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AS IT GRINDS.

The legislature is at work. Whatever comment is made either for or against the minor details, the fact remains that the law making body is down to business with a firm determination to make a record.

Yesterday the state senate adjourned because it had caught up with its work and had nothing further to consider until the committees were ready to report. This is a remarkable occurrence any time during a session, but most remarkable in the opening week. It shows that there is a disposition on the part of the senate to do it "now."

In the house everything is likewise progressing. Naturally the house is more unwieldy because it is a larger body and more of the members are inexperienced in the law-making business.

As the legislature grinds away there will be many things occur that will give the opposition opportunity for loud criticism, but according to the surface indications the determination for a good record will prevent any rash acts being committed.

It always pays to elect men to office who cannot afford to be a part of shady transactions. That is the redeeming feature of the present legislature. In the main both the senate and the house are largely composed of men who cannot afford to do other than the square thing.

Th grinding of the session will mean the obliteration of many commissions, many state employes and the cutting down of appropriations generally throughout the state.

It matters not who belongs to this session if the results prove out for economy. Men are judged and will be judged by what they do, not by what is said of them, and of this legislature may it be said that economy has marked its acts and therefore it shall have a right to the praise of the state as a whole.

There is a vast difference between useful clerks and useless clerks in the state legislature. Nothing is more important to expedite work at Salem than a useful clerk, but there is nothing that is of so little use as a useless clerk. No one can well object to the employing of people who assist in saving time to the members and who do their part in the heavy work of keeping up records of a session as well as assisting senators and representatives in gathering data.

Union county fared very well in the house when Speaker Selling put Al. Jones at the head of the Fish and Game committee. It must be remembered that this committee is one of the hard places to fill this session because of the ferocious fight that is to be waged. That the speaker selected a representative from this district indicates his confidence in the judgment and fairness of Union and Wallows county people on the fish and game question.

This snow and ice is a relief from the rain that is now on in the lower country. If you become dissatisfied with La Grande stay a few days in Portland and Salem where the rain will penetrate a rubber coat and an umbrella ceases to shed water.

Senator Barrett was among the first to introduce a resolution to abolish about everything in the state that could be abolished. The old senator from Athens is alert and active and his resolution was hailed with considerable applause.

Senator Kiddle refuses to introduce bills. He holds to the belief that we have plenty of laws at the present time and he is making a strong stand for the enforcement of the laws we have. Some sense to that.

MORE ABOUT TWILIGHT SLEEP. In the January number of a widely read magazine appears an article entitled "Is the Twilight Sleep Safe for Me?" The article is authoritative, having been read and approved by one New York's well-known obstetrical specialists. Following is an extract:

"In the cases of the very young, the comparatively old, the debilitated, and those suffering from serious diseases, like kidney disease, this treatment is emphatically inadvisable. Doctor Gauss reports that, at Freiburg, only 70 per cent of the applicants are accepted for the treatment. Of this 70 per cent, 80 per cent of the cases respond satisfactorily, giving a result of 56 per cent successes. In the hospitals in this country now using the treatment the cases are so carefully selected that in only about one quarter of the confinements is the Twilight Sleep employed. Another reason, of course, for this small proportion is the fact that the patients entering the wards of a hospital often come in too far advanced in labor to permit of this relief.

"It may be true, of course, that as the details of the treatment are more scientifically known and more thoroughly mastered Twilight Sleep may be used in many more cases and in a greater variety of types. There may be other subtle details, like the controlling of noise and light, yet to be more fully adapted. The significant, supremely encouraging fact is the perfect working of the treatment in the cases where it is suitable.

With this question of limited adaptability comes another proposition: In order to determine whether or not the Twilight Sleep will be of use in a particular case, a woman should always have the opinion of an expert. As a corollary to this preliminary judgment by an expert stands the fact that, when the treatment is administered, it should be given by a trained obstetrician. There will be charlatans who will take every possible advantage of this new path to fortune, and there will be the type of physician who, when the patient insists upon having the Twilight Sleep, will administer it with insufficient knowledge.

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ITS PRODUCT TOO GOOD.

A Wonderful Oil Well That Was Found in the Balkans.

In Mt. Caton Woodville's "Random Recollections" is the story of a rich oil well that was discovered in the Balkans.

On one of his journeys he was shown a deep hole, sunk most probably by the ancient inhabitants of the country for mining purposes, but which he was assured was a petroleum well. Afterward Mr. Woodville heard the full story of this well.

A petroleum "find" was reported from the district, and an expert from Haku, in the Caucasus, the great petroleum district, was sent to the Balkans by a syndicate to inquire into this valuable discovery. He was taken by eager natives to this hole, and a bucket was dropped down at the end of a long rope and drawn up again, brimful of oil.

The expert examined the contents of the bucket, tested it carefully, and then, turning to the assembled natives, he exclaimed: "This is the most wonderful oil well in the world. The petroleum is already refined."

The explanation was, of course, that some enterprising person, not knowing that petroleum comes from the oil wells in a crude state, had carefully placed some ordinary commercial petroleum in the well in the hope that the expert would think there really was an oil well there and offer a big price for the discovery.

Compound Divisior.

A Berlin chauffeur named Paul Kugelmann found \$5,500 in notes and gold in his taxicab. No one came forward to claim the money, and the chauffeur, setting aside temptation, reported the matter to the police.

This huge sum remained, according to German law, in the police's keeping for a year, after which the finder could claim the fruits of his good fortune. But when Paul Kugelmann presented his claim he was told that various other claims would have to be settled first. Since the money had been found in Berlin, the Berlin municipality was to receive \$1,500. Because the absent-minded fare hailed the chauffeur in the suburb of Wilmersdorf, the Wilmersdorf municipality claimed another \$1,500. The municipality of Charlottenburg, not to be outdone, demanded a similar sum, as Kugelmann lived within its limits.

And while the disgusted chauffeur was reeking up the balance his employer came forward and asserted that the whole \$5,500 belonged to him, because the automobile in which it had been found was his property.—London Answers.

True Economy.

A certain old housewife bellowed, in "having clothes appropriate to occasions," and she boasted that she could "get more wear out of a dress" than any one else. When a garment was past its first, second and third stages of usefulness for public wear it was relegated to certain seasons of domestic stress, from which it passed eventually to the ragbag. One gown long dear to her heart had reached this last stage, and she acknowledged it one day to the village seamstress.

"Don't seem as if I'd had half the good I expected to out of it," she said wistfully. "Isn't but eight years since I had it made up. Two years I wore it Sundays, the next two sewing circle afternoons, next two when I went errands to the village, and these last two round the house common. But now"—and she regarded the bundle sorrowfully before stuffing it into the yawning bag—"now 'tisn't even fit to hang out washing in on Mondays!"—Exchange.

Reckless of self or others. He scoots with speed immense—Seems when he got his motor He gave up his horse sense.—Boston Transcript.

Cannibal Chief—How did this fellow act before you cooked him? Cannibal Chief—He acted as if he was crazy. "I thought as much. He truly has a 'nutty' flavor."—Yonkers Statesman.

If Eve came back in the world today After going away this many a year She'd probably turn to Adam and say, "The styles haven't changed very much, my dear."—Philadelphia Record.

"We are thinking of giving old Gottox the degree of doctor of languages." "He's no linguist." "No; but he has \$40,000,000, and money is Latin."—Kansas City.

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The most imperious masters over their own servants are at the same time the most abject slaves to the servants of other masters.—Seneca.

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Thomas McQuade Passes. Walla Walla, Jan. 15.—Thomas S. McQuade aged 69 years, passed away at a local hospital today at 10 a. m., following an illness of some duration, caused by old age. Mr. McQuade was born in Zanesville, Ohio, March 29, 1914. In the year 1872 he came west to Carson City, Nevada, being employed in railroad work. From there he moved to Portland, coming to Walla Walla in 1878. Mr. McQuade was in the employ of the city of Walla Walla for 13 years. Besides a brother in Portland and a sister in San Francisco, he is survived by a wife and eight children—Frank and Dan of Portland, Albert of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, William, Thomas, Charles, Mrs. Con Donovan and Mrs. Dan Donovan, all of Walla Walla, all of whom were at the bedside during the last hour. The remains were removed to the home, 618 Sprague avenue. The funeral will be held from the Catholic church Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, Rev. Father Van de Ven officiating. Interment will be in the Catholic cemetery.

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You've played on to the wrong green, sir. "Well, why on earth didn't you tell me?" "I was afraid I might put yer off yer stroke, sir."—London Tatler. You'll meet with men in every throng Whose days are filled with doubt. They never can tell right from wrong Until they are found out.—Chicago News. Howard—I hear your daughter is going to marry an English nobleman. Is it all settled? Coward—Yes; every cent she had.—Judge. We know him as a tiresome stiff; He bores us night and day. We'd give him a great send off if We thought he'd stay away.—Cincinnati Enquirer. Mother to her boy, who has just struck his little sister with his Teddy bear—Why did you hit your sister in the face, John? John—Cos it was the only part of her I could see.—Punch. Man's quest is still for fame or dress. His zeal he never relaxes In arguing as to who is boss And who shall pay the taxes.—Washington Star. Jones—My wife is going to join a "shut in" club. Smith—I wish mine would join a "shut up" one.—Baltimore American.