Pennoyer for Governor.

The Oregonian has the following to say regarding the hopes and aspirations of Pennoyer. It has always been claimed that the Oregonian has supported Pennoyer every time he aspired for an office, hence the words of that paper may have more of a prophecy in them than one would at first think:

"Mayor Pennoyer is quietly laying plans to secure the democratic nomination for governor, one year hence. He will not admit the fact, claiming to be entirely out of politics, and without further ambition; but there are friends of his who are more communicative. These assert that "the old man" will be the nominee of the convention next spring, as the representative of an united Oregon democracy.

It will be remembered that, prior to his nomination for mayor, Governor Pennoyer persistently denied that he was a candidate; but he did not refuse the three nominations made, although he publicly accepted but one. It is claimed that he is now pursuing the same tactics, and is laying his plans throughout the state to secure support. His appointment of John Myers as chief of police of Portland is one of the moves on the political checkerboard. Myers has always been a loyal supporter of Pennoyer. He was first to nominate him for governor in 1886, and at all times has been one of the chieftains on Pennoyer's political staff.

Should Mr. Pennoyer receive the democratic nomination, he will enter the field under far different auspices from former times. The populist leaders, without exception, are opposed to him, and there are several thousand democrats who voted for him on previous occasions, but who will not now support a man who has such radical free-silver ideas as are entertained by Pennoyer."

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"Of the commodities in general use in the United States, the two that have not notably declined in consumption during the almost universal depression of industry in recent years are fermented liquors and manufactured tocacco, more especially in the form of cigarettes." Stimulants have been purchased and cigarettes consumed, while the sales of bread have fallen off and manufacturers stopped making cloth and producing shoes.—Ex.

The people of Oregon should get together next election and send men to the legislature who will see to it that something be done to lighten the burdens of administration. Just so long as the legislature is looked upon by politicians as a machine for turning out United States senators, just so long will Oregon continue to have public money squandered and public interests debauched —Hillsboro Argus.

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Local Teachers' Institute.

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It has been charged that the state board of railway commissioners never had influence or power to secure a change of rates on any of the railroads of the state. This has been recently disproved. In Eastern Oregon it is said that one town had been seriously discriminated against, towns on both sides of it receiving lower rates on both outgoing and incoming commodities. The matter was frequently brought to the notice of the commissioners by the shippers of the town, and finally the board brought the matter before the railroad authorities. Instead of being slow to respond, the railroad took the matter promptly in hand, but instead of lowering the rates to the town discriminated against, it raised the rates of the other towns to correspond. This amply proves that the board does have influence with the railroads.

A dispatch from Oregon City in Friday's Oregonian says: "Joseph Plymacki, who took a claim in the Siletz reservation in 1895, paying $107 for it, today filed a relinquishment, and immediately Anthony Burber, of Columbia county, filed upon it, paying the $107 over again. Thus comes the rather unusual circumstance that the government receives pay twice for the same piece of land. The land is located near Kernville, Lincoln county, and is said to be so valuable that Burber paid Plymacki $400 for his rights there. It is also said that the season why Plymacki could not maintain his claim there is that he was a "sooner" on the reservation, and was about to have a contest on his hands. The land office is promised considerable contest business from the Siletz country."

Governor Lord has become afraid that his handmade U. S. senator, Corbett, will not be seated after all, and has put off post haste for Washington to see about the matter. The Governor took along as a sort of body guard the Hon. A. Bush, a banker, and for many years a prominent democrat of Salem. When the U. S. senate sees this formidable array of patriots descending on them they will probably rescind all their rules, trample down all their precedents and seat the Portland banker at once. And then they may not.

The announcement of Governor Mount, of Indiana, that he will give no offices to any steady drinker is thought by some to be an effort to cut down the list of political office-seekers. From this time out no office-seeker in Indiana will be a steady drinker—until he has got the office.—Ex.

An exchange says: "Summer is coming; a butterfly was caught at the South End yesterday." It may be all right to catch a butterfly at the south end, but a person don't want to go to trying to catch hornets, wasps or bumblebees that way.

W. J. Clarke, editor of the Gervais Star, has been appointed postmaster at Gervais.

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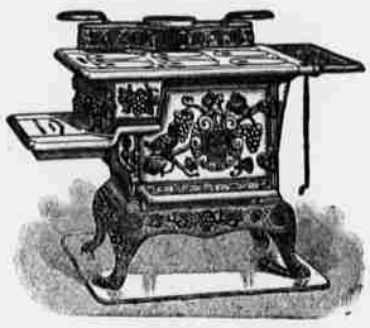

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