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TWELVE GOOD MEN.

The Oregonian does not think well of the newest scheme to abolish something because it does not work perfectly—that is, the drastic and revolutionary proposal to do away with the State Senate.

What the public observes now is that the candidates who offer themselves for the Legislature from Multnomah County are for the most part young men who are not well known as capable, successful and trustworthy citizens.

It is imperative that the personnel of the representative branch of the Legislature be strengthened and improved. There ought to be some way to induce men of affairs to stand for the Legislature.

Why is it not possible to induce men like the following to become candidates for the lower house?

- Ben Salling, J. M. Letter, L. G. Clarke, J. A. Bushong, J. H. Wilson, W. A. Simpson, J. C. Averill, Joseph Elmon, J. W. Egan, R. W. Dyer, Andrew Madden, T. N. Stoppenbach, Andrew Benson, H. D. Bamford, W. Woodard, R. W. Dyer, J. W. Old, R. Lee Pickett, W. H. Giesy, W. B. Glatfelter, John M. Gearn, W. B. Glatfelter, J. H. Pittsford, George Lawrence, Jr., Thomas Hilroy, W. G. McPherson, W. B. Holbrook, W. G. McPherson, C. E. Moore, M. W. Moore.

And many more. We do not present the foregoing as anything more than a typical group of citizens of all shades of political opinion who ought to be willing to give up forty days of their valuable time at Salem for the general benefit.

BUSINESS OUTLOOK.

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This prospect should stimulate trade in the farming regions, where merchants have been buying from hand to mouth until, as a Kansas City dispatch says, their shelves are more nearly bare than they have been in years.

through out of business generally, from their excessive burdens should not be postponed until the same process of housecleaning has been repeated with every railroad in the country.

Adverse conditions in business in this country can be removed by ourselves and they are in process of being removed, except the Mexican muddle, but Europe is not in that happy position. It is disturbed not only about Mexico, but about Brazil, which has caused trepidation by the shrinkage in the sinking fund for redemption of its debt.

On the Pacific Coast, with reasonable prospect of good crops, with the port to the Governor's policy. There were numerous county measures passed, but the appropriations were in separate bills. There were appropriations, each one in a separate bill, for three armories, two experiment stations, and a few others.

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The argument presented by Mr. U'ren today against an item-veto amendment to the constitution is an argument against any form of veto. The secret threat of veto may be made by the Governor against all the appropriations that stand alone as well as against one or more items in a general appropriation bill.

In any event, the "logrolling" of local appropriations has ceased to be a practice in Oregon. In the proceeding of the last session a criterion of the general appropriation bill of the last session which Governor West vetoed on the ostensible ground that it contained extraneous items carried no local appropriations.

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WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO PARKS.

School Children and Grass on Same Plot Are Incompatible. PORTLAND, March 20.—(To the Editor.)—In The Oregonian, March 16, appears a letter of protest against the use of any of the park blocks south of Salmon street for school playgrounds.

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STATE IS LOSING \$200 PER DAY.

Tax Money Is Withheld by Counties From State Treasury. SALEM, Or., March 19.—(To the Editor.)—The current tax fiasco presents the anomaly of the state paying interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum on \$1,400,000 outstanding warrants while it has in the hands of the County Treasurers of the state more than twice that amount applicable to the payment of the state tax, which belongs to the state and cannot be used for any other purpose.

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Twenty-five Years Ago

From The Oregonian of March 21, 1889. LaGrande, Or., March 20.—Barnhart night consumed the brewery of Julius Roesch; loss, \$3500.

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ITEM-VETO THOUGHT DANGEROUS

Mr. U'ren Thinks Governor May Be Elected Who Would Abuse It. OREGON CITY, March 19.—(To the Editor.)—I am sorry to be obliged to oppose the Governor's proposed initiative amendment to give the Governor power to veto single items and sections of appropriation and other bills.

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Fashion Photos

Depicting the Very Newest Things in Dress. A full page of these photographs will appear in The Sunday Oregonian (tomorrow). You will want to see them before completing your Spring shopping.

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