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THE PASS FAKE.

Senator J. B. Smith of Washington has introduced a bill making it a misdemeanor for any public officer of the state to accept a pass.

A man whose morals will not stand the strain of a railroad pass, would fall dead before a champagne supper.

The lower house of the legislature had not organized last night, and it seems possible that the day may go by without its getting in position to work.

There is some legislation needed, but the people have become so timid concerning modern legislators, that they really had rather get along with the ills they have than take the chance of having those ills increased by the legislature acting at all.

If our present legislature will elect a senator, pass a good registration law, simplify the assessment laws, abolish all commissions, and adjourn, the people will think themselves fortunate.

Senator Rhinehart of Whatcom county, Washington, is what might be called an up-to-date man.

Rhinehart objected, saying that that senatorial body was beyond the reach of prayer; that it would do them no good. Of course we cannot speak definitely of the Washington senate, but Senator Rhinehart's remarks would apply very appropriately to most legislative bodies.

THE COAL QUESTION.

The committee from the Commercial Club is now engaged in soliciting subscriptions for the purchase of a diamond drill. We realize as forcibly as any one, how hard times are, and how almost impossible it seems to let go of a dollar for anything not absolutely necessary.

THE WHEAT OUTLOOK.

The wheat market continues to hold steadily up, and the indications are that prices will be higher rather than lower. San Francisco quotations today are \$1.60 to \$1.65 for milling, and \$1.56 for No. 1 shipping.

The United States must this year supply nearly all the usual foreign market, and lack of competition will keep prices well up.

BRAVE OLD SHIPS.

Secretary of the Navy Herbert has several times called the attention of congress to the fact that the good old ships Constitution and Hartford are slowly rotting away, and asked that an appropriation be made for repairing and preserving them.

It is well to keep them, a memento of earlier days, and congress will fail of its duty if it does not provide the means for their repair.

Governor Rogers of Washington, in his inaugural address, recommends, among other things, the doing away with fish wheels, traps, and all other ways of catching salmon, except with gill-nets.

Of course the most expensive way of catching the fish, and the slowest way is the best, and this being true, why not make it unlawful to catch them in any manner except with hook and line?

A BOLD THEFT.

The subsidized members of congress are already at work doing the will of their masters, the bond-aided railroads. No sooner was the Pacific railroad funding bill killed than these tools of those companies began scheming for some other plan to get the best of the government and rob the people of the entire sum owing them.

Any scheme to fund the debt is a plan to rob the people. The members of congress know it, and most of the people know it. The time is approaching when the welcoming of a few congressmen home with a coil of hemp, a barrel of tar and a feather bed will become a popular fad.

Those who are responsible for the situation at Salem deserve the severest condemnation. The members of the legislature were elected to do the business of the state, to pass such legislation as was needed, and incidentally to elect a United States senator.

The situation at Salem shows no material change. The anti-Mitchell elements know that Mitchell has the majority and will be elected if the house organized. They seem to think that anything they may do is justifiable, provided it defeat Mitchell.

In the legislature yesterday, Somers, in reply to U'Ren, who called him to order because there was "nothing before the house," shouted, "The people of the state of Oregon are before the house."

house should bear this in mind, and so conduct themselves that it will not be "positively their last appearance."

The situation at Salem remains unchanged, the house being still unorganized. It looks as though Jonathan Bourne had the whip hand of the whole business, and will either be speaker or there will be none.

If the sheepmen of Eastern Oregon expect to do anything towards opening the Cascade reservation, it behooves them to get their memorials passed by the legislature, and also to have two senators from this state.

The following bit of delicate humor is from today's Oregonian: "The Salem Statesman complains that the Oregonian has 'not held the legislature up to scorn' for its delay in organization."

Secretary Herbert says the government is paying \$382 a ton more for armor plate than it costs to make it. One would think Carnegie would be satisfied with that kind of profit, but at the same time the report comes that wages are being reduced by that gentleman.

There is an impression in Salem that the fight in the house is to be to a finish, and that no organization will be made prior to February 9th, so as to kill all chance of electing a senator.

Jonathan Bourne is said to have a sack long enough to pay all the expenses of the legislature. Of course it is all rumor, but the wad is said to amount to \$60,000.

REPUDIATE THE STATE BOARD.

Linn and Other Counties in the Valley Take Radical Steps.

Action taken in other counties in regard to the raise in assessment made by the state board of equalization for some of the counties in the state, will possess local interest, in view of the fact that heavy taxpayers have petitioned for the county court to ignore the state board's action.

"The order having been presented to the county court, by the secretary of state, as authorized by the board of equalization, raising the assessed valuation of all city and town lots 10 per cent, and cattle 25 per cent, from the assessed values as enumerated on the assessment roll of Linn county for 1896, as lawfully made and returned by the county assessor, and it appearing that this arbitrary and unjust raise in assessed values is not warranted by fact, justice, equity or law, and it further being shown conclusively to the court that the property affected by said order is assessed by the county assessor as by law required at their true cash value."

Marion and several other large valley counties have taken action similar to that taken in Linn.

The Grandest Remedy.

Mr. R. B. Greeve, merchant of Chilhowie, Va., certifies that he had consumption, was given up to die, sought all medical treatment that money could procure, tried all cough remedies he could hear of, but got no relief; spent many nights sitting up in a chair; was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery, and was cured by the use of two bottles.

C. F. BAKER ARRESTED.

In Jail for Obtaining Money Under False Pretenses.

This morning's Oregonian has the following account of the misdoings of a young man formerly of this city. He was arrested here for conducting a fake bicycle raffle, but never brought to trial.

C. F. Baker, who claims to be a real estate and insurance agent, was arrested in the Hotel Imperial by Detectives Welsh and McGuire at 8 o'clock last night. The charge against Baker is obtaining money under false pretenses, preferred by A. B. Steinbach & Co., but it will probably be changed to one of forgery today.

Yesterday afternoon Baker entered Steinbach's store and bought clothing, amounting to \$56. He offered in payment a check for \$200, made in favor of Rosa Jones, and bearing the signature of T. A. Seufert, of The Dalles. The check was indorsed with a lead pencil by a well-known business man of the city as follows: "This is C. F. Baker. R. W."

When he was searched, three notes, each for \$200, were found on his person, all three signed by Rosa Jones, and a warranty deed conveying some property from Baker to Rosa Jones for the consideration of \$800.

There was also a mortgage on the property given to Baker by Miss Jones. The detectives started out on a search for Miss Jones, having a clew to her whereabouts from some of the papers in Baker's possession. They soon found her in a room in the Marquam lodging house, where Baker and his sick wife were also rooming.

Baker is a man of about 35, smooth-shaven, and has an intelligent countenance. He has been about the city for three weeks and has a wife lying ill in room 47, Marquam lodging-house.

A few days ago Detective McGuire saw him trying to borrow \$20 on the same check from a storekeeper, but as he did not know whether or not the check was genuine, he paid little attention to the circumstances.

Grim Death and a Verdict.

The circumstances under which Captain A. Y. Trask, the San Francisco shipowner's case, was concluded in Judge Sears' court last week, it is safe to say, will not be duplicated soon, nor have they often been equaled in the past in any court.

It was a curious sort of race between a jury's verdict on one hand and death on the other, with the case against the dying captain as the stakes in the contest.

Captain Trask lay dying at the Good Samaritan hospital from a paralytic stroke before he had an opportunity to give a word of testimony in a suit for \$12,500, in which he was defendant. After he was stricken, the counsel—Judge Williams and C. E. S. Woods, for the plaintiff, and Attorney W. W. Cotton, for the defendant—stipulated the admission of certain statements the captain would have made had he been present, and in this way the case proceeded.

As it was realized almost immediately after the defendant's illness that it would prove fatal, then the attorneys began a peculiar contest. On the one side there were subterfuges and technical hitches and skillful inventions of delaying the proceedings in the trial—waiting for death.

On the other side was the equally skillful efforts to press the trial, and hurry it to a close, and get the jury on the verdict before the defendant's death.

And the defendant lay unconscious all this time waiting for—not the verdict—but death! Both were against him.

The captain was stricken on Monday and died on Wednesday morning of last week. The verdict in his case was agreed upon at 2 o'clock in the morning and the captain died at 11—nine hours afterward.

Had death come before the jury in Judge Sears' court had agreed on the verdict, the case would have had to be retired against his estate, inasmuch as the proceedings would have been improper. As it was, the defendant was still alive when the verdict was agreed upon and reported, and therefore stands. It was for the full amount claimed by the plaintiff, J. R. Kelly, and, as it is well known, was brought about by the defendant repudiating his agreement to purchase the ship James NeSmith.

On Tuesday, when the case was closed, the captain was very low, and was expected to expire at almost any hour. At the hospital the nurses kept a watch, according to instructions, through the night ready to mark the minute when the captain died. At the courthouse Bailiff Hill kept tab on the jury until they agreed.—Telegram.

Schedule of Expenditures.

Showing the amounts of all claims presented, the names of all claimants, the article or claim for which payment is made, the amounts allowed and the claims continued or rejected at the Jan. term, 1897, of the county court for Wasco county, Oregon. The following list, however, does not contain any claim for which the salary or fees are provided by statute:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes Asher McCollom, hauling lumber \$29 75; D S Fisher, bridge lumber 3 00; E F Tucker, 23 25; Nickelsen & Haynes, bridge lumber 49 95; Alex Stuart, use of polling place 2 50; S M Baldwin, 2 50; Mountain Stage & Livery Co, ser- 7 25; J M Filloon, examination insane 10 00; Geo D Barnhart & Co, sup clerk 25 00; I C Nickelson, supplies clerk 7 75; T B Stimpson, services arresting criminal 1 00; P F Burnham, hauling 2 50; P A Kirchner, use of polling place 2 50; C L Gilbert, services on tax roll 8 00; C L Gilbert, stamps 2 00; Prinz & Nitschke, supplies clerk and sheriff's office 9 00; Ward Kerns & Robertson, team for grand jury 5 00; J Harmon, hauling gravel 1 00; H Rice & Son, sup Mrs Ward 5 00; H Rice & Son, supplies Willis 3 40; Mays & Crowe, repairing sewer at courthouse 9 75; D W Mann, expressage 50; Glass Prodhomer, supplies clerk and sheriff 14 20; Pease & Mays, supplies 25 99; Irvin Hodson Co, supplies clerk and sheriff 150 25; J A Oarr, board and lodging for pauper 4 00; W E Garretson, care of clock 40 00; Hood River Armory Co, use of polling place 5 00; J H Aldrich, conveying Damon to soldier's home 9 00; Mabel & Mack, clerical services 37 00; Ida Wakefield, 4 25; Dalles City Water Works, water 19 75; Dr Hollister, examining insane 20 00; A S Blowers & Co, material for bridge 50; A S Blowers & Co, supplies pauper 1 35; Grant Mays, supplies pauper 4 45; Dalles Lumbering Co, supplies pauper 11 50; J P McNery, supplies sheriff 3 75; E E Savage, blacksmithing 1 90; L Borden & Co, supplies 1 22; Jacobson Book & Music Co, sup- 4 25; C L Schmidt, supplies pauper 5 00; T T Nicholas, board pauper 4 00; Blakeley & Houghton, supplies pauper 16 90; Chronicle Pub Co, printing 21 75; Maief & Benton, nails 4 50; Dr Kogan, professional services 11 50; Ward & Sons, lumber dist 4 218 50; Johnston Bros, supplies pauper 19 82; Geo Cooper, hay 9 90; Frank Haworth, legal blanks 5 50; T J Driver, telephone bill 7 75; Irwin Hodson Co, supplies surveyor 20 60; Times-Mountaineer, printing 21 50; Geo T Prather, work on Hood River bridge 9 50; Davenport Bros, lumber 23 22; J M Filloon, examining insane person 5 00; A Keller, rent home for Mrs Brooks 8 00.

STATE OF OREGON, County of Wasco, ss.

I, A. M. Kelsay, county clerk of Wasco county, state of Oregon, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full and complete statement of the claims presented and action taken thereon by the county court of Wasco county, Oregon, sitting for the transaction of county business at the Jan. term, 1897, thereof, save and except all claims, the salary or fees of which are provided for by statute.

Witness my hand and seal of the county court, affixed this 16th day of January, 1897.

[Seal] A. M. Kelsay, County Clerk. By SIMON BOLTON, Deputy.

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