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LET US ABOLISH THEM.

It is now learned that the last legislature balled up its work as did the legislature two years ago, and in all probability a special session will be necessary to legalize the appropriation bills.

The Evening Observer moves that the state legislature of Oregon be, by initiative, abolished entirely. Let the whole political fabric be spread before the people on the ballot each election and then abide by their decision. That is the Oregon idea carried a little further than at present, but what harm would it do? Surely the people would make no worse errors than recent legislatures have done. There would not be the necessity of extra sessions, neither would there be the wrangle and tussel every two years to elect a speaker and a president of the senate.

Why not carry the idea of popular government through to the climax and see just how it would work. Some one will say, the state schools will suffer. Perhaps some of them should suffer. There are many appropriations that could be pared down and some eliminated entirely if it were not for the trading of legislators. If the people took a hand in the matter there would be no trading.

We admit it would be an experiment, but why not try it out. Surely we could be no worse off than we are and have been for the past two years. The talk that it would not be constitution-

al is a joke. What is the constitution of Oregon? Merely an instrument to bend to suit any occasion and is therefore not to be considered any more.

THE INVESTMENT CLOSE TO HOME

Elsewhere in the Observer will be found a story of truth from the Imbler fruit districts. It bears directly on the person who has a few hundred dollars to invest and is a strong argument for that person to investigate investment offerings close home rather than adopt the long distance plan. To buy an Imbler orchard and develop it means to transform medium priced land into high priced orchards and at the same time have the profit from the fruit as long as you hold the tract. Everybody is convinced that the surest way and safest way to provide a snug little fortune is to develop fruit lands. No, there is no danger of over production. Not in the least. This statement is based upon the government report on apples which shows a continuous shortage and the demand increasing at a marvelous rate. The Imbler section is not an experiment. It is a proven fruit zone of excellent merit, and any person who invests in that region and develops his property is playing as safe a game as is known to the commercial world today.

The dispatches say Taft played golf in Augusta but the senior senator from Oregon was not present. Something wrong, for no matter what may be said about Bourne being in bad with the president the senator has never failed to show up with him on the golf links before.

One of Portland's dry goods stores sold for over \$3,000,000 and the bank clearings of that city showed enormous gains last week. Guess we will all have to acknowledge that Portland is going some.

If Diaz ever expects to crush the rebellion he must begin shooting the rebels. But that has been the trouble in the past. He has been shooting too many rebels, hence the open rebellion of the present.

Baker City's commercial club has taken over the baseball club. There are several ladies' clubs there to join the merger before the commercial organization will be the only real club in the city.

Call for Warrants.

Treasurers' call for county, scalp bounty, and road warrants. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned treasurer of Union county, Oregon has funds on hand with which to pay all county and scalp bounty warrants which were endorsed prior to the first

day of February, 1911, and all warrants issued on the road fund prior to the 11th day of March, 1911.

No interest will be allowed on the above warrants after March 11, 1911.
JOHN FRAWLEY,
County Treasurer,
La Grande, Ore., March 11, 1911.

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J. J. CARR,

Administrator of the Estate of W.

L. Touey, deceased.

F. S. IVANHOE,

Attorney for Administrator.

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Notice of Final Settlement

Notice is hereby given that the administrator of the estate of Mons Moreland, deceased, has filed his final account and the County Court of the State of Oregon for Union county has fixed Tuesday, the 4th day of

April, 1911, at the court house in La Grande, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing any objections thereto, and to finally settle said estate.

Dated at La Grande, Oregon, this 25th day of February, 1911.

J. J. CARR,

Administrator of the estate of Mons Moreland, deceased.

Feb. 27 5t

Sealed Bids Wanted

The undersigned will receive sealed bids for the following described property in La Grande, Union County Oregon, to-wit, Lots One (1) to Twenty Four (24) Block 143; also Lots One (1) to Twenty Four (24) Block 144, Chaplin's Addition to La Grande, Oregon, up to Saturday April 1st, 1911.

A cash deposit of ten per cent of the amount offered must accompany each bid and the right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

Taxes are all paid and title good. Address R. L. Sabin No. 7 First Street Room 8, Portland, Oregon, his fixed Tuesday, the 4th day of Mar. 4-31.

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