

THE LEGISLATURE.

Salom is the happiest when the legislature is in session. That is, nearly all of Salem, for they hope for brief employment for their unemployed clerks, patronage for cheap boarding houses, and a "good healthy appropriation." There are those, however, who are not entirely at ease when the legislature is in session. If Legislative investigating committees were not as harmless and inoffensive creatures as they usually are, we suppose there would be grounds for some of this uneasiness, but generally these committees are not to be feared by the investigated.

The senatorial question overshadows all other questions, and is likely to cause as much delay, strife, and bitterness of spirit as the contest of two years ago. Quite a spirited contest will be had in both branches of the legislature over the bills now pending to repeal the usury law and the mortgage tax law. These measures are both pet schemes of Portland, and will meet with a liberal support from eastern Oregon and some support from southern Oregon. From the present outlook we would say that both bills will fall, though the battle will be bitterly waged on both sides.

Mr. Beecher maintains a very dignified and manly attitude toward those insulting Republican newspapers that are offended with him because he would not help to elect the Plumed Knight President. His straightforward course, however, has won him golden opinions from all sorts of people.

Last year the value of all the cotton products of this country was \$192,000,000, and the wages paid operatives in manufacturing them was \$42,000,310, or 22 per cent of value to product. And yet the duty on cotton warp is equal to 35 per cent of production; that is 13 per cent more than the whole amount of wages paid. The manufacturer thus gets his labor free and 13 per cent besides.

"Windbag Ingersoll" the Springfield Republican calls the gallant Col. Robert, of planned knight fame. And this reminds us that it is said that Ingersoll got his "planned knight" phrase from Gov. John A. Andrew, who applied it to Seward in 1860. Andrew borrowed it from Macaulay, but whom Macaulay stole it from is not at present revealed.

Hon. John Hailey, delegate-elect to Congress, from Idaho Territory, was presented not long since with an elegant gold-headed cane, the gift of Mr. Barrett Williams, a man of 82 years old, and a faithful friend and admirer of "Honest John."

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Bilyen, extending the franchise of the Oregon Pacific R. R. to seven instead of six years, and waiving right of forfeiture; also exempting the road from taxation on condition of carrying free of charge troops and munitions of war for a period of twenty years.

By Haines, appropriating \$2500 to the Multnomah Rod and Gun Club to secure the breeding and distribution of pheasants recently imported by Hon. O. N. Denny.

By Rogers, providing that the electors of every precinct and ward shall vote at every general election upon the question as to whether or not liquor shall be sold in such precinct for the two years following.

By Jolly, requiring the Chief Justice and Secretary of State to count the money in the state treasury once a month.

By Prim, compelling Sheriff to render an account to County Treasurer every month.

By Voorhees, granting Geo. K. Shell \$300 for services as territorial auditor.

Harrisburg.

Mr. J. M. McCarty is lying very ill at his home near town.

D. M. Fox, Jr. has been quite sick, but is now convalescent.

Mr. A. C. Cohen of your city makes himself numerous in these parts, and is fast on produce of all kinds, especially fish and skins.

Uncle Geo. W. Smith, an old resident of the vicinity, but now living near Santa Rosa, Cal. is now the guest of Dr. Mendenhall.

The Palace saloon has been recently moved from the old stand on first street into the large commodious brick, adjoining the I. O. O. F. Temple on Smith street.

A rumor has reached us that an old folks' dance is to be given at Smith's hall Friday evening the 30th, inst.

Lebanon.

Hon. Charles Wilcox of Douglas County spent Sabbath here the guest of Dr. Lamberson.

Mr. J. Ralston is in Portland visiting her daughters—Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. Roland.

Ed. Keeler and family have returned home from the East. They report very cold weather there—and are more in favor of Oregon than ever.

Every body is bemoaning this miserable foggy weather. Rain would be preferable.

One of our citizens had his curiosity aroused about his sugar, so made a chemical analysis of some and found 9 per cent salt.

Mrs. A. Irvine and family of this place, and Mrs. Geist of Waterloo left Monday morning for Cedar Rapids to join their husbands who have been there since last fall engaged in mining.

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The general health of the city and surrounding community is good with few exceptions.

Mr. J. B. Ashby has sold out his interest in the Hardware business to H. A. Johnson, Jr. The Reading Room Society gave an entertainment on last Thursday evening, Jan 22, for the benefit of their library.

Mr. Wm. Thomson, brother of Mrs. Lee Morris and Mrs. Harvey Shelton, is at present visiting relatives and friends, after an absence of 13 years.

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Rev. Norton has been preaching Adventism to us for the last three evenings and now Rev. A. Hickman and Crewman will hold a protracted meeting.

Mr. Hamers, Goddess of Liberty, Mr. Stouckley, Chemist, Washington, D. C. Mattie Nixon, Queen of Hearts. Ollie Donnan, Queen of Diamonds. Nettie Amos, Shaving girl.

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N. O. Exposition.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., JAN. 20, 1885. The different States exhibit are all located together under one roof, which covers sixteen acres, and while each state has her separate exhibit the varied production indigenous to the United States combined, forcibly impresses one with the unlimited resources of our fair land.

Virginia, the mother of states, has for Commissioner, Hon. W. W. Finney. The old state is up to the average in display, and with even a few of the staples common to her soil gives evidence that she improves by age.

Montana is yet a territory with hopes of early admission to statehood. Col. Harris is the commissioner, and he brings a splendid display of her natural productions. Although, Montana is noted for growing cattle and sheep, her principal interests are mining and the employment of that army of armed intendants about the various places of Cincinnati in October. It was the high water mark of abuse of a most outrageous statute—a statute at once humiliating, degrading and dangerous; a statute that was made to give desperation its innings after honest choice seemed likely to go against the Republican party.

South Carolina, with A. P. Butler as commissioner, has gotten up its exhibits in good shape. The game manufacturing of Wilcox, Gibbs & Co., who show a pyramid of cases twenty feet from the base constructed of phosphate rock, is an enterprise that has done much to enrich Charleston. The agricultural production and fruits displayed, keep the little Carolina to the front in this line.

CORRESPONDENCE

Brownsville.

Jan. 27th, 1885. Nate Baird, and Lish Sperry of Eastern Oregon, paid our town a short visit last week.

Joseph Liggert of Philomath, and former citizen of Linn county is here now visiting friends and relatives.

Wm. Cochran and wife have gone East via San Francisco and the Southern Pacific Railroad, and will take in the New Orleans Exposition before they return.

George A. Dyon, left this morning for Eastern Oregon on business.

CORRESPONDENCE

Tangent.

January 26th, 1885. Mr. Brown's school will close Feb. 6th, after a very successful term; we are sorry to learn that Mr. Brown intends locating in Albany, and to lose him; but Tangent's great loss will be Albany's gain.

Prof. McGee is instructing the young in this locality in the art of penmanship.

Mrs. P. W. Ryan, the wife of the Section Foreman of the O. & C. R. R., at this place, has just returned from Portland where she has been visiting her friends.

The young people of this vicinity met at the residence of Miss Lola Luper and had a very pleasant time a few evenings since.

MEANS' BOY'S BOOTS and YOUTH'S SHOES, and FURNISHING GOODS. In all the latest Novelties of HATS. In the Valley. THE LARGEST Newest and Best STOCK

Notice to Tax-Payers. Notice is hereby given that I will meet the Tax-Payers of Linn county, Oregon, at 9 o'clock, a. m. and remain until 4 o'clock, p. m., at the respective places of voting in the several precincts, at the following times and places, for the purpose of collecting the taxes for the year 1885.

Final Settlement. In the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Linn: In the matter of the estate of John A. Wren, deceased.

THE BEST WAGONS. In the market is the celebrated Studebaker sold by Peters & Stewart, and the spring wagons and hacks of the same make are just as good. Every article is warranted.

CARPENTERS TOOLS. We want carpenters to know that we keep constantly in stock the very best and cheapest tools that can be had. We sell them as cheap as they can be sold.