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A PLEA FOR AN EXTRA SESSION.

The Salem Journal is still earnestly fair if Oregon is not going to be the the matter. The fault is wholly in the political horse sense to know that this is langhing stock of the whole nation. It law that permits this outrageously ex- not the time to begin that work. It is perfectly evident that no adequate travagant compensation. But this is would wait till after the nominations amount can be raised by voluntary sub- not all. The entire fees and emolu- were made. scription by those who are liberal ments of the clerk and sheriff's offices enough to contribute, Nor should it be, are on a par. It need not therefore suras the exhibit would be a benefit to prise the taxpayers when they are told every inhabitant of the state, and the that during the year just past these two state should therefore bear the burden offices received from the county funds, of it. But apart from the world's fair for their criminal and county business we have a conjunction of circumstances alone, excluse of all fees for record and in the necessities of the Dalles portage conveyance work, licences and costs of and the pilot service that make a de- civil proceedures, the sum of \$9,504.26 mand for an extra session of the legisla- and for the two years ending the first of ture, with an occasion as great as per- January last over \$22,000. We have no haps ever occurred in any state in the figures to show the amounts received union. An expense of \$20,000 to \$50,000 for the civil business of the offices but incurred in effecting these measures an estimate made by those thoroughly

AFTER THE RING'S SCALP.

tions can have only one meaning. The the support of either unless he pledges club is sick of ring rule and chronic of- himself to work for it. fice seekers and office holders in the democratic party of "The Dalles and Wasco county." The resolutions are by Senator Mitchell passed the senate, strictly confined to the club's "views appropriating \$100,000 for a public affairs. There is no thought of national passes through the mill of the sub-comring's scalp and they make no secret of the city where the building is to be ifest a sturdy independence and manly to build a sod dugout. assertion of the rights of American citizenship that are highly commendable.

pathy and cooperation of every inde- poor rule that wont fit both cases. pendent voter in Wasco county.

The CHRONICLE is in no sense a before the taxpayers of this county the cheeseparing sheet. It believes in at- amount of fees that have been paid out

would save to the producers of three familiar with the income of these ofstates an easy half million dollars, fices in past years places the clerk's Will Governor Pennoyer be equal to the civil fees at nearly a balf and the sheriffs at about one-third of the income paid by the county. If this estimate is correct, and it must be nearly so, it has cost the taxpayers of Wasco county, to run these City Blade? It says "Eastern Oregon Unless we greatly mistake the mean- offices for the past two years not less should have at least six congressmen." ing of words there is trouble ahead for than the sum of \$30,000, while for the That reminds us of the drummer who in the chronic office seekers and perpetual past year, since Sherman county has trying to make himself solid with one of office holders of this county. The dem- been cut off, the cost has been in the his customers went with him to a prayer ocratic club of Hood River, a large and neighborhood of \$14,000. The Chroni- meeting and on being called upon to respectable body of independent demo- CLE is attacking nobody. It has laid praid said "O Lord give this people barcrats, held a meeting on January 30, at these facts before the people, at the ex-rels of flour, and barrels of fruit, and which a series of resolutions was drafted press desire of taxpayers who insist that barrels of sugar, and barrels of meat, and endorsed "expressive of their views this criminal extravagance with the law and barrels of pepper, and then thinkand wishes in connection with the pres- that sanctions it must be abolished by ing he was overdoing the thing, he ent status of democratic affairs in The the next legislature. Ou the eve of an added, sotto voce, "O Lord that's too Dalles, and the immediate requirements election campaign it is just as well to much pepper." of our party in Wascq county." The know what the people will demand from second of these resolutions reads thus: | candidates for the legislature. If candi-"Resolved, That the powers that be, dates for the offices named consider have made arrangements with a gentleto the best of our knowledge and belief, themselves aggrieved we remind them man well known to the people of this are allied with mere office seekers." The that no one has a life lease on the job; city and county, now a resident of

About two weeks ago a bill introduced and wishes" in connection with home building at The Dalles. It this bill ever future, present to the people a stateaffairs in the reference to the "powers mittees and full committee, on public that be" and no reference to national or buildings and grounds and is ground even state affairs in any of the resolu- down to the fineness required by the offices whose salaries are not fixed by tions. In this respect the resolutions recently adopted rule not to pass any law. This is done that the people may are clear and distinct and no other bill for any amount to exceed 3 per cent. intelligently determine if the laws that grammatical construction can possibly interest on the rent paid by the govern- fix the amount of the fees need to be rebe put upon them. The club is after the ment for post offices and other offices in vised. it. The Chronicle therefore heartily erected then The Dalles will have a pub-

A free trade contemporaty copies with country is now safe.

But they do more than this. They approval the following from the Cathwarn the "ring," the "bosses," the lamet Gazette: "Times will be dull and 'mutual admiration society" of The money scarce until our people wake up Dalles, a set of office holding barncales to the fact that the importation of eggs who have parceled out and held in pos- from Nebraska and beef and butter from session every lucrative office in Wasco Iowa drains our ready cash and leaves county for the last score of years that us poorer after each shipment." But of their doom has come and that the Hood course we would get rich if we "drained River club will "certainly make itself our ready cash" to pay for free lumber felt" in demanding a thorough reforma- from Canada and free wool from Austion. More power to the elbow of the tralia and free manufactures from Eng-Hood River club; It will have the sym- land and continental Europe. It's a

If the CHRONICLE has seen fit to lay

taching good and sufficient salaries to during the past ten years to offices whose all public offices but it does not believe respectives incomes are not placed by in a foolish, wasteful and extravagant law at an annual fixed sum, it has done urging that Governor Pennoyer call a use of the people's money. In the case so at the express desire of a large numspecial session of the legislature to make of legislative or gubernatorial honors, ber of taxpayers and with no thought or an appropriation for a portage at The where the office is never sought conception, so fee as the writer knows, Dalles. It contends, and very justly as for the wages attached to it, the pittance that any one has been paid a cent that we think, that there is not the least of \$3 a day or \$1500 a year may be justi- he was not legally entitled to. The inpossible show for an appropriation from fiable, but offices that are not stepping vestigation is in the interest of taxpaythe national government for the work. stones to power and influence or compli- ers only. They want the information Roilroad building is a new departure mentary tokens of respect, but whose and they are entitled to it. If it be true which congressional attachment to pre- only reward is the salary attached, that a county office pays its incumbent cedent is not likely to adopt. Holman's should be paid liberally in proportion to seven of eight thousand dollars a year hostility to any new items of expendi- the character and responsibility of the where the service could find hundreds ture and a democratic congress anxious work. The laws of Oregon as they re- of persons just as competent as ever to make a record for economy, stand in late to the salaries of state and county filled it willing to qualify and undertake the way. The republican senate is officers are just about as bad as bad can its duties for half that sum, the people committed to a canal and locks partly be. Only a short time ago a row oc- bave a right to know it that steps may completed. Senator Mitchell is cham- curred between the county clerk and be taken to have the law fixing the fees pioning a boat railroad scheme in the county assessor of Multnomah when the of such offices amended. The investigasenate and Binger Hermann a portage latter gave the facts and figures to prove tion is in no sense an attack on present railroad in the house. Senator Dolph is that in the year 1890 the county clerk or past incumbents who cannot be urging a liberal appropriation for the gottwo-thirds as much for simply making blamed for accepting every dollar they lower river. Paul Mohr has got the ear a copy of the assessment roll as the au- are legally entitled to. Neither is it in of members of the house committee and sessor was paid for doing the whole any sense an effort to defeat the candithe Union Pacific influence is at work work in making the originnal, a work dacy of the present incumbents, who, everywhere-all these conspiring cir- that required the labor of two or three it is generally understood, are seeking cumstances and conflicting combina- men for a whole year. It will surprise renomination. The CHRONICLE is not tions reduce the chances of an appropri- many of the tax payers of Wasco county concerned about their renomination. It ation to a moral impossibility. Mean- to learn that the condition of things in is not in the business of nominating while difficulties have arisen in connec- this county differs very little from that candidates. It believes the fees of the tion with the vicious pilot service at the of Multnomah. The clerk of Wasco clerk and sheriff are too high, and in its mouth of the Columbia. The last leg- county gets about half as much for mak- own interest and in the interest of those islature put the business in the hands ing two copies each of the assessment who have to foot the bills it proposes to of the Union Pacific taking it from the roll and military list as the assessor lay the facts before the people and let pilot trust of Astoria. The hope that gets for doing the whole work connected them be the judges. The only other the corporate interests of the Union with the originals. Be that as it may office whose income is not an annual Pacific, being identical with those of the the fee book for 1891 shows that the fixed sum is that of assessor and because state, would be sufficient to secure good county paid its clerk the sum of \$203 the writer once held that office he has service, was delusive. Scores of vessels each for making two copies of the as- specially insisted that that shall be induring the fall and winter remained sessment roll and \$75 each for making cluded in the investigation also. No outside the bar for days and weeks for two copies of the military l'st or \$556 in one supposes the per diem of the assessor lack of tugs to tow them in, and tens of all. Any competent penman could copy of four dollars a day is too much but the thousands of dollars were lost in conse- the whole in less than three week's time people have a right to know what it quence to the people of the state, apart working eigth hours a day and thus costs them to have the county assessed, from the immense damage done to the "earn" nearly \$200 a week. The and they shall know that too. The time commerce of the Columbia river. If Chronicle must not be misunderstood, to spring this investigation is before this state of affairs continue over These are the fees, as we understand it, nominations for the legislature are made another season it will do so at a loss to that the law has prescribed for this that candidates may know what the producers and shippers of a probable work. The clerk simply charges what people expect of them. If the Chronihalf a million dollars, Again, an the law alows him, no more nor no less. CLE was seeking the defeat of a candiappropriation is needed for the world's The county court has no jurisdiction in date for a county office it has sufficient

> state" is mayor of Pomeroy, U. S. to the task of canvassing the states of weather bureau signal officer and observer, special correspondent of the agri- publicans must carry to win the election. cultural bureau, state correspondent of ernor of the state of Washington. He his letter is: says the sensation produced by this "I am not a candidate for the presicrowning honor surpassed anything that dency, and my name will not go before ever thrilled his frame.

What is the matter with the Baker

We are pleased to announce that we third resolution says: "This club from but whether or no, these incomes must Washington, D. C., for a regular its numerical strength and standing will be cut down to reasonable figures. The weekly letter from the capital of the certainly make itself felt in the future taxpayers will insist upon it and the nation. Our correspondent has special councils and conduct of the democratic Chronicle will fight for it, and no can- facilities for obtaining correct informaparty in Wasco county." These resolu- didate for the legislature will receive tion on all matters of interest to Eastern Oregon and anything appearing in his communications may be relied on. We publish the first of these letters in this

> Agreeably to the wishes of many taxpayere, the CHRONICLE will, in the near ment, taken from the records of this county, showing the income, for the last ten years, of the several county

After two months of ardious labor the echoes the sentiments of our democratic lic building that will be an enduring, house of representatives has succeded in contemporary the Wasco Sun when it monument of the fragal virtues of passing one bill that will send a mighty says of the resolutions: "They please Uncle Sam's five-cent congress. After thrill of pleasure through the hearts of us immensely." The resolutions please suitable grounds have been bought and the toiling masses of this great nation. the Chronicle immensely. They man- paid for there would not be enough left Mr. Coates of Alabama introduced it and it was for the protection of congressmen from the ridicule of the press. The diana, which arrives in this port Febru-

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. According to the reports a combined attack was to be made upon the Baltimore by the Chilian cruisers, the Esmeralda, the Almirante, the Cochran and the torpedo vessels. The idea of the Chilians was with their force they could make a complete wreck of the Baltimore in a very short time. Captain Schley did not think so. At any rate he was ready to give them a warm reception on either side of the Baltimore.

Between the range of her guns and the Chilian cruisers lay the German manof-war Liepsic and the English man-ofwar 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. The German captain promptly said he would get out of the way at once and give the Baltimore a fair show. Captain Schley then went to the Melopeomen. Her captain did not show the spirit of accommodation of the German. He said his ship was in very good auchorage, and he did not see why he should move. After some further conversation he consented to comply with the request of Captain Schley, and said that he too pened, the Chilians either abandoned their attentiou to attack, or never entertained it. Otherwise there would doubtless have occurred one of the most remarkable naval engagements of history.

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. 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 presidency. He knows that the nomination of his party is at his com-mand and that even President Harrison pendent besides being the editor of "the greatest paper in that or any other every state in the Union. But he realizes his physical condition to be unequal

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 .- Secretary James clubs, vice-president of the Pomeroy G. Blaine has finally spoken. Under board of trade, president of the Pomeroy date of yesterday he has written Chairimprovement company, chairman of the man Clarson, of the republican national Garfield county democracy, has a diploma committee, formally announcing he is conferring the honor of V. D. M., and not a candidate for the republican presihas just been elected (in his mind) gov-dential nomination. The full text of

> the republican national convention for nomination. I make this announcement in due season. To those who have tendered me their support I owe sincere thanks, and am most grateful for their confidence. They will, I am sure, make an earnest effort in the approaching contest, which is rendered especially important by reason of the industrial and financial policies of the government be-ing at stake. The popular decision on these issues is of great moment, and will be of far-reaching consequence.

Washington Assessor's Convention OLYMPIA, Feb. 3 .- The assessors' convention adjourned this afternoon after agreeing upon valuations for the classes

of property named as follows: WESTERN WASHINGTON. Horses and mules, 3 years old and over .

Colts, 2 years old and over .

Golts, 1 year old .

Cows, 2 years old .

Cows, 2 years old .

Cows, 1 year old .

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Sheep, oer head .

Lumber, rough, per M .

Lumeer, dressed, per M .

Logs, per M feet . Factory and Lumber Yard at Old Ft. Dalles. EASTERN WASHINGTON

Hogs, per cwt

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

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 6.—At a meeting of the Russian famin 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. It was also decided to send telegrams to the governors of Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Indiana, to send all the provisions they could con-trol. It is expected the steamship In-

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the great strain for a canvass for the presidency and the subsequent duties of the presidency. He knows that the nomination of his party is at his com-

The editor of the Washington Indewould not contest it with him, against the overwhelming sentiment in his favor

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