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The seventeenth biennial session of the Oregon legislature came to a close on Saturday, February 18, after a session of forty-one days.

A bill has passed the legislature repealing the tax of a fraction of a mill for the State University and appropriating in place of it the sum of \$30,000 a year hereafter.

Hawaiian annexation has been approved by the president, the senate will consent and congress will pass such laws as are necessary to carry out the plan. Of course, in matters of such importance and weight as this, action without much deliberation cannot be taken.

The bill creating Lincoln county has become a law and Toledo will be the temporary county seat. This means a great deal for the Yaquina bay country. Besides an increase in population there will probably be new papers and a big scramble for the new county seat at the next election in 1895. Already the woods are full of candidates for office under the new government to be appointed by Governor Pennoyer.

The coming year will probably be one of marked prosperity and advancement in Florence. Among the various enterprises spoken of are the building of a saw-mill at the lower end of the Point Terrace boom by Mitchell & Bailey, the enlargement of the boom to about double its present capacity, the building of a stern wheel steamboat of large capacity at Meke, and a steam schooner of 250 tons carrying capacity at the Spruce Point saw-mill. There are between four and five million feet of logs in the river to be manufactured into lumber, which requires the placing of a fleet of vessels between this place and San Francisco.

Less than five months ago Jerry Simpson, the Kansas legislative freak, made a complaint at Leavenworth that he would not pay the money he had borrowed upon his farm, because of the operation of cruel monopolies. Yet a few days ago he went on the bond of a political friend, swearing, in so doing, that he was worth more than \$10,000. It will be in order for the populists of Kansas—unless Jerry's political bed-fellows—pause in the mad pursuit of their "rights" long enough to inquire how this anti-capitalist and poor man's friend has managed to make \$2000 a month, and whether he should not now be ranked with the plutocrats?—Oregonian.

A London cablegram received February 18 says: Princess Kaiulani sends the following address to the American people: "Four years ago, at the request of Mr. Thurston, then Hawaiian cabinet minister, I was sent away to England to be educated privately and fitted for the position which, by the constitution of Hawaii, I was to inherit. For all these years I have patiently and in exile

striven to fit myself for my return this year to my native country. I am now told that Mr. Thurston is in Washington asking you to take away my flag and my throne. No one tells me even this officially. Have I done anything wrong that this wrong should be done to me and my people? I am coming to Washington to plead for my throne, my nation and my flag. Will not the great American people hear me?"

In Germany a general knowledge of American affairs and celebrities is a striking feature to those Americans visiting that country. In relating an incident illustrative of this Mr. F. E. Fremont, who lives at the head of South Slough, about eight miles from Florence, said: "A friend of mine who at present is visiting the Old World on a general tour, wrote me a short time ago that at a reception in Germany of which she was a guest a discussion of American celebrities was indulged in at length. During the course of the conversation mention was made of Buffalo Bill and his famous career, with considerable speculation as to his relation to McKinley Bill."

Senators Alley and Veatch deserve the thanks of the people for the stand they took on the county division question. While there may be some soreness over the matter in certain quarters, it will soon be acquiesced in as the wisest course to be pursued in at present. Members of the legislature cannot please all and often their position is embarrassing. The present legislature was unqualifiedly opposed to county division, and in only one instance, and that where the main settlement was eighty miles from the county seat, was division granted. Our senators certainly considered the wishes of an overwhelming majority of their constituents.—Eugene Guard.

The following story, which is just now going the rounds of the press, is calculated to knock the wind out of the ordinary fishing yarns, but should not become a matter of anxiety to the Florence diarists, as Siuslaw clams are not afflicted with so much intelligence: "A rancher on the Big Nestucca has a cow which has been coming home of late already milked. She formerly yielded a bucket of the sudsy fluid. Suspecting a neighbor of milking the cow the weary rancher watched her that afternoon. About five o'clock just as he was about to give up the watch and go home, he observed the cow go to the beach and lie down upon the sand. Cautiously approaching he beheld four rascally clams extracting the milk from the cow's udder with astonishing dexterity. When full they with some difficulty closed their clam shells, and like the Arab stole silently away to their homes in the adjacent sand banks.

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HAS LOST HIS GRIP.

The senate bill appropriating \$60,000 for the world's fair, which passed the senate last week over Governor Pennoyer's veto, passed the house over the veto last Monday afternoon by a vote of 40 to 17. It passed the house in the first place by a vote of 32 to 20, all of the Lane county members voting against it. The governor's veto increased the number in favor of the bill to 40 and carried it through with flying colors, two of Lane county's members, Wilkins and Wilkinson voting for the bill, and one, Baughman, against it. Pennoyer, that "plutocratic mill-owner," as the democrats now call him, is losing his grip entirely in Oregon, and hereafter his support will kill anything and his opposition will be equivalent to a free pass good until used.—Eugene Journal.

"LOST."

The Junction Times allows its cholera to get the upper hand, and makes unpretty threats. Under the wailing head of "Lost" it says: "We go to press too early to give the facts in detail in regard to the division of the county. The bill passed the house by a vote of 34 to 12, but was killed in the senate by Senators Alley and Veatch. Next week we will handle the matter without gloves and these distinguished(?) gentlemen will be shown up in their nefarious and cowardly actions."

We do not suppose for an instant that the Times can produce a particle of evidence that Senators Alley and Veatch have not acted in an upright honorable way on this question. The sentiment of the legislature was against division, and no other result could have rationally been expected. Considerable money was spent in the cause of the division of Lane county besides a lobby composed, in part, of non-residents sought to influence members in every way possible. The result considering this, should be accepted without lamentation and sorrow particularly of the violent kind.—Eugene Guard.

CLEAR LAKE LETTER.

CRESCENT ISLAND FARM,
February 18, 1893.

EDITOR WEST—Dear Sir: Your kind favor of "Senate Bill" introduced by you for the improvement of county laws has been examined by me and meets my approval and I hope it may become a law as there seems to be a pressing necessity that a more systematic and orderly mode of procedure should at once be instituted. You also had the kindness to mail me proceedings of Horticultural Society or Officers and Proceedings of Railroad Commissioners. I have read with profit and thank you for the same. We all hope to soon see your genial smile dear Senator and that you may long live among us.

Our esteemed friend S. B. Colvin will soon be here and then we expect the

usual enterprise and push so characteristic of Mr. Flint and Mr. Colvin when together. Mr. Voltaire Gourney is still away but we expect him soon to return. Mr. Gibbs is pushing improvements to the front and Mr. Harwood has made his place shine in a manner to create the envy of his neighbors. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harwood will soon live at Prospect Place where they have a fine house in readiness and a new boat ready to launch, and it would seem can hardly fail of prosperity. Mr. Severy has made vast improvements and will very soon outvie many younger men in the very enterprising course he has adopted.

Our friend Handsaker will soon be with us and his near neighbor Mr. James Mitchell will no doubt make a grand success in life if industry will accomplish the end sought. We miss the bright and inspiring ways of our friend, M. F. Parker, and the kindly greeting of our friend and neighbor, Elder A. Robinson. Crescent Island Farm still blooms and when Mrs. Wilson returns we shall expect to entertain your honor in a manner befitting your exalted position. I am, dear senator, with profound respect,

Very truly yours,

J. ELLIOTT WILSON.

IN MEMORIAM.

Select lines in memory of little Lloyd Phillips. "But Jesus said: 'Suffer the little children to come unto me.'" Gently close the waxen eyelids, fold his hands across his breast, Kiss the little marble forehead ere you lay him down to rest; Lovely bud, so pure, so tender, naught on earth could seem more fair, Gone from all its pain and sorrow to the Savior's loving care. Loving hands have decked the coffin, placed sweet flowers upon his brow, Mamma's pet, her little darling, all that's left of baby now. When the great Arch angel's summons takes us to the better shore, Little Lloyd there shall greet us, strangers we shall be no more. Though the parents leave their treasure resting in his bed of clay, And through foreign lands may wander, many, many miles away, Yet the Savior watches ever o'er his grave, is ever near, May all have hopes "of one day meeting every infant jewel dear."

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