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OPPOSED BY OUR SERVANTS.

The following in the Monday Oregonian from its Salem correspondent, is a direct "salam" at all Eastern Oregon, and would fit the waste basket much better than the columns of our big contemporary.

The passage of the portage railroad bill in the senate has been opposed by the Oregon delegates in congress, and is argued for by the governor. As one senator expressed it: "There is a salam at the Oregon delegation in congress, and the furthering of a republican legislature of the political plans of our democratic governor."

The fact is that while the building of the portage road would perhaps help The Dalles directly more than any other locality it is beneficial to all Eastern Oregon. The argument comes with poor grace from the Oregonian, for if true the building of the jetties should be abandoned because it helps Portland more than Eastern Oregon, the dredging of the Columbia should be stopped because it helps Portland and by making the river navigable for deep sea vessels injures Astoria.

Appropriations for wagon roads for the same reason should not be made because localities are benefited, and the new boundaries for Portland should not be established because it makes our metropolis larger without benefiting the rest of the state.

MORE LIGHT WANTED. The Dalles Chronicle, arguing for free coinage of silver asks: "What is a dollar, anyway?" And the remark is added: "We confess we cannot understand why 25.5 grains of gold should make a dollar and would like to have the Oregonian rise up and explain."

DO THE SALMON EAT? Do salmon make the ascent of the Columbia to their spawning grounds without taking food? We do not believe they do; and principally for the reason that with the amount of vital force expended in ascending four or five hundred, or perhaps a thousand miles of swift current, the force would be exhausted, the fuel would give out.

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THE BILL IN DANGER.

There is an evident intention on the part of the legislature to kill the portage railroad bill. Miller chairman of the house committee is bitterly opposed to it and is keeping it from getting before the house. It is probable that these tactics will be followed until late in the session, that the bill will be reported with an obnoxious amendment, and that it will not have time to get through.

The Australian ballot bill is causing the warmest fight of the session. It passed the house, and went through the senate with a rider in the shape of an amendment which virtually puts the primaries in Portland in the hands of the police.

There was paid out by the coal company at Roslyn, on the 27th inst., upward of \$86,000 for labor alone. This is the largest payroll that has been witnessed since the opening of the mines there.

The silver pool investigation drags along slowly and will result in a general whitewashing of all concerned. The testimony leaves no doubt but that many members of congress and senators were guilty of buying silver previous to the passage of the silver bill.

Representative Thomas' bill appropriating \$16,000 for the benefit of the state militia has passed the house, and it is hoped will pass the senate.

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REVIEW OF THE LOCAL MARKET.

Our review of the market is without interest. In mercantile lines our business transactions are concerned, and as far as the business is concerned, and as far as the market is concerned, the present is fair to average and as the season passes, with the near approach of spring on us, the activity is increasing with each week.

Produce receipts have been limited. Wheat transfers from first hands to the buyer have been in excess of the preceding week. About 3600 centials have been sold and shipped from the Moody warehouse at prices ranging from 53 to 54 cents per bushel.

Butter—There is no change in the market for gilt edge and choice shows an advantage for the seller. Quote A 1 0.70, good 0.65, brine 0.40 @ 0.45, common 0.30 @ 0.35 per roll.

Wool—The market shows no movement or change in the quotations. Eastern Oregon 0.14 @ 0.16.

There are indicted by the Grand Jury, and Come Down From Milton. When the process of bouncing Chinew from Milton was going forward, the Chinese had to go and they went not stood upon the order of their going.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon: Section 1. That any person who shall wilfully refuse to assist an officer in the lawful discharge of any duty pertaining to his office, when requested to do so by such officer, such person shall be subject to indictment therefor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not less than ten days nor more than thirty days, or by fine of not less than \$50 or more than \$500, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

They Aggritate. The Dalles has at last found something that its citizens can unite on, and that is in demanding an open river. We sincerely hope their wishes may be gratified, and having found that they can unite on that and that the other fellows are not all croak that they will maintain this cheerful frame of mind, and stand together for a period of development that will make here what she ought to be, the best city in the inland empire.

San Francisco Market. DALLAS, TEX., Feb. 4.—There is a small-pox epidemic in the towns of Rusk and Overton and surrounding territory, Schools and churches are closed and a rigid quarantine has been established.

TO BUILD TO THE SOUND.

The Union Pacific and the Great Northern Railways will build from Portland to the Sound. The Senate Committee Reports Favorably on the Cello-Dalles Portage Railway Bill.

Argument in the Davis Will Case Soon to be Commenced. HELM, Feb. 3.—Argument on the writ of prohibition and writ of mandamus in the Davis estate case will be heard in the supreme court in the morning.

OUR CANADIAN NEIGHBORS. Dissolve Their Parliament to Get the Sense of Their People. TORONTO, Ont., Feb. 3.—The Empire, chief officer of the Dominion government, announces this morning that the governor-general has dissolved the house of commons and issued writs for a new parliament.

THE SILVER BILL. Forelle Arguments in Favor of the Bill Being Made. WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—At a meeting of the house coinage committee this morning a communication from W. E. St. John was read arguing in favor of the senate bill and ridiculing the predictions of dire disaster made by opponents of the bill if it should be enacted.

Idaho Senate Passes the High License Bill. BOISE CITY, Idaho, Feb. 3.—The senate passed the memorial praying for the allotment to Indians in severalty the lands at Fort Hall and Coeur d'Alene reservations. The high license bill has passed by a vote of 10 to 6, was slightly amended and the house will probably concur.

A Good Bill. To Assist Officers in the Discharge of Their Duty. Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon: Section 1. That any person who shall wilfully refuse to assist an officer in the lawful discharge of any duty pertaining to his office, when requested to do so by such officer, such person shall be subject to indictment therefor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not less than ten days nor more than thirty days, or by fine of not less than \$50 or more than \$500, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

Notice of Final Settlement. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned, administrator of the estate of John Smith, deceased, has filed his final account, and that Tuesday, March 31, 1903, at 2 o'clock P. M. at the county court room in Dalles City, Oregon, he has been duly appointed as the time and place for hearing said final account and objections to the same, if any there be, and the final settlement thereof.

Executors Notice. NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned have been duly appointed executors of the last will and testaments of Daniel Handley, deceased. All persons having claims against the estate of said deceased are required to present them, with the proper vouchers, within six months from this date to the undersigned.

A REMARKABLE CLAIM.

Parties in Illinois Lay Claim to a Part of the National Capital. ALTON, Ill., Feb. 3.—United States Claims Agent Platt of this city has filed in the land office at Washington a remarkable claim. It is in favor of Edward Hugo, Mrs. W. P. Paul and Mrs. Price, of this city, and O. S. Hugo, of Peoria, who are heirs of the late Dr. Samuel B. Hugo and in it they claim ownership to a part of the capitol square at Washington.

Execution of the Ville Murderer Eyraud. He Dies Game. PARIS, Feb. 3.—Michael Eyraud, murderer of Notary B. Gonff, was guillotined this morning. Eyraud meets his fate with fortitude and resignation. There were but few witnesses of the execution owing to the fact that the time it was to take place was not generally known.

Arkansas Will Not Approve Money. LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 3.—A joint committee of the house and senate adopted a resolution refusing to recommend any appropriation for the Columbian exposition, owing to a large deficiency in the treasury caused by speculation of state securities.

Stone is Convicted. FORTLAND, Or., Feb. 3.—C. F. Stone was yesterday convicted of a conspiracy to defraud the United States, Stone and his partner, E. J. Hyde, are on trial today for subornation of perjury.

Monthly Meteorological Report. United States signal service. Station, The Dalles, Oregon, for month of January, 1903.

Good Words for Our Supreme Court. LONDON, Feb. 4.—The morning Post referring to the decision of the United States supreme court in the Sayward case says: "What ever may be the ultimate decision which the supreme court arrives at, all Englishmen and Canadians will recognize the integrity of that tribunal."

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