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Congress is now in session, opening on Monday.

Charles Hoyt was a newspaper man on a small salary twenty years ago, but when he died he owned \$400,000. But he didn't make it in the newspaper business.

Colonel Waterston is still giving testimony at the inquest. Have done, Colonel, we know all we want to know about it already.

The automobile is all right in piping times of peace but for war purposes the old reliable army mule still holds the palm.

Manchester says that he married for love. Perhaps, but the country would have more faith in his protestations if his bride were not heiress to several million dollars.

Oom Paul doubtless thinks that he had all the sympathy that he could use right at home. What he wants in France is action.

The political situation today is not unlike what it was back in the fifties. The Whig party had then proven unequal to the duties laid upon it and the Republican party was born. Now the Democratic party is in much the same condition that the Whig party was and it seems possible that some other organization may come to life in its place.

"When you are in Rome, do as the Romans do" is an ancient motto. "When in Turkey, do for the Turks" is the new motto of the battleship Kentucky.

A century or two ago, when nations went to war for sentiment and not for business, the demonstration to Oom Paul might have meant something. Today, however, it is evidently only a sort of consolation prize.

One thing was not settled by the election, and that is whether Mrs. Admiral Dewey or Mrs. General Miles is to have social precedence this winter.

Just at present the entente between the United States and Great Britain is flourishing finely, but the chances are that before so very long it will receive a blight, if not a killing frost. The reason will be that the United States is likely to continue the process by which it is steadily wresting the world's markets from Great Britain. Already the English are a good deal excited over this, and by and by they will begin to lose their their tempers.

It is now said that there will probably be a re-action at Harvard next year in favor of education.

Now the Japanese are calling certain corrupt characters "Tammanists." This is certainly rubbing it in on Uncle Sam.

Another Count Castellane has come over and declares that he is the real article. That is to say, he declares that Boni is bogus. Doubtless in this he is correct, for genealogists say that the famous Castellane family is really extinct and that Boni's ancestors were in no way related to it but simply grabbed the title during the reign of terror and have held it ever since without the slightest warrant.

A number of influential Republicans have come boldly out and declared their opposition to the ship subsidy bill in its present form, although most of them declare that they are in favor of the principle. They are no doubt right in both positions. The present bill was drawn by President Grisco, of the American line, and is admittedly intended to promote the interests of that line rather than those of the commerce carriers of the United States.

On the first day of the session of congress but one Oregon member was in his proper place. Some people imagine that men are elected to seats in congress with the expectation that they will devote their time to public business. They are mistaken. Congressmen must needs keep up their political fences, and in order to do so must spend much of their time in private business of their own.

Before the European powers insist on too much in requital for the Boxer troubles, they might as well consider whether they were entirely justified in destroying the Taku forts and killing some 2,000 Chinese before the Boxers made any attack on the foreigners.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 26. This government has once more taken the diplomatic lead in Chinese affairs. Tiring of the seemingly endless deadlock of the foreign ministers at Peking, and believing that their personal experiences had aroused their prejudices to such an extent that it would be well nigh impossible for them to agree upon the demands to be made upon the government of China, for the punishment of the inciters of the boxer troubles and the amount of the money indemnity which should be paid the powers, this government has boldly taken a stand in favor of ending the deadlock by stopping the present negotiations and making a fresh start by the appointment of representatives of each of the powers concerned, to an international commission or congress, to meet at The Hague, or some other place outside of China, and formulate the demands which the powers shall make upon China. The idea has been endorsed by several of the powers and it is expected to get the approval of them all. It seems to offer a commensurate way out of the mix-up in Peking, which has steadily been growing worse instead of better.

The reply of Ex-Senator Wilson, of the state of Washington, when asked what brought him to the national capital at this time, may be considered somewhat unique, compared with the object of other gentlemen who are, like Mr. Wilson, members of the dominant party. He said: "I want nothing, and have come here to ask for nothing. My wife and I have come east, where our daughter is in school. I wanted to get away from business and politics for a little while and plan to stay away until after Christmas."

Whatever the beer and tobacco men can do on the floor of the house, where they threaten to carry the fight, there is no doubt of their having been completely routed in the first battle on the bill for the reduction of the war taxes, made before the sub-committee composed of Representative Payne, of New York; Dazell, of Pa., and Hopkins, of Ill., which has prepared a bill, estimated to cut the annual revenue between twenty and thirty million dollars, without reducing the tax on beer or any class of tobacco. The bill, of course, be changed before being reported to the house, but as it now stands, it repeals only those stamp taxes about which there has been the most complaint. It is said that the beer men might have got a reduction had it not been for the report so generally circulated during the campaign that Senator Hanna had promised them a reduction in exchange for campaign contributions. It was pointed out by many influential party men that if the brewers taxes were reduced it would be accepted by the public as confirming that report.

Representative Hitt, of Ill., chairman of the house committee on foreign affairs, does not expect that committee to take a conspicuous part in the legislation of the session. He said, when asked of the probable work ahead of the committee: "I suppose there will be

some questions for discussion before foreign affairs committee, this winter, although I cannot say that there will be much important business to be brought before the house. The diplomatic appropriation bill will be prepared early, as usual at the short session."

Representative Russell, of Conn., a member of the house ways and means committee, expressed this opinion of the work of the session: "I think the revenue bill will be the first important measure taken up. It will probably come ahead of the appropriation bills and the army bill, as it will be ready for presentation the first day of the session. The army bill may be the next important measure taken up. Neither will require much time and both should be disposed of without delay. I cannot see that any legislation will be necessary at this session, for the Philippines or Porto Rico. A re-appointment bill should also be passed before the end of the session, and I believe that ship subsidy bill should also be passed. Little can be done for us until the result of the constitutional convention is known."

It has been expected from the first that the canal commission would report in favor of the Nicaragua canal and no one was surprised when it was learned that the preliminary report, now in the hands of the president, strongly favored the Nicaragua route, because of its being cheaper and easier to construct than it would be to complete work on the Panama route. The president's message will probably follow the recommendations of the canal commission and it seems reasonable to suppose that congress will do likewise, but the Panama company's lobbyists now in Washington, have by no means abandoned the field. They have succeeded in heading off legislation for the Nicaragua canal before, when congressional and public sentiment was overwhelmingly in favor of it, and they hope to do so again. It is a fight for life with the Panama company, as it will be as good as dead the minute that this government is fully committed to the construction of the Nicaragua canal.

About Mr. Wilcox. Just at this time, when there is so much discussion over the newly elected representative from Hawaii, Mr. Wilcox, the information given to the Plaindealer by E. P. Tabin, of Portland, will be of interest to many of our readers. Mr. Tabin spent several years in Honolulu, and while there was in a position to become well informed as to the political inclinations and characteristics of nearly all the leading men in the recently annexed territory including a personal acquaintance with Representative Wilcox. The latter gentleman, Mr. Tabin states, was the protege and warm personal friend of King Kalakaua, who had him educated in Europe, principally in Heidelberg, Germany, and Milan, Italy, at his own expense. While studying in Milan, Mr. Wilcox met, loved and married an Italian countess, who went with him to the Hawaiian islands; their wedded life was very unhappy, however, and they separated, Mrs. Wilcox returning to her native land. Her husband was subsequently informed that she had sought and secured a divorce, and this information was substantiated by the Italian consul at Honolulu. A few years later Mr. Wilcox married a native Hawaiian lady, with whom he is still living happily. He was thoroughly in touch with governmental affairs during the reigns of King Kalakaua and Queen Liliuokalani, and had the fullest confidence and highest esteem of the natives.

The result of the recent election in Hawaii, in Mr. Tabin's opinion is due to the fact that Wilcox, something of an agitator, and was able to control the native vote much to his same advantage. He was elected by voter who are in every sense of the word Hawaiians, and who will undoubtedly prove a satisfactory representative.

Notice to Warrant Holders. Notice is hereby given that I am now ready to pay all warrants issued by School District No. 29 up to and including No. 786, or those issued prior to December 23, 1899. Interest on same will cease on date of this notice. J. D. Irvine, Clerk. Dated this 30th day of Nov. 1900.

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Bids for School Bonds Wanted. The County Treasurer of Polk County, Oregon, will receive sealed bids at his office, in Dallas, Polk County, Oregon, up to 5 o'clock P. M., December 11th, 1900, at 1 o'clock P. M., for school bonds, as follows: Amount of bonds to be issued, \$13,000; date of issue, January 3d, 1901; privilege of paying the same in ten years; par interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum; interest payable semi-annually; purpose of issue: To pay of the present bonded indebtedness of \$13,000 now due and held by Blair & Co., New York, against School District No. 29, Independence, Polk County, Oregon. A certified check of 10 per cent of bid, drawn on any well known bank in Oregon, payable to the order of the undersigned, must accompany each bid as a guarantee that the successful bidder will comply with his bid. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

E. V. DALTON, County Treasurer of Polk County, Oregon. 12-7-21

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. U. S. Land Office, Oregon City, Oregon, December 1, 1900. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make proof of paying the same in ten years; and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of Polk County, at Dallas, Oregon, on January 12, 1901, viz: Benjamin Harrington, H. E. No. 11865, for the Northeast 1/4 of section 17, T. 9 S., R. 5 E.

He names the following witnesses to prove his residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Edward Sampson, of Rocco, Oregon; Albert Galt, of Rocco, Oregon; William O. Rocco, Oregon; David Olen, of Rocco, Oregon. CHAS. B. MOORE, Register.

Equalization Board. Notice is hereby given that on Monday, the 17th day of December, 1900, the board of equalization will attend at the office of the county clerk of Polk County, and publicly examine the assessment rolls, and correct all errors in valuations, descriptions or quantities of lands, lots, or other property; and it shall be the duty of persons interested to appear at the time and place appointed; and if it shall appear to such board of equalization that there are any lands, lots or other property assessed twice, or in the name of a person or persons not the owner thereof, or assessed under or beyond its actual value or any lands, lots, or other property assessed, said board shall make the proper corrections. Dated at Dallas, Polk County, Oregon, this 23rd day of November, 1900. R. S. CONNER, County Assessor.

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THE GENUINE THING. The city of Portland and Multnomah county seem to be "up against the genuine thing," says the St. Helens Mist. Through influence brought to bear from sources in the vicinity of Portland, the state board of equalization was abolished so that valuations in Multnomah county might be slashed to the convenience of that county in escaping its equal share of state tax, not taking into consideration the future of the city of Portland, which is now tussling with the knotty problem of being considerably short of funds to maintain the city government. The new charter of Portland provides that only a fixed rate of levy can be had for city purposes and the lowering of valuations to escape state tax correspondingly lowered valuations for tax for city purposes, and therein lies the trouble. A state board of equalization is the only thing that will bring tranquility out of chaos and the schemers to limerick. The efforts of the assessors of the state to get at some good plan for their work seems to have been

thwarted by Multnomah's influence and prospects for relief are not encouraging.

Hon. Joe Simon, of Portland, was in town Tuesday. The junior senator says he hopes to see Henry W. Corbett elected senator, and believes he will be. It is the last honor Mr. Corbett will ask at the hands of the Republican party, or of the people of Oregon, having served both faithfully and unselfishly. As to its militating against his own chances of re-election, Mr. Simon says he will take the chances of that.—Salem Journal.

Two Greens met in the prize ring Friday night, but one of the two came out blue—with purple and cardinal trimmings.

Fifty thousand barrels of beer have been shipped from Vancouver to the Philippines. What a Christmas they must be intending to have over there.

Pity and Beauty

The most beautiful thing in the world is the baby, all dimples and joy. The most pitiful thing is that same baby, thin and in pain. And the mother does not know that a little fat makes all the difference.

Dimples and joy have gone, and left hollows and fear; the fat, that was comfort and color and curve—all but pity and love—is gone. The little one gets no fat from her food. There is something wrong; it is either her food or food-mill. She has had no fat for weeks; is living on what she had stored in that plump little body of hers; and that is gone. She is starving for fat; it is death, be quick!

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