

Senator Alley's bill to incorporate Florence passed the house Friday evening and is now ready for the governor's signature.

Miller's bill for the manufacture of school books by the state, to be furnished at actual cost to the student, has been defeated.

A bill has passed the legislature which deprives all those unable to read the constitution of the United States of the elective franchise.

The Senate bill to appropriate \$2000 for a salmon hatchery on the Siuslaw was referred to the committee on fisheries after its second reading.

There will be a great deal of mud flung at the legislature after its adjournment and its members will be called all sorts of fools. However, the fools are not all in the legislature.

The house Thursday passed a bill for a \$1500 homestead exemption law. There has been an attempt to pass such a law at several previous sessions, sometimes as low as \$1000; but its friends say this bill will easily go through the senate.—Statesman.

The Salem Statesman is to be congratulated upon its enterprise in issuing a splendid supplementary edition last week. It contains half-tone cuts of quite a number of the most prominent of the state's representatives and senators, among which is a splendid likeness of Senator B. F. Alley.

The bill appropriating \$60,000 for the world's fair has passed both houses of the legislature, but will in all probability be vetoed by the governor. When asked about it a few days ago he said: "Read the governor's message of two years ago." An effort will probably be made to pass it over the veto should it be dealt with in that way.

Since President Lincoln's time more justices of the supreme court have been appointed by President Harrison than any other president. In all he has named four men to that post, within one of President Lincoln's record. These are Justices Brown, Brewer and Shiras to succeed respectively Justices Stanley Matthews, Samuel F. Miller and Joseph P. Bradley; and now Judge Howell Edmunds Jackson is to be the successor of Justice Lamar.

Italy has sent an ultimatum to Brazil in a case somewhat similar to that between the United States and Chili, and yet her statesmen are not accused of "jingo" conduct nor credited with a desire to bully a weak nation for political effect. On the 3d of July, 1892, Italian citizens were attacked by a mob of citizens and police at Santos, and the office of an Italian paper was wrecked and a restaurant demolished. Italy demanded suitable reparation and damages, and has waited until patience is exhausted.

The Brazilian government has now been notified that if the demands are not immediately complied with force will be used. There is little difference in the Brazilian and Chilian incidents, save the way in which the efforts of the aggrieved nation to secure satisfaction are viewed by other powers and by a disgruntled and unpatriotic faction at home.—Oregonian.

When Senator Vanderburg introduced the bill in the senate to provide for the publication of county expenditures, on cloth posters, he neglected to add that it was introduced by request, and ever since he has been the object of derision in the eyes of the country press. One paper is not objecting to the bill, however, and that is the Woodburn Independent, for its editor is the father of it.

Governor Pennoyer is not a very enthusiastic supporter of President-elect Cleveland. On being asked for the use of the state cannon to fire a salute in honor of Cleveland's inauguration he said: "No permission will be given to use the state cannon for firing a salute over the inauguration of a Wall street plutocrat as president of the United States." The use of the government cannon at Vancouver barracks will probably be secured for this purpose.

The editor of the East Oregonian says that the Oregon militia is composed of spindle-shank youths and the entire lot would not keep at bay a cur dog. The Wallowa Chieftain adds there is no law to prevent the E. O. man from having his opinion and expressing it, but if he will come over to Joseph he will find in a single company of this despised militia forty men, any one of whom will convince him of his mistake in about two minutes.

The Oregon legislature Thursday placed itself upon record as favoring the annexation to the United States of the Sandwich Islands. Senator Denny last Thursday introduced the following resolution for annexation which was concurred in by the house: "Resolved, by the senate, the house concurring, that our senators and representatives in congress be requested to use all honorable means to secure the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands to the United States, and that the secretary of state be directed to telegraph this resolution to our representatives in congress."

The Hawaiian revolution is being generally and thoroughly discussed at Washington. While most of the chief men of the nation look with longing eyes to the annexation of these islands, there are several who look at it as a "sour grape" proposition. However this may be, it begins to look as if the United States would take hold of the matter and annex the islands without much delay. At least this is hoped, as the acquisition

piece of property means a great deal to the country. Let us have annexation.

The Portland Dispatch says: The barbers of this city have sent to Senator Woodward for introduction in the legislature a bill providing for the closing of barbershops in the state on Sundays. They say that other places are closed by law so that Sunday can be enjoyed as a day of rest, and they would like the same privilege forced on them. They claim that people can be shaved as well on Saturday as any other day, and seven days in the week are too many to work. It is understood that the cheap barbers are opposed to this measure.

Senator Blackman's bill dividing the 5 per cent road fund among the counties according to area passed the senate yesterday, but shortly after this King's bill came from the house, having been passed by that body; so Mr. Blackman succeeded in having the rules suspended three times and the senate passed King's bill. Senator Blackman thus generously gives King the credit. This bill distributes the fund on the first of March each year. This year there is \$95,000, a little over a dollar for each of the 94,000 square miles in the state. This will give Senator Blackman's district, consisting of Morrow, Grant and Harney, \$20,000 this year, and about \$3,000 each year hereafter. Some of the Eastern Oregon counties get a big slice of this fund, but the valley counties are in a generous mood, and want to help out the roads of the sparsely settled districts.—Salem Statesman.

England has adopted a blustering attitude towards the United States since the inception of the Hawaiian annexation question, and the London Telegraph makes the threat that Great Britain will not permit annexation. It also says that the policy of the United States will not permit it. The New York Sun very aptly voices the sentiments of a majority of the people in the following: Surely Englishmen cannot be so foolish as to suppose that if the United States wishes to annex the Sandwich Islands, and the islands wish to be annexed, the annexation is to be prevented for fear of Great Britain. That nation does not possess the power of veto over measures determined by the representatives of the American people. As to the policy of the American government in regard to the acquisition of new territory, England should not depend too much upon precedent. The United States will make its own policy and create precedents if necessary.

Blackman's school book bill, which passed the senate unanimously, and in all likelihood has passed the house and is ready for the governor's signature, is the same old law with the following important amendments: The state board of education will hereafter prepare and submit to all publishers who may enter

into competition for our school books, a circular setting forth a uniform schedule of price lists, with which said publishers must comply in entering into competition for such adoption of text-books; that is to say, the state board of education must hereafter fix a uniform series of prices, to which and with which publishers must comply. Heretofore the state board of education had no special power in this direction. It will, hereafter, fix the maximum rate of books. In addition to this, all school-book publishers, whose books may be adopted, must establish depositories at convenient points in the state for the general distribution of text-books. Instead of this system of depositories being established at the expense of the state, they must now hereafter be established by the publishers whose books are adopted.

A new industry, that of manufacturing beet sugar, is being thoroughly discussed by the citizen's of our county's metropolis. A dispatch to the Oregonian from Eugene says: A special meeting of the board of trade was held last evening (Feb. 3), having under consideration the question of the establishment of a sugar beet factory at this point. An expert had been secured to make an investigation as to the soil, climate, and other conditions, and the probable outlook for the success of such an institution. He was present at the meeting and made a very favorable report, based upon the facts as he found them, and the result of the experiment of the agricultural department at Washington. He said he had found no place on the Pacific coast where the conditions were so favorable for the industry. The soil will produce an enormous yield and the tests of the beets show a very high percentage of sugar. Fuel, water, site, labor and other necessities can be secured at a minimum cost, and an ample market can be found in the Willamette valley for a factory of very large capacity. An effort will be made to establish such a factory here.

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