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How Legislatures are Organized: The biennial contest over organization of the two houses of the State Legislature reminds one of the story of the jury that was called into court by the judge after they had been out twenty-four hours.

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Among the first things that will come up in the Senate at the session beginning today will be the majority report of the committee on privileges and elections.

Reed Smoot's Case: The charges against Smoot are supported by Senator Burrows, chairman of the committee, and by a bare majority of the members.

Impregnable Water Transportation: Water transportation possesses advantages and attractions which will always insure a certain portion of the business where steamers are available.

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THE WEALTH OF THE FARM.

It is Still, as Aforetime, the Strength of the Nation. Chicago Tribune.

The year just past has been one of the most prosperous years the farmers of this country have ever known. The value of the farm products, including live stock, is estimated by the Secretary of Agriculture at the inconceivable figure of \$7,794,000,000, nearly half a billion more than last year and over two billion more than in 1905.

The exports of farm products, in spite of increased consumption at home, have grown to \$25,000,000. In spite of the injurious statements printed about the packing houses the figures for exports of packing house products exceed \$200,000,000 for the first time.

The increased prosperity of the farmer has enabled him to make himself still richer by developing land which was wholly or partially unproductive because of the lack of manure.

The Department of Agriculture has done much to stimulate this growth of prosperity. It has introduced a Winter wheat seed, which has been shown to be more than the old kind and a Winter barley which bears 50 per cent more than Spring barley.

The farm is the strength of the nation, and the city dweller wishes the farmer a long continuance of the present prosperity. As long as the farmer has been the unemployed of the cities and money to buy the products of the factories, the cities share in the good things of the earth.

Washington dispatch to the Indianapolis News: William B. Gourley, chairman of the Democratic state committee of New Jersey, who is here, says it is probable that Grover Cleveland United States Senator from New Jersey will succeed Senator Dryden.

Five Men Own Private Trains: Charles H. Schlauchs, vice-president of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad, has the distinction of being one of the five men in the world who own private trains.

Newspaper Waifs: City Man—Has your wife a good cook now? Suburbanite—I don't know. I have not been home since morning.—Philadelphia Press.

THE OVERBURDENED: A cartoon showing a man being crushed by a large sack labeled 'REBATES' and another labeled 'INTERESTS'.

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From the New York Press.

COMMENT ON CURRENT OREGON TOPICS

How the Graft Thrived on the Portage Road—Schemes of State Employees to Fatten at Public Expense—Hangings at the Penitentiary.

There are very few opportunities in the management of the public service in the State of Oregon for grafts such as that successfully worked for a time by Superintendent L. S. Cook, of the Portage Railway.

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