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SIXTH YEAR. THE CONVENTION. A Proposition to Have Only Married People Exercise the Right to Vote. Mr. Eldridge Explains and Speaks of His Sawmill—Bills for Room Rent. The Tide Lands Article Occupied Most of the Delegates' Time Yesterday.

**(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE REVIEW.)**  
OLYMPIA, Aug. 21.—The convention met at 10 o'clock this morning in the hall, prayer by Chaplain Thompson. At roll call twenty-five chairs were vacant, but only five absentees reported. Records read, corrected and approved. Minor, from the revision committee, reported articles 11, 12 and 13 and a number of others which can't be numbered until the pending articles are disposed of.

**ARTICLES ADOPTED.**  
Article 11, on county, city and township organization—aye 50, noes 0; article 12, on state constitutions and public buildings—aye 50, noes 0; article 14, on seal of government—aye 50, noes 0; article on amendments—aye 70, noes 0; article on legislative appointment—aye 00, noes 0; article on water and water rights—aye 40, noes 17; article on homestead and property exemptions—aye 64, noes 0; article on public health and vital statistics—aye 50, noes 1; article on compact with the United States—aye 62, noes 1; were successively read and finally agreed to by roll call in each case and referred to the committee on enrollment.

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Griffiths said that, although this would leave us again on this subject, this article was so much worse even than being at sea, he should vote no. A third vote and the rights of the state were thoroughly protected. Yet private rights were not so and he voted no. E. H. Sullivan thought it was a protection of the rights of the state and protected only private interests; and besides, he opposed the disclaimer to the beds of navigable waters. Weisenberger voted aye because he believed it justice to a large constituency to have the tide lands in the state, though not entirely satisfactory.

**THE BEST HE COULD GET.**  
He voted aye. Governor said the bill did not go as far as he would like, but it was better than what could be got, and he voted aye. Next in order came the article on school lands, which was read a third time and passed. Then came the article on legislative appointment—aye 00, noes 0; article on water and water rights—aye 40, noes 17; article on homestead and property exemptions—aye 64, noes 0; article on public health and vital statistics—aye 50, noes 1; article on compact with the United States—aye 62, noes 1; were successively read and finally agreed to by roll call in each case and referred to the committee on enrollment.

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**COAST NEWS.**  
**The Republican Primaries at Seattle a Surprise to Some People.**

**Stones Discovered Near Yakima—Prize Fight in Los Angeles—Items.**

**Eastern Capitalists Coming to the Northwest—Oregon Post-office Burned.**

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**"Mike" McDonald's Better Half Has Again Made Her Escape.**

**This Time She Chooses a Catholic Priest for Her Companion.**  
**A Gray-Haired Woman of 50 Years and a Boy of 23 Years Matched.**

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