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## THE SITUATION IN JAPAN.

Recent writers on the affairs of Japan are inclined to deduct something from former accounts of the financial distress which has been said to prevail in that country.

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reading and colonizing in Manchuria, making over the civilization of Corea, and establishing a home and a big national debt to take care of. Japan does not seem likely to cross 10,000 miles of ocean to look up a war for some time yet.

## BACK TO SAFE GROUND.

The Senate at Salem votes unanimously to submit to the electorate next year a constitutional amendment which anticipates and defeats single tax. It will be carried overwhelmingly by the people without doubt, for the action of the Senate is but a reflection of the general temper and attitude on this subject.

The people know that they were tricked and duped into adoption of the county option (single tax) amendment last year, and they resent it. They understand, too, better than ever now just how much credit to give to the loud professions of good faith and fair play which Mr. Pinchot has had been a great part of the capital of some of our most prominent reformers.

There is no way back to solid ground now except through the referendum. The Legislature has responded to an emphatic public demand; the people will do their part completely when the time comes. We shall escape, after a while, the odium of being the experiment station for the trial of fantastic and dangerous theories and the dogmatic ground for worn-out and cast-off dogmas.

Pinchot in theory and practice. Gilford Pinchot has been describing his virtues and telling his troubles to the students of Yale University. Making some highly moral reflections about the struggle between those who believe in government for the human welfare and men who believe in government for human profit.

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And probably never will be. As for Portland's December permits, those for the Multnomah Hotel and two apartment-houses, all well under way in December, exceeded in value of the permits the total volume reported by Seattle for that month.

## GETTING RID OF BAILEY.

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convolved. The necessity for the work is so apparent to all that it is difficult to understand why the Government is so exacting in its requirements.

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Usefulness Will Be Prized. The work throughout possesses a distinctiveness, a dignity and finish synchronous with The Oregonian's standing in the profession.

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Circuit Judge Knowles Answers Assertion of H. J. Hockenberry. LA GRANDE, Or., Feb. 6.—(To the Editor.) My attention having been called to a communication appearing in the Oregonian of yesterday over the signature of H. J. Hockenberry in which he unmercifully attacks M. C. Gaunt, the architect who planned and supervised the construction of the La Grande High School building as being a "grafter" of the worst kind and the La Grande school district as having been "grafted" by him, as acting chairman of the Board of Directors of the La Grande school district, I ask for space to answer the communication referred to.

## Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian Feb. 9, 1861. The Columbia River Indians ran off 15 horses on Butter Creek on Saturday last. They attempted to break into a house on the same day. There was no one there but children and their mother. They were repulsed. They then went over on to Willow Creek and robbed a Mr. Reed of \$600 and all his furniture, and escaped.

We are pleased to observe the Council making in haste a bid for the matter of repairing the City Jail. We have visited the institution mentioned and found its condition to be unfit for the retention of any person unless the object is to put him to death.

We are sorry to note the fact that the far-famed song, "Dixie's Land" is falling into disrepute. At this time it is not to be heard in the streets more than half the time. It has had a great run, however. When first introduced, the abortive attempts of various whistlers and singers to sound its notes correctly were amusing. At first they got no farther than "Way down south in Dixie's Land" there was no one there but children and their mother. They were repulsed. They then went over on to Willow Creek and robbed a Mr. Reed of \$600 and all his furniture, and escaped.

The individual who sent the local poem to this office two days ago "look" us. He hooked that poem from Frank Leslie. Military movements are still progressing at Washington for the protection of the Capitol.

N. B.—No gentlemen of the Lane quality are wanted in the Republican party which purged of the foul taint of disunionism. The girl who was lost from Captain Boyd's house has been found. She was secreted under the house-imbans.

St. Louis, Jan. 12.—(By stage from Yreka.) Senator Hiram Johnson, of the present Union, and said it was necessary for patriots to recommend a new and more enduring one out of the fragments of the old. St. Louis, Jan. 14.—A Charleston dispatch says that the drop of war Brooklyn had arrived off the harbor; that disaffection existed among the troops at Fort Sumpter, and that its evacuation is contemplated.

Adv.—In addition to our stock we received per steamer Pacific 50 dozen hoop skirts, which we will sell at 50 cents to \$1 each. Cohen & Lyon. Justices of Supreme Court. WARRENTON, Or., Feb. 3.—(To the Editor.)—Please answer the following questions: 1. What are the names of the members of the United States Supreme Court, named in the order of their seniority? 2. What are the names of the Justices who were appointed by what Presidents were they appointed? 3. Is the Chief Justice named as such by the President, or is he simply named as such by the President at the death or retirement of a Chief Justice succeeds to the position? 4. Did President Grant nominate the late George H. Williams, of Oregon, to be Chief Justice or to be an Associate Justice? 5. It was stated recently in The Oregonian that silver was mined in Oregon at all? If so, in what county? J. C.

1. Chief Justice, Edward D. White, appointed by Taft. Associate Justices: John M. Harlan, appointed by Hayes; Joseph McKenna, appointed by McKinley; Day, appointed by Roosevelt; Horace H. Lurion, Charles E. Hughes, W. Van Devanter, Joseph R. Lamar, all appointed by Taft. Williams, of Oregon, named in the order of their seniority. 2. The Chief Justice is appointed as such by the President. 3. President Grant nominated George H. Williams for Chief Justice. 4. Silver is mined in Oregon only incidentally where it occurs in small percentages with other metals. It is found in the gold mining districts of Baker, Grant and Josephine counties. From Missouri—Has to Be Shown. Judge. A book agent once got the Hon. Champ Clark into a corner and, though his victim was helpless, the agent was not crumpled. "I beg your pardon," he said solemnly, "I have no volume here which I don't want to trouble you with, but I hope you will permit me to show—" "Don't apologize," don't apologize," Mr. Clark broke in to interrupt. "I know you've got to do it. I'm from Missouri."

Prophecy of Cromwell's Greatness. "An Anecdotal History of England." One day, when Cromwell had spoken warmly in the House, Lord Digby asked Hamden who he was, and Hamden is said to have replied:—"That clown who is called Cromwell, but who is named in his speech; that clown, I say, if we should ever come to a breach with the King—whom God forbid!—that clown would be the greatest man in England!" ESTAYS FROM THE DAY'S DOINGS Senator Abraham says the State House is full of spies, and yet the single tax idea didn't get a look in. It would seem that if anybody could successfully oppose a popular wave it would remain in the swim it would have been Mayor Gill. A New York dispatch says DeLois is of ancient lineage. No doubt, but the old story of his being a descendant of an ancient lineage is a tradition which has been passed down through generations. It is now proposed at Salem to make groundhog day a public holiday, thus again illustrating the coming events cast their shadows before. No doubt Mayor Gill is convinced that the strongest woman's club in Washington at present is the recall. It will soon be demonstrated that the single tax on land in Oregon is a very sound proposition being especially attractive to the Grangers. Shaw's short-weight bill has been referred to the Judiciary committee. It is now in the hands of the committee in its present form it has a ready acceptance. The Salem story that the State House elevator "shot to the roof" with Senator Calkins as a passenger is a piece of news which has been widely circulated. It is a fact that the elevator was in fact broken down and the Senator, is personally obnoxious to his Administration. A Portland woman has used a man for damages, alleging that he is responsible for her making a "Dixie's Land" in its present form it has a ready acceptance. The Salem story that the State House elevator "shot to the roof" with Senator Calkins as a passenger is a piece of news which has been widely circulated. It is a fact that the elevator was in fact broken down and the Senator, is personally obnoxious to his Administration. A Portland woman has used a man for damages, alleging that he is responsible for her making a "Dixie's Land" in its present form it has a ready acceptance.