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A TOUCH OF DESPOTISM.

It has got to be a mixed question whether Mr. Penoyer or the other ninety gentlemen who sit in the state-house constitute the legislature. Those who were elected as senators and representatives are impressed with the belief that they are the lawmaking power, but the governor has an entirely different notion. The freedom with which he is using the veto power would signify that he hasn't much faith in the ability of the legislators to discern good from evil. Possibly the legislature may return the compliment by a display of sufficient nerve to override the governor's vetoes, and put their legislation into operation in spite of gubernatorial objections. The exercise of the veto power is at best a dangerous constitutional prerogative. It is a relic of monarchical government unsuited to our republican institutions. It was adopted, however, as a safeguard against hasty and ill-considered legislation, and if wisely used may have a salutary effect. But this authority was not bestowed upon the executive department for the purpose of affording an opportunity for an arbitrary exercise of one-man power, or to enable the chief executive officer to be an obstruction to progress. The most important legislation of this session has already run against the veto snag. The world's fair bill and the militia bill were scuttled in the governor's office. The amended assessment law may possibly share the same fate. If it goes on at this rate, the people will begin to ask themselves, "What are we at?" and will wonder what is the use of having a legislature, when we have a governor who assumes all the functions of the legislative department. It is about time for the legislature to get in and assert itself as an independent branch of the state government.

Wyoming, North Dakota, and Montana failed to elect senators yesterday. The populists seem to be using the power for deadlock determinedly for weal or woe.

The vote on the mortgage tax law in the senate discloses the fact that Eastern Oregon, Multnomah county and a few valley counties were in favor of the repeal of the measure. It was not political in any sense. Senators Alley and Veatch voted against the repeal.—Eugene Guard.

Where was Cogswell? Eastern Oregon has these three branded. They are known as obstructionists and are against the public interest, even if they are its servants.

From the present congress nothing is to be expected, and as to the next nothing can be safely predicted. But certain it is that the canal must be constructed under American control, and that at no distant day. It will not be done as a corrupt political job, but as a great and necessary national measure. The demands of commerce and of national protection alike demand it. The trend of the world's political forces will drive our country to the work. Let our statesmen take care that the necessity for the accomplishment of the work shall be duly recognized. Delay may prove most dangerous.

In Arkansas the senate has just defeated a bill providing for depositing the state funds in bonded banks, in order to secure interest on the same for the benefit of the state, and the recent failure of a bank at Lincoln, Neb., which held a large amount of state funds under such a law, raises the question whether it is prudent to risk the loss of the principal in order to secure the interest in the case of public funds. If treasurers are required to loan out the funds, they and their bondsmen will probably be relieved of responsibility for their safe keeping, but the legislature ought to be able to devise some plan that would protect the public in this respect, and at the same time give it the benefit of any interest that can be earned on the funds belonging to the people.

Nearly one thousand millions worth of American securities are held in Europe and they are as good as gold today. With free coinage of silver they would be as good as silver only, the shrinkage amounting to about \$300,000,000. The free silver agitation has led to the turning back of these securities upon this country, and that is the meaning of the continued heavy exportations of gold. The problem is a very simple one, and yet hundreds of thousands of men do not seem to be able to grasp it. So long as the securities alluded to are believed to be backed by a sound currency system there is no haste on the part of foreigners to get rid of them. The moment there is a draft on that point they come by the cart-load. That is what the populist movement is doing for this country and that is all it has or ever will accomplish. It is a movement to make money plenty, and its only effect is to make money scarce.



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