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THE LEGISLATURE

Pithy Paragraphs from our Correspondent at Salem.

One of the greatest ambitions of the present legislature is to put the governor in a hole. It is an unworthy ambition, and what is more it is not likely to be successful.

A million dollars is quite an insignificant amount of money in the eyes of the present legislature.

The senators at Salem carried out the wishes of the people by compelling the railroads to issue passes to all the state officers instead of passing a bill making it unlawful to issue passes to any one. That is one way of carrying out the will of the people.

The present speaker is compelled to do more explaining than any other man who has occupied the chair. But his explanations do not explain after all.

Large appropriations are demanded for additions to the asylum, the existing buildings being overcrowded. Instead of granting these appropriations it would be much more sensible to have the present patients examined by a competent committee in order to weed out those who should be on their farms at home and not in an insane asylum. And there are numbers of that class there.

The legislature has introduced a bill to compel railroads to carry its members wherever they wish to go free of charge. Why not compel barbers to shave them free of charge? One would be as reasonable as the other.

A bill to increase the pay of state officials from \$3 to \$10 per day has been before the senate. They should first prove that they earn \$3 a day before they ask for \$10.

The members of the house began their work well by cutting off a number of useless clerkships, but as predicted they have broken out as usual, for a resolution has been passed which allows the committee to employ all the clerks they see fit.

The attempt to alter our primary law does not meet with favor of our junior senator, Hon. Jonathan Bourne. In writing to a friend on the subject he says: "I certainly hope that no change whatever will be made in the primary law. It is in good shape as it stands, and any alteration would probably impair its usefulness. To my mind it is of the utmost importance that the primary law should be allowed to stand without amendment, at least for the present."

The woman suffrage committee presented a resolution to the house requesting that this question should again be submitted to a vote of the people at the next election. Mrs. Duniway contended that if the legislature would do this, it would save the suffrage society a few hundred dollars in the way of preparing petitions themselves, but out of courtesy to these misguided women quite a number of anti-suffragists voted for the resolution, and yet it only passed by one vote—the vote of Frank Davey, who is always ready to turn with the unit. When the same resolution came to the senate, it was overwhelmingly defeated, clearly showing how the country stands on female suffrage. The fact is the voters are sick and tired voting down this proposition, and if it ever comes up again it will be snowed under by 25,000 votes. The result of its working in the Mormon inhabited states of Idaho, Utah, Colorado and Wyoming are not such as to induce the electors of Oregon to put their necks in the noose.

SUSPENDED

After he Told the Truth in His Paper.

A Missouri editor recently announced that just for one issue he would tell the truth. Here are a few items from that issue:

John Bonin, the laziest merchant in town, made a trip to Belleville yesterday.

John Doyle, our groceryman, is doing a poor business. His store is dirty and dusty and notoriously odoriferous. How can he expect to do much?

Rev. Styz preached Sunday night on gossip. The sermon was punk. If the reverend gentleman would live up a little closer to what he preaches he would have a larger congregation.

Dave Sonkey died last Sunday at his home in this place. The doctor gave it out as heart failure. The fact is that he was drunk. His home was a rented shack on Rowdy street. He has gone whence no rowdies return, and he has abundant company.

Married, Miss Sylvia Rhodes and James Canahan, last Saturday evening, at the Baptist parsonage. The bride is a very ordinary town girl who does not know more than a rabbit about cooking and never helped her mother three days in her life. She is not a beauty by any means, and has a gait like a fat duck. The groom is well known as an up-to-date loafer. He has been living off the old folks all his life and doesn't amount to shucks. They will have a hard life while they live together and the News has no congratulations to offer, for we don't believe any good can come from such a union.

It is needless to say that the issue in which the Missouri editor told the truth was the last he ever made.

WILL START

The Big Steam Shovel on the Railroad Cut Soon.

In a few days the big steam shovel and a large force of men will be working day and night at the east end of the cut to be made across the peninsula. This steam shovel is one of the largest made and its dipper carries five yards of dirt. Everything is in readiness to begin and they are awaiting the arrival of the dump cars. A long trestle has been laid across the low lands towards the Columbia where the dirt is to be dumped. A large water tank for supplying the engines has been built and immense stocks of coal are on hand.

The contractors are to complete the work within fourteen months, and estimate it will require that length of time to complete the job.

A force of men are working the hydraulic rams at the eastern end of the cut day and night.

DAY AND NIGHT

The Woolen Mills Soon to Put Two Shifts at Work.

Supt. Bishop of the woolen mills informs The Review that the mill will soon be operated day and night. In fact the change will be made as soon as experienced help can be secured and additional machinery installed.

"It is our intention," said Mr. Bishop, "to install additional machinery and enlarge the mill. We will need seventy-five more hands for the night shift. While we will need expert help, we intend to begin with the inexperienced and teach them the business so that they will understand the work thoroughly. We will also pay wages that will make the situations attractive. The intention is to begin the day and night work about the first of April, provided we can secure the required number of workers."

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Last Monday a contract was let to cut the timber off of Cedar Park, and the intention is to plat it into residence lots. The park consists of ten acres of land within the loop in the southeastern part of the city. It is said to be owned by the Portland General Electric Co. For several years it has been opened during the summer for picnics and dances. The only improvements consist of a tumble down pavilion and a few crude benches and tables. The entire tract is covered with stately fir and cedar trees, and one of the handsomest parks could have been made. The Review is unable to learn any of the particulars.

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