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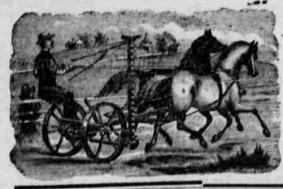
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VETO MESSAGE.

Of His Excelency, Governor Penneyer, of Senate Bill No. 17. To the Honorable the Senate of the State

Oregon. I herewith return Senate Bill No. 17.

with my dissent.

This is a bill amendatory of an Act approved November 25, 1885, which Act provided for the issuance by the water commissioners of the city of Portland of a certain amount of bonds for the purpose of providing water works for the city, and which Act further provided that "all bonds issued and disposed of under this Act shall be exempt from taxation either by the State or any county or tion either by the State or any county or municipal corporation therein." Senate Bill No. 17 provides for the issuance by Bill No. 17 provides for the issuance by the water committee of \$1,500,000 more of bonds, "which bonds shall in all particulars, except as in this Act otherwise specially provided, conform to and have the same effect as those anthorized by said Act of 1885, and shall be entitled to this same privileges and exemption." This bill therefore provides that the water committee of the city of Portland may issue \$1,500,000 of water bonds, which bonds "shall be exempt from taxation either by the State or any county or municipal corporation therein."

lows: "The legislative assembly shall provide by law for uniform and equal rate of assessment and taxation; and shall prescribe such regulations as shall secure a just valuation for taxation of all property, both real and personal, excepting such only for municipal, educational, literary, scientific, religious and charitable purposes as may be specially exempted. ble purposes as may be specially exemp-ted by law." Under the provision of this section of our State constitution the legislative assembly can exempt municipal property from taxation, but there is no provision by which it can both exempt such property and the money or bonds with which it has been purchased.

with which it has been purchased.

That instrument provides for the exemption of municipal property from being taxed, but it does not anywhere provide that twice the amount of that property shall be exempted.

These bonds after they have been paid out by the committee for the purchase of municipal property will pass of

chase of municipal property will pass, of course, into private hands, and become private property; and the legislature of Oregon, under our State constitution, can no more exempt these certain bonds, which may be owned by bankers in the city of Portland, from taxation, than it can exempt certain farms that are owned by farmers in Polk county from taxation.

They are private property and they can be exempt from taxation no more than can any other private property.

The section of the constitution before referred to provides "for uniform and equal rates of assessment and taxation." How can there be an equal rate of taxation when one person has \$10,000 in tion when one person has \$10,000 in water bonds that pay no tax and his neighbor \$10,000 in real estate that is

subject to full taxation, State, county, and municipal?

The fact these bonds, after they have passed into the hands of private parties, are in no sense of the word municipal are in no sense of the are private prop-property, but that they are private prop-erty, is so plain and self-evident as to need no argumentation whatever. And the further fact that, being private prop-

erty, they cannot be exempt from taxa-tion is as equally clear and conclusive.

The constitution of Oregon as above quoted enjoins upon the legislative as-sembly that "it shall prescribe such reg-nlation as shall secure a just valuation nlation as shall secure a just valuation for taxation of all property, both real and personal, excepting such only for municipal, educational, literary, scientific, religious and charitable purposes as may be specially exempted by law," and yet it is now proposed by the legislative assembly in this bill, in defiance of the above provision, that no valuation for taxation of a certain species of personal taxation of a certain species of personal property shall be made, but that such property shall be exempt when it has passed into private hands and becomes private property to all intents and pur-poses. The legislature could as well provide that \$1,500,000, silver dollars, provide that \$1,000,000, silver dottars, paid out by the water committee for municipal property, and which have passed into private hands, should be exempt from taxation, as it could provide that that amount of bonds so paid out after having become private property, could be exempt from taxation. One could be exempt from taxation. One proposition is as reasonable as the other, and both are unconstitutional.

Some years ago the city of Portland Some years ago the city of Portland was the possessor of a certain building and lot on Morrison street, which was used by the fire department. Subsequently the lot was sold at public outcry by the city and was parchased by a private citizen and became private properts. While it was the property while it was the property while it was the property of the city erty. While it was the property of the city it was exempted by law from taxation be it was exempted by law from taxation be-cause it was municipal property and used for municipal purposes. Did this right of exemption from taxation adhere to that lot after it had ceased for municipal pur-poses, and had become private property? No one will assert it. And in the case of these water bonds, can this right of exemption from taxation adhere to them after they have ceased to be municipal after they have ceased to be municipal property and have become private property, any more than it could in the case of the real property above mentioned

No one can assert it.

If this bill should become a law, and

this issue of \$1,500,000 of water bonds should be made, and if such bonds shall be judicially expended by the committee, the city of Portland will have a pipe line from Bull Run to that city of the value of \$1,500,000. This, by law, will be exempted from taxation. By the operation of this bill, however, \$1,500,000 more in the above. more, in the shape of these water bonds, which will have passed into the hands of private parties, will also be exempted from taxation. It must be again repeated that while our constitution exempts municipal property from taxation. empts municipal property from taxation, it does not provide for the exemption of

it does not provide for the exemption of twice the amount of such property.

It is and should be the aim of every free and just government to accord to its people "equal and exact justice to all, special privileges to none." Our constitution declares that "all taxation shall be equal and uniform." of "all property both real and personal," in the possession of any and all private citizens, and yet the complaint is borne to us from all quarters of the State that under our presquarters of the State that under our present system of assessment the wealthy classes of the community are securing for themselves, in defiance of law, an immunity from their share of the immunity from their share of the public burdens. And will this legislative assembly, instead of affording relief and may issue \$1,500,000 of water bonds, which bonds "shall be exempt from taxation either by the State or any county or municipal corporation therein."

Section 1, article 9, of the constitution of the State of Oregon provides as follows: "The legislative assembly shall provide by law for uniform and equal of providers are consistent of the state of the fundamental law of the land, by positive statutory enactment, a species of property, which in private ownership will be granted the undue privilege over any other species.

The following the producessor. Such faithments this great injustice, as injust

injustice?

No private property under our State constitution can be exempted from taxation, and this bill, which proposes such exemption, is plainly unconstitutional.

I veto the bill.

SYLVESTER PENNOYER, Governor.

A FRIEND TO SOUTHERN OREGON.

Medford Mail: "D. P. Thompson has done more to develop Southern Oregon than any other one man. He spent \$75,000 on the Sterling mine before a dollar was taken out. This money was paid in liberal wages to men in the valley which went at once into circulation, making times good for many months.
Thompson is emphatically a man of the
people, and he is no summer friend. He
is as thoroughly glad to see an old His characteristic of starting men in with a little capital and good business advice has made him famous."

THE above reads well, and would no doubt serve the purpose intended, if it were not for the stubborn fact, that D. P. Thompson after assuring himself that the mine was worthless, went to Portland and traded it to his old friend and benefactor, Capt. Ankney for the New Market block, a property now worth a half million

HON. ROBT. A. MILLER and Prof. A. LeRoy, are making an effective canvass of the state, and whereever they have spoken, they have left a good impression and made friends. Mr. Miller is a young and energetic Oregonian, and in case of should be given by the house to this bill McElroy, and the election of Prof. the former a political and school book trickster. Which will ye adjourn without heeding the demand

REPUBLICANS of Multnomah are REPUBLICANS OF Multnomah are equally strong demand of the people of becoming very bold in their declarations that their banker proposes to buy up Eastern Oregon. This is their only hope, and a campaign of boodle, such as disgraced the nation under Boss Quay is to be carried on in Oregon under boss Lotan and banker Thompson.

HON, JOHN MYERS' APPOINTMENTS Hon. John Myers will address the citizens of

Oregon upon the positical issues of the day at

the following to	mes and praces:				
Aurora	Tuesday	-45	20,	7:10	19.
Marquam	Wednes'y	20	21,	1:00	16
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WHAT WE ASK.

The Democrats of Oregon point with pride at the State administration for the past four years. No record has ever been made more to the credit of any party than that mode by the State Board of School Land Commissioners. In less than four years this Board, consisting of the Governor and State Treasurer, has increased the fund from \$868,-735.16, to \$1,995,696.23. In other words, increased this fund in four years \$1,126,961.07. The Board during the same time, increased the distributions to the public shools from 75 cents per capita to \$1.60 per capita, or an increase of 85 cents to each scholar in the State, ten cents more per capita than double un-

inventory of the Common School Fund, made biennially since 1885, and also for the year 1890:

The Fund, including certificates of sale and all other items, amounted in

January, 1885, to..... \$ 868,735 16 January, 1887, to 1,059,409 0I January, 1889, to..... 1,756,700 00 January, 1800, to...... 1,995,696 23

The earning power of the Fund, measnred by the amount actually loaned and not including certificates of sale, was in January, 1885,.... \$ 738,288 62 January, 1887,... 781.137 03 January, 1889,..... 1,428,071 14 anuary, 1890,...... 1,568,071 14

In July and August of each year, the revenue derived from this Fund has been distributed to the several counties of the State in aid of the public schools.

The amount received by each county, acquaintance with a saw-buck or a kit of is in proportion to the number of chiltools on his back as a railroad magnate. dren of school age in the county. The following is a statement of distributions for five years past:

Per Cap.		Total Dist'd			
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1	25	108,217	50		
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THE VETO WAS RIGHT.

STATE OF ORRGON, EXECUTIVE DR-PARTMENT, SALEM. Feb. 22, 1889. To the Honorable, the House of Representatives of the State of Oregon:

I herewith return house bill No. 173 with my dissent. This bill, like senate bill No. 17, and house bill No. 31, heretofore returned, contains a provision ex-empting municipal bonds from taxation. As has been shown, these bonds, when paid out by a municipality, in trade, to private parties become private property. his election, would be found ac-be no special exemption granted to any tively at work for the good of our species of private property. Upon the anniversary of the birthday of the illustrates. The interest of our public trious Washington, who led our fathers schools demands the defeat of Prof. to victory in defense of the doctrine that LeRoy. The latter is an educator; teringly by the justly as sound doctrine

right then or now?

THE Oregonian four years ago shook the dirty shirt at T. R. Cornelius. This year it is trying to for Pennoyer. In him they know wash D. P. Thompson's linen.

DEMOURATIC PLATFORM.

The democratic party of the state of Oregon in convention assembled, renew their pledges to democratic principles and enunciate the following declarations:

lowing declarations:

First—We congratulate the democratic party in this and other states upon the signal victories achieved in the last general elections in Iowa, Ohio and Rhode Island, and the municipal elections held recently throughout the Union; and we hall their results as a certain harbinger of the disintegration of that party which, championing the cause of special interests and privileged classes, is bound together only by the cohesiveness of public plunder, and the preferent of that which has ever stood for the equal rights of like whole people.

Second—We denounce the fraud by which the people of Montana were deprived of their right of representation in the United States Benate by senators of their choice.

Third—We believe in equal rights to all and

Third—We believe in equal rights to all and special privileges to none, and therefore favor a tariff for revenue, limited to the expenses of the government economically administered, believing that more than this is class legislation, and is especially detrimental to the interest of the farmers and laboring classes. THE REPUBLICANS ARRAIGNED.

Fourth—We arraign the party in power for its utler disregard of all its piedges made to the people, whereby its ascendency was secured at the last national election; and especially do we condemn the tarif bill now pending before the house of representatives as an aggravation of existing evils.

existing evils.

Fifth—We condemn the attempt of the republican majority in congress to reduce the surplus in the treasury by squandering and misappropriating the same, and we especially denounce the attempt to appropriate a portion of such surplus which belongs to the whole people to the payment of a bounty on sugar, which compels the many to pay tribute to the few.

Sixth—We denounce the action of Speaker Reed in counting as voters democratic representatives who had not voted upon pending measures and in declining to recognize such representatives upon the floor of the house; the one is in conflict with the rights accorded to the minority by all political parties since the formation of our government, the other is utterly inconsistent with freedom of speech and equality of representation.

Seventh—We reaffirm the position which has

Seventh—We reaffirm the position which has ever been maintained by the democratic party that gold and silver are equally the people's money; we are opposed to all measures to discrimination against silver, and demand free coinage to supply the needs of business; and that all money issued by the government be made legal tender for all debts both public and private.

private.

Eighth—We direct the attention of the voters of Oregon to the record of the democratic party upon the subject of Chinese immigration; and we demand the strict enforcement of the Scot exclusion act, and the passage by congress of further rigorous legislation which will prevent Chinese entering our territory by evasion of the

Since catering the second of the Northern Pacific Railroad land grant from Wallula to Portland, but we also favor the Immediate unconditional forfeiture of all uncarned land grants and the restoration of the public domain.

Tenth—The gratifude of a generous people and a wise national policy alike demand that the government should provide with a liberal h nd forth wants of those who suffered with wounds and disease in the ate war, and like wise of such demandent persons as were de-

wounds and disease in the ate war, and likewise of such dependent persons as were deprived of their natural protectors and supporters. But it should be remembered that in this
behalf we have aiready been ilberal beyond
precedent in the civilized world, and we insist
that in legislation and administration touching
pension affairs. In regard to honorable past
service and oresent meritorious necessity. We
are opposed to all measures which draw no
distinction between the veteran in the field and
the campfollower or adventurer in the rear
as involving a cruel wrong to the soldler and a
wanton waste of the people's money.

Eleventh—We arge upon congress the passage
of such appropriations and the adoption of
such measures as will tend most specifly and
effectively the opening of the Columbia and
Willamette rivers to free navigation.

Twelve—We favor the adoption of an amendment to the Federal constitution providing for
the election of senators by direct vote of the
people.

the election of senators by direct vote of the people.

Thirteenth—The same impulse that impels us to scalonsly uphold the rights of the states at home prompts us to hope for the establishments of home rule for Ireland.

Fourteenth—Being profoundly impressed with the conviction that the chief pillars of our republican form of government are an enligetened yeoment and a free and honest exercise of the elective tranchise, we pledge the democratic party of the state of Oregon to the cortial support and advancement of our exceit crommon school system; to the passage of effective laws for the prevention of the corrupt has money in elections and the enactment of such measures as will secure to every voter the right to cast a ballot framed in accordance with the dictates of his own conscience. We unqualifiedly urge the adoption in this state of the Australian system of voting, and the passage by the legislative assembly of the bill drawn by the Ballot Reform League of Oregon.

Fifteenth—We are in favor of the regulation of railroads and other transportation agencies by law.

Sixteenth—Me condemn the extravarsance of

THE LEGISLATURE CONDEMNED.

should be given by the house to this bill as was given to theothers. There should be no special exemption granted to any species of private property. Upon the anniversary of the birthday of the illustrious Washington, who led our fathers to victory in defense of the doctrine that there snould be no "taxation without representation," let us stand as unfalteringly by the justly as sound doctrine of "equal taxation."

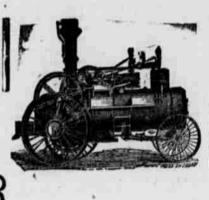
This legislature, however, should not adjourn without heeding the demand of the city of Portland for the privilege of issuing bonds for the procurement of pure water, and without heeding the equally strong demand of the people of the whole state that in the authorization of such issuance no special privileges should be granted. This can and should be done. I veto the bill.

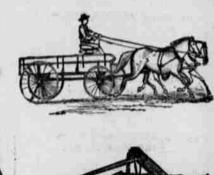
SYLVESTER PENNOVER, Governor.

We ask our democratic friends to hand this supplement to their republican neighbors and ask them to read the Oregonian on the tariff, as expressed by that paper from 1880 to 1887. Then gently ask them whether that paper was right then or now?

One thing is ceriain, and that is.

ONE thing is ceriain, and that is, that the laboring men are a unit they have a friend.







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