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ST. HELENS, OREGON, MARCH 3.

A NEW legislative reform—refuse to take the oath of office.

One of the very first acts of the new administration should be to appoint a man register of the Oregon City land office.

It is now in order for the populists to begin their campaign for 1898 by reasserting their great love for the dear tax burdened common people, and promising them remedial legislation if they will just elect them again.

The official vote for vice-president was: Hobart, 271; Sewall, 149; Watson, 27. If Bryan had been elected there would have been no election of vice-president by the people. The populists would have enjoyed that situation immensely.

CANADA would like to stay outside of the United States and yet enjoy certain inside advantages, without taxation, liability to military service or other inconveniences. The free trade existing between our own states is what Canada desires, but there is little probability that she will get it.

It is now President McKinley and ex-President Cleveland. The country took its second step toward prosperity yesterday. The first was taken on November 3d, last. The McKinley administration is on the throne at Washington and a special session of congress will convene on the 15th of the present month, from which the country may expect good results.

At least a dozen times in the past two years the dispatches from Havana reported that the Spaniards had the Cubans "cornered," and the insurgents on the point of collapse. Yet the insurgents continued to flourish, and occasionally they made a demonstration at the gates of Havana. The latest tale that Weyler is on the point of trapping Gomez and dispersing or capturing his army is likely to have a similar sequel. Spain's position in Cuba, it seems safe to assert, is not improving.

OUTSIDE of the leaders in this city and the strikers in other parts of the county, the better element of the populist party denounce the late hold up as severely as do the republicans, and U'Ren and his lieutenants will not have such a walk over in this county as they had at the last election. This dose of Simonism which U'Ren has given his party will so disgust all decent men in it, that at the next election both he and his party will be sent to join Simon in his retreat to which the republicans of Portland will consign him.—Oregon City Enterprise.

JOE SIMON in teaching the populists the trick of holding up the legislature is cutting a club that is liable to crack his own head some day. For should the turmoil that he has stirred up in the republican party result in sending eleven populists to the senate at some future election, these eleven men could hold up the entire legislature of Oregon, and should be fortunate or unfortunate enough to be a member at that time, they would be just as liable to put their hold-up on against him as they now have been to favor him with it. Some day the people of Oregon will have their constitution so amended as to prevent a handful of men from blocking all legislation and robbing the taxpayers.—Oregon City Enterprise.

The rump senate, which has been holding daily sessions at Salem since the regular senate and house adjourned one week ago, has dissolved and the members gone home. An attempt was made by Simon, Bourne, et al. to compel the men who had been faithful to their trust by staying there during the 40 days to stay indefinitely, but the attempt failed flatly. The fag end of the disgrace has quit, and we trust the state will never be cursed with another such. The only remedy by which the people might get relief is through a special session which may be called at the option of the governor. It might be added in this connection that the rump Davis house, with half a dozen members and ten sergeants-at-arms, is still holding daily sessions in the house chamber. They probably have not yet, in their wisdom, learned that the face in the other end of the building has dissolved.

## LET THE COURTS DECIDE.

The legislative problem has become a sort of chestnut, and no doubt the reading public is tired of hearing the subject mentioned, for it has been the theme of comment in the Oregon press for the past 40 days, still it is such a muddle that we may be pardoned for referring to the matter once more. As the situation now stands nobody knows for a certainty whether we have had a session of the legislature or whether it still exists, though it now devolves upon Mr. Simon, president of the senate, to get a decision of the courts as to whether the senate has adjourned, or whether it is still in session. This becomes an imperative duty upon Mr. Simon, and it devolves upon him to get an early decision in the matter. Even if the house could be organized now it would be useless if the senate has already adjourned, for it could not proceed with business any more than the senate could while the house was unorganized.

Abundant opportunity is offered Mr. Simon for making a test of his ruling that the resolution adopted by the majority of the senate to adjourn without date was unconstitutional. There are a number of senators who will refuse to again enter the senate until a decision by the courts is had, or they are convened in extra session by a proclamation from the governor. Now let Mr. Simon order one of those senators arrested and brought before the bar of the senate to show cause why he should absent himself therefrom. In this manner the matter can at once be brought before the circuit court, and a speedy decision from the supreme court can be had upon the question.

## COMPOUND FALSEHOOD.

"Minnie Haha" in last week's News tries to explain away the falsehoods stated in a previous issue by further stretching the truth in reference to the personnel of the late lamented legislature. In one place "Minnie" says there are 13 populists in the house and in another only 12. Which is right, or whether either is right, we leave our readers to judge one statement by the other. One or the other or both are wrong, and "a witness false in one particular is presumed to be false in all." The figures of the secretary of state, however, stand as printed in these columns two weeks ago, to-wit: Fifteen populists, 38 republicans, 3 union-bimetallic (populists), 4 democrats; total, 60. Necessary for a quorum to transact business, 40. The republicans, all told, are two short of that number. But at all times there were 29 and often 34 republicans present, and even conceding "Minnie's" statement that there are but 12 populists to be true, (which is not the case), they, with the 29 or 34 republicans, could have made up the 40 to constitute a quorum. There was no time that this could not have been done had the populists been there for the purpose of serving the people instead of serving an individual master who carried the sack. When the populists could have organized the legislature at any time and failed to do so, is it not a fact that they are responsible for the failure?

"Another Haha" in the same paper, and probably written by the same person quotes THE MIST as saying before the legislature met as follows: "That party (meaning the republican) has a large majority in both branches and there is no good reason why the pledges made before election should not be carried out to the letter, and we predict they will be." THE MIST does not dispute the fact that the republicans had a large majority in both houses, but "a large majority" does not necessarily make a quorum. Thirty-one would be a majority of the house, while it takes 40 or two-thirds to do business. Thirty-eight is "a large majority" of 60 but it is not the necessary two-thirds. In the senate the republicans had enough to make a quorum and they promptly proceeded to business on the first day, showing that party to be in good faith. Why did not the house do likewise? Simply because the opposition to the republicans had a sufficient number to obstruct, and three-fourths of that opposition were populists, who were the personal guests of Jonathan Bourne at the Eldridge block, where one of the number claimed they had free board, lodging, whisky, cigars and women as long as they desired to remain there. Again THE MIST predicted that the pledge would be carried out to the letter because it thought after the populists had shouted so long and loud for reform they would be in their seats like men and take about the state house trying to keep out of sight of the speaker. THE MIST again predicts that those pledges would have been made good had not the populists prevented the organization of the house. Come again, "Haha;" the more you talk the better.

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## CLATSKANIE.

Miss Orpha Lewis is spending a few days in our city with friends.  
Henry Krats and Frank Merrill, two of our merchants are in Portland this week.  
Mrs. Stevens and family have moved back to town, occupying the residence of Bruce Haines for the present.

Jasper Lewis has moved his family to his new purchase just outside of town—the property formerly owned by H. D. Liggett.  
W. H. Conyers got a fall which bruised him considerably and made it very difficult for him to get around for two or three days, but he reports himself on duty again.

George Sunderland and wife have gone to live on the Jack Payne place for the summer. George expects to work at Saldern's camp, and will be near his work.

The Barr district selected Morris Franklin school director in place of L. Leonard, and re-elected J. M. Reddick clerk. Their school board consists of E. B. Wood, Chas. Boesvert and M. Franklin.

Nathan Tingie is newly elected school director in the Quincy district and G. W. Barnes was elected clerk for the ensuing year. The board there is Lyman Jones, K. A. Litch and Nathan Tingie.

County Surveyor Meesey has been in town a few days with an extensive map of the Bryant estate, with its divisions and subdivisions as platted by him in recent surveys. H. W. Warren is assisting in getting papers in shape for signatures looking to an amicable adjustment of long standing objections in the way of division of the property among the heirs. A settlement may be arrived at in the general way.  
A little episode at the angle mill one day last week emphasized the necessity for an understanding between partners in advance. A considerable pile of shingles was laid out to be sold to pay for belting and saws according to one partner, but the other partner authorized ten thousand to be used for a different purpose. When a letter came to haul away the ten thousand shingles there was quite a circus between partners, one piling the shingles on a sled and the other taking them off again. The "off-bearer" was reinforced and the shingles did not go; but the other partner at once stopped the mill and removed a little part of the machinery, so the mill is silent since. Parties have slept over the matter a little and an agreement is expected soon.

The annual school meeting this year brought out quite a crowd. Soon after the notices were posted a very few restless spirits began an agitation for a change in the high school and for a reconstruction generally. Dr. Hall was a retiring director and a number of people determined he should be re-elected, so that lively interest was awakened in advance. Quite a number of women took advantage of the opportunity given them to vote and were present. The hickers seemed to lack general support and could not agree on a candidate who would appear in the election. When E. B. Elliott was selected and on a vote at the meeting received 10 votes against 44 for Dr. Hall. The clerk had not been easily in sympathy with the agitators of the board and was retired to give place to George Ticheor, who becomes his successor. There was an overwhelming expression of confidence in the present management of the schools and an additional month was voted to the term, making it eight months.

**Dear "Callie."**  
Beloved to the memory of Callie, the beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Shannahan, who died at her home in Vernonia, February 15, 1907.

Our hearts are saddened when we think of loved ones who have passed on. Yet weep we not as though we never should see them any more.

Our Father, in the home beyond, Has taught us in his love; That though we must be parted here, We soon shall meet above.

Her home is sad, her face is missed From where it used to be; But God to her hath kindly said: "I have a place for thee."

Then rest, dear Callie, rest; Rest peacefully where thou art laid, 'Ere thou into this world was brought This bed for thee was made.

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**Have Patience, Brother.**  
RAINIER, Or., March 2, 1907.

EDITORS MIST:—Now that the nineteenth session of the Oregon legislature is a thing of the past, may we not stop and reflect for a moment upon our social and political condition, and debate with ourselves the why and wherefore of all this shame that has been thrust upon the state of Oregon? It is a lamentable condition indeed, and it occurs to me that the cause of the shame is the most dastardly trickery known to mankind in a political sense. We, who have stood shoulder to shoulder in the reform movement since its infancy, and who feel deeply chagrined at the action of our representatives at the seat of state government. We have, to wit, been deceived, since the founding of our party. From the local offices that we have been successful in securing to members of congress our leaders have forgotten those who placed them in responsible positions as soon as they were elected, and in many instances have paid little attention to the great fundamental principles upon which they were elected. Short comings of men are to be overlooked to considerable extent, and with each direct public servant we have used for pardon and promised, if given another opportunity, to do better. But have these promises been kept? The state legislature is where we have always hoped for good results from our representation there, but in that we have also failed, and failed in a way that excuses cannot be found adequate, for there is no excuse except that we have again been deceived. And may we not ask here, who are to be trusted? If our representatives in the legislature had made an effort to accomplish reform in legislation only, they would have to that extent shown good faith; but when they failed entirely to qualify as members, what excuse can be offered, and must our party stand branded as being insincere in its reform movement? The fundamental principles of the reform party are good, but unless we have within our ranks men who can be depended upon to enact them into law, of what benefit will such principles ever be to us.

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