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#### THE PASS FAKE.

Senator J. B. Smith of Washington has introduced a bill making it a misdemeasor for any public officer dent, officer or employe? Why not not know where we are at. forbid any public officers from haytion company?

stand the strain of a railroad pass, would fall dead before a champagne supper. The man who would be influenced by \$7 worth of transportation, would not be able to resist the superior blandishments of a twenty dollar piece. We have done business, in a small way, with the railroad companies for years. The writer hereof has carried a pass, in some form, in his pocket for so many

Its all rot about officers being purchased with passes, or influenced by

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. As long as it is not organized it is doing no harm, and the clerks are not drawing pay. One-twentieth of the session had slipped by last night, and almost before the wrangling legislators know it they will be watching the hands of the clock crawl along toward midnight of the last day of the session. This will be February 19th, and our noble solons will, on the morning of the 20th, be astonished to learn how they have shrunk. A legislator during the session is a nickel-plated aggregation, a hand-painted dinner set, a prize winner, and all that sort of thing; but the day the robe of office falls from his shoulders he finds that people know, and knew all the time, the kind of animal that was masquerading in the lion's skin.

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. They, however, will expect some evil with this good.

of prayer; that it would do them no slowest way is the best, and this be- be "positively their last appearance." good. Of course we cannot speak ing true, why not make it unlawful most legislative bodies. Where the protection and give thousands of than Bourne had the whip hand of great mistake is made is in having a people work. On the same principle the whole business, and will either be chaplain to pray for the legislative we should thresh our grain with a speaker or there will be none. The the sympathy of all in the worse than verdict, the case would have had to be body. The correct thing when a flail, harvest it with a sickle and haul state is saving considerable in clerk death of his son. The story of the crime retired against his estate, inasmuch as legislature meets is to have all the it to seaboard in wagons. We here, but there is some important is as follows: ministers, regardless of creed, offer should, on this theory, do away with legislation that should be attended up petitions for the people. They all modern inventions and get back to, and our legislators do not want to are the ones needing the watchful to a closer communion with Nature, overlook that fact, care of a divine Providence. At the conclusion of the prayer the secretary sang, by request, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," which suggests that most of the members must have been will of their masters, the bond-aided dent of Public Schools. C. L. Gilbert a long ways from the fold previous railroads. No sooner was the Pacific to going to Olympia.

THE COAL QUESTION.

of the state to accept a pass. If subscriptions for the purchase of a them. They claim that the governthere is one thing more than any diamond drill. We realize as forci- ment will not get a cent if it forcother that makes the average citizen bly as any one, how hard times are, closes its lien, and pose as friends of mor is from today's Oregonian: the check and returned him \$50, promisweary, it is a spasmodic attack of and how almost impossible it seems the people, while standing in to rob "The Salem Statesman complains ing to pay the rest when the check was the article or claim for which payment moral colic, of the kind that fears a to let go of a dollar for anything them. They know, just as every that The Oregonian has 'not held be hed and the head of the store, and when is made, the amounts allowed and the public officer is going to be led from not absolutely necessary, and yet we sensible man knows, that if the govsimple Virtue's rocky paths with a cannot but urge our business men to ernment forecloses its lien, it will get delay in organization. The Orego- at the Hotel Imperial. He was hunted Wasco county, Oregon. The following few dollars' worth of transportation. make this venture. Five hundred its money. They know that rather nian has held many legislatures up to up at once, and denied having issued list, however, does not contain any Is it possible our legislators have so lit- dollars suffices to thoroughly pros- than have the government take ros- scorn, but it never seemed to do any any check to Baker. Last evening the claim for which the salary or fees are tle faith in the public servants, or them- pect our coal fields. It will settle session of and operate the Union and good." selves, that they are afraid to trust their the question. If it demonstrates, as Central Pacific roads, that a syndirectitude in the same suit of clothes we think it will, that we have good cate would be formed inside of a with a railroad pass? Why not go paying coal veins, the result will be week to pay the government debt. to the full extent in this kind of leg | so stupendous in proportion to the | The other trans continental roads do islation, if it is gone into at all? amount involved that we cannot not want an opposition road managed Why not make it a misdemeanor to afford to refuse to take chances. If by the government. It would run take a drink or a cigar with anyone successful, hard times here, at least, them all out of business. who is within the canonical degrees will be a thing of the past, and busiof relationship of any railroad presi-ness will increase so rapidly we will plan to rob the people. The mem-

ing a speaking acquaintance with property owners will take a sensible approaching when the welcoming of any representative of a transportal business view of the situation and a few congressmen home with a coil contribute cheerfully to the fund. of hemp, a barrel of tar and a feather be satisfied with that kind of profit, A man whose morals will not If successful, it will return a thous- bed will become a popular fad. and fold.

### 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 market holds up on account of shortage in the season's crop in the years that he carches cold when he Southern hemisphere. Argentine, hasn't one. Yet he has never been whose harvest is now on, had last asked by any railroad company to year twenty million bushels for ex guage his editorial comment of the port; this year she will not have, according to the most favorable estimates, more than half as much. Australia has had a bad season, and will have to import six million bushels. So that from these two countries the shortage will amount to thirty million bushels. Last year's poor crop in India and Russia has left their granaries bare, and even a good crop would not leave them anything for

The United States must this year supply nearly all the usual foreign pleased to note that all but one of the following to say today: market, and lack of competition will keep prices well up.

## BRAVE OLD SHIPS.

Secretary of the Navy Herbert has several times called the attention elements know that Mitchell has the equalization, raising the assessed valuof congress to the fact that the good are slowly rotting away, and asked think that anything they may do is repairing and preserving them. should permit ourselves sentiment enough at least to preserve these old battle ships. While we are paying mitting to the bossing of the politimore than four hundred thousand cians, that anything goes. The that the property affected by said order dying captain as the stakes in the dollars a day in pensions, we might country used to be run on the prin- is assessed by by the county assessor as not be utterly ruined financially by ciple that the majority ruled; but by law required at their true cash spending a few thousand on the old that is an obsolete doctrine. To the wooden veterans that carried our flag fair-minded citizen it looks as though to victory in many a desperate con- the majority of the members of the flict. Their decks were reddened legislature should be permitted to with heroes' blood, their canvas spread vote for Mitchell if they want to. to the free winds by as galiant hands as ever tought for liberty.

It is well to keep them, a memento of earlier days, and congress will fail him to order because there was could procure, tried all cough remedies of its duty if it does not provide the "nothing before the house," shouted, he could hear of, but got no relief; spent ceeded. means for their repair.

Senator Rhinehart of Whatcom in his inaugural address, recommends, clined to the opinion that he is miscounty, Washington, is what might among other things, the doing away taken. He has the cart before the covery is the grandest remedy ever made, and skillful inventions of delaying the Nervous, Sleepness, Excitable, Melanbe called an up-to date man. When with fish wheels, traps, and all other horse. The house is before the peo. as it has done so much for him and also the senate was organized Monday, ways of catching salmon, except ple of the state of Oregon, and is for others in his community. Dr. King's death. the president requested Senator Van with gill-nets. The reason he gives making a spectacle of itself that Colds and Cosumption. It don't fail.

### A BOLD THEFT.

The subsidized members of congress are already at work doing the railroad funding bill killed than these tools of those companies began scheming for some other plan to get The committee from the Commer- the best of the government and rob cial Club is now engaged in soliciting the people of the entire sum owing

Any scheme to fund the debt is : bers of congress know it, and most We hope our business men and of the people know it. The time is

> 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. Many of them seem to have forgetten already that they are in Salem to carry out the wishes of are plenty of men in the state capa. amount to \$60,000. ble of filling the office, and the plain duty of the legislators is to organize first, and let the majority name the Linu and Other Counties in the Valley senator. If Mitchell has the majority, well and good. If he has not, Action taken in other counties in remembers from this county were not the state board of equalization for some the members from Wasco, and the district are in their seats ready to at- sessed values of the property of Linn tend to business.

The situation at Salem shows no material change. The anti-Mitchell majority and will be elected if the ation of all city and town lots 10 per old ships Constitution and Hartford house organized. They seem to cen, merchandise and accounts 10 per that an appropriation be made for justifiable, provided it defeat Mitchell It is not probable the people Even in these utilitarian days, we will kick against this action. Americans are so accustomed to being led around by their noses and to sub-

In the legislature yesterday, Somthe session with prayer. Senator hundred fish to the poor fisherman's gon to blush. The members of the Drug store.

Rhinehart objected, saying that that one." Of course the most expen- house should bear this in mind, and senatorial body was beyond the reach sive way of catching the fish, and the so conduct themselves that it will not In Jatl for Obtaining Money Under False

expect to do anything towards open. preferred by A. B. Steinbach & Co., but defendant repudiating his agreement to ing the Cascade reservation, it behooves them to get their memorials passed by the legislature, and also to Steinbach's store and bought clothing, and was expected to expire at almost have two senators from this state, amounting to \$56. He offered in pay- any hour. At the hospital the nurses One of their own men is standing in ment a check for \$200, made in favor of kept a watch, according to instructions. the way of the organization of the Rosa Jones, and bearing the signature of through the night ready to mark the house, and if he continues to do so, they can blame only one of them-

The true inwardness of the situation at Salem is that Mitchell now has a majority in joint ballot. The Mitchell's forces. That's all there is in it, and that is why our great cortemporary is so happily quiet.

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, but at the same time the report for Miss Jones, having a clew to her H Rice & Son, sup Mrs Ward... comes that wages are being reduced by that gentleman.

There is an impression in Salem

Jonathan Bourne is said to have a

# REPUDIATE THE STATE BOARD.

then agree on someone else. Our gard to the raise in assessment made by pledged on the senatorial question, local interest, in view of the fact that nor is it desired that they should be heavy taxpayers have petitioned for the pledged now. They owe it to their county court to ignore the state board's constituents, though, to assist in or. action. The county court has refused ganizing the legislature, and we are to grant the petition, pleading "want of jurisdiction." The Eugene Guard has

"In the matter of the raise of the ascounty as returned by the state board of equalization for the year of 1896.

"The order having been presented to the county court, by the secretary of state, as authorized by the board of 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

Marion and several other large valley that taken in Linn.

### The Grandest Remedy.

Mr. R. B. Greeve, merchant Chilhowie, Va., certifies that he had ers, in reply to U'Ren, who called consumption, was given up to die, admission of certain statements the "The people of the state of Oregon many nights sitting up in a chair; was are before the house." With all due induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery, Governor Rogers of Washington, deference to Mr. Somers, we are in-Patten, who is a minister, to open for this is that "the wheels catch a causes the people of the state of Ore- Trial bottlefree at Blakeley & Houghton, hurry it to a close, and get the jury on cents and \$1.00 at Blakeley & Houghton,

### C. F. BAKER ARRESTED. Pretenses.

This morning's Oregonian has the folbicycle raffle, but never brought to trial. afterward. His father resides here and is a most estimable man and citizen, who will have

in the Hotel Imperial by Detectives upon and reported, and therefore stands. night. The charge against Baker is ob- the plaintiff, J. R. Kelly, and, as it is If the sheepmen of Eastern Oregon taining money under false pretenses, well known, was brought about by the it will probably be changed to one of purchase the ship James Nesmith. of forgery today.

T. A Seufert, of The Dalles. The check minute when the captain died. At the was indorsed with a lead pencil by a courthouse Bailiff Hill kept tab on the well-known business man of the city as jury until they agreed .- Telegram. follows: "This is C. F. Baker. R. W-." After some hesitation the sales-The following bit of delicate hu- man who sold Baker the clothes took alleged real estate agent was traced by provided by statute: the clothing men to the Hotel Imperial. and they immediately telephoned to the DS Fisher, bridge lumber...... police station for an arresting officer. Captain Barry sent up Detectives Welsh and McGuire, who arrested Baker and anti-Mitchell crowd refuse to organ- took him to the police station, notwithize, hoping by delay to weaken standing his protestations of innocence and threats to make monkeys out of them if they did not let him go.

> 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 C L Gilbert, service on tex roll. from Baker to Rosa Jones for the con- C L Gilbert, stamps ... sideration of \$800.

There was also a mortgage on the property given to Baker by Miss Jones. The detectives started out on a search J Harmon, hauling gravel whereabout from some of the papers in Baker's possession. They soon found house, where Baker and his sick wife that the fight in the house is to be to her as Rosa Lovelace, who is very well Irvin Hodson Co, supplies clerk were also rooming. They at once knew a finish, and that no organization known in Portland. The detectives took will be made prior to February 9th, the woman to the police station, and she so as to kill all chance of electing a told them how the checks happened to be made out in her name. She said Hood River Armory Co, use of that she and Baker went together to a lawyer's office and had the deed, morttheir constituents, instead of gratify. sack long enough to pay all the exwere afterward found on his person. Ida Wakefield. ing their own. The election of a penses of the legislature. Of course Then, in the presence of the lawyer, she senator is a secondary matter. There it is all rumor, but the wad is said to indorsed the cheek and gave him the three notes. The object of the whole A S Blowers & Co, material for transaction was to shield Baker in case A S Blowers & Co, supplies pauand the Lovelace woman was to receive a slice of the money he got from it. After hearing her story, the detectives J P McInery, supplies sheriff.

> Mr. Seufert came to the police station last night and informed the detectives T T Nicholas, board paupers. that Baker is wanted at The Dalles for Blakeley & Houghton, supplies obtaining money under false pretenses

Baker is a man of about 35, smoothshaven, 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 being shown conclusively to the court on the other, with the case against the contest.

Captain Trask lay dying at the Good Samaritan hospital from a paralytic for by statute. stroke before he had an opportunity to counties have taken action similar 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 of the plaintiff, and Attorney W. W. Cotton, for the defendant-stipulated the sought all medical treatment that money captain would have made had he been present, and in this way the case pro-

> As it was realized almost immediately lief and cure of all Female Complaints, after the defendant's illness that it would exerting a wonderful direct influence in peculiar contest. On the one side there If you have Loss of Appetite, Constipawere subterfuges and technical hitches tion, Headache, Fainting Spells, or are proceedings in the trial-waiting for choly or troubled with Dizzy Spells,

skillful efforts to press the trial, and teed by its use. Large bottles only fifty the verd:ct before the defendant's death. Druggist.

And the defendant lay unconscious all this time waiting for-not the verdictbut death! Both were against him.

The captain was stricken on Monday and died on Wednesday morning of last definitely of the Washington senate, to catch them in any manner except The situation at Salem remains unbut Senator Rhinehart's remarks with hook and line? As they do changed, the house being still unor- young man formerly of this city. He agreed upon at 2 o'clock in the morning would apply very appropriately to not bite, this ought to furnish them ganized. It looks as though Jona- was arrested here for conducting a fake and the captain died at 11-nine hours

Had death came before the jury in Judge Sears' court had agreed on the the proceedings would have been im-C. F. Baker, who claims to be a real proper. As it was, the defendant was estate and insurance agent, was arrested still alive when the verdict was agreed Welsh and McGxire at 8 o'clock last It was for the full amount claimed by

On Tuesday, when the case was Yesterday afternoon Baker entered closed, the captain was very low,

### Schedule of Expenditures.

Showing the amounts of all claims Asher McCollom, hauling lumb.\$ 29 75

B F Tucker, ... "
Nickelsen & Haynes, brdg lumb. Alex Stuart, use of polling place. S M Baldwin, " " Mountain Stage & Livery Co, ser-J M Filloon, examination insane Geo D Barnbart & Co, sup clerk. I C Nickelson, supplies clerk. T B Stimpson, services arresting 1 90 P F Burnham, hauling P A Kircheiner, use of polling Prinze & Nitschke, supplies clerk and sheriff's offices 9 00 Ward Kerns & Robertson, team for grand jury .....

H Rice & Son, supplies Willis. Mays & Crowe, repairing sewer Glass Prudhomme, supplies clerk and sheriff Pease & Mays, supplies ..... 150 25 and sheriff. J A Obarr, board and lodging for W E Garretson, care of clock. 40 00 5 00

polling place.

J H Aldrich, conveying Damon to soldier's home Mabel & Mack, clerical services. 37 00 Dalles City Water Works, water. Dr Hollister, examining insane. 20 00

Grant Mays, supplies pauper. Dalles Lumbering Co, supplies

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4 00

sent her upstairs, and she will be held E E Sauage, blacksmithing....
as a witness against Baker.

Mr. Saufort came to the police station

Jacobsen Book & Music Co, sup. C L Schmidt, supplies pauper ...

pauper .... Chronicle Pub Co, printing. Maier & Benton, nails..... 21 75 Dr Kogan, professional services. Ward & Sous, lumber dist 4... Ward & Sons, lumber dist 15. Johnston Bros, supplies pauper. 19 82 T J Driver, telephone bill...... Irwin Hodson Co, supplies sur-20 60

veyor..... Times-Mountaineer, printing 21 - 50Geo T Prather, work on Hood Davenport Bros, lumber..... J M Filloon, examining insane Keller, rent home for Mrs 5 00 Brooks .....

STATE OF OREGON, County of Wasco 88.

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

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

A. M. KELSAY. [Seal] By SIMEON BOLTON, County Clerk. Deputy.

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