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WHEN the republican party pledged itself to do all it could for the promo any opportunity in that respect,

"Congress is perfectly competent to at one has not done snything to ustify such an assertion.

Ir appears to be settled that Mr. Dingley is not to be a member of the McKinley cabinet; and it is much esier, by the way, to get that sort of nation than to find out the names of men who are certain to be appointed.

THE fact that nearly 10 per cent. of the ballots cast in the state of New York at the last election were thrown out as defective goes to show that the Australian ballot system is a good deal of a mystery to the people of that part

adopted a constitutional amendment to the effect that no alien shall heretil he shall have been fully naturalized; These items save to the state through able to say just how many days it will and Texas decided that hereafter no sident for one year, and declared his onthe before the election.

Goop citizenship has become quite theme of late, and organisations of "Good Citizens" are being formed and that is to make a non-assess ere is much room for reform in this to the assessor. sation has other objects than the one given to the public, which, if known, ould give a decidedly different colorng to the picture. The movement will be noted with interest.

May it be said to the credit of Co-Mr. Merrill has been in his seat every day to answer to roll call and ready to do anything to advance the interests of the people who he was elected to us. Had a populist been elected from this county he, no doubt, would be doing like all the rest of the popucted to the legislaturestructing every effort to bring about edial legislation. Mr. Merrill will be found at his deak ready, willing and any matter for the public good.

steenth biennial legislative session. ntion to fulfill their part of the contract. Then have not the twentynine members who refused to attend the sessions betrayed the sacred trust posed in them? Would they have sleeted had they told their con-

The populists have no constitutional, as the president proposes, and free the egal, or moral right to dictate what government from all further relation laws shall be passed or rejected. Yet to the matter by canceling its claims ST. HELENS,

they have the unexampled audacity in consideration of such reasonable undone unless it exactly pleases them. ugly and annoying question in every If this is a sample of populism, the aspect, and it should be settled withpeople of Oregon better be careful to out unnecessary delay, or idle efforts elect no more adherants of that party to put aside the actual facts of the case. to the legislature.

ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION.

enator Mulkey, of Polk county, providing for assessment and taxation is, generally speaking, a meritorious Below we give three of its principal objects: First, the assessment of all property to taxpayers according to the interest any such taxpayer has in any prop-

sessed, and making the debtor the agent in part to ascertain credits. This measure practically restores the mortgage tax law. ond, the collection of taxes without fear or favor. It is based upon the theory that all taxes assessed can be and should be collected. It charges meant what it said, and will not miss the tax collector upon his bond with the tax roll and makes him personally responsible for the collection WHEN Senator Sherman says that same. If there be manifest error in in the legislature. On the other hand, assessment, such as double assessment last spring, in the opinion of the Oreith the tariff" he may be right or listing of property not in existence, as to the next one, but certainly the on making the proper showing to the the most disreputable person in the county court the proper credit relief

up to the point of delinquency. The The justice of this provision is manifest, since our treasurer has ample time for the collection of taxes, and

overworked. Third, it is an economic measure in the following particulars: It provides for the sending of a certified summery instead of the entire assessment roll provides that the collection of taxes shall be upon the original assessor's of the assessment roll for the assessor. son of foreign birth shall vote in abolishes the State Board of Equalization cating some other system of finance at state unless he shall have been a tion as now constituted, substituting treasurer of state. It provides for the big daily to the judgment of an unpayment of taxes in remi-annual pay- prejudiced public. mente, in fall and spring.

There is one provision which, in our judgment, the bill ought to contain, od Citizens" are being formed and that is to make a non-assessed land, who was one of Joe Simon's left ear; also a red yearling steer, marked with land, who was one of Joe Simon's left ear; also a red yearling friends in the last legislature, asking mote or mortgage null and void. That friends in the last legislature, asking mote or mortgage null and void. That friends in the last legislature, asking mote or mortgage null and void. That friends in the last legislature, asking mote or mortgage null and void. That friends in the last legislature, asking mote or mortgage null and void. That friends in the last legislature, asking mote or mortgage null and void. That friends in the last legislature, asking mote or mortgage null and void. That friends in the last legislature, asking mote or mortgage null and void. That friends in the last legislature, asking mote or mortgage null and void. That friends in the last legislature, asking mote or mortgage null and void. That friends in the last legislature, asking mote or mortgage null and void. That friends in the last legislature, asking helfer, having small white spot over hips. Anyone knowing whereabouts of either or both animals, please notify owner, C. Salene, by letter addressed, St. Helens, care of captain Good.

The same of the county throughout the county. The theme in note or mortgage null and void. That friends in the last legislature, asking its correct interpretation is right, good would be an inducement to those hold- Representative Merrill to oppose the

### THE PACIFIC RAILROAD LOAN.

It is to be boped that the report is true that President Cleveland has reseived assurances from responsible ceived assurances from responsible Mr. Merrill to betray the pledges made parties which make it certain that in the foreclosure of the mortgages on the Pacific Railroads the property will lower house of the legislature that be bought at a price sufficient to give the government a fair return for the The total amount of indebtedness, in round numbers, is \$64,000,000 people taking such an interest in Coof bonds that constitute a first lien, and \$121,000,000 due the government as a second lien. It is hardly to be expected that any syndicate of capitaliste will bid \$185,000,000 for the urged to affiliate with the populists in roads, which would be far more than they are worth; but it is possible that a price considerably beyond the Senator Mitchell is standing in the amount of the first lien can be ob- way of legislation when no ballot has tained. In any event, the government Last June in Oregon's thirty-two is bound to be a loser more or less, house not even organized. It is a political divisions the electors of the and the principal thing to be constate chose sixty representatives to sidered is that of making the loss as speak for them in the house of the light as possible. It is useless to talk but the attempt seems to be progressabout the corruption that has attended The acceptance of the decree of the the construction and operation of object alleged to be sought. It is a electors by these sixty representatives these great lines, and the wrongs that peculiar proceeding indeed to petition sealed the contract and the sitting in bave been perpetrated upon the gov. a representative to join the stand-outs the house on January 11th, by these erument in connection with them. in obstructing legislation. Why not representatives, was evidence of their The story is a shameful one, but it belongs to the past and has nothing to do with the present necessity of sav- ity of the house who have at all times ing all that can be saved out of an unfortunate investment.

The mortgages will be foreclosed, stituents on the stump of their pur. what it can get after the liquidation the Minnesota hotel, says the Eugene of the first lien, or pay off that lien, Guard. There is nothing unusual take possession of the property, and go into the business of operating railroads on its own account. There are so many and such serious objections are making an attempt to excuse their to the latter plan that it is not worth anarchistic actions by the assertion considering. It would mean, to begin that if the house is organized certain with, a large addition to the public legislation will not be enacted by the debt, to be followed by a succession of twins. If cold and bleak Dakota is so productive, what will be the result here in the warm congenial political complications. It does not climate of Oregon. pass such acta? And if such be true, appear to be generally understood that their only recourse is another appeal the government mortgage covers only to the people. They say, in effect, 1400 of the 8000 miles of the Union that a minority will rule or ruin. This Pacific and 860 of the 1360 miles of is anarchy, pure and simple. It may the Central Pacific, excluding all of be true that some measure they insist the important terminals. The result Groceries, Hay, Flour and Feed DENVER, ONAHA, & KANSAS CITY upon might be rejected. Even if they of an attempt to operate railways thus could know this, shall they, a minority, unfavorably situated by government say there shall be no legislation? The agents and methods would be inevitast party is not entitled to gov- ble failure, as any intelligent person era this state until the people elect a majority of populists to the legislature. This they did not do; on the contrary they rejected the populist party. They had matter worse. The wise thing to bad matter worse. The wise thing to bad matter worse. The wise thing to be majority of populists of populists of populists. sed only a minority of populists. do, manifestly, is to bring about a sale

to say that nothing shall be done or sum as can be obtained. It is an

Ir is claimed by a few that the Oregonian is consistent upon the question of finance. This may be true, The bill introduced in the senate by but if so, that is the only question upon which it has been co or a number of years the Oregonian has referred to Senator Hoar as one of the great statesmen and constitutional awyers of this country, but now, since Mr. Hoar disagrees with the Oregonian's defense of the hold-up in the legislature he is a man of small calibre. erty, personal or real, deducting all bons fide indebtedness where the cor-Senator Thurston was a man of great ability, in the opinion of the big daily, responding credit can be found and until a few days ago when that senator offered a solution for the difficulties at Salem, but now he is anything but a gentleman. Senator McBride was given credit by the Oregonian about a year ago for having saved the reputation of the state by his acts in the senate, but now he is called by that paper a "me, too," senator and acall because he does not add his influence in a saisting the populist hold up gonian, Hon. George H. Williams was state because he did not "stand in" shall be granted by the court. It with the ballot box stuffers at the makes the treasurer the tax collector primaries. Wr. Williams at that time was also said to be in his dotage and sheriff collects delinquent taxes only. therefore his opinion should carry no weight. But things have changed. Mr. Williams is evidently getting young sgain, for the big daily now deour sheriffs throughout the state are clares him one of the bright legal minds of the state and quotes him as authority, because he expressed an opinion that a bare majority of the members of the house could not organize for business, which opinion to the state board of equalization. It tends to strengthen the Oregonian's populistic position. The Oregonian has at different times in its history roll, thus saving the expense of making advocated first protection and then a second copy, and it provides that the free trade alternately during succeedcourt shall not pay for an extra copy ing campaigns. The money question as a party issue is new, and who is its counties about \$55,000 per year. It be before the Oregonian will be advo-We submit such "consistency" as therefor the governor, secretary and above shown on the part of Oregon's

A PELITION was circulated here yesterday by a Mr. Thompson, of Portother words to join the gang who are holding up the legislature in the interest of the Simon-Bourne-populist combination. The petition was signed by a number of republicans, populists and democrats, who, in substance, ask Joe Simon or some one whom he might designate for senator. It is a new feature in politics to see Portland people taking such an interest in Columbia county's welfare at this particular time. Mr. Merrill is not the man to be juggled with when his word has been given, especially when he is man to be juggled with when his word has been given, especially when he is their disgraceful proceedings at Salem. Besides how can it be presumed that yet been taken for senator and the house not even organized. It is a his preferences upon public questions, ing in the opposite direction from the in and assist Mr. Merrill and a majorbeen present to proceed with business?

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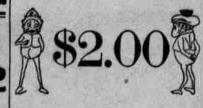
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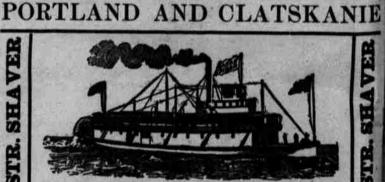
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