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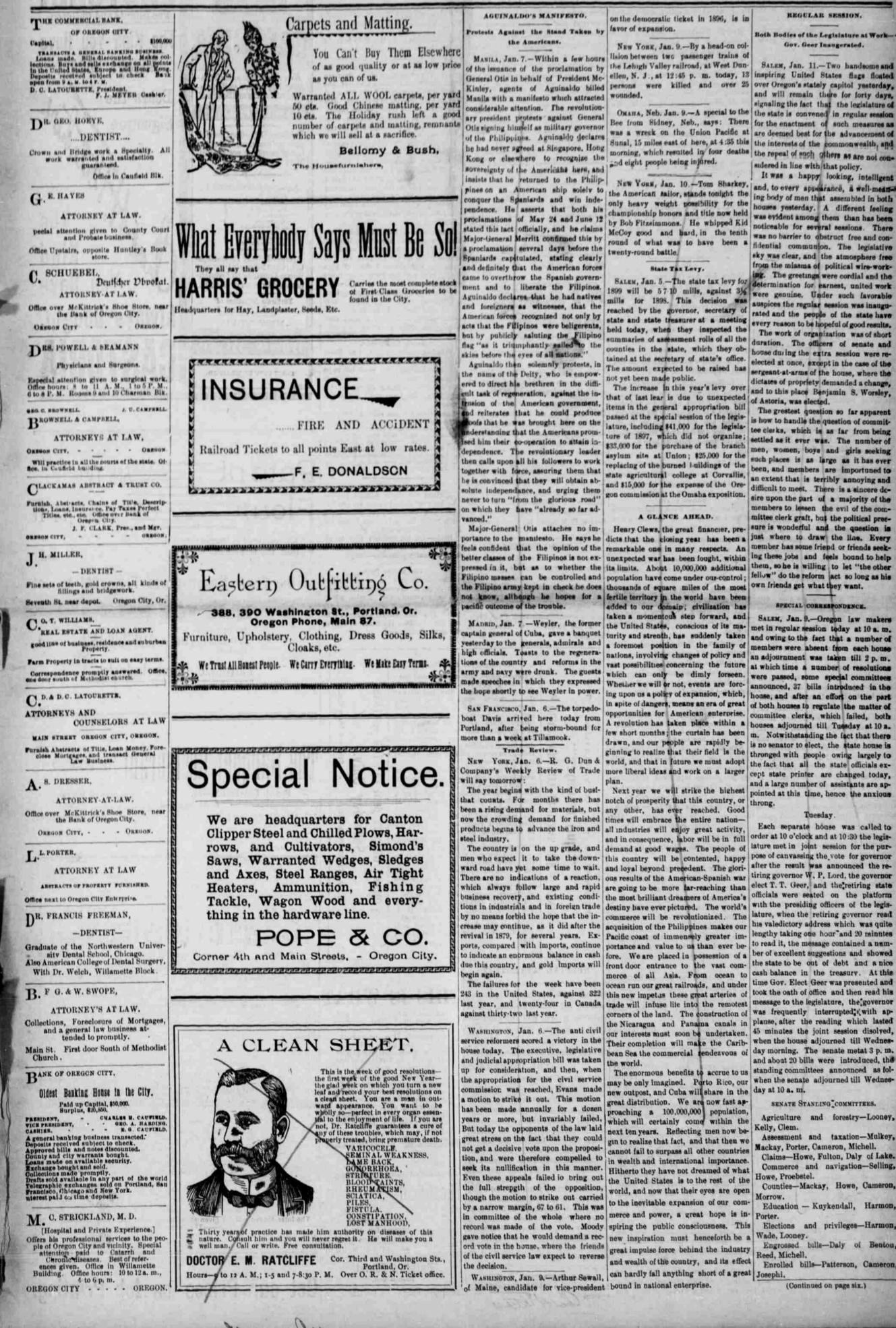
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REGULAR SESSION.

Gov. Geer Inaugerated.



Both Bodies of the Legislature at Work-NEW YORK, Jan. 9 .- By a head-on collision between two passenger trains of

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Bee from Sidney, Neb., says: There for the enactment of such measures as was a wreck on the Union Pacific at are deemed best for the advancement of Sunal, 15 miles east of here, at 4:35 this the interests of the commonwealth, and morning, which resulted in four deaths the repeal of such others as are not con-

New Yoss, Jan. 10 .- Tom Sharkey, the American sailor, stands tonight the only heavy weight possibility for the championship honors and title now held by Bob Fitzsimmons. He whipped Kid McCoy good and bard, in the tenth round of what was to have been a fidential communion. The legislative

SALEM, Jan. 5 .- The state tax levy for 1899 will be 57-10 mills, against 316 mills for 1898. This decision was reached by the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer at a meeting held today, when they inspected the summaries of assessment rolls of all the counties in the state, which they obtained at the secretary of state's office. The amount expected to be raised has

The increase in this year's levy over that of last lear is due to unexpected items in the general appropriation bill passed at the special session of the legislature, including \$41,000 for the legislature of 1897, which did not organize; \$33,600 for the purchase of the branch asylum site at Union; \$25,000 for the replacing of the burned 1-uildings of the state agricultural college at Corvallis, and \$15,000 for the expense of the Oregon commission at the Omaha exposition.

Heary Clews, the great financier, predicts that the closing year has been a added to our domain; civilization has taken a momentous step forward, and

SALEM, Jan. 11 .- Two handsome and inspiring United States flags floated and will remain there for forty days, Онана, Neb. Jan. 9.-А special to the the state is convened in regular session

adered in line with that policy.

It was a happy looking, intelligent and, to every appearance, a well-mean-to ing body of men that assembled in both houses yesterday. A different feeling was evident among them than has been noticeable for several sessions. There was no barrier to obstruct free and consky was clear, and the atmosphere free from the missma of political wire-working. The greetings were cordial and the determination for earnest, united work were genuine. Under such favorable auspices the regular session was inaugurated and the people of the state have every reason to be hopeful of good results. The work of organization was of short duration. The officers of senate and house during the extra session were reelected at once, except in the case of the sergeant-at-arms of the house, where the dictates of propriety demanded a change, and to this place Benjamin S. Worsley, of Astoria, was elected.

The grestest question so far apparent is how to handle the question of committee clerks, which is as far from being settled as it ever was. The number of men, women, boys and girls seeking such places is as large as it has ever been, and members are importuned to an extent that is terribly annoying and difficult to meet. There is a sincere desire upon the part of a majority of the members to lessen the evil of the committee clerk graft, but the political precsure is wonderful and the question is just where to draw the line. Every member has some friend or friends seeking these jobs and feels bound to help them, so he is willing to let "the other fellow" do the reform |act so long as his

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE. SALEM, Jan. 9.-Ore the United States, conscious of its ma- met in regular session today at 10 a.m. turity and strenth, has suddenly taken and owing to the fact that a number of a foremost position in the family of members were absent from each house nations, involving changes of policy and an adjournment was taken till 2 p. m. vast possibilities concerning the future at which time a number of resolutions which can only be dimly forseen. were passed, some special committees Whether we will or not, events are forc- announced, 37 bills introduced in the ing upon us a policy of expansion, which, house, and after an effort on the part in spite of dangers, means an era of great of both houses to regulate the matter of opportunities for American enterprise. committee clerks, which failed, both A revolution has taken place within a houses adjourned till Tuesday at 10 a. few short months; the curtain has been m. Notwithstanding the fact that there drawn, and our people are rapidly be- is no senator to elect, the state house is ginning to realize that their field is the thronged with people owing largely to cept state printer are changed today, and a large number of assistants are appointed at this time, hence the anxious

Tuesday.

Each separate house was called to order at 10 o'clock and at 10:30 the legislature met in joint session for the purpose of canvassing the vote for governor after the result was announced the relature, when the retiring governor read his valedictory address which was quite portance and value to us than ever be- to read it, the message contained a number of excellent suggestions and showed merce of all Asia. From ocean to cash balance in the treasury. At this ocean run our great railroads, and under time Gov. Elect Geer was presented and this new impetas these great arteries of took the oath of office and then read his trade will infuse lite into the remotest message to the legislature, the governor corners of the land. The construction of was frequently interrupted; with apthe Nicaragua and Panama canals in plause, after the reading which lasted our interests must soon be undertaken. 45 minutes the joint session disolved, Their completion will make the Carib- when the house adjourned till Wednesbean Sea the commercial rendezvous of day morning. The senate metat 3 p. m. and about 20 bills were introduced, the The enormous benefits to accrue to us standing committees announced as folmay be only imagined. Porto Rico, our when the senate adjourned till Wednes-

SENATE STANLING COMMITTEES.

Agriculture and forestry-Looney, Kelly, Clem.

Assessment and taxation-Mulkey, Mackay, Porter, Cameron, Michell.

Claims-Howe, Fulton, Daly of Lake. Commerce and navigation-Selling, Howe, Proebstel.

Counties-Mackay, Howe, Cameron, Morrow.

Education - Kuykendall, Harmon, Porter.

Elections and privileges-Harmon, Wade, Looney.

Engrossed bills-Daly of Benton, Reed, Michell,

Enrolled bills-Patterson, Cameron, Josephi.

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