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## SENATOR TELLER NON-COMMITTAL

Will Take Things as They  
Come.

His Influence Much in  
Demand

By Candidates Seeking Senatorial  
Honors in Silver States.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Senator Teller, of Colorado, was at the capitol today for the first time this session. Several silver men were in conference with him during the day, the matters under discussion being relative, largely, to the election of senators in states where the silver men are in control, but in which no one party has a majority. It is believed that Senator Teller's influence in these states will have great weight and the different candidates are seeking his assistance.

Senator Teller would not be interviewed as to his future course or his position upon measures which may or may not come before congress. He would not, he said, outline a policy for himself or others who believe with him, preferring to meet matters as they develop.

### The Farmers' Institute.

The meeting of the farmers' institute in Masonic hall at Turner, Dec. 9, 10, seems to have been a splendidly attended event, and one of more than ordinary profit and instruction.

Prominent speakers were in attendance including Mrs. Gov. Lord, Prof. H. T. Frenoh, Hon. J. Voorhees, State Grange Master Hilleary, Hon. Chas. L. Daily, Judge Boise and Hon. John Minto.

The institute lasted two days and questions deeply concerning the farmer, and the stock and fruit grower, such as increasing the fertility of the soil, the gopher problem, construction of and benefits of a silo, horticulture, dairying, farmers' organizations, experimental and scientific observations on farm drainage, flax culture, good roads and the transportation problem, these and many more, were discussed instructively to all in attendance.

The following resolution was passed:

"Whereas, It is twenty years since the flax fibre, grown in Oregon, was at the centennial fair held in Philadelphia awarded a first-class medal for strength and other good qualities, and

"Whereas, The experiments in flax production at the Oregon experiment station at Corvallis have furnished samples to the national department of agriculture which have been tested by its experts and proved the qualities named by the centennial award, therefore be it

"Resolved, That the time has arrived and the condition of farming pursuits in Oregon is such as to call for the addition of a teacher of the management of flax fibre and process of hand manufacture."

### PASTURES GREEN.

The Big Klamath Reservation to be  
Opened to Settlement.

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—"Seeking after homes will divert their thoughts from Oklahoma and the Indian Territory," said Major Charles E. Wordon, agent of the United States at Klamath Oregon, today, "and rush to Klamath as soon as the Indians have been allotted their lands in severality. When this is done about 1,850,000 acres of as fertile and beautiful a country as any in the world will become a part of the public domain and subject to homestead entry." Since June, 1894, Major Wordon has been in Oregon establishing farms, erecting schools and parceling out lands for the Indians to hold under the government's co-operative system devised for the red man. Major Wordon is on his way to Washington.

### Miscellaneous.

A meeting of the county judges and commissioners is in session in Portland today to consider needed legislation.

County Judge Terrell estimates the damage from recent high water to Marion county to be from \$5,000 to \$6,000.

A popular subscription to aid the Cubans is headed by C. S. Jackson, proprietor of the Pendleton East Oregonian.

Homer Davenport, the Oregon boy who has achieved some fame as a cartoonist on the N. Y. Journal, is traveling in Europe.

Arthur Wallace, a Corvallis man 55 years of age, sat down in a chair, put a shot gun to his head, pressed the trigger, and was ready for the coroner's jury in less time than it takes to tell it.

Sympathetic neighbors in a Nebraska town compelled a brute who was grossly abusing his wife to leave the town, which he did, and now the woman is suing the good people for alienating his affections.

The editors of the Stayton Mail and Times are at present roasting each other to a dark brown color. We doubt not that these gentlemen are having considerable fun out of it, but we will wager that their readers are disgusted.—Brownsville Times.

The pay streak, of marvelous richness, from which, it is reported, ore is now being taken in the Santiam mine, indicates that not many years hence a number of rich gold-bearing ledges of Oregon will be hives of industry. Capital for development is the great desideratum of our latent mineral wealth.—Oregon City Courier.

## AMERICAN TROOPS ARE ENLISTING

Secrecy of the Movement  
Ignored.

Avowedly to aid Cubans  
at Havana.

The Penalties for Violating Neutrality  
Laws Ignored.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 15.—Already over three hundred Cuban recruits have been enrolled in this city and Col. D. Harriman, head of the local movement, stated today that there are as many more in Kansas City and vicinity ready and willing to go to the front. The enrollment is going on in Harriman's office and no secrecy of the purpose of the movement is made.

(These enlistments are in direct violation of the neutrality laws and are prohibited under fines of from \$1,000 to \$2,000 and three-years' imprisonment)

### For Silver.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—The Post's Washington special says: Silver is to be given recognition in the new tariff bill by an imposition of duty equal to the discount in price of bullion. The scale will be elastic and the rate will depend entirely upon the market price of bullion.

### Seventy-First Anniversary.

The Youth's Companion will celebrate its seventy-first birthday in 1897. Among the many announcements of the Companion for the coming year is an article of exceptional value by Mr. Andrew Carnegie, on "The Habit of Thrift." Successful men in other walks of life will second Mr. Carnegie's paper with readable, practical articles based on their own experience, and valuable to the old as well as to the young.

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