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HANSBROUGH'S PRETTY BILL.

The timber land bill introduced in the senate on the 11th to sell the timber to the highest bidder and the government holds title to the land, is an ideal measure and ought to find favor in the eyes of corporations and capitalists. Doubtless Senator Hansbrough can be considered in earnest in presenting this bill to this congress, and the fact that the bill was among the very first to be presented may be taken as an indication of the burning importance of the timber land issue in the United States.

It is humiliating that, like the last Oregon legislature, congress cannot let well enough alone. As we have said before in these columns, the timber and stone act of 1878 is as fair and impartial as is possible for a law to be framed. It needs no criticism, no amendments; far less does it require repealing or a substitute. The law is all right. If congress can frame and pass a timber law by which capitalists are shorn of all power to secure timber, let it go ahead and pass such a measure. If not, and it cannot, then let it leave well enough alone.

Congress will not repeal the timber and stone act Senator Hansbrough's bill looks plausible enough on the surface, but it is rotten, and can have been instigated only by capitalists, and if passed would to a certain defeat the very object of the present law—to keep timberlands in the hands of the middle class. The securing by capitalists of all the timber lands disposed of in the past year by the government is at present somewhat problematic; the Hansbrough bill reduces the poor chances of securing a claim to a minimum and the rich man's to a certainty of hogging it all.

While Senator Hansbrough has got it figured out the capitalists will have all the timber in time, anyhow, and the government might as well sell it to them outright. It is extremely probable that congress will refuse to take his bill seriously, and it will go the way of all unpopular measures—to an indefinite postponement.—Prineville Review.

OREGON CITY NEEDS A LIBRARY.

There is an opportunity for some public spirited man to erect for himself in Oregon City a lasting monument. This city is badly in need of a public library. The need should be supplied. At the present time there is no place for the several hundred men of the city to pass the evenings profitably. The great majority of the young men who have employment in the many manufacturing institutions of this city, have no fixed residence here, and the advantages and attractions of a home are absent. On the other hand, when in search of a place to spend the long winter evenings he has to choose as between the saloon and other resorts of a similar character. He is given no opportunity to keep in touch with the best newspapers and other periodicals. The proposed reopening of the Y. M. C. A. rooms will in a measure supply this field, and the effort to maintain this resort throughout the year should be liberally supported. At the same time, however, the city should have a library. Who will be our Carnegie?

"COLLEGE SPIRIT A FACTOR IN EDUCATION"

In addressing the students of the State University on "College Spirit as a Factor in Education," President P. L. Campbell said:

"Self-activity is essential to the advancement of every individual; self-restraint must be present to avoid the misuse of enthusiasm. But, after all, the only true and good college spirit is based upon those influences that better the individual.

"A student's vocation in college should be a general and hard cause of study, but an avocation is also necessary, for after all it is not learning, but wisdom, that makes leaders. To know how to use what we know is the secret of success.

"Fortunately the state of Oregon is loyal to all of its colleges. There is a general feeling throughout the state to assist in every enterprise that in any way furthers the interests of our commonwealth, and Oregon educational factors are having a marked influence in moulding the character of our civilization. Immigrants soon become to be true Oregonians, due to educational influences and the true power of our colleges is pending upon the kind of college spirit involved."

EX-GOVERNOR GEER has acquired an interest in the Salem Statesman. It is understood that R. J. Hendricks still holds a controlling interest in the paper.

FARMERS' ALLIANCE IN CONNECTICUT.

Connecticut has a Farmers' Alliance that is neither an ineffective survival of one of the earlier farmers' movements nor a Utopian promoter of impossible commercial projects. The Connecticut Alliance is a hard-headed body that gets down to business in very successful style.

The strength of the Alliance lies in the fact that some 89 farmers were members of the lower house of the legislature at the last session. Regardless of party these eighty-nine got together in a compact body and proceeded to take care of the interests they felt were peculiarly their own. The formed over one-third of the total membership of the house.

Recently these men have held a special meeting at which they formed an "outlook" committee, with members from each county in the state. They laid plans for capturing the nominations for state officers at the party conventions next May, and they also discussed ways and means for supporting the small towns in their resistance to the constitutional reforms which are demanded by the larger cities.

A peculiar thing about the Alliance, and one which bodes little good for its future, is that instead of standing for economies in state administration, as would naturally be expected of it, it has gained the reputation of being as joyful a spender of public funds as any clique of bosses that ever gained power in a large city.

The Alliance will doubtless draw much strength from the new grange movement in the state, with its 116 active societies and its 11,000 members. The granges disclaim politics, but are nevertheless easily capable of being used for political purposes.

It is a somewhat surprising thing to see a farmers' movement so successful in a New England state. One cause of it lies, however, in the special features of the state constitution, which give the country districts disproportionate representation in the legislature.—Exchange.

TALK OF COUNTY FAIR.

Granges throughout the county are discussing at their monthly meetings the feasibility of holding a county fair. Now is the time for a thorough discussion and consideration of this proposition. Other counties support and maintain county or district fairs, and there is no valid reason why Clackamas county cannot do likewise. The advantages of an exposition of the products of the farm are too numerous and patent to be urged in support of a fair. The question of whether or not a fair should be held seems to hinge on what society or organization shall take the initiative in the matter. There has been shown no positive opposition to the project which could profitably be considered by the Oregon City board of trade in connection with the various Grange organizations of the county. Let's get together and decide this question which is of such concern to the combined interests of the county.

BEFORE the Oregon City man who hurled a lot of freshly baked pies at different members of his family is finally adjudged insane, as is charged, the affair should be looked into with some care. There is room for great injustice to be done here. The quality of pies in this country often takes unto itself an unlimited and aggravating scope.—Salem Statesman.

MONDAY's city election, the quietest in years, resulted in the re-election without opposition of Mayor Grant B. Dimick and City Treasurer Fred J. Meyer. Hiram Straight, a substantial young, business man from the South End succeeds Dr. J. W. Powell, as a member of the council from the First Ward. A. Knapp and Mark Chapman become councilmen from the Second Ward, replacing C. G. Huntley and Wm. Pfeister. Mat Justin in the Third Ward had no opposition. Only a light vote was polled and the interest in the outcome was slight, the only contests resulting in the First and Second Wards.

The ratification at Monday's election of the amendment to the city charter and providing for the creation of a permanent street improvement fund, in its operation will prove a good thing for the city. It will slightly increase the taxes of the individual, but will make possible the more extensive improvement of streets, of which the city is in need. While this provision may work a hardship for a time, the Enterprise predicts that it will eventually give satisfaction. The cost, as does that of all public improvements, necessarily falls upon the property owner and taxpayer, but with every mile of good road that is constructed in and about this city, the value of property is enhanced, rents advance and the availability of Oregon City as a business center is benefited.

The past four years have been a period of unexamined prosperity in the United States. The demand for all kinds of products has been great, the average prices of commodities have risen (although not as much on the average as is supposed); the profit in manufacturing has been great, and labor has received its full share of benefits in the form of a greatly increased scale of wages. There have been, and are today, various branches of industry which have yielded 100 per cent profit on the actual cost of the plant at recent enhanced cost of construction. It is not expected that things will remain forever on such a basis. There is ample evidence that the tide has already begun to recede; but there is no evidence of any crisis, commercial catastrophe or period of business depression. On the contrary, business is starting on a new basis that will be more even and more substantial than the previous one.

GREAT OVERSTOCK SALE

OWING TO THE UNEXPCETED SLOW TRADE We are compelled to sacrifice our \$20,000.00 stock of up-to-date Clothing, Furnishings, Shoes, Hats, etc., regardless of cost, in order to make room for New Goods for the coming season, and to meet our obligations. We mean what we say, as we are in need of money, and we are going to give the people of Clackamas County the benefit of the greatest sale that was ever had in Oregon City.

Prices that will startle everybody and tempt the purses of all economic buyers. Make your Holiday purchases and save goodly sums. A suitable present given to all the youngsters who clothe themselves here before Christmas or New Years. Come early and get your choice. Note a few of our record-breaking bargains.

OUR MOTTO—Satisfaction or Your Money Back.

MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING

IN ALL THE LATEST FABRICS

Men's Regular \$15.00 and \$12.50 Suits—overstock price	\$ 10 25
Men's Regular \$11.00 and \$9.50 Suits—overstock price	6 25
Young Mens Long Trouser Suits, regular \$10.00 and \$9.00—overstock price	6 00
Young Men's long trouser suits, regular \$8.50 and \$7.50—overstock price	4 25
Boys' Knee Pants Suits, regular \$4.00 and \$3.50—overstock price	5 85
Boys' Knee Pants Suits, regular \$3.00 and \$2.50—overstock price	1 65
500 pair Men's Odd Pants, regular \$4.00 and \$3.50—overstock price	1 95
150 pairs of Odd Knee Pants, regular 75c and 50c—overstock price	25

MEN'S AND BOYS' OVERCOATS

In Long, Medium and Short Styles

Men's Regular \$18.00 and 15.00 Overcoats—overstock price	11 25
Men's Regular \$12.50 and \$11.00 Overcoats—overstock price	8 75
Mens' Regular \$10.00 and \$8.50 Overcoats—overstock price	5 25
Boys' Regular \$8.50 and \$7.00 Overcoats—overstock price	5 35
Boys' Regular \$6.50 and \$5.00 Overcoats—overstock price	3 85

Men's, Ladies and Children's Shoes

Men's \$3.50 and \$3.00 Goodyear welt shoes, during overstock sale at	2 35
Men's \$2.50 and \$2.00 heavy Shoes, during overstock sale at	1 75
Men's odds and ends in \$2.00 and \$1.75 Shoes during overstock sale at	1 00
Ladies' \$3.00 and \$2.50 Shoes, during overstock sale at	2 10
Odds and ends in Ladies' and Children's Shoes, regular \$2.25 and \$1.75 value—during overstock sale at	1 00

MEN'S AND BOYS' HATS

Men's Regular \$2.50 and \$2.00 Hats, in soft and stiff styles—during overstock sale at	1 40
Boys' \$2.00 and \$1.50 Hats—during overstock sale at	95

Men's and Boys' Furnishings

Men's Silver \$1.00 Shirts in soft or stiff bosom—during overstock sale at	75
Odds and ends in Men's and Boys' Shirts, regular \$1.00 and 75c values—during overstock sale at	50
Men's and Boys' Underwear, regular \$1.50 and \$1.25 garments—overstock price	95
Men's and Boys' Underwear, regular 75c and 50c garments—overstock price	40

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