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THE PRESENT SESSION.

The present session of the legislature is probably one of the most important of recent years. While the election of an United States senator adds piquancy and political interest to the proceedings, yet it is only an incident which occurs every few years. However, there is some probability that the political issues will overshadow all other considerations, and very little beneficial legislation will be transacted.

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The present legislative assembly is now duly equipped for business, and it is to be hoped that the senatorial fight will not clog the wheels of legislation as it has heretofore.

nomination and election was soon ascertained to be a foregone conclusion when the republican caucus convened for the purpose of naming its candidate. The caucus vote stood, Mr. Simon 14 votes, Mr. Moore 7 and Mr. Tongue 1. The vote in open Senate was merely perfunctory, a matter of formality only, as the democrats did not have the ghost of a chance. Hon. T. T. Geer, of Marion county, was elected Speaker of the House.

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who was forced to stop on account of a severe cold. At the close of the educational meeting there was a public installation of the officers of the grange. Mr. J. C. White was installed as Master. The names of the others I did not learn as I was compelled to leave before the exercises were over.

W. I. REYNOLDS. STATE NEWS. New coal discoveries are being constantly made in Umatilla county. That part of Oregon is likely to develop into a fine coal region.

TRANSFER OF DEEDS. W. C. Brown to Joseph Garrison, lot in Germantown; \$20. M. M. Ellis and wife, N. M. McDaniel and wife to Ralph Williams, lot in Dallas; \$340.

BRIEF MENTION. Chile has a rebellion to attend to. Europe is suffering with the cold. Canada is bidding for the Hawaiian trade.

OLD AND NEW FARMING. What is Required of the Farmer of the Present. A recent issue of the New York Horticulturist contains the following very timely remarks to the American farmer of today:

There is a current impression, or opinion, now holding high sway that agriculture at the present day is not and cannot be made profitable. While profound respect is due to current opinions, it is safe to say there are many such that are mere saws of the day, and worth about as much as the new saws that prevail each successive year in regard to medicine—even including that of the latest "fad," Koch's cure of remedy.

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COAST NEWS. Lent commences Feb. 11, this year. Santa Barbara is having a fruit-planting boom. There are 334 convicts in Oregon's state prison at Salem.

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