopcle was adopted unanimously, and re- ted in Committee of the Whole, but when the article was considered in The report of the Committee on Convention it was rejected, and section Mr. Dyer then moved to suspend the

ules, pass the article to its third reading and place it upon its final passage, which was lost, 38 to 23, not two thirds, whereupon it was ordered printed and passed to its third reading. APPORTIONMENT.

Committee on Appointment presented the following article: SECTION 1 .- Until otherwise pro ided by law, the State shall be divided into twenty-four Senatorial

districts, and said districts shall be constituted and numbered as follows: The counties of Okanogan, Stevens and Spokane shall constitute the First not adopted. District, and be entitled to one Sena-The county of Spokane shall con

stitute the Second District, and be entitled to three Senators. The county of Lincoln shall contitute the Third District, and be enitled to one Senator.

The counties of Spokane, Lincoln. dams and Franklin shall constitute the Fourth District, and be entitled to one Senator. The county of Whitman shall con-

stitute the Fifth District, and be entitled to three Senators. The counties of Garfield and Asotin

shall constitute the Sixth District, and be entitled to one Senator. The county of Columbia shall constitute the Seventh District, and be entitled to one Senator.

The county of Walla Walla shall constitute the Eighth District, and be The counties of Yakima and Dougs shall constitute the Ninth District. and be entitled to one Senator. The county of Kittitas shall con-

stitute the Tenth District, and be entitled to one Senator. The counties of Klickitat and Skanania shall constitute the Eleventh

The county of Clarke shall be the Twelfth District and be entitled to one Senator. The county of Cowlitz shall be the

The county of Lewis shall be the

The counties of Pacific and Wah-The county of Thurston shall be the

The county of Chehalis shall be the Seventeenth District, and be entitled to one Senator. The county of Pierce shall be the

three Senators. The county of King shall be the

The counties of Kitsap and Mason

The county of Snohomish shall be

The county of Douglas shall have tion the third section of the article on cordance with the wish of the people. The county of Garfield shall have purposes under control of such municito its third reading. He was followed by Messrs, Cosgrove one Representative. tions and some amendments were and Griffitts, maintaining the same | The county of Island shall have

The county of Klickitat shall have The county of King shall have eight Representatives. The county of Kittitas shall have

two Representatives. The county Kitsap shall have three The county of Lewis shall have two

Representatives. The county of Lincoln shall have two Representatives. The county of Mason shall have one Representative. The county of Okanogan shall have

one Representative. The county of Pacific shall have one Representative. The county of Pierce shall have six

Representatives. The county of San Juan shall have one Representative. The county of Skamania shall have ne Representative. The county of Snohomish shall have

two Representatives. The county of Skagit shall have two Representatives. The county of Spokane shall have ix Representatives.

The county of Stevens shall have ne Representative. The county of Thurston shall have wo Representatives. The county of Walla Walla shall ave three Representatives.

The county of Wahkiakum shall have one Representative. The county of Whatcom shall have two Representatives.

The county of Whitman shall have ive Representatives. The county of Yakima shall have ne Representative. And being placed upon its final passage was adopted, 48 ayes and 6 noes,

and referred to the Committee on Re-The Convention took up and adopted the following article on "Public Health and Vital Statistics," by a unanimous vote, 52 ayes:

ARTICLE -Section 1. There shall be established by law a State Board of Health and Bureau of Vital Statistics in connection therewith, with such powers as the

legislature may direct. Sec. 2. The legislature shall enact ing wharves, docks and kindred struclaws to regulate the practice of medi- tures. cine and surgery, and the sale of drugs and medicines. The next article considered was the

TUESDAY, Aug. 13, 9 A. M. The Convention met, the President the chair.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Chaplin. The article on "Mining and Mining Interests" was again taken up. This article provides that there shall be esaries of which shall be prescribed by schools, which shall be open to all electors of the State at the general law. The legislature shall provide by the construction of escapement shafts. and such other appliances as may be Whole rose, the President resumed the in, and shall prohibit the employment tute for the article adopted in the and lighthouses: Provided further, that in the mines of children under four- Committee of the Whole, which is the when such lands are abandoned by teen years. An additional section was same at the one reported by the mawhich was adopted by a vote of 33 to

agreed to, 29 ayes, 35 noes.

The Convention then resolved itself nto Committee of the Whole, with Ir. McReavy in the chair, to consider the article on "State, School and Granted Lands," and in connection therewith the article on "Harbors, Tide Waters and Navigable Streams."

gable waters of all harbors, estuaries, ays and inlets of this State, wherever such navigable waters lie within or in front of the corporate limits of any ity, or within one mile thereof upon either side. Such harbor lines shall be so located, and established that the water where such lines shall be located and established shall not be less than twenty-four feet deep at ordinary low ide. The State shall never give, sell or lease to any private person, corporation or association any rights whatever in the waters beyond such harbor lines, nor shall any of the area lying between any harbor line and the line of ordinary high tide, and within not less than 200 feet, nor more than 600 feet of such harbor line (as the comnission shall determine) be sold or granted by the State, nor its right to ontrol the same relinquished, but such area shall be forever reserved for

andings, wharves, streets and other conveniences of navigation and com-Amendments were offered and much

liscussion followed, being largely whether the harbor line should be fixed at 24 fect deep at ordinary low tide, or whether it shall be left to the commission. Pending the discussion the Committee of the Whole rose, the President resumed the chair, and on motion the Convention took a recess

AFTERNOON SESSION. The Convention assembled, and Mr. Crowley moved that the rules be suspended, and the article on elections Eighteenth District, and be entitled to and elective rights, which failed of adoption this morning, be referred to the Committee from which it origi-Carried.

The Convention then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole with Mr. The counties of Jefferson, Clallam McReavy in the chair, for the further

Mr. Weir offered the following substitute for Section 1, viz: "The legislature shall provide by law for uniformly establishing harbor every city now incorporated, or here-

agreed upon by those opposed to equal suffrage, and upon a vote being taken, Mr. Eldridge's motion was deleated.

Section 2 —Until otherwise provided by law, the Representatives shall ever be granted to any individual shall be divided among the several or corporation for any other several process. shall be divided among the several or corporation for any structure what-Section 2 was then taken up counties of the State in the following ever to extend beyond their limit towhich concedes that "the legislature manner:

ward or into such navigable water. Durie's and that all equities involved should this city at once, and the Chief of Pomay provide that there shall be no deThe county of Adams shall have Every municipal corporation so sitThe county of Adams shall have Every municipal corporation so sitThe county of Adams shall have Every municipal corporation so sitThe county of Adams shall have Every municipal corporation so sitThe county of Adams shall have Every municipal corporation so sitThe county of Adams shall have Every municipal corporation so sitThe county of Adams shall have Every municipal corporation so sitThe county of Adams shall have Every municipal corporation so sitThe county of Adams shall have Every municipal corporation so sitThe county of Adams shall have Every municipal corporation so sitThe county of Adams shall have Every municipal corporation so sitThe county of Adams shall have Every municipal corporation so sitThe county of Adams shall have Every municipal corporation so sitThe county of Adams shall have Every municipal corporation so sitThe county of Adams shall have Every municipal corporation so sitThe county of Adams shall have Every municipal corporation so sitThe county of Adams shall have Every municipal corporation so sitThe county of Adams shall have Every municipal corporation so sitThe county of Adams shall have Every municipal corporation so sitThe county of Adams shall have Every municipal corporation so sitThe county of Adams shall have Every municipal corporation so sitThe county of Adams shall have Every municipal corporation so sitThe county of Adams shall have Every municipal corporation so sitThe county of Adams shall have Every municipal corporation so sitThe county of Adams shall have Every municipal corporation so sitThe county of Adams shall have Every municipal corporation so sitThe county of Adams shall have Every municipal corporation so sitThe county of Adams shall have may provide that there shall be no de-nial of the elective franchise at any school election on account of sex."

The county of Chehalis shall have the right to extend its streets and highways across any intervening shore or tide lands to such striking out "the line of ordinary high Before any vote was taken the Com-

line or frontage so established and ing the word "licensing," instead of limited; and the area between such "leasing," so that it will be in the have limit and the line of ordinary low tide, power of the legislature to license the in the chair. and such area shall never be alienated strip within the harbor rim or line for from the State by lease, grant or fran- wharves and docks. Lost. chise, but such area shall be for such On motion, the article was ordered

pal corporation, subject, however, to A disagreeable scene the superior right of the State to re- tween Mr. Durie and Mr. J. Z. Moore. franchise. sume control of the same at any time." Mr. Durie rose to a question of privi-Mr. Weir claimed that his substitute lege, and stated that by cowardly inwas more in accord with the equities. nuendo and blatant demagoguery, his The land between high and low wa- course in presenting his substitute and ter mark is subject to two easements, supporting it reflected upon him, as One is the claims of owners of land doing it to promote his personal interabove high water mark abutting there- ests. This he denied, and made some

on, or to the government meander explanations, and when he took his lines, and the other is the claims of seat Mr. Moore arose, and in strong the vote by which the article on Elecavigation and commerce.

It is said by some, that the State appellations of Mr. Durie, but as soon cannot part with the area of land be- as opportunity offered Mr. Durie distween high and low water mark, but claimed any personal allusions to the he held it would be in the power of the gentleman, and the excitement some-State to quit-clam said land, which what subsided. would be sufficient, and that parties The Convention then took a recess

out the word " present," 33 to 31.

First-Legislative Department.

Third-Judicial Department.

Fourth-Impeachment,

and granted Lands."

Second-Executive Department.

Wwich was agreed to by the Con

s in Committee of the Whole, the

President in the chair, for the consideration of the article on "State, School

Section I was taken up, which sec-

tion provides that "all the public

manner as may be provided by law, be

consent of the United States."

Mr. Griffitts then offered the follow-

ing substitute for the whole section,

"No land owned by the State of

Washington, either by grant or other-

wise, at the time it becomes a State,

the establishment and maintainance

of a scientific school, normal school,

public buildings and State, charitable

educational, penal and reformatory in-

stitutions shall ever be sold or in any

Mr. Dunbar did not want our school

Mr. Brown said that the Enabling

regulations as the legislature may pre-

years in quantities not exceeding 640

Mr. Bowen was called to the chair,

Section 2 being next considered, Mr.

"The State of Washington, by vir-

and maintenance of such ownership."

In supporting his substitute, in some

meandering lines did so extend.

Mr. Hovt admitted the legal status

great wrong to parties who purchased

in good faith and had received U.S.

patents for the land. The wrong, he

maintained, was the technical mistake

The same views were entertained by

forcible remarks.

ows. viz:

now occupying such land with perma-till 2 P. M. AFTERNOON SESSION. nent and valuable improvements, The Convention assembled, the ought to be considered. Mr. Turner declared that the State President in the chair. was the owner of the lands between Mr. Minor, from the Committee on high and low water, by virtue of its Revision, reported the "Preamble and

sovereignty, and those who erect build- Bill of Rights" as revised and corrected,

ings, mills, whares, etc.' on these which was agreed to and returned to lands are intruders and trespassers. the Revision Committee to be placed The discussion wandered far from in the Constitution for the signature the subject properly under considera- of the members when completed. tion, and should be confined to determining harbor lines. After further that the word "present" be stricken noes. discussion, which was mainly thresh- from Section 12 of the article on the ing the same straw, a vote was taken Executive Department to make it on the Weir's amendment and it was consistent, as they thought, with the article on the Legislative Department,

navigation and commerce.

Mr. Griffitts offered a substitute leav- which was opposed by several members ing the matter largely to the legisla- as the matter was well understood by ture and depriving the cities of the the Convention when the article was Dyer in the chair, to further consider control of the land between high and under consideration. The article on the article on State, School and Grantlow water mark, and in a terse and Legislative Department provides that forcible speech advocated that the it shall require a majority of all the strip of land between high and low members elected to the Legislature in water mark be always under control of order to pass a bill, which, should the the State, and said a corrupt City Governor veto the bill, may be passed Council under the domination of such a over the veto, provided that two-thirds man as Tweed could do incalculable of the members present vote for it.

mischief. city having control, as his voice was vote, the Convention refused to strike believed it should be fixed in this Confor local government.

Mr. Stiles said the State should maintain control of the water front. He cited the City of San Francisco, which was not successful in managing its wharves and harbor and it is now under the management of a State Har-

bor Commission.

Mr. Turner said the sole and only urpose of this section is to fix a harbor line, in order to reserve the area from said line to high water mark for the purpose of building and maintain-

Mr. Hoyt was for reserving such

strip against all sales. Mr. Dunbar said he was here not as one on "Mining and Mining Inter- the representative of any individual, lands of the State are held in trust for stitute of Mr. Turner be adopted, it ests," and pending the discussion on nor of the Northern Pacific railroad or all the people and none of such lands, several amendments offered, the Con- any other corporation, but as a repre- nor any estate or interest therein, vention adjourned to 9 A. M. to-mor- sentative of the State, and therefore shall ever be disposed of unless the full he should advocate the ownership and market value of the estate or interests ontrol by the State of all the land disposed of, to be ascertained in such others. below high water mark.

Mr. Griffitts called attention to the paid or safely secured to the State; act that his substitute did not give nor shall any lands which the State fact that his substitute did not give away or release control of one foot of holds by grant from the United States a recess till 2 P. M. the tide lands, but the article reported (in any case in which the manner of by the majority of the Committee, disposal and minimum price are so ablished and maintained the office of which is so often and so strenuously prescribed) be disposed of, except in the Inspectors of Mines, the duties and sal- advocated by Mr. Turner, does part manner and for at least the price prewith the lands.

A vote being taken, Mr. Griffitts substitute was adopted 29 to 28. Whereupon the Committee of the

ecessary to protect the health and se | chair. The emendment was concurred cure the safety of the workmen there- in. Mr. Brown then offered a substi- sive works, forts, arsenals, mag proposed by Mr. Dyer, which provides jority with some modifications, the the State," which amendment was that eight hours shall constitute a most important of which are, that the adopted. day's work in underground mining, establishment of harbor lines is to be under such restrictions and regulations as shall be prescribed by law and viz: Mr. Durie moved to amend the first does not fix the depth of water where ection to the effect that the Inspector the harbor line shall be established. shall be a practical miner of ten years' | Moreover, it provides that the legislaexperience, and two years a resident of ture may provide for leasing the area this State. Carried, and the article between high and low water marks for was ordered to a third reading and put a period of 30 years for wharves, docks upon its final passage, and it was not etc., or the State may build and maintain thereon, wharves, etc. It also The article on elections and elective grants to municipal corporations the rights was put upon its final passage, right to extend their streets over interand the result was 33 aves, 31 noes, vening tide lands to the area reserved. and there not being a majority of all Mr. Browne supported his substitute the members present, the article was in some brief, terse remarks and a vote

being taken it was adopted. After which and before further action was taken, the Convention adjourned to 9 A. M. to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 14, 1889, 9 A. M. The Convention met, the President

The waters and Navigable Streams."
The majority and minority reports in the chair.

Section 1 of the article on harborn provides for "the appointment of commission by the legislature to locate and establish harbor lines in the navigable waters of all harborn entired. Way to have them improved. Mr. Weir was in favor of leaving the mankey man and Basses of public domain. with the landstature.

Mr. There are made to that it was wise policy for the Bass. to dispose of continuance in force of the present law of the Territory as well as the continuit was necessary to keep, in the article on Harbors, just adopted. ation in office of the present officers until their successors are elected.

Comegys, from Committee on Federal Boundaries, reported back the article previously reported and recommended its adoption. Laid over under

leasing for a short period, to such time as they would sell better, and also, The next order being business on lands that could not be sold for ten the table, the article on "Harbors" dollars an acres should be leased. came up for consideration, it being A vote being taken on Mr. Griffitts subject to amendment by the Convenamendment, it was lost. tion. Mr. Eldridge was called to the Mr. Brown offered an amendment to the effect that lands granted for

chair, and Mr. Durie offered an amendment which was substantially the same as the one just presented, and again advocated the control of the wharves by the cities. Mr. Browne followed, showing that

these valuable land should be wholly and Mr. Hoyt offered an amendment under the control of the State. which was lost, 27 to 28. Mr. Turner and Mr. J. Z. Moore took the same view of the matter. Turner offered a substitute as follows: Mr. Moore asked unanimous consent

to offer the following resolution: "Resolved, That it is the sense of tue of its inherent sovereignty, is the this Convention that those members owner of the beds and shores of all of it who have possession of any or any navigable waters in the State, up to claim whatever on any of the lands of and including the line of ordinary high the State or Territory of Washington, tide, in waters where the tide ebbs and fairness and justice to the interests of flows and up to and including the line the people demand that those mem- of high water in all rivers and lakes, bers shall disclose their interests to and no act of the Territory of Washthis Convention and refrain from votington, or any of its officers or agents, of yesterday, do injustice to the Hon ing on all questions affecting such and no act of any individual or corproperty directly or indirectly," which being objected to by Mr. Power and Mr. Cosgrove, it consequently went

over under the rules. rage of having a powerful lobby here forcible remarks, Mr. Turner insisted tion in saying that in our opinion Mr. Mr. J. Z. Moore announced the outwith an "open sack" in order to se- that the claim of the State of title to which they expect to be able to do by vested in the State, and in that he was virtue of having it under city control, sustained by the U. S. Supreme Court, and insisted that at least six members and the U. S. patents could not extend was for the best interest of Olympia. of a certain City Council were person- below ordinary high tide even if the ally interested in these lands. Mr. Griffitts made an eloquent

speech in support of the exclusive con- of the matter, but he thought it a trol of these lands by the State, and that the State alone should lease them for wharves and docks. A point of order was raised that the discussion be confined to the subject made by the government and the in-

was taken from the chair, and the the U. S. patent. chair was not sustained. Mr. Dyer said he was not directly or Messrs. McElroy, Dunbar and others,

THURSDAY, Aug. 15, 9 A. M. The Convention met, the President

No Chaplain present. Mr. Prosser presented a petition from Mrs. McCov, a tax-paying woman, asking to be exempted from taxation as long as she is deprived of the elective

Mr. Joy, from 93 voters from Pierce county, for woman suffrage. Mr. Jones, several petitions for a law directing the sale of school lands. The article on "Harbors" was put upon its passage, and it was adopted, 49 ayes, 21 noes. P. C. Sullivan moved to reconside

tions and Elective Rights did not pass and the motion carried, 50 ayes, 19 noes, and on motion of Mr. Crowley, the vote ordering the article to a third reading was reconsidered. Mr. Crowley offered a substitute to section 9, being a separate article, granting suffrage alike to male and female

by which substitute the said article is to be submitted to the male voters a the election for the ratification of the Constitution, which was adopted. Mr. Eldridge endeavored to further amend, giving the power to the legislature to submit the question of equal suffrage to the qualified voters hereafter, in the event of its defeat at the election for the adoption of the Constitution, but it was defeated, 28 ayes, 43

The rules were then suspended, and the article was placed upon its final redeemed 8 passage, and it was adopted, 67 ayes, 5 as follows:

The Convention then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, Mr. ed Lands, and Mr. Turner's substitute for section 2 was again taken up. Mr. Stiles moved to amend by striking out the latter part of the substi-tute, after the word "lakes."

Mr. Turner read an act of the Territorial legislature by which the tide lands on Elliott Bay was granted to the Scattle and Walla Walla Transportional Road Fund The struggle at that time was to Mr. Durie regretted that he was strike out the word "present" and in- the Scattle and Walla Walla Transporcompelled to differ from Mr. Griffitts, sert "all the members elected," but as tation Company, and while he held as he, Mr. Durie, was in favor of the it came up again at this time, upon a that the grant was not valid, yet he stitution.

The same Committee recommended Mr. Stiles followed in a lengthy and that the order in which the articles be able speech in defense of the raparian placed in the Constitution be as folrights of those whose lands abut upon ne tide lands. Mr. T. M. Reed, at considerable

length and in great detail, instructed the Convention as to what a meandering line is, but they will probably have to take additional lessons before they ally understand it. The Convention then resolved itsel

Mr. Dunbar clearly showed that the property in question was never held by the United States, but the lands were held in trusts for the States, and sel and citations of law, it was ordered the government had no right to survey below ordinary high water mark. Dr. Blalock insisted that if the sub-

would confiscate valuable farms on the Columbia river which are overflowed. The discussion was freely indulged in by Messrs. Gowey, Turner and Mr. Stiles' amendment was lost Without taking a vote on Mr. Tur-

TERRITORIAL HAPPENINGS.

The Walla Walla Savings Bank is scribed in the grant thereof, without having its printing done at home which s commendable. Mr. Cosgrove offered an amendment,

C. S. Bunch, traveling agent of the viz: "Provided, that the Legislature may donate to the United States for Minneapolis Journal, is believed to have lost his life in the Spokane fire. establishing and maintaining defen-Seattle now has an ordinance requires the taking out of a permit to Wm. Billings, Sheriff fees... erect or repair any building within the

Since the destructive conflagration he Spokane Falls City Council has extended the fire limits and stopped the anaugh was approved and ordered erection of frame buildings therein. J. L. Jones, a logger, fell from a log

yesterday near Seattle and broke his

pine. He was taken to the Providence ospital, where his early death was preexcept lands granted to that State for The municipality of Scattle favors owning, maintaining and operating its in the Court House, was refused.

System of water works. Its Council has In the matter of the petition of manner transferred, but the title plant and water privileges.

lands tied up by rentals, as rented 1889 show the population of Walia tions. lands always depreciate and no one Walla county to be 11,307; Skamania, In the state of the state can afford to lease land for five years, 610; Whitman, 15,281; Spokane, 25,the limit fixed by the enabling act. 200; Mason, 1,530. This is an increase Nothing, he said, is so inducive to pa-triotism as a home, to be the owner of 2,378; Whitman, 2,378; Spokane, 13,his own land. And he was in favor of 885; Mason, 395, while Skamania

selling the tide lands as being the only shows a decrease of 110. All the bank vaults at Spokane Falls All the bank vaults at spokane Falls are believed to be safe and the people are not discouraged, although the calculity is greater than over before below below below to the most destructive fire that ever occurred in the world, according to the people tion. The burnt district is not as large

as that of the Seattle fire, but the Act contemplates the selling of the burned buildings were more valuable, granted lands, and the provisions for and the loss is supposed to be greater. The city will be promptly rebuilt and be a greater and better commercial center than ever before.

As many ask what are the boundaries of the Big Bend country, the following A communication from H. Sinshe is printed for the benefit of general in quirers. The Big Bend country begins at Cheney and continues west to the educational purposes may, under such | Columbia river, about a hundred miles. Cheney might with propriety be called scribe, be leased for a period of five the "gateway of the Big Bend." To wife for the vacation of the plat of ascertain the exact location of the Big "Central Olympia," was presented and Bend country, place a rule on the map read and petition granted. of Washington Territory so that one end will touch Priest's rapids on the Columbia river, and the other at the junction of the Columbia and Snake river. The country directly west of your rule, and between it and the Columbia river, emocyclock Monday morning. braces the Big Bend proper.

> From Another Point of View. OLYMPIA, Aug. 10, 1889.

EDITOR OLYMPIAN: The newspaper clippings and ed torial comments thereon, in your issue T. M. Reed, and feeling that you poration, in pursuance of a claim of would not intentionally do this, we private right, shall be permitted to make this public statement without

prejudice the State in the assertion consultation with Mr. Reed. We believe that we are in a position to know the facts, and have no hesita-Reed has in every way been faithful cure and grasp these valuable lands, the lands up to ordinary high tide, to his constituents, and further that in his course on the capital question he has done that which in his opinion We have further to say that as regards this question Mr. Reed has con-

sulted and advised with his colleagues from Thurston county, who fully conof harbors, and not in connection with nocent purchaser should not be made represent the wishes of their constitu-

support are hereby notified to leave

Mayor.

fect and arrest all suspicious charac-

THURSTON COUNTY

Proceedings of the County Commis sioners, August Term. AUDITOR'S OFFICE OF THURSTON CO.,

OLYMPIA, W. T., Aug. 8, 1889, 9 A. M. Board met pursuant to adjournment, ill present. The Board proceeded with the exmination of assessment rolls. On motion, Board adjourned to 1:30

1:30 P. M.

Board reassembled, all present. The Board continued the examina ion of assessment rolls. The following additional costs in ases in Justice's court, J. G. Sparks J. P., were ordered paid:

W. Patterson, witness fees H. Chapman, witness fecs Chas. Hawks, witness fees On motion, Board adjourned to clock to morrow morning.

FRIDAY, Aug. 9, 9 A. M. Board met pursuant to adjournment Il present. Examination of assessment rolls con On motion, Board adjourned to 1:30

Board reassembled, all present. County Treasurer C. B. Mann appeared before the Board, and presented redeemed 8 per cent. bonds cancelled

\$63 000 The accompanying report was accepted, approved and ordered filed. Treasurer Mann then presented his accounts and vouchers for settlement for past quarter. The following vouchers were pre sented, viz:

And the Clerk directed to receipt

On motion, Board adjourned to 'clock to-morrow morning. SATURDAY, Aug. 10, 9 A. M. Board met pursuant to adjournment

herefor.

all present. George M. Savage appeared before the Board as attorney for Peter Peterwow, (an Indian), and make claim for payment for a horse injured by breaking through a bridge on a county road. by the Board that the matter be laid over for further consideration. Board adjourned to 1 o'clock P. M.

. 1 P. M. Poard reassembled, all present. The Board proceeded to count mone in the Treasurer's hands, and finding the amount to correspond with balances as stated in report, said report is approved and ordered filed. The Board then proceeded to make ner's substitute, the Convention took the levy for the taxes for 1889, as fol-

lows: Territorial tax lilitia lelief of Union soldiers The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

JUSTICE'S COURT, J. G. SPARKS, J. P. In re Ter. vs. Wong Gong et al-J. G. Sparks, J. P. fees C. J. Peterson, Constable fees H. McClelland, witness fees Chas. Hawk, witness fees The official bond of Thos. H. Cav-

The petition of W. O. Thompson and others concerning the Black Lake road was presented, and referred to Supervisor of road district D. The petition of A. H. Ayer and others, for the placing of a telephone

In the matter of the petition of H. already taken this matter under con- B. Busack and others, for the removal sideration. A citizens' committee has of obstruction placed on the South thereof shall remain forever in the been appointed to ascertain what the street, as shown on the plat of State," and he supported it in some Spring Hill company will take for its "Ward's Homestead," it is ordered that the Supervisor of road district U The census returns for the year be directed to remove said obstruc-In the matter of the report of L. P.

Venen, County School Superintendent relating to territory attached to Willow Lawn school district, it is ordered that the action of the Superintendent be not sustained, it appearing to the satisfaction of the Board that notice as required by law, had not been given The resignation of G. W. Manvill as Supervisor of road district O was accepted and ordered filed, and on mo-

son C. K. Wellman was appointed in A letter from J. B. Montgomery, redescript the Board In cancel the asty of certy of certy of certain warto jurors and witnesse
of court, who should be parel

of court, who should be pa county. mer, requesting that the description of property on the assessment rolls might be corrected, was presented and read and request granted. The petition of W. B. Hanna and The application of F. D. Young fo

the lease of school land was presented, and Auditor directed to issue lease for said lands. On motion, Board adjourned to 9

MONDAY, Aug. 12, 9 A. M. Board met pursuant to adjournment ill present. In the matter of the bill of Anderson & Co. for printing bonds amounting to \$125, it is ordered by the Board that a warrant be drawn in favor of the Wash ington Loan & Trust Company for that amount, less cost of transmission of bonds and incidental expenses, which amount to \$55.60, leaving balance due of \$69.40.

In the matter of F. A. Degeler, Sher iff of Lewis county, for keeping pris-oner, ordered that the matter be laid over, and the Clerk is directed to request Mr. Degeler to furnish itemized bill of the charge, and to certify the

The bill of Joseph W. Robinson, for drawing two bills for the legislature, amounting to \$50, ordered paid. The following miscellaneous bills were ordered paid: O. C. White, Territorial Secretary, certify-

from Thurston county, who fully concur with him, and approve his course as being the best that could be done.

Your delegates may err in judgment, but have no other wish than to faithfully and efficiently as may be, represent the wishes of their constituents.

Yery respectfully,
JOHN F. GOWEY,
FRANCIS HENRY.

Proclamation.

All persons without visible means of support are hereby notified to leave

O. C. White, Territorial Secretary, certifying books.

Mm. Billings, Sheriff, keeping priseners 138 00

Wm. A. Reynolds, Proseculing Attorney. 30 00

Sami. James, County Assessor. 700 00

M. A. Root, rent of office Probate Court. 16 66

Mary L. Page, work on Road Plat Book. 31 50

J. Hollis Gale (M. A. Root, agent,) rent of house for coupty poor. 33 00

Wm. Brown, rent of house for co. poor. 12 00

Rabbeson & Harnard, burial of co. poor. 18 00

Geo. D. Barnard & Co., stationery. 21 25

H. W. Bessac, printing. 3 50

Mrs. B. W. Johns, book binding. 8 00

John P. Tweed, paid freight bills, etc. 22 6

Geo. D. Barnard, stationery. 71 155

On motion. Board adjourned to 1:30 On motion, Board adjourned to 1:30

> A horse attached to a street scraper "noiseless" exhaust of the motor a few days ago and jumping over, a bluff broke one of his legs, necessitating it being

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air. Dundar moved to strike out from the words "at any school the section the words "at any school election," so that it would read "the legislature may provide that there shall have legislature may be no denial of the elective franchise one Representative.