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IMPORTANT LEGISLATION.

Washington Correspondent Tells of the Splendid Work of Senator Mettride.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29, 1900.

EDITOR CHRONICLE :-

The delegation from Oregon in the fifty-sixth congress is certainly a hard working one, and valuable results for the people of that state are being accomplished. It is too much to expect within the space of one brief letter even to outline what has already been accomplished at this session by the entire delegation, and it will be necessary to devote at least one letter or more to each senator and member. The senior senator from Oregon, McBride, with his four years of experience, and the important committee positions which have come to him in the reorganization, and the work which he has accomplished, is easily entitled to first consideration.

Most important has been his work in securing the passage of the bill repaying to settlers on forfeited land grants the excess of \$1.25 per acre, which they were obliged to pay into the United States treasury for their pre-emptions and commuted homesteads. The price of \$2.50 per acre was charged only for the reason that it was believed by the government and by the settlers alike that that land was worth twice that which was outside of the limits of the railroad grant. No railroad being built, the settler within railroad being built, the settler within the railroad limits was no better off Mecca and shuffle off; but wiser generthan the settler miles farther away. ations will see California' of the south While it would seem that this is so plain and prolong life. as to need no urging, the proposition to repay this money met with bitter opposition from the very first. This strong opposition to what should have been done promptly as an act of justice, Senator McBride found left to fits, him as a legacy by his predecessor. Especially in the senate committee on public lands, through which this measure had to pass, was found this opposition, the growth of years of discussion. views on Spanish-American war and When Senator McBride took the matter up four years ago he succeeded in getting a majority of the senators on the committee to eign a favorable report, but there still remained minority opposition. The cenator began work upon the measure early in the present congress, upon the committee to whom the merits of the measure had to be explained, still the opposition was much less than it had been before and the bill was again cures coughs, colds, croup, bronchitis, the senate without a dissenting vote. Another important measure which has already obtained a good place on the calendar, accompanied by a favorable report from the committee on commerce, "Kodol Dyspepsia Cure did me more is the bill of Senator McBride's admitting the port of Astoria to what is known as the bonding privilege, or im- but cure dyspepsia and stomach trouble. mediate transportation of goods to their point of destination without paying of dues at the port of entry. This enme bill went through the senate last year, and having again secured a favorable report from the commerce committee will no doubt be passed when its turn is CATARRH reached on the calendar. Senate bill No. 945, introduced by Senator McBride, also favorably reported by the cenate committee on commores and placed upon the calendar, provides for a steam launch for the enstoms service at Astoria. This is an important matter to the commerce of the Columbia river.

by the senator have already been favorably reported and are now on the calendar. It is most important to secure The Shasta Route favorable reports from committees and in order to do this no end of hard work is involved. The merits of the bill must be explained often to the individual members who do not always attend com-

mittee meetings. One cannot get a better idea of the senator's standing among his fellow members than by glancing at the names of the men who make up what is 17:00 F. M. familiarly known as the Philippine commission. With one exception the entire committee is made up of men who have *8:30 A. M seen more than one term of service in the senate, and with two exceptions, McBride and Beveridge, all are veterans. except Sundays The Indian War veterans' pension bill, the first bill introduced by Senator 17:30 A. M. McBride this session, is certain to receive a favorable report from the senate

committee on pensions ; perhaps it may be upon the calendar before this letter reaches you. To give your readers some idea of the

amount of work done by the senior senator from Oregon outside of that for his constituents before committees other chan his own, it may be enough just to mention the fact that thirteen bills were referred the other day to the subcommittee on public lands, of which he te the chairman. Χ.

WINTER TRIPS.

For winter residence or winter outing ideal conditions will be found on every hand in California. Plenteous early rainfall has this season given to the semi-tropical vegetation wonderful impetue; the floral offeringe are more than usually generous and the crop of southern fruits bountiful and excellent.

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Fall Brook and Palm Springe. For renewing health and vigor, here abound many hot springs, of widely varying constituents and demonstrated merits; the dry, ant 1 tic, tonic air of the desert may be enjoyed at Banning, Indio, Yuma; and, even farther on, st Phoenix, Tucson, El Paso, exists conditions equally well indicated for weak throats and lungs. Many think nothing in nature more

attractive than the shimmering olive orchards of Santa Barbara and San Diego; others prefer the stately walnuts Ventura and Los Nietos, or the of lemons of Fernando; but for glorious fruit and graceful tree commend us to the golden orange, first, last and always, and it exists in greatest perfection at Covina, Riverside, Redlands and High- said The faithful were exhorted to see

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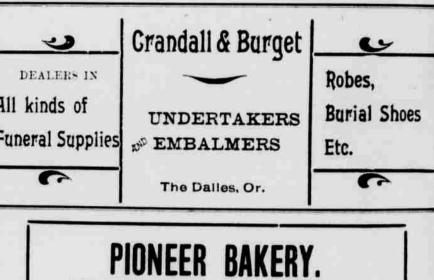
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