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A GREAT many people have gathered the erroneous opinion that the recent action of the secretary of the interior cut off all filings on the vacant government lands, but it has not. Filings are made just as before but the issuance of patents will be held up until a thorough investigation is made.

SENATOR DODGE, of Ohio, said recently: "Oregon is destined to be one of the greatest states in the Union. Her area is large and greatly diversified. Nature has lavished her resources on Oregon in the greatest abundance." And he may have added that among the particularly favored spots of the state is Clackamas county and Oregon City.

A MOVEMENT is on foot to induce the next legislature to re-submit to the voters a proposition for a constitutional amendment extending suffrage to women. Petitions for that purpose are being circulated throughout the state. The proposition was voted on at the state election in 1900, and defeated, as was also the case in 1888. Not daunted by repeated defeats, the friends of this cause are persisting in a way to convince the world that they believe that "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

THE Beaverton Journal is worthy of commendation for the stand it is taking against the use of "vile and indecent language" on the streets of that village. Bob Ingersol said that if he had had the making of the human system he would have made health "catching" rather than disease. The residents of any town have it within their power to make decency and morality "catching" on the streets and about the stores rather than the use of profanity and vulgarity, if they so desire, and it is refreshing to note that the Journal speaks out on the right side in language that is easily understood.

TO ALL lovers of early Oregon history and especially those who have read "McLoughlin and Old Oregon" the announcement that Eva Emery Dye's new book, "The Conquest" is out will be hailed with delight. This new work which bears the date of September 1, 1902, Oregon City, Oregon, the home of the gifted authoress, is a story of the expedition headed by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, which left St. Louis in 1804, passed up the Missouri and over the mountains to the headwaters of the Columbia and thence to the Pacific coast, returning overland in 1806. Buy the book, read it and you will say let no stone be thrown in the way of the 1905 or Lewis and Clark fair.

THE next senate will not be materially changed politically from the present senate. The republicans gain one senator each in Idaho, Utah, Washington and Kansas, in place of Heitfield, Rawlins, Turner and Harris, but the democrats will gain one each in North Carolina and Kentucky, in place of Pritchard and Deboe, and probably one in Nevada in place of Jones, who has latterly voted with the republicans. In Maryland, Gorman (democrat) will succeed Wellington, who was elected six years ago as a republican, but who has voted for three years with the democrats. Whether Delaware will elect any senators is yet doubtful. In the rest of the states there will be no changes politically.

THE 57th congress will assemble in a few weeks, and a part of its work will be the passage of the post check currency bill, which provide for a practical and convenient method of sending small sums of money by mail. A great deal has been written on this subject, and there are few who do not know that this method is simply an issue of currency that can be circulated as cash and also be safely remitted by mail, because when mailed it will be made payable only to the person whose name is written in the blank space that is left for that purpose. Under the present order system safety can be assured only at the sacrifice of convenience, and convenience can be consulted only by disregarding the element of safety. The post check plan is both convenient and safe, and being so, is just what the public needs in its line. The business interests and the press favor it with virtual if not actual unanimity, and in fact the full measure of popularity it has won is a warrant if not an order for its adoption by congress.

A custom which has been followed for several years by the management of the Willamette Pulp & Paper Company, of this place, was again repeated this year, that of remembering its army of employees in a substantial way at Thanksgiving time. Several years ago this company adopted the custom of giving to each of its many workmen a dressed turkey for the Thanksgiving dinner, and this year the same kindly spirit was manifested toward the army of people it employs. On Tuesday evening as the men crossed the river to their several homes, each carrying a large turkey, it was easy to be seen by the sprightly step and beaming countenance that life was not considered by them as wholly without its joys. The company gave to its employees 400 turkeys, in actual weight just two tons, and the expressions of gratitude were numerous and meaning. Between this company and its employees there is no element of friction, and it is such acts as the one noted that tends largely to promote that good feeling. The employee is made to feel that the company appreciates his attentive service, and is considered as a part of and an important factor in the success of the immense concern. If all employing establishments were to deal with their help in the same spirit of consideration, there would be less friction between labor and capital than there is, and the pathway of many a hopeless toiler would be greatly brightened. That there is food for thought in this act of generosity cannot be denied, and in it, too, is a custom which could be emulated by many more similar concerns with profit and glory to themselves.

THERE is no denying the truth of the assertion that in the interest of this city and the great majority of its residents—as well as of every other city in Oregon—the assessment of money, notes, accounts, merchandise, shares of stock, capital invested in manufactures, etc., should contribute its just share of taxes for city purposes. Under the present law the rich man who lives just outside the city limits, but who does business in the city and has tens upon tens of thousands of dollars employed in the business, escapes all city taxes. His assessment follows him to his country or suburban home and thus escapes city taxation. For instance, John W. Box runs a big bank at Portland, assessed at say \$500,000. Mr. Box lives at Milwaukie. His whole bunch of money, notes, accounts, etc., is assessed as of Milwaukie—while really in Portland—and it therefore contributes nothing toward the maintenance of the municipality. His bank has police and fire protection without money and without price. It has the benefit of sidewalks, electric lights and all other utilities and conveniences paid for by city taxes and yet he contributes nothing to secure these advantages. The same thing is true of Salem, Albany, Eugene, Pendleton and every city in Oregon. The coming legislature owes it to the cities to cure this serious defect in the tax laws.—Salem Sentinel.

SECRETARY HITCHCOCK has finally determined that a forest reserve shall be created in the Blue and Strawberry mountains of Eastern Oregon, but the lands included by the presidential proclamation will be only government timber lands or worthless mountain summits. The proclamation will not issue until the interior department shall have inspected every acre to be included in the reserve and to eliminate such lands now included in the withdrawal as have been denuded of timber or are owned or occupied by large holders. All towns or settlements and all school lands and all private ranges will also be excluded. But above all else, the secretary will exclude all those lands which were entered for speculative purpose just prior to the department's withdrawal by parties who are believed to have received tips as to the intention of creating a Blue mountain forest reserve. This information the secretary gave to Col. Emmett Callahan, of Baker City, who has been urging the establishment of a reserve from which all private holdings shall have been eliminated. Secretary Hitchcock says it is his purpose to create no lieu in making the Blue mountain reserve or to permit chances for fraud of any kind. The reserve he favors will be irregular in shape, a checker-board in some sections, but will be all government land.

REPEAL of war taxes on July 1st last has thus far failed to effect the measure of revenue reduction aimed at by congress. The treasury statement for the first four months of the current government year shows a surplus of \$13,557,168 created during the period of time. Losses in revenue by reason of the abolition of war taxes has been more than counterbalanced by an extraordinary increase in customs receipts, which for the four months in question were \$18,678,134 in excess of customs receipts for the corresponding period of last year. The rush of dutiable imports still continues, with no indications of abatement, and the treasury surplus for the fiscal year is accumulating at a \$40,000,000 rate.

It appears that at last the United States is virtually out of debt to the outside world. As the treasury department figures it out, only about \$16,000,000 of the interest bearing bonds of the United States are held abroad, and three-fourths of this amount is held by foreign insurance companies which are doing business in this country, and are deposited here in the different states for the protection of American policy holders. Making this deduction, less than \$4,000,000 of the interest bearing debt of the United States government is actually held outside of the country.

THE result of the 1904 election is considered so one-sided that those who make a business of forecasting results have figured that the republicans will have 261 electoral votes, the democrats 151, with 64 doubtful. It is apparent that out of a total of 476 electoral votes, Roosevelt will have at least 294, leaving the democrats 182.

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