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TOO MUCH LAW.

The Tomahawk, usually correct in its views, takes a shy from its orbit this week on the subject of the Oregon senatorial muddle, and, with the Oregonian, asserts that the law is with Corbett, and that he is entitled to his seat. In defending its position the Tomahawk says:

In the light, however, that the United States senate recognizes and is governed by no law but of its own making, the question as to whether Mr. Corbett will be seated resolves itself into one of political expediency and not of equity to the state of Oregon or consistency on the part of that august body. The plea that there already exist precedents embracing the Oregon case is childish, because there has never before been a case of just such complications in the history of this country. There have been cases where the legislatures of states met, organized, passed laws and voted for a senator, but failed to agree, and in this failure to agree the United States senate found room for the excuse and denied the applicant at its doors his seat. We deem such ruling on the part of the senate as highly consistent, because when a legislature has met, organized, passed laws and voted for, but failed to elect a senator, the senate had no consistent right to seat any appointee, for such a failure bore the evidence upon its face that the delegated representatives of such a state did not desire to have a United States senator. But when a legislature fails to meet, never organizes, never notifies the chief executive, never passes a law, and consequently never votes for a senator, what reasons are there for permitting even a faint comparison between the two? Obviously none but such as may be evolved from political necessity.

The trouble seems to be that the papers dealing with this question are all hunting too much law, and avoiding too much common sense. They draw the distinction between a legislature that organizes and refuses to do its duty, and one that refuses to organize for the purpose of avoiding its duty. There is a difference it is true—the difference between tweedle-dum and tweedle-de. When the sticklers for law concede the first proposition, the second follows, as a matter of course. The legislature cannot do indirectly what it cannot do directly, and its refusal to organize for the purpose of preventing the election of a senator is as much its deliberate act as though it had organized and then refused to elect.

It is true technical objections can be made to this position, but we are not talking from the standpoint of legal hair splitters, we are talking sense. We are expressing the sentiments of the great mass of the people, who are honest; not of the few politicians who are "anything for the squirrel." Of the masses who are becoming sorebacked from the wear of the political saddle, and who some day will buck the riders off and drag them to death.

There is an old legal proverb that "no one can take advantage of his own wrong," and while our solons are working on technical matters they might figure on how much benefit those who violated their pledges and their oaths of office are entitled to receive for doing so.

It may be possible, and it may be probable, that the American people will get such an overdose of law on their national stomach that it will operate as an emetic, and it will eject the whole lot. From having too much law we are apt to go to the other extreme and have too little. Hell and anarchy are already within reach of the political pot, and it will not require much effort to get both of them in it.

And still the balance of Europe continues to put the thumb screws

on Greece, and prevent that little country tackling single-handed a power five times as strong as itself. The noble and warlike spirit of the Greeks has awakened admiration for them, and sympathy for their cause. Who knows, but the whirligig of time has again spun to that point where another Philip and another Alexander may carry her arms across the Bosphorus and to the banks of the Indus?

Some wretch of an inventor has made a machine that will magnify "smells." Its possibilities for good are limited, but suppose the fellow should turn his old machine loose around a limburger cheese factory or a meeting of the Oregon legislature, or some other odoriferous assemblage. The very thought of the results of that invention makes one regret that noses are necessary.

The county judges of most of the counties declare their determination not to pay over the state's proportion of taxes unless the legislature meet and make the regular appropriations. Of course the law provides for the paying over of the money at a stated time, but it must be remembered it also provides that the legislature shall meet at a certain time.

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Notice of Final Settlement.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the office of the Clerk of the County Court of the State of Oregon for Wasco County, his final account as the administrator of the estate of Phoebe M. Dunham, deceased, and that in accordance with the order of the County Court made and entered on the 18th day of December, 1896, the county courthouse in Dalles City, Oregon, was fixed as the place and the 1st day of March, 1897, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., as the time for the hearing of said final account and objections thereto.
A. R. THOMPSON,
Administrator.

ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed the assignee of the estate of M. Henderson and L. A. Henderson, insolvent debtors. All persons having claims against both, or either of said insolvent debtors are hereby notified to present them to me properly verified, as by law required, within three months from the date hereof, at the office of J. L. Story, in Dalles City, Oregon; and all persons owing them, or either of them, are hereby notified to settle with me at once.
The Dalles, Dec. 8, 1896.
J. S. DAVIS Assignee.

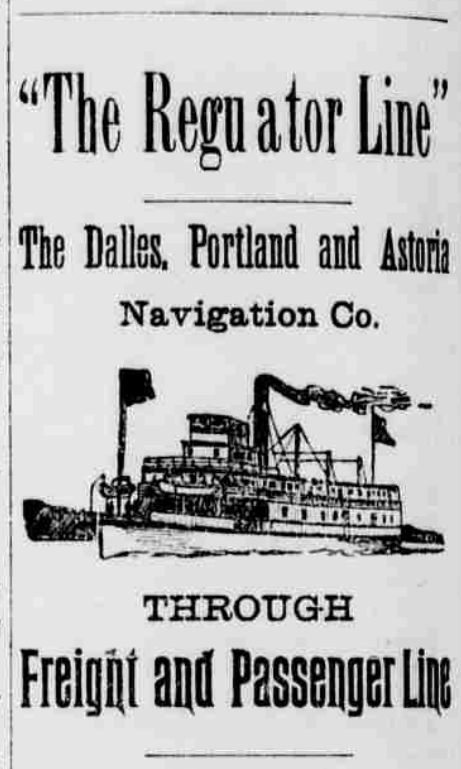
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