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NO SPECIAL SESSION.

A correspondent of the Oregonian signing himself "Tax Reform," calls upon the press of this state to make a solid demand upon the governor, for a special session of the legislature to deal with the question of tax reform solely.

But the other reason is equally forcible. The members of the present legislative body are not capable of making a good assessment law. Many of them are able men, now doubt; but as the matter stands, no law could pass both houses that would place the debtor on an equality with the creditor.

UNWARRANTED GOSSIP. Sensational Story That General Sherman's Daughter Sold her Diamonds. New York, March 1.—A story printed in some of the Pennsylvania newspapers to the effect that Mrs. Thomas W. Fitch, the eldest daughter of General Sherman, had offered to Tiffany a number of valuable diamonds from the invaluable necklace presented to her at her marriage by the khedive of Egypt, to be sold for the benefit of her husband, Lieutenant Fitch, who was said to be in financial difficulties, is pronounced absolutely untrue at Tiffany's.

THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE.

The message of His Honor, the mayor, addressed to the last council meeting is a cunningly devised document. He seems to take all the credit to himself and Messrs. Hilton, McCoy and Johnston, for every valuable feature in the water bill. If this is so we have done him and these gentlemen a great injustice, so great that the columns of the journal won't, today, hold our apology. We shall try and make one tomorrow.

THE PEOPLE'S PAPER.

The columns of this journal are open to every man who has anything to say that the people ought to hear and know. It is the people's paper and the people can use it as their own. Of course it goes without saying, the managers must be the judges of the utility and propriety of any communication; but nothing will be excluded, merely because it is not in harmony with their ideas.

Cherish your best hopes as faith, and abide by them in action.

ECHOES OF THE LEGISLATURE.

When we say that Senator Hilton did not support The Dalles water bill, as passed by the house, we say what is true; but we say it with this qualification; he did not support it till it was amended to suit his taste. In this, however he broke no pledge. A bill that suited his two conferees in the house, might have suited a modest man.

It was Friday morning, the day before adjournment. The senate met at nine o'clock. Senator Hilton was promptly in his place: Senator Watkins was a little late. Immediately after roll call the senator from Wasco and Gilliam sprang to his feet and moved that the rules be suspended and house bill number 237 be put upon its final passage.

Senator Watkins entered just as the motion was about to be put by the president. There was a hurried whisper, an objection and the motion was lost. It was all over in a moment, but the savor of it lingers with us still. While we write it we are loth to believe it. Yet we saw it or thought we did, with our own eyes. The seats of the two senators were side by side, yet the senator from Gilliam might have had his back turned, or he might have been afflicted with temporary amaurosis, or he might have seen through the walls of the state house, or he might have had secret intelligence that Senator Watkins would be there in time to vote.

A Monument to Kalakaua.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 1.—Rupert Schmidt, a local sculptor, will leave the city on Wednesday next for a trip to the Hawaiian islands. He is to consult Queen Liliokalani and Colonel MacFarlane about the sculpture of a statue of the King Kalakaua. The sculptor endeavored to take a death mask of the king, but in the hurry and confusion of the ceremonies the opportunity was missed. He was, however, provided with a number of photographs, and having met the king in life, he has since prepared a model of the deceased monarch. The monument is to cost \$15,000, an organization having been formed in Honolulu expressly for the purpose of erecting this tribute of respect to the dead king. The figure will be of heroic size and is to stand on a plainly inscribed pedestal.

Brick Buildings in China.

LONDON, March 1.—The Chinese government has engaged a German official named Lieske to establish an extensive brick manufactory near Hong Kong. The object of the government in starting these works, which will be followed by the establishment of others in various parts of the empire, is to rebuild most of the cities whose houses are constructed almost wholly of wood. The frequent fires occurring in these places, almost invariably resulting in the destruction of thousands of buildings, led the authorities to the determination to substitute brick for wood in the future, and to cause the reconstructions of buildings as rapidly as possible.

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WHEN TATTOOING WAS POPULAR.

During the Civil War Tattooers Reaped a Harvest Among Seamen.

So clever was the artist in tattooing in days of the civil war that every stay, spar or portion of rigging in use on board a warship appeared outlined upon the human skin with a fidelity in regard to detail well nigh equal to that of steel engraving.

A representation of a fox hunt, which design covered the entire body, was a favorite one among navy seamen. In most cases this design was skillfully tattooed, and even beautifully, the huntsmen in red coats, the horses at full gallop, the leaping hounds and fleeing fox appearing wonderfully lifelike in their attitudes and proportions.

"The sailor's farewell," representing a maiden and sailor in the act of parting with each other, and with a full rigged ship in the background, was perhaps the most popular design of the many in use among navy sailors during the war.

The most singularly tattooed man ever met with by the writer was an individual who during the civil war served on board the sloop of war San Jacinto. Upon this man's body appeared a perfect representation, save as to color, of the flags of all nations. These designs covered nearly every portion of the man's body from the neck downward.

Certain of the celebrities in tattooing serving in our navy during the civil war left the service having in their possession quite a respectable sum of money obtained by them in the steady pursuit of their peculiar calling. Bill Haswell, of Baltimore, who in his day was held to be unequalled as a tattooer, is said to have retired from the navy after a cruise of twenty-six months with upward of \$5,000 over and above his regular pay, which was that of a seaman.

Until the introduction of the telephone the retailer of toys and notions never knew what it was to incur bad debts. He did not have to placard his store with "please don't ask for credit" signs, for no one seemed to think of coming in to buy toys or trifles unless he had the wherewithal handy to pay for them.

Another bad result from the telephone, so far as this business is concerned, is the increased percentage of goods which have to be delivered. Toys bought over the counter are nearly always taken home, but telephone orders have to be sent, however trifling the profit may be.

Among the numerous army of veterans which came to this capital Sunday we observed several women who, shouldering their guns with belts girded to their loins, marched, keeping time to the drums, and showing by their bearing and demeanor as much discipline as the best soldier. It cannot be denied that Salvador, as far as the defense and the preservation of its rights is concerned, stands among the first nations of America, since frail woman, though strong in these cases, volunteers willingly to go into the battlefield, not only to be of use in lending succor to her wounded husband or son fighting for his rights, but also to their country by shouldering a rifle and firing on the enemy cartridges, which by nature she would fear to touch.

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The Dalles is the largest original wool shipping point in America, about 5,000,000 pounds being shipped this year.

THE VINEYARD OF OREGON. The country near The Dalles produces splendid crops of cereals, and its fruits cannot be excelled. It is the vineyard of Oregon, its grapes equalling California's best, and its other fruits, apples, pears, prunes, cherries etc., are unsurpassed.

ITS PRODUCTS. The salmon fisheries are the finest on the Columbia, yielding this year a revenue of \$1,500,000 which can and will be more than doubled in the near future.

The products of the beautiful Klickital valley find market here, and the country south and east has this year filled the warehouses, and all available storage places to overflowing with their products.

ITS WEALTH. It is the richest city of its size on the coast, and its money is scattered over and is being used to develop more farming country than is tributary to any other city in Eastern Oregon.

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