

It transpires that the Union Pacific has already mixed up in the contest, it has become quite "a pretty howdy do" all round, and is—to the politicians—of far more importance than that of legislation. When senators are elected by direct vote of the people, legislatures may attend to business, but it is too much to expect of them as it is.

Strange as it may seem to those who have supposed that California's climate was one of ethereal mildness from one end of the state to the other, the greatest fall of snow and the most serious railroad blockades in the west have been within its limits. The line of the Central Pacific was closed in the Sierras for a week longer than the Union Pacific in the Blue mountains in Oregon, and the Southern Pacific line, in the mountains at the head of the Sacramento valley, is still closed, the continued storms having rendered futile all efforts to open it to the passage of trains.

Talk about the climate of Oregon! T. O. Hutchinson, of Myrtle Creek, has sent the WEST SHORE a photograph taken by him of a group showing five generations from great-great-grandfather William Rose—brother of Aaron Rose, the founder of Roseburg—aged 85, to little Roscoe B. Bolsinger, aged four months. The group also includes the father and mother of the baby, a grandfather, a grandmother, two great-grandmothers and a great-grandfather. The old people appear hale and hearty enough to wait for another generation.

Editors who steal from the editorial columns of other papers, presume upon the insignificance of their own publication to shield them from detection. If a thought be worthy reprinting in its entirety, it should be credited to the publication in which it first appeared. However, it is of but little use to call attention to this form of piracy, for an intellect willing to masquerade editorially in the literary garments of other minds is of too low an order to be benefited by homelies upon the iniquity of theft.

The "hold-overs" and "one-termers" at Olympia are at loggerheads. The former want to hold for two terms and the latter want them all to go out together. As the question of a successor to Senator Squire is

The sensational headlines employed by some papers in announcing the fact that two or three small retail dealers of Tacoma had failed or absconded, did more harm to the reputation for truth and generosity of the papers themselves than to the object of their spleen. Tacoma is enjoying unexcelled prosperity, as is the entire Puget sound country, and the failure of a few dishonest or incapable business men is no indication to the contrary.

Chicago anarchists charge the police force with a plot to injure their good name by hiring men to proclaim rabid anarchistic sentiments in public. This is on a par with the charge that the victim of the celebrated Phoenix park murder had himself taken off to throw discredit upon the Irish cause, or that absurd affair at West Point, where a colored cadet was gravely charged with tying himself up and slitting off his own ears.

And now an Oregon paper has tried its hand at cave making. This style of newspaper fraud has not even the merit of originality to commend it. The editor who tries to make a sensation by writing a fictitious narrative of this sort simply demonstrates that in his own skull there exists, where the bump of good newspaper sense ought to be, a cavity that would put his supposititious cave to the blush.

A mortgage filed in Pendleton, Oregon, to the Farmer's Loan and Trust Company, secures bonds to be issued for an extension of the Hunt railway system from Pendleton southwestward to Heppner. It is the general belief that the real object is to continue the line southwesterly through the state to California connections.

The two female globe trotters have returned to New York. Just what they have done to old Mundus has not yet developed. If the usual vernal equinox does not occur at the proper season, it would be well to appoint an international committee of investigation.

Speaking of a contemporary, a Walla Walla paper says: "There are many intelligent people who do not yet know of this publication." For a notice intended to be complimentary, this contains a great deal of unconscious sarcasm.