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ST. HELENS, OREGON, FEB. 22.

The present congress will end in a few days, and it is noticeable that no one suggests that it longer exist.

What Columbia county most needs is a revival of business, but the question is as to how to bring this condition about is the puzzle.

The populist sheet down at Clatskanie, with its 97 subscribers, seems to worry a great deal about the success of the republican party. Never mind, brother, the republican party does not need any populist assistance.

Out of about 500 bills introduced into the legislature at this session it is not likely that more than one out of seven of them will ever reach our statute books. This, perhaps, is just as well, for a large majority of them would be of no general benefit to the state at large.

BENJAMIN HARRISON was able to extend \$25,000,000 4 1/2 per cent bonds three years ago at 2 per cent, but Grover Cleveland has to pay 3 1/2 per cent for the money he is borrowing now. The difference between republican and democratic credit ordinarily is not so great as this, but it is always great enough to be noticeable.

When Harrison was inaugurated in 1889 the interest-bearing public debt was \$889,853,000, and when he retired in 1893 it was only \$585,029,100. On February 1, 1895, it had increased to \$684,323,710, and when the next bonds are sold it will amount to \$746,723,710. These figures tell a story that the average citizen can easily understand.

Yours bill which passed the house last Tuesday provides that state, school and military taxes shall be paid only with lawful money of the United States and excludes county warrants. It is hardly possible the bill will pass the senate since the time is short, and such a rush of more important legislative matters now pending. Heretofore county warrants have been legal tender for taxes in the county where issued, and about tax-paying time they have been bought up at a discount and turned in to the sheriff at their face for taxes, thus preventing warrants of prior issue being redeemed with the cash, which, if warrants were not taken, would be paid out for the warrants issued, in their regular order. Again, it may be said that the county should not have the right to refuse to take its own paper for any obligation which it has already contracted. There are two sides to the case, and it is a difficult one to adjust.

On the witness-stand in Chicago a few days ago Eugene V. Debs testified that for years he was editor of the Locomotive Firemen's Magazine at a salary of \$4000, and that, on the organization of the American Railway Union, he became its president at a salary of \$9000 a year. This is the man who professes such friendship for the workingmen and claims to work solely to improve their condition. While pretending to help the workers' condition, he drew from their small earnings a greater salary than that of a cabinet officer and lived in luxury on the contributions of his misguided followers. In order to keep the money coming in, he had to make a show of activity, and so stirred up the great strike of last summer, in which the workingmen were so badly worsted. There is a calculating selfishness among these professional agitators that does infinite harm to the cause of labor.

# OREGON'S LEGISLATURE.

The Vote for Senator.  
SALEM, Or., Feb. 21.—The vote for United States senator for the past week shows the following result: Dolph lost Senator Hobson and Speaker Moores today;

CANDIDATES.	FIFTY PER CENT.	THIRTY PER CENT.	THIRTY PER CENT.	THIRTY PER CENT.
Dolph.....	41	38	46	41
Williams.....	10	34	27	10
Hare.....	7	7	8	7
Lowell.....	12	12	12	12
Huston.....	0	0	0	0
Butler.....	0	0	0	0
McAllister.....	0	0	0	0
Waldo.....	0	0	0	0
Absent.....	1	1	1	1

BILLS PASSED BY THE SENATE.  
Raley—Regulating the practice of medicine and creating a state board of medical examiners.

Maxwell—Concerning the fees of sheriffs and county clerks in certain counties.

Genner—For a sewer for the asylum, penitentiary and capitol.

Curtis—Amending Astoria's charter.  
Woodward's bill, to protect native song birds in this state, was read third time and passed.

Dawson—Granting \$5000 for the relief of Ida Templeton, injured in 1890 by falling through a defective bridge in Lane county.

Price—Concerning the collection and return of delinquent taxes.

Cogswell—A bill for an act submitting to the electors at the general election in June, 1896, the four pending proposed constitutional amendments adopted by the legislature of 1885 and 1895.

Raley—Authorizing right-of-way to be procured for log roads, mining roads, flumes, skid roads, tramways, etc., was taken up, read first, second and third times and passed.

McClung introduced a new bill, No. 344, empowering the county court of Lane county to operate free ferries. The bill was passed.

Stelwer's bill, providing for the abolishment of private seals was read a third time and passed.

King's bill relating to the sale of lands by guardians, was read a third time and passed.

Raley's bill, for the establishment of justice of the peace and constable districts in incorporated towns, was read a third time and passed.

Smith of Clatsop, regulating the construction of dams in streams, so as not to prevent the migration of fish; read the third time and passed.

Alley—Amending law governing soldiers' home; passed.

Maxwell—Preventing the exaction of more than legal rate of interest; passed.

Maxwell—Fixing the compensation of county officers in Tillamook county.

Maxwell—Incorporating Rainier; first reading, second and passed.

King—Incorporating Baker City; passed.

Cogswell—Relating to limited partnerships; passed.

Stelwer—Relating to drawing of justice of peace jury lists and repealing sections pertaining thereto.

The senate passed Bancroft's bill providing for circuit judges to act for county judges in probate cases in cases of sickness or absence of county judges.

Carter—To prevent producing and sale of unwholesome food and drinks and medicine.

Smith of Clatsop—Protecting persons furnishing materials and labor on public works.

The special order for 3 o'clock was Butler's bill creating a state board of assessors, which was under discussion yesterday. The bill passed, 10 to 11.

On motion of Patterson, Denny's bill, providing for the manufacture of beet sugar by state convicts, which had been amended in a satisfactory manner, passed.

Woodard—Fixing time for holding elections, providing for registration of voters, penalties, etc.

Huston—Amending the charter of the town of Beaverton.

Holt—Relating to county roads.

Butler—Requiring the court to reduce judgments to writing.

Smith of Clatsop—Relating to attachments of property.

McAllister—Relating to salaries of circuit judges and fixing time of rendering decisions.

King—Relating to securing liens for laborers on mining claims.

McClung—Regarding actions against corporations.

Stelwer—Fixing state senatorial districts and providing number of senators.

Vanderburg—To provide for relocation of county seat of Coos county.

BILLS PASSED BY THE HOUSE.  
Cleaton—Providing for relocation of the county seat of Columbia county.

Nealson—To protect elk, moose, deer, mountain sheep, and prohibiting their sale at certain seasons of the year.

Craig—Fixing the fees of witnesses in Morrow county, and placing his salary at \$500 per annum.

Lester—Providing for the extirpation of the thistle.

Curtis—Amending the law regulating the sale of spirituous, malt and vinous liquors, placing state license to sell malt liquors at \$200 per annum, and of other liquors at \$400 per annum.

Smith of Josephine introduced a joint memorial asking congress to suspend the law requiring annual labor on mining claims and to declare mineral lands, now railroad lands, in Oregon open to the public. The memorial was adopted, and on motion of Smith the secretary of state was instructed to telegraph a copy to the Oregon delegation in congress.

The house concurred in the senate amendments to the Portland bridge bill.

Cleaton—Amending section of code relating to the granting of teachers' certificates.

Myers—Providing for the employment of convicts in the state penitentiary.

The house concurred in the senate amendment to Moores' horticultural bill, reducing the appropriation from \$12,000 to \$6000.

Patterson—Incorporating Burns.  
Cleaton—Creating a state board of education the state superintendent, governor, secretary of state, and two others by their chosen, to authorize a series of text books and to issue certificates and otherwise have control of the educational interests of the state. Mr. Cleaton explained the bill, and it passed with but one negative vote.  
Young—Relating to payment of taxes in money; passed.  
Cleaton introduced a resolution providing that the day be devoted to house bills; that each member be allowed to call up one bill, and that the hour of adjournment be midnight, Saturday. It was adopted.  
Long—Regulating salaries of county officers.  
Baker—Providing for the appointment of a surveyor of lumber in the log in Coos and Lane counties.  
Cardwell—Fixing compensation of jus-

tices of the peace and constables in cities having over 50,000 inhabitants.

Smith of Josephine—Providing for a tax for school purposes.

Burdell—Fixing the salaries of county treasurers.

Boothby—Fixing fees of county commissioners in Morrow county.

Burleigh—Relating to qualifications of county school superintendents.

Schibrede, called up by Calvert—to simplify the manner of addressing the court in appealed criminal cases.

Thompson—Requiring terminal companies to furnish facilities to railroad companies.

Cleaton—Relating to confirmation of sales of real property on execution and time for redemption.

Conn—Relating to exemptions of home-attached attachments.

Two important bills were passed by the house Wednesday night. One was Gate's measure providing for the election of railroad commissioners by the people, which was defeated about a week ago and was afterward reconsidered and laid on the table. It was taken up on motion of Gates and was passed by a vote of 38 to 10.

The second was by Burke. It amends the present Portland charter so as to authorize the city to purchase the East Portland Bull Run water service. It was a new bill.

Conn (called for by Coon)—For relief of certain persons holding swamp lands.

Craig—To prevent livestock from running at large in Marion county.

Curtis—Making counties liable for damages sustained because of defective roads and bridges.

David—Relating to improvement of roads.

Burke—Amending charter of city of Portland so as to authorize water commission to acquire East Side waterworks and give residents of the East Side Bull Run water service.

Schibrede—Amending section of code relating to appeals.

Patterson—Providing for compensation of deputy sheriffs in the counties of Grant, Harney, Crook and Morrow.

Key—Repealing an act to promote drainage for agricultural and sanitary purposes.

Lester—Relating to the duties of supervisors of county roads.

Long—Relating to the trial of suits.

Shutrum—Prohibiting narrow ties on heavy vehicles.

Moorhead—Preventing the keeping of blacklist.

Myers—Prohibiting minors frequenting evil resorts.

Guid—Providing for the recording of chattel mortgages.

Schibrede—Placing clerk of the supreme court upon annual salary of \$3000.

Cleaton (called by Patterson)—Regulating appointment of receivers and requiring bond to protect the parties interested.

Blundell—Amending laws for protection of food fishes.

Smith of Polk—For construction and improvement of county roads by taxation.

Smith of Josephine—Relating to publication of summonses.

The largest part of the afternoon session on Tuesday was consumed in the reading of Burke's long bill providing for the collection of taxes. This work was finished at 3:45 o'clock, and then Hofer inquired whether the purpose of the bill was to levy a tax upon all church property, except on the grounds upon which houses of worship were located, and also tax educational institutions. Receiving an answer in the affirmative from Long, chairman of the committee on assessment and taxation, he moved that the bill be re-committed, and the section in question be amended so as to exempt a mansion or parsonage and the personal property of all educational, literary and scientific institutions, and so much of the real estate as may be actually necessary for the proper location of the necessary buildings to be used exclusively for educational, literary and scientific purposes, from taxation.

Schibrede amended this, placing the limit of college grounds at 20 acres, and the amendment was accepted by Hofer. Smith of Josephine offered an amendment providing that deductions be allowed for a fair and honest indebtedness owing within the state, upon presentation of satisfactory evidence, such as the names of creditors, etc. The bill was re-committed with instructions to a committee to insert the amendments and report immediately, which was done. Coon moved to strike out the line listing the stock of nurserymen, grower or otherwise, as merchandise, which was also done.

Amendments were adopted and the bill was placed upon its final passage, and passed by a vote of 50 to 3; absent, seven.

Wanted for Forgery.  
HEPPER, Or., Feb. 17.—D. C. Boyd, who has been in the employ of the Patterson Publishing Company for the past six weeks, has skipped for parts unknown. A warrant is out for his arrest, and if found he will no doubt be sent to Salem. He forged three checks on the company for a total amount of \$55. Two of the checks were cashed at the bank. The other one for \$25 was cashed by Robert Krick, a saloon keeper here, and refused at the bank. This caused an investigation, with the above result. As Boyd is well known to the newspaper fraternity throughout the state, it is thought that he cannot escape. It is reported here that this is not the first time he has resorted to crooked measures to replenish his exchequer.

Wholesale Thievery.  
DENVER, Col., Feb. 19.—The committee appointed by the legislative assembly to investigate the conduct of the retiring state officers are unearthing some of the most wholesale thieving schemes ever known in any country. The committee have at last discovered that the populist state officers stole even the carpets from the state house, and appropriated them to their private use and for their friends, and purchased a second supply of new carpets for the state house again. This same thing is said to have been done with certain articles of furniture, including typewriters and large quantities of stationery. The investigation will prove the death blow to populism in Colorado.

Bonding Property.  
ASTORIA, Feb. 19.—It is stated here today that Bonner & Hammond, of Missoula, have bonded the property of the Astoria Packing Company in this city. The property consists of three blocks on which stands the remains of the mammoth cannery, burned last summer. M. J. Kinney, when asked for information as to the consideration, declined to be interviewed on the subject. It is known, however, that for some time he has had in contemplation the erection of a new cannery on his property at New Astoria.

# POINTED AND PERTINENT.

Sixteen million dollars is what the people of this country will have to pay for Mr. Cleveland's attempt to bulldoze congress into authorizing gold bonds. Mr. Cleveland will have the distinction of having been our most costly president.

Ex-Speaker Reed has again demonstrated his ability as an unsurpassed leader. The republicans of the present house follow him solidly, and those of the next house will do the same.

How could congress be expected to have confidence in any financial plan emanating from the administration, which has already presented three plans each differing from the other.

The Tennessee democrats are, by their counting out process, doing excellent work toward making that state permanently republican.

If there is any man who wants the next democratic presidential nomination he is keeping very quiet about it.

The democrats who are planning their faith to the belief that the republicans in the next house will be torn by factions and unable to get together, are simply hugging a delusion.

The French Count who is to marry Miss Anna Gould is to get \$2,000,000 from his wife the day the marriage ceremony is performed. Counts are apparently going up.

The transfer of the administration leadership in the house from Springer to Wilson will have no effect upon the result. Voters, not leaders, is what the administration lacks in the house.

The St. Louis brand of kisses come high. A court decision has fixed the tariff at \$2,500 each, when taken without permission of the kisser.

The less the 53d congress does, outside of passing the regular appropriation bill, during the few days of life it has left, the better it will be for the country.

Spring will be very greatly received this year, not only because the people will be glad to see the last of this awful winter, but because it will end the democratic congress.

Senators Hill and Gorman were two of the five democratic senators who voted with the republicans for the laying of a cable to Hawaii.

There is nothing to indicate that Mr. M. Cleveland is one whit more disgusted with his party than it is with him.

The administration has done more towards alarming the country about its finances than have the men who have withdrawn gold from the treasury.

SPRING VALLEY NEWS.  
Mr. Marshal is at home again improving his place.

The snow is fast disappearing in this vicinity and in many places it is all gone.

G. Deleski is at home again from Bachelor Flat, where he has been clearing land.

Mr. Miller is finishing his house, which when done will help the appearance of the place greatly.

There has been nearly 100 acres of land slashed in this vicinity during this winter which will be ready to burn and clear next fall, and nearly that much has been made ready for crops during the winter.

Beautiful spring weather is fast approaching; robins made their first appearance last week; fish darting to and fro in the streams; ducks and geese entrance the air with their melodies on the northward flight, and indeed every indication points to fast approaching springtime.

A Corpse for a Bedfellow.  
TACOMA, Feb. 17.—A corpse for a bedfellow was the experience J. Underwood had last night. When he awoke this morning in his room at the Brunswick he found his roommate, George Deardorff, cold and stiff in death, beside him. Deardorff was a laborer, aged 57. He had been on a protracted spree, and death was doubtless caused by alcoholism. He had no relatives here.

# Making Preparations.

ASTORIA, Feb. 18.—Major Kinney today received a letter from A. B. Hammond, who writes from New York, and says he is busily engaged in matters connected with the Astoria road. Mr. Hammond also expressed a great interest in the passage by the present legislature of the Young's bay bridge and sea-wall bills, stating that the passage of both measures was indispensable to the future prosperity of Astoria.

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