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A PLEA FOR AN EXTRA SESSION.

The Salem Journal is still earnestly urging that Governor Penney call a special session of the legislature to make an appropriation for a portage at The Dalles. It contends, and very justly we think, that there is not the least possible show for an appropriation from the national government for the work.

AFTER THE RING'S SCALP.

Unless we greatly mistake the meaning of words there is trouble ahead for the chronic office seekers and perpetual office holders of this county. The democratic club of Hood River, a large and respectable body of independent democrats, held a meeting on January 30, at which a series of resolutions was drafted and endorsed.

But they do more than this. They warn the "ring," the "bosses," the "mutual admiration society" of The Dalles, a set of office holding barnacles who have parceled out and held in possession every lucrative office in Wasco county for the last score of years that their doom has come and that the Hood River club will "certainly make itself felt" in demanding a thorough reformation.

The CHRONICLE is in no sense a chess-playing sheet. It believes in attaching good and sufficient salaries to all public offices but it does not believe in a foolish, wasteful and extravagant use of the people's money. In the case of legislative or gubernatorial honors, where the office is never sought for the wages attached to it, the pitance of \$3 a day or \$1500 a year may be justifiable, but offices that are not stepping stones to power and influence or complimentary tokens of respect, but whose only reward is the salary attached, should be paid liberally in proportion to the character and responsibility of the work.

About two weeks ago a bill introduced by Senator Mitchell passed the senate, appropriating \$100,000 for a public building at The Dalles. It is this bill ever passes through the mill of the sub-committees and full committee on public buildings and grounds and is ground down to the fineness required by the recently-adopted rule not to pass any bill for any amount to exceed 3 per cent. interest on the rent paid by the government for post offices and other offices in the city where the building is to be erected then The Dalles will have a public building that will be an enduring monument of the frugal virtues of Uncle Sam's five-cent congress.

After two months of arduous labor the house of representatives has succeeded in passing one bill that will send a mighty thrill of pleasure through the hearts of the toiling masses of this great nation. Mr. Coates of Alabama introduced it and it was for the protection of congressmen from the ridicule of the press. The country is now safe.

A free trade contemporary copies with

approval the following from the Cathlamet Gazette: "Times will be dull and money scarce until our people wake up to the fact that the importation of eggs from Nebraska and beef and butter from Iowa drains our ready cash and leaves us poorer after each shipment."

If the CHRONICLE has seen fit to lay before the taxpayers of this county the amount of fees that have been paid out during the past ten years to offices whose respective incomes are not placed by law at an annual fixed sum, it has done so at the express desire of a large number of taxpayers and with no thought or conception, so far as the writer knows, that any one has been paid a cent that he was not legally entitled to.

The editor of the Washington Independent besides being the editor of "the greatest paper in that or any other state" is mayor of Pomeroy, U. S. weather bureau signal officer and observer, special correspondent of the agricultural bureau, state correspondent of the National association of democratic clubs, vice-president of the Pomeroy board of trade, president of the Pomeroy improvement company, chairman of the Garfield county democracy, has a diploma conferring the honor of V. D. M., and has just been elected (in his mind) governor of the state of Washington.

What is the matter with the Baker City Blade? It says "Eastern Oregon should have at least six congressmen." That reminds us of the drummer who in trying to make himself solid with one of his customers went with him to a prayer meeting and on being called upon to pray said "O Lord give this people barrels of flour, and barrels of fruit, and barrels of sugar, and barrels of meat, and barrels of pepper, and then thinking he was overdoing the thing, he added, sotto voce, "O Lord that's too much pepper."

We are pleased to announce that we have made arrangements with a gentleman well known to the people of this city and county, now a resident of Washington, D. C., for a regular weekly letter from the capital of the nation. Our correspondent has special facilities for obtaining correct information on all matters of interest to Eastern Oregon and anything appearing in his communications may be relied on.

Agreeably to the wishes of many taxpayers, the CHRONICLE will, in the near future, present to the people a statement, taken from the records of this county, showing the income, for the last ten years, of the several county offices whose salaries are not fixed by law.

Food for the Russians. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 6.—At a meeting of the Russian famine committee today, a dispatch was sent to Miss Clara Barton, of the Red Cross Society, saying Philadelphia would, February 15, ship 3000 tons of goods to Russia, and offering to transport all the grain that arrived before that date.

A FIGHT NOT FOUGHT. How Captain Schley Prepared the Baltimore for Action.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The following incident in connection with the Chilian difficulty, has not before been made public. After the attack on the sailors of the Baltimore, excitement ran high in Valparaiso. As will be remembered, rumors were thick and frequent that the Chilians intended to attack the Baltimore. The naval demonstrations on their part were very threatening, and of such a character that Captain Schley felt impelled to put his ship in order for a hot fight, if it was forced upon him.

Between the range of her guns and the Chilian cruisers lay the German man-of-war Liepsic and the English man-of-war Melobomene. Captain Schley had determined, in case of attack, to let the torpedo boats go in the beginning and direct his attention to the work of disabling the cruisers, but he wanted to have them in the line with his guns. Getting in his gig, he first boarded the German man-of-war and stated his views and wishes to her commander.

Blaine not a Candidate.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—The Press this morning has an article signed by Carson Lake, in which he says: "Secretary Blaine will not be a candidate for the republican presidential nomination."

Secretary Blaine will not be a candidate for the republican presidential nomination. I have the highest authority, next to Mr. Blaine himself for making this statement. The decision of Mr. Blaine is the result of his belief that his health, though now good, will not bear the great strain for a canvass for the presidency and the subsequent duties of the presidency.

Washington Assessors' Convention.

OLYMPIA, Feb. 3.—The assessors' convention adjourned this afternoon after agreeing upon valuations for the classes of property named as follows:

Table listing property valuations for Western and Eastern Washington. Items include Horses and mules, Cows, Sheep, and various types of lumber.

The values adopted are not intended to be strictly binding, but only to serve as an approximate guide.

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