

Corvallis, Oct. 11, 1878.

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NOTES BY THE WAY-SIDE.

EDITOR GAZETTE.—It has been my good fortune to travel over considerable portions of Oregon during the last month, and I was surprised to find in two towns only, real energy and vitality—Portland and Albany.

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The Legislature is busy and "jobby" is busier and twice as numerous. Pilot and fish men from Lower Columbia, dentists, physicians, merchants, water men, nursery men, road men, swamp land men, and

Down and Out.—With the issue of the 4th inst., Mr. Col. VanCleave, who for ten years has edited the Albany Register, makes his polite bow and steps behind the screen. Gen. E. L. Applegate steps to the front and says that, "In the financial controversy to which the citizens of the great Republic are forced to address themselves, we shall maintain the position of the National Greenback Party."

New York puts forth the following as its fourth plank, in the State Convention, presided over by Mr. Conkling, September 27, 1878:

We insist that greenbacks, instead of being debased and depreciated, shall be made as good as honest coin; that the laborer's dollars shall be real dollars, and that which robs toil and paralyzes trade shall cease; that our currency shall be made the best currency by making all parts of it, whether paper or coin, equivalent and convertible, and all public servants, whether executive officers, senators or representatives, whose acts or votes conduce to this high object, deserve our approbation.

OREGON LEGISLATURE.

House—Evening Session.

SALEM, Sept. 26, 1878. On the capital building appropriation the house went into the committee of the whole, Mr. Gallaway in the chair.

Mr. Hendricks submitted an estimate of the cost of needed repairs to the capitol building, making the total estimate \$16,000.

Mr. Reed urged the rejection of both matters; wanted a reasonable appropriation to finish the outside of the building in accordance with the original design.

Mr. Acton did not like the reference made by Mr. Reed to the Multnomah delegation; could not vote to complete the building; thought that \$10,000 with what is now on hand would be a sufficient sum.

Thompson, of Multnomah, concurred in the remarks of Mr. Acton; did not come here to vote money out of the state treasury beyond the actual needs.

Lee hoped that personal reflections and forecastings of political possibilities would be dispensed with, and hoped the committee would proceed to calmly discuss the business before the house; wanted to get at a fair understanding of just what is needed.

Thompson, of Lane, thought \$10,000 all that ought to be appropriated at this time.

Scott favored the original bill, and was opposed to the amendments; and would offer an amendment after the vote was taken on the original bill.

Cole would favor finishing four committee rooms, but would oppose a liberal appropriation.

Dorris deemed it possible to be penny wise and pound foolish; thought \$20,000 was the least sum that ought to be appropriated; did not think that members should be counting the possibilities of a return to our memories, to be remembered no more forever.

Green made the speech of the evening; was something of a scaffold builder, and we think he is; thought the scaffolding could be put up with a scaffold, and that the scaffolding could be put up with a scaffold.

Thompson, of Lane, moved an amendment to insert \$10,000, which he deemed a sufficient amount.

Stearns would favor only such an appropriation as would be fairly necessary, and deemed \$15,000 together with the \$3,200 on hand a fair estimate.

Townsend would favor an appropriation of \$16,000; believed that a sufficient sum, and would be found voting about that sum.

Purdin would favor an appropriation of twenty or twenty-five thousand dollars.

The amendments by Thompson, of Lane, to insert \$10,000, was lost.

Scott moved to insert \$27,496 50. On motion the time of speeches was limited to five minutes.

Stearns moved to insert \$30,000 as the least sum that would be safe; the amendment was lost.

Thompson, of Lane, moved an amendment fixing the amount at \$12,000 together with \$3,200 on hand, which was lost.

Scott moved to amend his inserting \$20,000; lost.

The amendment of Mr. Everts appropriating \$75,000 out of the surplus of the fund and \$30,000 out of the capitol building, making a total of \$105,000, was applied.

On motion the committee arose and reported the bill back as amended.

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