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THE MOST IMPORTANT LAW PASSED

The writer, even at this late time, still believes the Oregon legislature, whose hours are closing as these lines are written, is, on the whole, the ablest legislature Oregon ever

And, on the average, as honest and hard working and well intentioned as any of its predecessors.

What was the most important piece of legislation passed at this session? There would be many answers, if this question were put to various men; owing to their differing interests-the things with which they are most concerned and best acquainted.

The flax men who met with the Salem realtors at luncheon yesterday would agree that the penitentiary revolving fund law was the most important—

And the writer agrees with them. This law takes all the revolving funds of the prison (four of them) and puts them into one industrial revolving fund. It puts \$100,000 new money into this revolving fund, and all the money in the other funds, tho; and all the earnings from now on, besides. So, instead of having \$100,000, that fund years within which to pay what it out any facts regarding his coln schools, and such improve- 000 a year tuition for the privil has, or will soon have, \$150,000. Then it authorises the owes the United States. This strange life. He was considered governor and superintendent of the prison to borrow from the state treasury as much as \$50,000, at not more than 4 tion that the next generation bear per cent interest, to pay for raw materials and labor in working them up; this money to be repaid when they are worked as a reminder that wars are ter- triously around the Levant, up. So the reader will see that the governor and superin- ribly expensive. tendent have a good deal of leeway.

Then this law gives these men authority to make rules for the revolving fund; to say when there are profits; to keep building material will be a shock he had met the correspondent and the profits in the funds as they see fit, and to pay part of to those who have put off the furnished him with his own ver- provements, after a careful sur- in decent sanitary facilities and in West Salem Thursday, Febru- and go to the home of her son. them into the maintance fund, when they get to the point erection of a home, hoping that sion of his career. in their operations where they may do this without impair- prices would recede. Instead of ing their activities or industrial expansion.

So it is a permanent law-made for all time-And the writer believes that under it the prison will be come self sustaining, and will become a model prison-

And that under it a foundation will be put under the flax and linen industries, so that they will sooner than would have otherwise been possible become the greatest industries in

Are these things not important? Is there any other one thing as important, touched upon in the legislation of the of castor oil. Such a law in the try, throwing his influence now lack of accommodations. If we trict owe it to their school board, Coan, who died in 1878, leaving present session?

PRESIDENT JAY UPTON

When Jay Upton became president of the Oregon senate est 5-cent clgars are made of he was bitterly attacked by the opposition, chagrinned at spinach, thus removing a blot wild ravings of a writer of melotheir own defeat. An attempt was made to throw a cloud from the more or less excellent dramatic fiction. The impressing upon his character and many doubted the wisdom of the reputation of the cabbage. And

Now that the session is at an end, an appraisal can be the prestige of Salem, the coming made of President Upton's work.

By his wise and nonpartisan committee appointments he disarmed those who had regarded themselves his enemies, and brought the discordant factions of the senate together into a harmonious working body. What bitterness remained was gradually worn away, until there was a sincere hardworking senate, composed of some of Oregon's most able U. declares that the women of lowly circles.

cure some of the ills now burdening the people of the state. President Upton's voice has seldom been heard in debate on the floor of the senate, but his guiding hand has directed and controlled the work of the body in every move, and to his genius and diplomacy has been due most of the harmony and efficiency of the session.

citizens, conscientiously trying to enact legislation that would

As a presiding officer Upton has few equals. Men who have attended numerous sessions as members or visitors are a unit in pronouncing him one of the finest presiding officers that ever yielded the gavel in the senate chamber.

His fairness, thorough understanding of parliamentary principles, keen intellect, presence of mind and ability to make quick decisions and make them right, have won increasing called attention to the fact, shown respect as the days of the session progressed, while his by statistics, that outside of Portoratorical voice and fine stage presence have been a constant source of admiration.

We congratulate the senate on its efficient organization.

WORLD'S RICHEST MAN?

Another picturesque personality

Europe, who has constantly re-

of the moment dictates.

The career of this man, who

has been dubbed a modern Count

of Monte Cristo, reads like the

fact for Americans is that he was born of poor parents at Constan-

tinople, started life humbly as a

fireman and at 72 is the financial

giant of Europe. Such achieve-

ments are common in America,

but most unusual in Europe,

where the cards are usually stack-

field. Watch Salem grow.

day will show that Salem is an im- often go hungry did not the wostrides toward becoming the Pet- ly prove that women are pluckier Enrollment increase in 4 aluma of Oregon.

There will now be no doubt concerning the working up of all the fiber flax produced in this district, into tow and fiber; and the beginnings of carrying its manufacture to articles of higher value will be made this year. We will surrounds him torn asunder by now progress gradually and surely on the way to a great flax and

Under the debt agreement the ought to strengthen the contensome of the burdens, principally American writer snooped indus-

The advance in the prices of less make the Levantine wish that gram. doing so they are advancing. These are great times.

It is now asserted that the latincidentally, perhaps, adding to spinach center of the world.

HIGHER EDUCATION

Mrs. Livingston of the W. C. T. ed against a man who is born in

EDITORIALS OF THE **PEOPLE**

Salem School Needs

Editor Statesman:

The Chamber of Commerce has | 1287. land. Salem is really the best-

and more long-suffering than years 1237 Estimated enrollment June

Percentage of increase in has had the veil of mystery that gram to provide for the needs of tive that in school equipment, Sa-

structures, as follows: Basil Zaharoff, the richest man in New wing at the high school, friend of public education. and units of permanent structure British nation will have sixty-two fused to be interviewed or give at Grant, Washington and Lin- resident pupils are paying \$27. ments as may be needed in housa great enigma in Europe, but the schoolhouses of the city.

> a number of civic organizations we should have the reputation of and parent-teacher meetings, in- having the best public school syswhence he came, and Greece and cluding the Chamber of Com- tem in the state. We have taken dug up a lot of facts that doubt- merce, have endorsed this pro- backward steps in manual train-

The committee on civic imso, those who neglected to cast ciers. Like most Levantines he is from the public schools attending occurrence. their ballots would be given a dose practically a man without a coun- private and sectarian schools for

COMING EVENTS

Feb. 28, Wednesday, Children's Health clinic at Cham- *

March 1, 2, and 3, Flying Squadron, in interest of Prohibition enforcement. Afternoon and evening meet- *

ings in Presbyterian church. March 3, Saturday, Prof. E. S. Conklin talk on "Autosuggestion," before Univers- * ity's Women's club at Cham-

ber of Commerce. March 5, 6, Monday and Tuesday, Lions minstrel show show for Boy Scouts.

LINCOLN

Harry Bowling, in Los Angeles Times.

oft hath the traveler in the arid lands, Sighing for cool retreat and

shady bower, een the gaunt yucca from the naked sands (Armed with

some mystic storm-resisting power) Burst into fragrant unexpected flower:

burnt-out sky Fresh snow-white blossoms in a silvery shower: As though in answer to earth's

Hanging like bells beneath the

desperate cry, look up-God reigns on high!

Presence nigh Through civic strife and party fury when Union answered Sumter's

flerce defi And blood-red flung the challenge back again; Above the crash of arms and warring men

Thy patient purpose bore, when God saw best, Strange spirit blossoms never known till then,

To heal old wounds, bring hope to hearts opprest And break the last long chain that fettered this free west.

And ever shall our nation, under

Go on from strength to strength, so we decline The beaten path that ancient em-

pires trod And consecrate our lives, as thou didst thine To something purer, nobler, more divine;

fairer freedom based on human Resolved this freedom, at a martyr's shrine

Hallowed, exalted to a newer birth. Under one Flag shall never per-

rollment. If the voice of the people prevails, enacting a law that all children between 8 and 16 years of age shall cease attending private and sectarian schools. and attend only the public schools, at a conservative estimate another 300 will be added that must be provided for. So that in the next two years these figures indicate that the public schools must be equipped for at least 1,000 new students-the above figures total

equipped educational center of high. During the war period Oregon. The committee appointed many children were withdrawn to help the hoard of education from the public schools and no carry out a constructive building new buildings were needed. But A number of important build- America are better educated than program, has dug up statistics for the past four years Salem has ing projects for Salem are on the the men. Evidently men of high- that should appeal to the friends struck its pace as the most rapidtapis. You need not be surprised brow tendency are of the same of education. The statistics gath- ly growing town of its size in the at startling developments in this opinion, for they always turn to ered are from the latest official northwest. No one doubts that the women's clubs when looking data on file with the superinten- pace will be maintained, and the for a sympathetic audience. And dent of public schools and include increase for four years past is The Statesman of next Thurs- many platform lecturers would the following showing of increas- only normal. But that it will ed enrollment in the last four be kept up and even increased in portant poultry center, and be- men's clubs open their doors to years.

Enrollment Feb. 1, 1919 2671 | ical, ratio is the opinion of the coming more so fast—making them. This, however, may mere- Enrollment Feb. 1, 1923 3908 superintendent and principals and school board.

> The Chamber of Commerce and its committee have presented the 1, 1923 4185 facts of the growth and the needs Increase in 4 1/2 years 1514 of this school district in an aggressive manner that should be 4 1/2 years 56.6% the policy of the capital city, one The school hoard has called an of the richest and most beautiful election for March 12 to issue cities west of the Rockies. It is bonds to finance a building pro- admitted by the most conservaan indefatigable American news- this school district for a period of lem has fallen behind. The need paper correspondent. This is Sir 10 years, including permanent of a constructive forward movement is apparent to any loyal The fact that about 350 non-

ege of attending our high school ing and equipment at the other should stimulate the pride of our city in developing not only the The Chamber of Commerce and best high school in the state but ing, in playground equipment, in gymnasiums and assembly rooms, vey, finds that 367 children are places for the children to be ac-He is seldom heard of in Amer- at present attending the public commodated in eating their lunchica, but he is richer than the schools with only temporary hous- es and in keeping out of the rain. Rothschilds and, some financial ing. That is, that number have to say nothing about such modwriters insist, the richest man in not regularly equipped school ern ideas as a rest room where the world. He controls the oil rooms for their daily sessions, but girls or teachers can be decently In Italy, at the recent election, of Europe and the Near East and bly rooms, offices, hallways, and which with 4000 students enrolled are meeting in basements, assem- cared for in case of sickness. it was decreed that all who did is believed to be the power behind one temporary structure. In this as we will have before the end of not vote were ill and, this being the "Dutch Shell" by most finan- number are included 50 children this school year, is of almost daily

The people of this school dis-United States would probably not toward the Turks and again in take the growth of the district for composed of five of the ablest one son, George Conn, who died work as smoothly as it did in favor of the Greeks, as the policy the past four years as an index, men in the city, to give them a the next two years will add 620 vote of confidence in the building pupils to the public school en- program they have worked out. The final statistical survey by the Chamber of Commerce committee will soon be placed in the hands of each voter and will bear investigation and the fullest discus-

-E. HOFER.

King Tutenkhamun, whose body they have just found in Egypt, must have had a lot of fun in his day. The Egyptians were not al-

The last addition to our school quipment was the McKinley school, which is now a junior geometrical, rather than arithmet-

ways trying to amend the consti-

CHARGED WITH ATTACKING YOUNG WOMEN.

alexander A. McArthur (right), artist and adopted son of John R. McArthur, millionaire builder, wanted by the Essex county, N. J., officials for trial on a charge of attacking two young women. He is fighting extradition and was photographed here with his attorney, S. D. Kessler (left) and Arthur P. McArthur,

OBITUARY

Mrs. Mary Ferguson.

home of her son, J. C. Ferguson required her to give up her home ary 22, 1923, at 1:30 o'clock a. where she was cared for until her nr. Mrs. Ferguson, whose maiden death. name was Mary Eyre, was born | The funeral service will be held in Lincolnshire, England, January at the Webb & Clough chapel at 16, 1846, and came to America 9:45 this morning and will be with her father's family in 1852, conducted by Dr. Kantner of the and of her eight brothers and sis- Congregational church. Miss ters three are still living-George Wenger will sing. Interment will Eyre of Salem, Edward Eyre, liv- be at Newport Saturday aftering in California, and Mrs. Sallie noon. Thompson, living in Illinois. In 1866 she was married to James

Warch 7, 1915.

The family came to Salem in 1885 and lived at West Salem until 1910, when they moved to Newport and where Mrs. Fergu-Mrs. Mary Ferguson died at the son has lived until failing health

Princeton university is able to report that when most of the sturied to John Ferguson and of this moralized. As the professor paunion there was born one son, thetically put it: When joy riding John C. Ferguson, who lives in takes the place of higher mathe-West Salem and at whose home matics there is hell to pay. The she died. The husband, John verdict of a number of high Ferguson, died at Newport, Or., schools is along similar lines.



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For Boys and Girls

THE FUN BOX

He Might Raise It got a lilac bush 50 feet high." | baby the hymn book to play with." pride, commy: "Wish I could lilac

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She Had Good References "Nurse, did you kill all the germs in the baby's milk?" 'Yes. ma'am; I run it through the meat chopper twice."

Father Speaks "Father, what do you mean by a gentleman farmer? A gentleman farmer, my son, is one who seldom raises anything

but his hat." College Style

Harold, aged six, was taken to see his first football game, and was much impressed. The thing that interested him most, however did not become evident until he said his prayers that night. As he

Generous Minister

minister who stuttered."

girl to swim?" "That's easy. First you put you take her left hand-"

"But this girl is my sister."

"Aw, push her off the pier."

Blub: "I hear you're working! n a shirt factory." Glub: "Yes, you're right." Blub: "How come you aren't

hirts this week." THE SHORT STORY, JR.

George The Second's Birthday

working today?"

knelt at his mother's knee, to the Johnson scratched his little wooly mammy, both dressed in their terror of his parents, Harold head and looked worried. Hadn't Sunday clothes, started off for prayed with true football vim: he just distinctly heard a man say the town nail. "God bless father, God bless moth- today was George Washington's

'mammy Johnsing" about it. Daughter: "The preacher just into the kitchen, dining room and prised audience. "Ladies and is my birfday.

"Mammy Johnsing" looked up over her tub of foaming white suds. "Land sakes, honey," she cried, "is it? I done forgot. My, but ain't you the smahtest chile! Mother: "Gracious! We must To think you would remember it!" Sammy: "Over in America we make a good impression. Give the Her whole black face shone with

The Junior Statesman

The Biggest Little Paper in the World

There was to be a big celebra-"What is the way to teach a tion that night in the town hall just for him. George Washington had heard the man say so. "On, your arm around her waist; then Mammy, kin I go, kin I?" he tugged at his mother's full skirts.

> "Sho you kin, honey," Mrs. Johnson gave her son a sudsy pat on the head. "Yoah own birfday celebration," she declared proudly. "I'll go, too. My, ef yoah daddy had only lived wouldn't he be proud? He was a:ways such a smaht man. He named yoah lobely long name and he learned me all I know. You take after him. honey, and I'm dat proud ob you." Mammy Johnsing wrung her hands from the warm suds and beamed upon her little son, "I'm goin' to make you a birfday cake. dat's what I'm agoin' to do," she

It was a wonderful day for George Washington Roosevelt Glub: "Oh, we're making night Johnson. He had never known such a day, Although he thought the evening with its marvelous celebration would never come, the day itself flew past all too quick-

At last the time for the cele-George Washington Roosevelt bration came and he and his

There were songs and cheers er, God bless Harold, Boom! Rah! birthday? It was funny that he that George Washington thrilled had not known it was his birth- to and lustily joined in where he day. Why hadn't his Mammy told could. There were long speeches him? George Washington Roose- that George dreamed through and Why do your sign your name velt could never remember having dozed when they were too long. J. John B. B. B. Bronson?" asked had a birthday. This was probably At last when the celebration was the first one he had ever had. nearly over his mammy got up. "Because it is my name," said Grabbing up his basket of grocer- and, leading him by the hand. Bronson. "I was christened by a les he ran quickly home to tell started up the aisle.

Stopping before the platform "Mammy," he puffed, bursting she smiled broadly at the surphoned and said he was coming to living room all in one, "dis heah Gemmen," she began, "dis heah is de George Washington de birfday Answer to yesterday's; Tame, meat. ish from the earth.



Edited by John H. Millar

ob which you is celebrating. In and scairt to do it, I thank you all heahtily." A deafening roar broke out in the hall and cheer after cheer was given for the Little George,

As George Washington Roosevelt Johnson clutched tightly to Saying: -Though death be nearhis Mammy's old black hand and stumbled sleepily home through the dark, he thought happily that So didst thou, Lincoln, feel the he was the proudest little boy in





