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Request for Scappose Bay Appropriation Three Months Too Late.

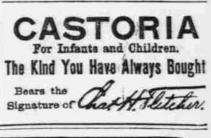
WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 .- The residents if Columbia County, Oregon, have, in the last few weeks, awakened to the fact that they would like to have some provision made in the river and harbor bill for the improvement of Scappoose

of the law is made a criminal offense, and a successful prosecution would be disas-trous to a man's business, consumers may now feel certain what they are getting for their money when they buy creamery butter,

every roll be wrapped in a paper bearing the legend, "Oregon Creamery Butter Guaranteed Full Weight." As violation

Granted American Register. WASHINGTON, March 3 .- Senator Fos-

ter tonight secured passage of the bill granting American register to the steamer Balclutha, which bill passed the House last night. She is a Puget Sound vessel.



M'KINLEY CAUSED CHANGE.

Senate Committee's Right About Face in Army Promotions.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 .- The right

The hop men have every reason to ex-pect a profitable year, and will conse-quently take good care of their yards. The readiness with which inst year's crop was disposed of at fair prices and the

general belief that the supply will be en-tirely consumed by the time the next crop is harvested encourage the growers to believe that good prices and an active mar-

ket will prevail this Fall. what extent the Hopgrowers'

exist between Governor Rogers and the Democrats in the House and Senate. The latter are dissatisfied because the Gov ernor has refused to veto the reapportion. ment bill which they fought so bitterly. Governor Rogers practically takes the position that, as the Republican caucus has agreed to pass the measure over his veto, there is no necessity of picking

t result in anything but defeat.

The Democratic members, on the other hand, want a veto for the purpose of record. They declare that if the Gov-ernor will have a "red-hot" message spread on the journal of the Legislature, showing up the alleged inconsistencies and incouncilies of the spread inconsistencies and inequalities of the reapportionment bill, that it will be valuable material in the next campaign. The Governor has refused to recede from his position, however, and there are threats of revenge. It is said that the Executive fears retailatory measures if he vetoes the bill.

The Democrats have been champion-ing a bill to reorganize the State Board of Control on the lines suggested by the Governor in his annual message. The scheme is one which the Governor greatly desires shall be consummated, and, up until the present time it has seemed prob-able that the Republicans would assent to its passage. Now, in return for the Goy ernor's refusal to veto the reapportion-ment bill, the Democrats threaten to move the indefinite postponement of the Board of Control bill in the House, and there is little doubt that if they make such a motion the bill will go to its final rest-ing place. The Governor has until to morrow (Monday) to act on the reappor-tionment bill, and it is possible that a compromise can be patched up in the meantime, though at present the outlook is not recentland. is not promising.

The Governor did not wait one momen after the bill to purchase the Court-house reached him before he signed it. His mind was made up in advance. The scheme was his originally, and, when the new building is completed and turned over to the state it will have "Rogers" stamped

all over it, figuratively speaking. Governor Rogers has been determined ever since his election over four years ago that he would not permit a capitol to be erected on the foundation built un-der the act of 1895. He was in the Legis-lative h 1995 and etropely concerned the lature in 1995, and strongly opposed the Scobey bill, which appropriated \$800.000 to complete the building. As Governor he has vetoed three bills to build on the foundation, and it was after he disap-proved the third one two years ago that he suggested the purchase of the Court-bouse, which has finally been accepted. When the members come here two years

hence they will not trudge up the hill to the old capitol, around which cluster the memories of aimost half a century. That privilege will have been reserved to their predecessors, whose honor it has been to assemble in the historic building in which the fathers nursed this commonwealth from a territory into the full bloom and vigor of statehood. A new building, unless something unforeseen happens, will have been completed down town. It will mmodious and elegant, and betbe more con ter adapted to the needs of the state than is the old one; but in its gilded furnish ings and trappings will not cling the sacred traditions that hung in the cracks and in-tertwined in the cobwebs of the weatherbeaten and crumbling edifice which the

fathers knew and loved. Olympia abounds in historic interest. The old capitol soon to be vacated was built in 1857. The building in which the first Territorial Legislature was convened by General Isaac 1. Stevens, martyr, patriot and first Governor of the terri-tory, is still standing on the water front. Governor Stevens' old homestead is on Main street, half way between the pres-ent business section and the old capitol. Those who are inclined to be sentimental rejoice that in this commercial age the Legislature did not yield to the demand to remove the capitol, but decided instead to perpetuate it for all time in this old town, whose name is inseparably connect-ed with the early history of the state.

The Gunderson text-book bill is a spocial order for Tuesday afternoon in the one of each after eating.

military affairs is one of the things that has been amusing Washington during the past week. The committee did not at all like the manner in which Generals Wood, Grant and Bell were promoted over old soldiers of long service, and they showed their resentment by holding up these three nominations with the intention of confirming the other Brigadlers, and giving these men an opportunity to be commissioned later, so that they would take rank below those upon whom the com-

mittee thought were entitled to more consideration. The committee was almost upanimous in its opinion that none of these three men were entitled to any such distinction as was given them by the President, and especially Wood and Bell. The son of General Grant, twice President of the United States, it was thought, was perhaps entitled to an appointment at the foot of the list of the several men who had served 30 years or more in the Army, and who could not very long remain as general officers. Wood's ap-pointment in the position he had would give him command of the Army as Lleu-tenant-General for about 14 years, an advancement that it was thought carried too much distinction for a man who was but recently a surgeon, with the rank of Captain in the Army. So the committee reported all other Brigadier-Generals.

leaving out these three. This action was scarcely more than taken before another executive session was held, and the nom-inations referred back to the committee. It reversed itself and reported the nominations as they were sent in,

All this was brought about through a visit of a number of members of the mil-itary committee to the White House. They were informed that the President desired to see them. They went down there armed with all the arguments they had used in the committee of military af-fairs, to show that Wood, Grant and Bell ought not to be promoted in the manner they were. They came back, and were most eloquent in their advocacy of the confirmation of the men as the President made out the list. In fact, they showed that it would be disastrous to the Govern-ment and to everybody concerned if any change was made in the manner in which the President had made his selections. The committee being thus convinced, reported the nominations just as the Presi-dent sent them in. In fact, there are few men who have been President who have had the shrewd way of getting what they wanted out of Congress to a greater degree than has President McKinley. There is mighty little that he asks for that he does not get.

Every member of the military committee thought that some, old soldiers who had done so much to keep the Army up to a high grade of efficiency should have been considered before these young men, who had never been heard of until the Spanish and who accidentally secured their War, quick promotions. Wood was McKinley's physician. Bell has always been a man who enjoyed soft snaps in the way of detailed duty, and was always getting up petitions and appeals for something in the way of better service. He made a good record in the campaign in Luzon, and was made a Brigadier-General of volunteers. Other men would have done just as well, but he happened to have the opportunity. The argument made by the President in regard to Wood was that it would greatly endanger his influence in Cuba if anything was done which looked like a setback for him.

Dyspepsia in its worst forms will yield to the use of Carter's Little Nerve Pills, mided by Carter's Little Liver Pills, Dose,

sociation will figure in the hop industry this season, does not now appear. It has been decided that the Salem office will be kept open with Manager Winstanley in charge. The association will act as an agent for the purchase of hopgrowers' supplies, thus enabling the growers to phur, baling cloth, etc. Whether any at-tempt at a pool will be made will probably depend upon the conditions that se to prevail when the market opens The officers of the association will make it their business to keep the growers in-formed on the condition of the world's supply, the prospect for prices, etc.

With the exception of a few who held their product for a price higher than the market warranted, the growers have nothing to complain of, and should weather conditions be favorable they have a good prospect for the coming season. It is ing their utmost endeavors to get rid of last year's crop, but there is reason to believe that the large surplus in that state will not injure the market here ma-terially should the quality be good. Oregon Italian prunes sold readily last Fall because they were first class in quality, and California fruit was held at too high a price. There is a present prospect that California growers will be putting new fruit on the market before last year's rop is all out of the warehouses. This condition would in a measure he injurious to prices there, and if the old goods are

forced upon the market may direct attention to Oregon for first-class fruit. The situation in which the California Cured-Fruit Association finds itself is not encouraging to those who favor an or-ganization in Oregon and Washington. The association has on hand the bulk of last year's crop and is still holding it at practically the same prices as were estab-lished at the beginning of the marketing season last Fall. To get rid of the fruit

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without cutting prices is the problem. To cut prices would be to acknowledge fail-At a meeting of the stockholders of the association recently it was decided by a vote of 2184 to 249 that the directors shall be authorized to expend \$200,000 in adver-tising cured prunes. This is no small sum to be expended by the producers in advertising their product, but it would seem by the vote that the growers realize that they are at the extremity and must adopt heroic methods. Just what is the plan for pushing the sale of prunes, does not appear. The scheme most in favor is to put up millions of sample packages of cured prunes, enclosing a recipe for cook-ing, so that the best results will be obtained. These packages would be distrib-uted over the entire country with the ex. pectation of thus introducing this fruit into the homes of people of all classes. This plan, if adopted, will result in some good to Oregon as well as California.

Another plan is to sell the prunes to obbers in quantities and allow the jobbers a discount to be used in advertising. This plan would be in effect a cut in prices and probably will not be approved Oregon growers will watch with interest the outcome of the expenditure of the

advertising fund Those interested in the association move. ment will also watch with interest the outcome of the suits brought last week at San Jose by the California association against two of its members who sold their fruit outside the association. The mem-bers had assigned their fruit to the com. bine by means of the usual contract, and later sold to a third party. The associa-tion now brings sult against the members later to recover the value of the prunes and against the buyer to recover the fruit itself. It would seem that in these suits

the defense would be that the contract was illegal because in restraint of trade. A decision upon this point would be profitable to those interested in all sorts 5 to April 11.

Bay. They assert that there is a bar at the entrance to the bay which is detri mental to its commerce, and that it should be removed. While their cause may be worthy, the only fault to be found is that these industrious citizens have awakened just about three months too late. Their request did not reach Washington until the river and harbor bill had passed the House and was about to be reported by the senate committee. At that time they had no recommenda-tion from the chief of Engineeers, and the delegation had nothing to work on. Appropriations can not be had in the

river and harbor bill for the mere asking. There must first be a survey and estimate of the cost, which must pass through the War Department, and, to be successful, must, as a rule, secure the endorsement of the Chief of Engineers. although this is not always necessary true that California growers are still us-ing their utmost endeavors to get rid of County to do is to frame a request for a survey of estimate, and, when this is made, they will then be in line to ask for an appropriation. But until this is had they can not hope to secure any appropriation whatever. Failure to secure such an appropriation is not to be attributed to any shortcoming on the part of the Oregon delegation, but to the lateness of the hour when the people asserted themselves,

UMATILLA AS A DAIRYING SECTION. At Least 10,000,000 Pounds of Milk

Will Be Produced This Senson. PENDLETON, March 1. - "Between 5000.000 and 7,500,000 pounds of milk will be produced in the Camas Prairie dairy district during the coming seven or eight months," said F. W. McReynolds, a creameryman of that section. "There will be 600 milch cows there to supply the creameries. The creameries will be gin Summer operations between March 15 and April 1. Express rates have been cut exactly in two, so that butter is worth just one cent a pound more than it was efore the express company granted the special rate. Prices for butter have been etter than ever before during the past Winter, and creamerymen have been selling in a market which has at times ruled seven cents a pound more than that quoted in San Francisco and other large cities.

A creamery recently established at Milton is using 5000 pounds of milk a day, the product of 120 cows. This will be more than doubled during the coming Summer. Camas Prairie with 600 cows, Milton 240, and many other localities having large numbers of private dairies, makes it sure that Umatilia County will produce during the seven or eight months to come, at least 10,000,000 pounds of milk for butter manufacture.

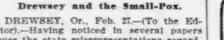
Oregon Mine Notes.

John Webber struck a rich three-foot vein of gold-bearing quarts on the old Clock place on Gold Hill last Wednesday.

It is learned by the Sumpter Miner that the new 20-stamp mill of the Bald Moun-tain Company has been completed and can be set in operation at any time for continuous work. Active work is going on in the mine and the grade of ore is growing better.

\$100,000 Warehouse Burned.

WASHINGTON, March 4 .- The wareuse of the Nox Express Company, a four-story structure, was destroyed by fire Loss early this (Monday) morning. \$100,000.



over the state misrepresentations regard. ing small-pox in this town, I write you the facts as they are. We have had perhaps 45 or 50 cases in the town inluding those now sick. Many of these cases were very light. No deaths have occurred in the town during the Winter HEATH from any cause. Town Recorder.

Washington Notes.

Four vessels are under construction at Aberdeen for the Pacific Coast lumber trade

The Great Northern has paid its tax on rolling stock, movable and other per-sonal property in Snohomish County. The tax amounted to \$4413 18.

About 3 A. M. Friday the safe in the postoffice at Arlington was blown open and all the money taken. The loss to the Government will be about \$200.

Under the rule granting free mail delivery to cities whose postal receipts ag-gregate \$10,050 or more annually, Aberdeen seems assured of that facility. For the year ending March 31 next its receipts will considerably in excess of the require amount.

A. Lawrence, 76 years old, had his right leg amputated between the hip and thigh at Colfax last week. The patient stood the operation well and wanted to smoke a pipe two hours later. Owing to his advanced age and general weakness there is little hope for his recovery.

William Huntley, of Endicott, Friday made the biggest sale of a single crop of wheat in Whitman County for several months. He sold 37,000 bushels, which was stored in warchouses at Endicott, Diamond, Lees Siding and Willada. Of the amount sold 20,000 bushels was blue-stem, for which Mr. Huntley received 43 cents per bushel, and for the bluestem stored in his own warehouse at Endicott he received 45 cents. For the club wheat, of which there was 17,000 bushels, Mr. Huntley received 41 cents per bushel. Twenty thousand bushels of wheat was sold to the Pacific Coast Elevator Com-pany. Farmers are selling to avoid paying taxes on the wheat.

The Aberdeen Council has decided to purchase a hose cart and 1500 feet of hose.

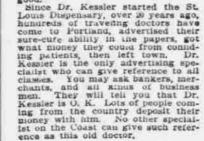
Considerable wheat was sold at Oakesdale last week at prices ranging from 49 to 41½ cents. Local transactions were heavy, and it is estimated that not more than 10 to 15 per cent of the supply of that section is left unsold. The Pacific Coast Elevator Company bought about 4000 bushels, and the Western Warehouse about 6000 bushels. E. J. Doneen, Independent buyer, has bought and shipped about 4000 bushels. The Tacoma Grain Company has purchased at Rosalla, Mc Coy's and Oakesdale a total of about 9000 bushels. The Interior Warehouse Company has bought at Thornton, Belmont Oakesdale a total of 12,000 bushels The Farmers' Warehouse Company has purchased about 3000 bushels since the last report. It is estimated that there is not to exceed 150,000 bushels left in the warehouses.

The commissioners of drainage district No. 1, extending from Kent to Black River held a meeting last week, at which important steps were taken toward construction of the drainage ditch. This ditch will drain the entire valley between Kent and Black River. The report of Civil Engineer O. F. Wegener that the survey, maps, profiles, calculations of cost and all other preliminary work for The Condon city election has been changed by the new charter from March River had been completed, was received and approved. The report gives the length



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