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We observe a wide difference in opinion among the newspapers on the matter of forest reservations. Those published near the reservations don't like them a bit, while the farther away they are the more taken they seem to be with the theory. The situation, to a perfectly disinterested person, would probably develop a compromise between the different opinions. Forest reservations are all right; the theory is correct enough, but the practice, especially in Oregon, is carried to extremes. With a strip thirty or forty miles wide, extending through the center of the state, held out from settlement or use, a great injury is worked to the stockmen, without a corresponding benefit to anyone else. One-fourth or one-third of the area should be sufficient, and those who advocate the reservation of everything in the shape of forest should remember that it is possible to have too much of a good thing.

Chief Robertson, of the Portland police, must go. Oil and water will not mix, and prisoned eagles will not mate. That's what's the matter with Jonathan and the good ex-governor, now Mayor Penneyer. Each is an eagle in his way, Jonathan somewhat of a double eagle, and neither can submit to have his desires pent up or confined by any act of desire of the other. Hence Penneyer, who has control of the situation, has thrown Bourne down from the high place in his esteem, and has kicked, or intends kicking, his friends out with him. That's the reason Robertson must go. It isn't that Penneyer finds fault with Robertson's work. He doesn't like his friend, Jonathan; hence the public interests will be best served by deposing Robertson. Such is politics; such the simply purity of purpose in our Oregon Cincinnatus.

The East Oregonian favors the holding of a constitutional convention. So do we, and so does every other sensible person. The constitution of Oregon was made for a commonwealth of 50,000 people, but we will soon have ten times that. We have outgrown it, and experience has shown where there are many defects in the old constitution that require correction. We suggest that the matter be attended to the first time the legislature meets, for if the example of the past two legislatures is to be followed, then in the near future it will be impossible to get the legislature together long enough to provide for submitting the matter to the people.

The battleship Oregon is to be placed in the dry dock at Port Orchard to have bilge keels placed on her. She rolls so much as to make it extremely disagreeable for officers and crew, especially in rough weather, and it is thought the bilge keels will at least reduce this. It is only another proof that the limit of armor for war vessels has been reached, it having touched the point where top-heaviness begins, and the consequent danger of the big ocean terrors turning bottom up. The rivalry between the inventors of stronger armor and more penetrating projectiles seems to be settled in favor of the latter, since there is no limit in that line.

The Davis house yesterday, after recording just nineteen whereases, "Resolved" to go home, in the immortal hope of being called together by the governor before their terms of office expired. In this they are doomed to disappointment, for Governor Lord expresses his determination to appoint a senator, and claims that he has authority to do so. He

holds that the cases heretofore relied on, covering the ground that the governor cannot appoint where the legislature has met, do not apply to this case, since the legislature did not meet.

Governor Lord said last Friday, in answer to an inquiry, that he had not decided as to whether in case of failure of the legislature to organize, he would call an extra session. He also said that if the legislature fails to organize under existing conditions, when legislation is the interests of economy and reform is so necessary, it would seem useless to call the legislature together again for some time, if at all.

Mark Hanna was sworn in as senator yesterday afternoon. He is now in an official position where his friends, the enemy, can have a chance to criticize his actions. We are guessing that he will make a hard-working and useful member of a rather lazy and dilatory body.

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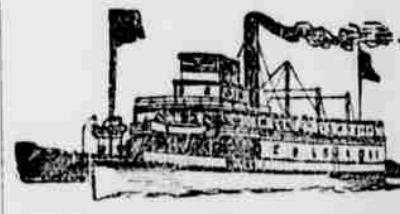


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