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OUR ROAD LAWS.

Efforts are being made in certain quarters to have our road laws amended so as to require that all road tax shall be paid in cash.

We think a change in the method of selecting the road supervisors could be made that would be attended with good results.

Again it sometimes happens that a man is appointed supervisor who is utterly incompetent to perform the duties of the position.

Another change in the laws that we think should be made is one that would compel property owners to bear a larger proportion of the expense of opening and maintaining roads.

Under this law a man under 50 years of age and having no property must contribute two days' work on the road each year.

We believe the proper thing would be a law authorizing the county court to fix the rate of poll tax and also the rate of property tax to be levied for roads.

CONTEST NOTICE.

Department of the Interior.

United States Land office, Roseburg, Oregon, August 17th, 1898. A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by William McCreas...

STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The thirteenth annual convention of the Oregon State Sunday School Association will be held in the First Baptist Church at Portland, Oct. 4-6.

The Oregon Industrial Exposition will be complete and in full running order by this time, and all rates made by the various transportation companies for exposition will be also good for this convention.

The Southern Pacific Co. will provide a special train, leaving Ashland early on the morning of October 3rd, arriving in Portland the same evening.

On October 5th, the Southern Pacific Co. will sell round trip tickets from all points on its lines within the state at a fare and one-third for the round trip, good for four days.

Delegates to this convention must pay their own expenses while in Portland, and first-class entertainment will be furnished at not to exceed \$1 per day.

THE EUGENE Guard of the 22nd inst. contained a letter describing Florence and surrounding country.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.

WASH., D. C., Sept. 19th, 1898.

So far as European governments are concerned, the center of interest will be shifted from Washington to Paris, as soon as our peace commissioners, now on their way, arrive at the latter city.

Notwithstanding the declaration of a number of gentlemen to serve on the commission to investigate the conduct of the war, the president expects to get the commission completed and at work in a few days.

Until Col Hay arrives to assume the duties of secretary of state, which will be within the present week, the department of state will be without a secretary and without a first assistant.

English men who have recently visited Washington are practically unanimous in their opinions of what we ought to do with the Philippines.

The good offices of this government are being exercised in a strong effort to prevent Chili and Argentina going to war over a boundary dispute.

THE EDITOR of the Salem Statesman, who by the way is Congressman Tongue's political manager, has some very unpretty things to say about Hon. Binger Hermann's supposed aspirations for the United States senatorship.

Col J. H. Soper, who was adjutant general of the Hawaiian republic, and who is now enjoying a visit to the U. S., says of the sort of government needed for Hawaii: "We would prefer a government similar to that of the District of Columbia, under which it would not be necessary for business men to give any attention to politics."

Wherever there is a chance to make money, American enterprise and capital are likely to be found.

PROPOSED SALMON LAW.

OREGONIAN.

The text of the bill for the preservation of Oregon's fishing industry, which will be introduced at the special session of the legislature, has appeared.

The bill makes no change in the present open and close season for salmon. Undoubtedly the legislature will remedy this defect.

AN EXTRA SESSION.

GOVERNOR LORD CALLS THE OREGON LEGISLATURE TO MEET SEPT. 26.

Governor Lord has issued a proclamation calling an extra session of the Oregon legislature to meet at Salem, Sept. 26.

THE BILL imposes a license of \$1 on every person who fishes for sturgeon or salmon, or who packs those varieties.

SUNDAY SERVICES. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m., followed by communion service.

SPANISH WAR PENSIONS.

About 500 applications for pensions arising out of the war with Spain have been filed at the pension office.

SHIPPING AND MARINE.

The schooner Ralph J. Long, Captain Grunzel, of San Francisco arrived here Wednesday, sailing up the river without the aid of a tug.

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misioner to accept the statement of the canner or dealer as to the quantity of salmon packed or handled.

In the main the bill is a good one, and the legislature should pass it without destroying its general purport.

Violations are punishable by a fine of from \$50 to \$1000, or imprisonment in the county jail from 25 days to one year.

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