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#### THE LEGISLATURE

The law making power for Oregon will soon assemble at Salem and then and there proceed to make laws for people to obey. You may be so indifferent as to what the legislature does or does not do, that when you glance your eyes over the first few lines of this article and find out it is about legislative matter, you leave it unread and go in search of an item about the Russians and Japan doings, or one that tells how a cute woman got the better of some wealthy man in a far off city or land.

It may be dull reading to keep posted on what the Oregon legislature is doing, and then it may interest you much more than the Russia Japan war or the act of an adventuress in New York or Paris. The Oregon legislature can, and without doubt will order that you pay several dollars of your own hard earnings into the state or county treasury to be expended to accomplish something you never heard of until you got the legislative mandate from the tax collector to come down with the Rhyno. But it makes no difference that you kept yourself in ignorance the cash will have to be paid. It makes no difference

that you will be compelled to pay out money to accomplish a thing that is of no benefit to you or the general public; but is of special utility to one or two individuals, who taking advantage of your indifference as to what the legislature was doing when in session, that they got a bill passed that makes you and others put up the cash to benefit them but not a cents value to you. It is too late to object after the law is passed. If you neglected to keep posted so as to enter protest against bad laws before they pass, you had better hold your peace and pay whatever taxes are imposed by law and continue to read foreign news with the full assurance that the forthcoming legislature will pass laws that you will be bound to obey.

Necessity for indictment of Mrs Chadwick has taken the place of necessity for her identification in front of a complaisant bank President.

Ten years ago Japan exported \$850 worth of cotton crepe to the United States, but now the figure is \$33,000 yearly. Japan's total export of crepe is worth \$235,000 yearly.

About two-thirds of all the cotton textiles imported by Persia are of British manufacture American cotton goods should find a good market there.

A Belgian swimmer made a wager recently that he could stay in the water ten hours, swimming the whole time. He won the bet, performing the feat at the Antwerp baths.

"All that the cotton farmer needs is a financial champion," says The Atlanta Constitution. Well, there is Mrs Chadwick just now out of a job.

It is to be admitted that the Commissary of Subsistence understood his business when he prepared for the siege he would have to stand inside the walls of Port Arthur.

It is an error to intimate that the securities of Mrs. Chadwick were nothing. They are sufficient to secure her a term or two far from the madding crowd.

The birth of a healthy two-headed child in Boston ought to be a warning of what aestheticism and the study of Emerson is liable to bring about.

When the Chadwick excitement has come to a reasonable subsidence, Mr. T. Lawson will resume his classes in the art of engraving on copper.

With regard to American products in Munich little progress seems to have been made by American manufacturers in selling goods, with the exception perhaps of shoes, office furniture, agricultural machinery and tools. The two latter articles find great favor there owing to their ingenuity, utility and good make and finish.

According to the report of the postmaster general "that the expenditure authorized for the extension and maintenance of the rural free delivery service during the past fiscal year was \$4,902,237 greater than the preceding year." Well, what of it? The farmers and their families are entitled to the benefits of the new service. They went without them over a hundred years. No one worthy of a moment's thought begrudges them the benefits they now enjoy.

Mr. H. P. Lewis, the insurance man, left this morning for Baker City on business trip.

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