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SPEAKER GEER has gotten the matter down to a fine point: "Four dollars a minute is what your time costs the state of Oregon," was his remark as a whole lot of valuable time was being wasted by useless speeches.

The smallest letter on record was recently transmitted through the English mail from Lincoln to Guilford, consisting merely of an ordinary penny postage stamp. A message in shorthand was written on the adhesive side, with the address, while the official mark was stamped on the face. It reached its destination in safety, and was legible when delivered.

It is estimated that the amount of money shipped out of the state for grain bags reached a million dollars for this year's crop. That was a heavy drain. How much better it would have been to have saved the money in the country by starting a bag factory at the penitentiary instead of sending the money to San Francisco for 10,000,000 sacks.—Localizer.

The great problem of public education in America is: How is a teacher to teach children of all classes, creeds and nationalities, with their different home influences and different social surroundings, so as to apply to each child the methods of instruction suited to his particular needs? The man who can solve this problem will prove himself a benefactor of the race.

HERE is an instance that proves the fallacy of the axiom: "Time at last makes all things even." A citizen of Quincy, Ill., who sued in 1886 to oust a rival from office has just been declared entitled to it. But the rival has served out his term and received his pay and a new election has placed a third man in the office. The lucky winner of the suit seems to be left with a heavy bill of costs and a clear knowledge of the law's delay.

SEAL pirates in Behring sea next season will hear with fear and trembling that the revenue cutter Bear is being fitted out in San Francisco with four-inch rifled guns. The news in connection with the fact that England is massing war ships at Esquimaux and that Germany has started a cruiser or two for Northern sea looks as if attention may be distracted from the seals. But all the governments say there is nothing in it.

THE Bermudas are a group of small islands belonging to Great Britain, and their commerce is so limited that we doubt if one in ten Americans can name an import or product except Bermuda onions. Yet the colonial government of this significant group pays a subsidy of \$17,500 annually to a steamship line running between Nassau and New York, which is about twelve times the sum that is doled out from the overflowing treasury of the United States to the American mail line to Cuba and Mexico.

THE senate of the United States has passed the apportionment bill just as it came from the house of representatives, that is, fixing the number of representatives at 356. There were attempts made to gain additional representation for Arkansas, Minnesota, Missouri and New York, but these were defeated. As the bill will go to the president it gives one more new member of each of the following states: Alabama, California, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Vermont, Virginia and Wisconsin.

THE UPPER WILLAMETTE.

Of the \$11,000 appropriated by congress for the improvement of the Upper Willamette the only portion of this sum that has yet been expended for improving the river above the falls is a small sum for surveying a bend in the river near Corvallis where the current threatens to cut a new channel. Yet it is reported that the appropriation or the greater part of it has been used up. Where has it been used? Major Handbury informed the committee appointed by the State Board of Commerce to confer with him concerning the improvement of the Willamette "that it has been used in building and equipping a snag boat." The boat will now probably be used for the improvement of some other river, or lay idle until another appropriation is made. Thus it seems that the entire appropriation has indirectly been diverted to more favored localities, and the Upper Willamette has apparently received little or no benefit from it. Be this as it may the people living tributary to the Willamette are justly entitled to more consideration than they have yet received at the hands of the government and its officers, and their appeals through their boards of trade should be listened to. It would only require a small amount compared to that asked for improving other rivers in Oregon and Washington to make the Willamette navigable for the entire season to Corvallis, and to Harrisburg the greater part of the season.

Senator Hirsch, of Marion, has introduced a joint memorial, which will without doubt pass, asking congress for an appropriation of \$100,000 for this improvement. The memorial should not be pigeon holed but our delegation in congress should urge with all consistency possible that the appropriation be made. Some idea of the traffic of the upper Willamette can be gained by the report of the State Board of Commerce which gives the tonnage of grain stored in the various warehouses along the river, at Corvallis and to the south line of Benton county for the year 1890.

Bond's warehouse	1050 tons
Woolley's	900 "
Finley's	1050 "
Peoria	900 "
Boonville	1200 "
James Cauthorn's	3050 "
T. Samuels	1190 "
Cunning's	180 "
Martin & Herron's	150 "
Halbert and Whitaker's	390 "
Smith's	300 "
H. F. Fischer	3000 "
Benton Co. Mills	3015 "

Or a total of 553,000 in bushels of wheat and oats for the year, besides there was 90,000 bushels of grain stored at Philomath and a large amount at Wells' Station which might be called tributary to the Willamette. These figures only show the amount of grain stored in the southern half of the county immediately tributary to the river. Thus when the tonnage of merchandise is added to this it shows that a large amount of freight is handled just in this small section adjoining the river. During 1889 the tons carried by the Oregon Pacific steamers were 26,000 and the independent lines probably carried as much more which would bring the tonnage of freight handled on the upper Willamette up to about 50,000 or 60,000 tons with the river in its present condition.

THE new city charter has passed both the senate and house and has probably by this time received the Governor's signature and became a law. This means a new era in the growth and progress of Corvallis, and from all indications we may look forward to lively times here this coming season.

THE Toledo Blade says: "Mrs. Dolph, wife of the Oregon senator, is one of the pretty women of Washington. She is a brunette, of fine figure, and handsome face. She is a farmer's daughter and was a dairy maid in her youth, which was spent in Benton county."

WILLIAM WINDOM.

The announcement of the death of Secretary Windom was read all over the United States with a feeling of keen regret. The sense of painful surprise will be followed by one of profound sorrow. Every citizen will be conscious of the national bereavement. We are entering upon a crisis in public affairs with which few of our statesmen are so fitted to cope as the one who is now taken from us. It was in matters of finance that Secretary Windom was particularly skilled. His mind was naturally drawn to such subjects, and he had studied them profoundly. He was an established authority upon the subject, and now that the reorganization of the public financial system is rapidly becoming the most momentous issue of the time, his counsel and direction are particularly needed. His death, therefore, falls at a period when his loss will be felt as a national misfortune of far greater magnitude than it would have been considered at any other time.

William Windom was born in Belmont county, Ohio, May 10, 1827. He received an academic education, studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1850. In 1853 he removed to Minnesota and was elected as representative from that state to the Thirty-sixth congress. His political career was a most successful one, and he was re-elected to every successive congress until 1870, when he entered the senate. He continued to hold the office of Senator until 1881, when he became Secretary of the Treasury. In this office his great talents were conspicuously displayed and he won a high reputation as a financier. At the close of his term as a cabinet officer he was again chosen to the senate, and upon the election of Harrison was once more placed in charge of the Treasury.

In his financial administration Secretary Windom was always careful and conservative. Though a Western man he always had the confidence of the money centers of the East, and was one of the few men in whom both the farmers and Wall street trusted. He was frequently spoken of as a candidate for the presidency and could at all times had the vote of his state for this high office. While he was never a brilliant man as an orator, the solidity of his mind, his thorough knowledge of the subject upon which he spoke, and his undoubted honesty and patriotism of purpose gave to his words a weight and significance more convincing than those of many a more eloquent man. His death leaves a vacancy in the national councils which will be hard to fill. But few statesmen of his generation survive him, and he goes to his rest full of years and honors amid the mourning of the great people he so faithfully served.—San Jose Mercury.

THE legislature has only a little more than two weeks to transact the remainder of the business before that body. They will have to do some lively work to get through.

THE Sioux Indians taken to Washington to see the president, are to visit the National theatre and witness Francis Wilson's opera, The Merry Monarch.

Just a year ago the Willamette was raging furiously and outsiders were blocked here until the 11th of February.

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