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THE GOVERNOR'S VETOS.

Governor Chamberlain is busy smashing the work of the legislature with his veto ax. Some of the vetoes are deserved. In others the governor ought to be overridden.

The bill restoring the delinquent tax list to publication should have become a law. No one knows now whether his property is on the delinquent list or not, and the present conditions enable tax and title sharks to reap a harvest by preying on the unwary property owner.

The bill compelling medical examination before issuance of marriage licenses was a common sense measure. Doctors instead of preachers ought to do the marrying to prevent the spread of disease and the birth of enfeebled offspring with hereditary taints, thus keeping the sins of the father from the third generation. If, as the governor stated, "it was an insult to the men of Oregon," they ought to be insulted, for a man that can't pass a physical examination has no more right to a matrimonial policy than he has to an insurance policy.

The "sterilization" bill is a measure endorsed by scientists and the medical fraternity, and wherever tried proven beneficial. It also felt the governor's ax.

Vetoing the measure in salary bills for county officers was a grandstand play, calculated to win the applause of the mossbacks. As counties double and triple in population, the work of the officials increases in proportion, and to keep them on the same pay as when the office was a sinecure is absurd. First-class men in any line receive good wages, and a county school superintendent certainly ought to get as much pay as a school teacher.

ABUSING THE LEGISLATURE.

Under the caption "End of the hoodle session" the Grants Pass Observer, among other things, says of the legislature just adjourned:

"The session may best be described as a gift enterprise affair on a large scale. The house of representatives devoted almost the whole of the 45 days' term to voting away public money. The senate redeemed things just a little by cutting out some nonsensical extravagances, including \$318,000 of a graft for three no-account normal schools. Of course, not all the members of the legislature were imbeciles, but there was a heavy majority in the house. The few members of legislative capacity and common prudence were not able to stay the gang."

This is a sample of the defamatory rot that is going the rounds of certain rabid partisan papers. By raising the cry of hoodle and scandal they hope to prejudice the public against the legislature. Reading a little further in the Observer, the real reason for the outburst of venom is disclosed in the following:

"This legislature that thus abused its trust was the second product of the primary law. The first product, the legislature of 1907, was quite as stupid but not quite so courageously extravagant."

Because the members of the legislature stood by their pledges, kept faith with the people and elected the popular choice United States senator, no infamy is too great to heap upon them, and no accusation too foul to hurl at them by the press of the discredited machine.

This legislature did not differ greatly from other legislatures. It was representative of the state. There was a lack of leadership apparent, but so is there among the people of Oregon.

It was not an extravagant legislature. The amount of money actually appropriated was not much greater than that appropriated by previous legislatures, and the state's revenues are larger now than ever before. If the legislature erred, it was on the side of economy, for no state can grow, develop and expand without the judicious expenditure of money—a thing mossbacks don't seem to comprehend.

The session was untouched by stories of graft and not smirched by scandal. In this respect, it compares very favorably with any legislature in Oregon's history. The senatorial deadlocks, the "holdup" session, the corruption that tainted the entire state in the days of old are still fresh in the public mind and in comparison the session just closed is a deified relief.

The old order changeth. No plotting on the part of politicians, no falsehoods smeared broadcast by newspapers, will succeed in undermining the direct primary law—and in restoring the regime which has passed away along with the roses and thistles of yesterday.

KILLS MAN, CHOPS WIFE AND ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

NAPA, Cal., Feb. 26.—A man named Wallace early today killed an employer on the ranch of Captain J. E. Brown near Okaville with an ax, cut the throat of his victim's wife, tried to strangle her and attempted to commit suicide. The murderer, unable to talk, was brought here this afternoon. The cause of the trouble is unknown. The woman is recovering.

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SPRINGFIELD, Wash., Feb. 25.—James Miller, who was arrested with the alleged slayer of the banker at the Washington World Bank, yesterday was taken to the penitentiary. The man was taken there after the commission of the crime. He is married and served a term in Walla Walla a few years ago for grand larceny.

YOUNG TO POSTMASTER IN SPITE OF FULTON

The federal senate postoffice committee, after a brief discussion, has favorably reported the nomination of John C. Young to be postmaster at Portland. In view of Senator Fulton's announced purpose to object to Young's confirmation, several members of the committee urged Bureau to consent to let the matter go over until after March 1, but Bureau refused to consent and demanded a report. Bureau has the right to name the postmaster in his home, but the senator has serious doubts whether Young will be re-nominated if he fails of confirmation before March 1. Fulton said today he would fight the nomination to the end of the session and feels confident that he can defeat it.

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