The Weekly Chroniele.

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The Tomahawk, usually correct in its views, takes a shy from ins orbit
this week on the subject of the Ore gon senatorial muddle, and, with the
Oregonian, asserts that the law i with Corbett, and that he is entitled
to his seat In defending its position the Tomahawk says:
In the light, however, that the
United States senate reeognizes and is governed by no low but of its own
making, the question as to whether itself into one of political expediof that august body. The plea that
there already exist precedents em . bracing the Oregon case is childist
because there has never before bee a case of just such complications i
the history of this countra. Ther
have been cases where the legisla tures of states met, organized, passed
luws and voted for a senator, but anled to agree, and in this failure
agree the Unied States senate found
coom for the excusa and denied the applicant at its doors his seat. We
deem such ruling on the part of the senate as highiy consistent, because passed laws and voted for, bte a senator, the senate ho consistent right to seat any appointee,
for such a failure bore the evidence ypon its face that the delegated rep
resentatives of such a state did no desire to have a United States sena
tor. But when a legislature fails to
Bet meet, never organizes, never notiles
the chief executive, never passes
Iaw, and consequently never votes for a senator, what reasons are there none but such as may be evolved
from political necessity. The trouble seems to papers dealing with this question are
all hunting too mueh law, and avoiding too much common sense. They
draw the distinction between a legislature that organizes and refuses to
do its duty, and one that refuses to organizes for the purpose of avoi
ing its duty. There is a difference weedle-dum and tweedle.de. When proposition, the second follows, as a matter of course. The legislature do directly, and its refusal to organ-
ize for the purpose of preventing the deliberate act as though it had o It is true technical objections not talking from the standpoint of
legal hair splitters, we are talking sense. We are expressing the senti-
ments of the great mass of the peo ple, who are honest; not of the few politicians who are "anything for th becoming sorebacked from the we day will buck the riders off and drag There is an
"no one can. take advantage of his
are working on technical matters fit those who violated their pledges and their oaths of office are entitled
It may be possible, and it may be will get such an overdose of law on perate as an emetic, and it will eject the whole lot. From having
too much law we are apt to go to the other extreme and have too little.
Hell and anarchy are already within each of the political pot, and it will of them in it.
antion the balance of Europe country tackling single-hand little

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 The poople wata a sentar witho as the constitution provides; iot on
appointed by the governor, or, put it properly, not one selected by
a combination of Populist, Demo crats and Simon Republicans, the
whole combination being a minority of the legisisture
Agatast Mr. Corbet persounly w w
have nothing to say;
against
 protest. There can be no compro deliberate violation ot the consti striender by the majonty of the Re pubicans to a smali minomy
treaty nor rasification of an traty by the Repubiican party of the state
with those who called the Populists and Democrats to their aid to thwart of "party fealty" demand that party treachery be not rewarded. It thit
mean parly war, so be at; if it mean a battle that may tor a year or two
retire the Republican party from power in this state, let it go at that. There is going to be no cowardly
settlement in this matter. Each side realizes this; realizes that one or the
other muist go to the wall, and all but an armed neutrality. "One of the greatest factors in the
return of prosperity, which we are al anxiously wating for," remarked a
Chicago manufacturer recently, ${ }^{-1}$ wil be the, collapse of the steel pool.
Carnegie and Rockefeller are reaching out for the markets of the worla
in the steel trade. This means an enormsus production of steel and the
employment of an army of American workmen at good wages, though the
price of rails will be lower. Heretoore the greatest obstacie to Euro portation. Carnegie and Rockfeller and the Mississippi to New Orleans on barges, which are now being con-
tructed. From that point the steel will. be shipped as ballast in cottoncarrying steamers, which
have used water ballast."
Senator Ingalls reported the Cor bett-Fitzsimmons argument for the
ian Francisco Examiner. Slowls, San Francisco Examiner. Slowly,
but surely, Ingalls is redeeming him member of the United States sente for eighteen years, Ingalls has and has blossomed out as a full-
fledged reporter. Its a long step rom the United States senate to the proud position of special representa-
ive of a great journal at a grand equal to the occasion, Ind gava a
When readers understand that the ewspapers that are making the hard are doung so for the purpose of beating their rivals and securing patronagtand alsc the high morality which
those same papers possess. As for us, we prefer the new journalism


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platitades of the "unco good" shee
that hold up their hands in horror
news, and sel? themselves to th
enemies of the people.
A bill to prolibit the wearing of
tights on the stage has pased the
second reading in the New York leg.
islature, and bids fair to pass the
house and become a law. We always
kiew those New York people were
"racy," but really had nu idea they
had reached so acute a stage. And
yet with this example of the legisla-
ture beiore them, some good people
object to new journalism.

## Some wretel of an inventor has

made a machine that will magnify
smells." Its possibilities for good
are limited, but suppose the fello
should turn his old machine loos
around a limburger chese factory meeting of the Oregon legislature
The very thought of the resuuts of
that invention makes one regret that
noses are necessary.
The county judges of most of th
counties declare their determinatio
not to pay over the state's proportio
of taxes unless the legislature meet
and make the regular appropriations
Of coarse the law provides for th
paying over of the money at a state
time, but it must be remembered
also provides that the tegislatur
shall meet at a certain time. Mark Hanna is already paying th penalty of greatness. It is said tha
a combination has been formed in Ohio for electing a legislature that
will not return him to the senase, the

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