

MUD CREEK MATTERS.

The Duty of a Good Legislator—Inefficient Mail Facilities—A Serious Accident—The Dear Darling at the Delivery Window.

MUD CREEK, Oa., Jan. 12, 1889.

To the Editor of the East Oregonian:

I suppose the grand law "moguls" have begun their legislative labors, and no doubt at this moment each individual member is striving and conniving to enact some measure to make his memory most lasting with his constituency; the golden thoughts of our wisest men are being moulded into "statutory provisions," for the guidance of the less wise. The grandest act of legislation is justice; the most sublime act of a legislator is to zealously guard the rights of others. The question of "how to raise revenue" will, no doubt, be an issue at the present session, and I hope our members will work for a repeal of the "exemption" clause. If a majority of the replies to your circular letter be taken as authority on the subject—and I don't see any way to get a more thorough sense of the public feeling—they surely point to the fact that the people are in favor of a radical change in our assessment system, and particularly do they seem opposed to deductions for indebtedness.

Mr. H. L. Bowmer, the managing man of the Milton Eagle, will start an opposition delivery office in Walla Walla next week. He says the fact that his papers remain in the U. S. postoffice two or three weeks before they are handed out to subscribers is becoming extremely distasteful, hence the necessity of establishing private quarters where his subscribers can secure the fruits of the press before the type entirely fades. Mr. Bowmer is laboring hard to build up a reputation for furnishing fresh news to his patrons, and if no other course will succeed, he will deliver his paper by special courier. There is surely something radically wrong with our mail facilities somewhere. Last Saturday I received fresh from the press, and still damp with "freshness," the EAST OREGONIAN of November 1st, 1888. I was truly glad to get it so soon after it left the press. Typographically, it was as neat as a lady's slipper, but the editorial prognostications were abominable, and at the same time amusing. It stated with a great flourish of confidence that "Cleveland would carry Indiana by at least a thousand majority," and that "New York was perfectly safe." Thus we see the wisest heads "mug aft a gee."

"Fat Sam" met with a serious mishap, or rather misstrain the other evening. He had gone over to Adams on business, and just before train-time met an old acquaintance. Before he could gather his scattered thoughts together and get to the depot with them the train had moved off, it being a fraction the largest it felt too big to walk. But Sam didn't care much; the "big rig" was first-class, the distance only a trifle over two leagues, and the stars shone brightly. I am told he does not receive visitors for the present, owing to carboles.

Women are queer critters. This conclusion is drawn from recent observations taken unknown to the woman who claims the right to tell me what I may observe and what I may not. When I arrived at the delivery window the other day I found I was in the rear—or rather, in front of a head of me were an even dozen of the female population, all anxious to inquire for mail, although half them did not expect any. The delivery clerk, with a much dispassionate as possible waited on each one in turn, not seeming to heed the many insinuations about "holding back letters." "I know there is a letter for me if I could only get it," etc. As it usually takes twice as long to wait on a woman as a man, I always go after the mail myself. By the time half of the group had cleared away my feet began to get cold and I stamped around some, which added to the confusion. Just as No. 5 shouted through the window, "Miss Filinda Oriza Bliven," three more of the sex crowded in front of me. As the next three passed out, four more edged in to take their place. My heart nearly failed me, but I dare not insist on my rights, for directly in front of me stood a square-shouldered female with a moustache for all the world like that of a Chinese envoy. I had the patience of Job, but a great many did not, for after being crowded and jostled for about two hours, they gave up and left. By actual count thirty-four women had come and gone, twenty-eight without a single missive, before I got close enough to shout "box 64." If women were forced to form in line and await their turn as men do, they would make fewer trips to the postoffice and would not have made it necessary for me to set up this growl.

WILLIS.

Trouble in Indiana.

The Legislature of Indiana are having the same kind of trouble they had two years ago. It refuses to recognize the authority of Republican Lieutenant-Governor Robertson. Accordingly large crowds gathered about the Senate chamber in anticipation of seeing a personal encounter. Colonel Robertson arrived, and was refused admittance by the doorkeeper. Under the law, it is the duty of the State auditor to organize the Senate, in the absence of the presiding officer. When that body convened, Judge Mitchell, on the Supreme Court, asked if Auditor Carr was present. Mr. Carr stepped out and briefly stated that the constitutional presiding officer was at the door demanding admission, and he would not surp his power.

Senator Johnson then submitted a resolution, directing the auditor to order the doorkeeper to admit Col. Robertson. He put the resolution to a vote and a terrible uproar declared it carried but it had no effect on the Democratic doorkeeper. Judge Mitchell and the Democratic senators then proceeded to organize, the Republicans remaining from voting. Some of the Senators took the chair. The Republicans proceeded against the taking the oath, but Judge Mitchell administered it, and then the chambers. The minor officers were called, and the Senate adjourned.

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FRED A. DALY,
School Clerk District No. 1.

THIS PROVES OUR ASSERTION

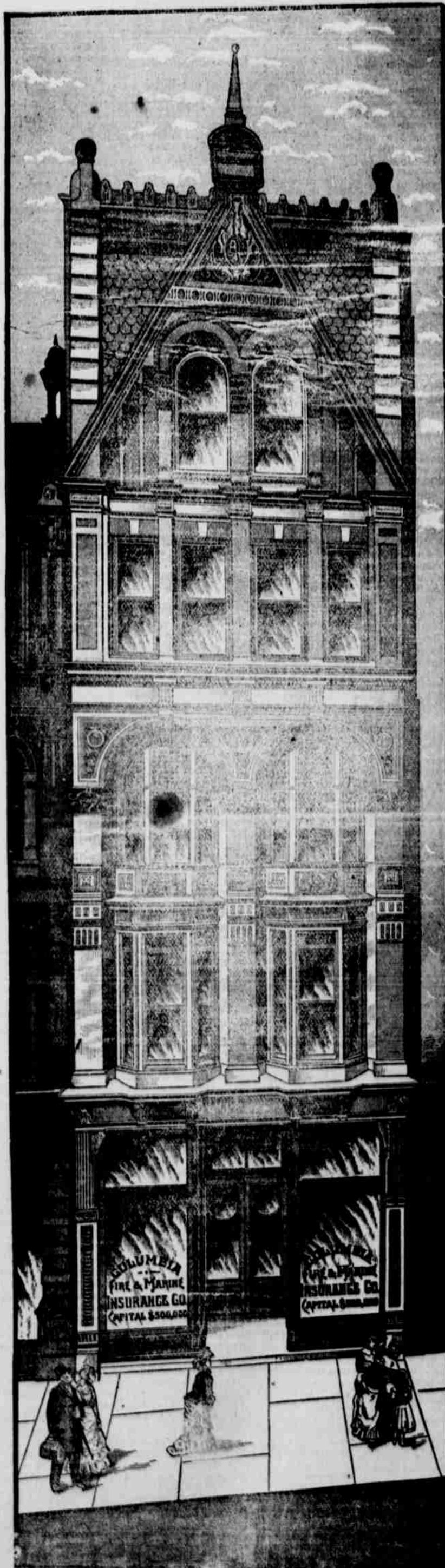
That to protect yourself you should give your Insurance to the Columbia Fire and Marine Insurance Company, of Portland, Oregon—organized under the laws of Oregon. Has a guaranteed capital of \$500,000 for your protection, which is ten times the amount of deposit required of Foreign Companies, who pay NO taxes, and send ALL THE PROFITS out of the State, thereby increasing your taxes. Think of this and give our Company a part of your INSURANCE.

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JOHN A. CHILD, Secretary.

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