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PATRONIZE HOME INDUSTRY.

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WHAT THE LEGISLATURE DID.

In the first place it passed a regular appropriation bill of $938,530.32, then a special appropriation bill of $244,592.49, besides other grafts such as $15,000 for the Drain and Ashland normal schools, $15,000 for more fish hatcheries, $4,000 for a state historical society, etc., etc. The state this yera levied a tax nearly twice as large as last yera and something had to be done to get rid of this money, so anything that would tend to relieve the state treasury of coin went through like shot through a gun. The Oregonian which has for years been in favor of anything in the grafting line says that the recent legislature was the worst in the history of the state and that "a week before thej adjournment it became evident that pretty much the whole body of grafts had formed an invincible combination and that argument, appeal or pretest would be waste of words." This paper further says:

"It is useless to dwell on the shameful history. Everybody is aware of it; the work has been done in the eyes of the whole people, and some day there will be a reckoning for such business. The form of this corruption—for corruption it is—is that of bribery, at the expenses of the taxpayer. The representative from the locality that is "striking" for a state appropriation says to the representative from another quarter, whose object is a political job, "You help me get a sack of state money, and I will help you to put your political game through." There were "side stakes," too, on every "deal," and members who were conscientious to "go in on the ground floor" with the rest found themselves "mere deadheads in the legislative enterprise." Men fairly honest in their own business fell in with this game and became partners in it—excusing themselves on the ground that, though it was a "blank outrage," it "had to be done." It is a foolish and untenable excuse It did not "have to be done" at all, for not only was there no pressing need of any act which this legislature has passed, but it is a fact that if there had been no session at all, no material interest of the state would have suffered, and there would have been immense conservation both of the public funds and of public morality."

It becomes more evident every day that the legislature of '97 that did not organize was the only decent—we can't say decent either as some of its acts were disgraceful in the extreme—but anyway it didn't spend the people's money and that cuts quite a figure.

One of the numerous "grafts" that went through was the payment of John Dennison, a defeated candidate for representative from our county, the sum of $76.50. This went through the last day in the afternoon and was made a part of the "special" appropriation bill The claim as allowed reads:

Claim of John Dennison for mileage and salary 20 days of special session, 1898, and one day at regular session—

Mileage, special session.....	$ 6 72
Salary for 20 day at $3 per day..	60 00
Mileage, regular session.....	6 75
Salary, one day.....	3 00

Now, if this is not what we call a downright steal or highway robbery, we would like to know why. Mr. Dennison had no more right to a seat in the state house than any other defeated candidate for office, but he was a republican you know, and the recent "disgrace" to the state was overwhelmingly republican, too much so, even for some of the republicans themselves.

The speaking of laws that affect this county in a local sense we might mention the new commissioner law, which takes the county business from the hands of the county court and puts it in the hands of three commissioners. This creates a new office for some republican at an expense of $200 or $300 per year. It also takes the legal printing from the hands of the sheriff and puts it into the hands of the commissioners. The fact that Sheriff Cooke was a democrat and that Judge Ryan did not belong to a certain faction of the republican party cause all this discrimination for Clackamas county. Only one other county in the state has a seperate board of commissioners and that was created at the recent special session because the judge of Multnomah county did not "stand in." No money was intended to be saved the taxpayers on the printing either as the bill says an official newspaper shall be designated by the board and says nothing about asking for bids for printing, but the two old members of the board took time by the forelock and advertised for bids to stop a possible graft. In the second place the expense of the sheriffs printing does not come out of the county anyway as the sheriff's sales are all paid for by individuals and though the county pays for printing delinquent tax list it receives it all back with interest and a large penalty. The writer has made a proposition to every county court for the last two or three terms agreeing to do all printing for 25 per cent less than was being paid but we were not taken in consideration at all because we were not a republican. Our offer is still or should be on file with the said court. If this law had been made a general one and the salary of the judge cut down there would be some excuse for its existence, as in other states, but the motive can be seen by all thinking citizens.

It seems that Clackamas county was to stand the brunt of "legislation." The salary of the sheriff, clerk and recorder of Clackamas was cut down $300 each and the salary of the superintendent was raised $400. Stop and think of this for a moment. The sheriff is a democrat, the clerk is a populist, the recorder is a republican but is not in harmony with certain parties in power the superintendent is a republican and belongs to the "right" faction of the party. The boarding of prisoners was taken from the sheriff's hands also and is to be let to lowest bidder. The sheriff has lost just $16 on the board of prisoners so far during his term, but he's a democrat. It is intended hereafter that anybody that is not a republicanis to "get off the earth."

PRINCIPLES make up only half of politics. The other half is events. The sagacious adaptation of principles to events, and reference of events to principles, make statesmanship. Public men who grasp principles but cannot thus practically and flexibly apply them always feel, in the throes of a great movement, like the misfits that they are. The tariff on tin-plate should be removed now, for the same reason that it was laid, because that is the most expedient thing to do.—Oregonian.

PROSPERITY? Yep. The Pullman car company declared a dividend of $18,000,000 not long since; the sugar trust $20,000,000; tandard Oil Company $50,000,000, and Mr Day got $100,000 for three months' work in Paris. You bet we are prospering! The people went $250,000,000 in the hole during the past year—but hold on, that is the other side of the story.—Reco

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A GENTLEMAN who has just returned from Punta Orenas, on the Straight of Magellan, says the United States battleship was coaled at that place with 600 tons of coal at 90 shillings, when coal was offered at 45 shillings. Who received the other $6750.00? This is at par with the "embalmed beef" scandal.

ASBURY, the editor of the Yamhill Reporter, says he is going to "advocate the principles of Lincoln and McKinley." We are all going to watch him to see how he does it. We expect to see him light where the fellow lit who undertook to ride two horses traveling in opposite directions.

LOCAL SUMMARY

Money loaned on or life insurance policies bought for cash. C. O. T. Williams, office upstairs, next M.E church.

Mason & Hamlin and Kimball parlor organs for sale at Oregon City Auction House, opposite postoffice.

Ready made dress skirts from $1.50 to $3.00 at the Racket Store.

A few cheap reliable watches at Younger's

Highest cash price paid for second hand household goods at Bellomy & Busch.

Money to loan at 8 per cent interest on mortgages. Apply to C. D. & D. C. Latourette.

And the prices are quoted so ridiculously low that it will pay you to call. Celia Goldsmith.

The Club tonsorial parlors. P. G. Shark, proprietor, shaves for 10 cents. A full line of cigars and tobacco is kept.

Dan Willians has added to his stock of groceries and provisions a full line of feed and hay. Goods delivered to all parts of the city free. Corner Seventh and Center streets

Ribbons, embroideries, laces and all kinds of notions at the Racket Store.

Money to loan at 8 per cent interest on mortgages. Apply to C. D. & D. C Latourette.

I have abundance of money to loan at 8% and choice loans will be made at 7%. C. H. DYE.

When in Portland be sure and call at the Royal restaurant where you can get the best 15c meal in the city. 253 First street, corner of Madison. Wm. Bohlander, proprietor.

Younger, who has had a life-long experience, will clean your watch for a dollar.

For the next thirty days we will sell all trimmed and untrimmed hats at a great reduction. Miss Goldsmith.

Wanted—100 watches to repair at $1 each, at C. A. Nash's, Postoffice building. tf.

FOR RENT—A house, barn and eight lots in Parkplace for $4 per month. Inquire at John Everhart's merchandise store at Ely, Oregon.

For first-class handmade or machine made harness go to F, H, Cross on Seventh street, opposite A O U W hall, Prices reasonable and work guaranteed,

If you have anything to sell advertise in COURIER-HERALD.

Shoe repairing of all kinds at F, H, Cross' harness shop, opposite A O U W building on the hill,

Weekly Oregonian and COURIER-HERALD for $2 per year.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

A. C. Newell was in from Damascus Tuesday.

Heavy quality apron ginghams, 5 cents a yard at Price Bros.'

H. F. Currin, of Eagle Creek, was a visitor in Oregon City Monday.

J L. Mattocks was in from New Era precinct Tuesday, and reports lots of mud.

Victor Dehon, who has been in Monr tana for the past two years, is home for a short visit.

Mrs. H. S. Moody and child, of McMinnville, are visiting her sister, Mrs. George Warner.

Send the children around to get a blotter at Price Pros.', next to Harding's drug store.

One of the reasons that makes a bicycle run hard is dust in the bearings. Every bearing on a Crescent bicycle (price $35.00) is protected by a felt washer. They are absolutely dust proof.

Robert Schuebel has purchased a lot from W. A. White on Madison street, where the latter's workshop stood, and will erect a new dwelling. Mr. Schuebel recently moved here from Carus, and has concluded that owning one's home is better than paying rent.

Miss Emma Agnes McGetchie, the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs John McGetchie, was married Sunday, February 19th to Richard Freytag, proprietor of the corner grocery on lower Main street. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's parents, and Rev. A. J. Montgomery was the officiating clergyman. The parlors were tastily decorated with evergreens, and the bridal couple stood under a canopy formed out of an American flag. After the ceremony, a splendid luncheon was served to the bridal party. Mr. and Mrs. Freytag are making their home at the Freytag home adjoining the store.

W. T. Burney is again booming a proposed line of railroad from Portland to Linn county, running through the Western sections of Clackamas and Marion counties. This line of road was projected about nine years ago. and the writer remembers of writing several boom articles, showing up the advantages of its construction. The O. R. & N. Co. and Southern Pacific, both surveyed the route, but nothing further was done It is the announced intention to build a branch line to Mount Hood by way of Eagle creek. Burney and C. N. Scott are now soliciting a 10 per cent subsidy and right of way from the people along the proposed line, claiming that they can get all the capital required when this is done. The road will tap a rich section of country

Deputy County Recorder E. P. Dedman and Holcomb brothers, of Clackamas, made a careful examination of their prune trees last Sunday, and discovered that many of them were totally ruined by the freeze during the late cold snap. At first it was not suspected that the fruit had been materially damaged, but later investigations show that the damage has been considerable, although just to what extent has not been ascertained In cutting into the trees Messrs Dedman and Holcombs discovered that many of the trees had turned black on the inside while the bark on the side of the tree next to the sun had blistered. Mr. Dedman has 1200 bearing 5-year old trees, and believes that they are about all winter-killed. It has not yet been definitely learned to what extent the fruit crop has been injured in Clackamas county.

A Basket Social Entetainment.

To be given at the Crescent school house tomorrow (Saturday) evening, Feb. 25th.

A program of songs, recitations, dialogues and music to be followed by auction of baskets. A graphophone with a four-foot horn has been secured from Portland.

The proceeds will go to the school. Everybody is invited, and young ladies are invited to bring baskets.

Beware! Beware!

Look! Look at the dirty white signs, like soiled doves, fluttering before your very eyes, in flaming letters, publicly put there to deceive you! What can you expect within—truth, honesty or just dealing? Beware! Why, all those signs, like worn out bandages on the shins of crippled horses, are nothing more or less than decoys (and dirty decoys at that) to catch you unawares, to get your money without giving proper value for it in return. Mark such places well and avoid them, for common sense always suggests safety, and you will never be safe so long as you get within arm's length of those curbstone barkers and usurers. Price Bros. say pass them by and walk right to their new store on Main street, next to Harding's drug store, and there enjoy what is clean and serviceable and truly good and truly cheap.

This is Price Bros.' advice.

For Rent—The large 8 room, modern constructed house, lately occupied by Rev. M. L. Rugg, for rent.
H. E. CROSS, Agent.

Ladies, new lot of wrappers, beautifully trimmed, full measure, at the Racket Store.

Don't make muslin underwear, when you can buy at very low prices, at the Racket Store,

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

THE BEST SALVE in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per bo. For sale by G. A. Harding.

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