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NOT ALL IN OREGON.

It was to be expected that Senator Tillman would make a great noise when caught with the goods, but the facts remain the same. If the senator has not deliberately prevaricated, he has come dangerously near to it, and his long protestations of purity and loudly proclaimed desire to root out corruption, renders his connection with the Oregon land affair all the more flagrant. While crying, "Stop thief!" the senator seems to have had his fingers on the treasure. Protestations of purity and walls upon behalf of the down-trodden masses will be taken for what they are worth from the senator in the future. The crooked ones are not all in Oregon, and our people owe a debt of gratitude to the president for exposing the motive that lay back of one man's zeal.—Union Republican.

Since the election of a United States senator has been disposed of, the routine reading of the acts of the legislature is rather tame. We must become accustomed to it, for the precedent has been established for all time to come. The people of Oregon will select their United States senators. We, as a people, have been passing resolutions through our legislature year after year, but finally we found a way to get around the United States senate which has blocked the way for securing a law to vote direct for United States senators the same as we do for congressmen. A number of states have adopted similar means, and it will not be very long until the senate will get out of the way and give heed to the wishes of the people. There is no question but if the voters of this country were permitted to cast their ballot as to whether or not the people should elect senators by a direct vote, that the majority for the measure would be overwhelming. The senate is perfectly aware of this public sentiment, but too many of them realize that if the people got to electing United States senators they would be elected to remain at home.

Representative McDonald of Multnomah has introduced a bill which, if it becomes a law, will prohibit the manufacture and sale of cigarettes in this state. We have not seen the entire bill, but on the face of it, it looks as though he was indirectly assisting the manufacturers of granulated and plug cut tobacco. Evidently, there is nothing in the bill to prevent a purchaser of tobacco from making their own cigarettes, which 50 per cent of cigarette users are already doing.

Grant county is trying to secure an appropriation to secure an experiment station. If there is any section where such an institution might be of great benefit it is in that portion of the state. The cattle men for years discouraged agriculture until many people believed that few things could be grown in that section. The stockmen did not want people, they wanted free range.

Grande Ronde valley is not the only place it blows. A forty-mile an hour gale put 700 telephones out of commission in Walla Walla this week. But think of it! what would happen to this or any other country if the wind did not blow; and when you come to think of it, were you ever in a place where the wind did not blow?

CREDITORS TO FARE WELL

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but what the depositors will be paid in full if the government can be induced to suspend prosecution. There is another feature that has been considered, and that is whether or not the stockholders will not demand that their losses be made good also. This has been considered by those furnishing the money, but they are not so willing to put up their losses as they are of the depositors, for they hold that had the directors faithfully performed their duties, the bank would not have been in the condition it is. On the other hand, if the depositors are to be reimbursed and not the stockholders, it is feared that stockholders, some of whom it is stated are in possession of certain forged notes, would compel the grand jury of Union county to find a true bill against Scriber. Thus it may become necessary to pay all of the creditors.

A Precedent.

Friends of Scriber claim they have a precedent that is almost identical, only on a larger scale, that was when C. B. Wade, of Pendleton, three years ago escaped government prosecution when his friends came to his rescue and remitted the losses of his victims. It is quite certain that the government officials have been apprised of the action Mr. Scriber's friends are anxious to bring about, but until the federal grand jury meets, which is expected to be within the next three weeks, the outside world may never know how the proposition, if any is receiving consideration. It is understood that if the lowest possible sentence would be made, that the money would be forthcoming to pay all creditors, but this is discredited by those who speak with authority. The principal thing that Mr. Scriber's friends are attempting to secure is absolute immunity from the penitentiary, and if this can be even partially assured, there is little question but what the creditors will be reimbursed.

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Munsey's leading article is "The New Florida," which is in truth more devoted to Henry M. Flagler, the Florida railroad builder, than to the state itself. The article, however, would have been nice to read about 10 days ago. Prof. T. J. J. See has contributed a very interesting discussion of "Tidal Waves," which follow great earthquakes.

Of interest to college boys is Harry Thurston Peck's story of the origin and development of hazing. There are the usual short stories and two thrilling serials.

We have added "Outlook" to our list of magazines. The current number contains an article on "Postal Savings Banks," which are now demanding so much attention from congress. The author, Mr. John Harsen Rhoades, is a trustee of one of the leading savings institutions of New York city, and an expert student of the theory of savings. He argues, of course, against the postal savings plan.

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