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NEW METHOD NECESSARY.

There should be a remedy adopted regarding the introduction of bills in our legislature so that each item of appropriation shall stand on its merits regardless of other items in the bill. It seems that the Governor now feels it his duty to veto certain bills appropriating necessary money to carry on departments of the state government, while the merits of other items in the bill are contrary to his views of propriety.

The Governor feels obliged to veto the whole bill, including the portion he deems proper as well as that he deems improper. Our state government was formed upon the plan of having distinct departments, including the executive, judicial and legislative, including two branches of the legislature. This co-ordinate system of government is intended so that if the legislative body shall pass a law not conducive to the public good that the Governor may veto the same, and if he should also make a mistake, thereafter, the courts may pass upon the law.

It has become a practice for legislatures to endeavor to circumvent the Governor from exercising his privileges by combining two or more measures in one bill, so as to make the meritorious part thereof carry the obnoxious one through, thinking that the Governor would prefer to let the whole become a law rather than veto the better provisions in the bill. This practice of nullifying the powers of the executive occurs occasionally in the congress of the United States, as well as our state legislature. A practice subverting the powers of free government.

OUR SYSTEM APPROVED.

Mr. Mulhall, of the Royal Society of London, in his "Balance Sheet of the World," says: "It would be impossible to find in history a parallel to the progress of the United States in the last ten years.

"Every day that the sun rises upon the American people it sees an addition of two and a half million dollars to the accumulation of wealth of the Republic, which is equal to one-third of the daily accumulation of all mankind outside of the United States.

Prince Bismarck, of Germany, said: "The success of the United States in material development is the most illustrious of modern times. The American nation has not only successfully borne and suppressed the most gigantic war of all history, but immediately afterwards disbanded its army, found work for all its soldiers and marines, paid off most of its debts, give labor and homes to all the unemployed of Europe as fast as they could arrive in the territory, and still by a system of taxation so indirect as not to be perceived, much less felt. Because of its deliberate judgment that the prosperity of America is mainly due to its system of protective laws, I urge that Germany has now reached that point where it is necessary to imitate the tariff system of the United States."

So we find that the great men of other nations approve the protective tariff system of the United States and desire to place the affairs of their own country on the same basis.

Another Blaze.

Shortly after 6 o'clock Sunday evening our citizens were apprised of the danger of fire by the sound

of the bell. The department responded in short order and ascertained that the scene of action was at the home of John Smith, just west of the Opera House.

Just back of Mr. Smith's residence stands a little building that was originally intended for a fruit house. Of late it has been occupied by an OAC student who was doing chores morning and evening for Mr. and Mrs. Smith in return for his board while attending college. Just how the fire originated, is not known, but it is supposed that a lamp which was burning in the single room of the little house, exploded. No one was in the room at the time, as it was the supper hour.

Residents at the home of Victor Moses were perhaps the first to discover the fire, and their cries were instantly echoed by some one who came out of Mr. Smith's residence. That it was a hot little blaze for a time is attested by many. The fire was under control before it could burn through to the outside of the house.

Everything in the room was licked up by the flames and the student, Cecil Bartlett, lost everything he had—clothes, books, etc., all gone. It was a hard blow to the young man and will also cause Mr. Smith some outlay of money.

"Stories of Old Oregon."

The above is the title of a book just published by Geo. A. Waggoner, of this city. It is from Statesman Publishing Co.'s press, of Salem. It is very attractively bound and contains 293 pages. There are about twenty illustrations and they are exquisite; the first is a view of Mt. Hood and the last is a sunset on the Pacific ocean. All of the others are most attractive and give support to the subject matter.

There are four chapters of "Adventures in the Mines," and to one who has experienced the trials and adventures of a miner they present scenes in a way that read like personal experiences, so familiar is it all. In this vein Mr. Waggoner is perfectly at home, as he himself has lived through it all and knows of the hopes and fears which beset the miner; knows only too well the hardships and disappointments that he who would wrest treasure from the bosom of "Mother Earth" must endure; and he also, knows the heart-ache and bitterness that he who has had "hard luck" must suffer. All this is made exceedingly plain.

But there is another side to the book; the love of home and friends is portrayed and proves the author to be very appreciative of the comforts and enjoyments of domestic life. To make this clear we will presently quote from one of the tales entitled, "How Captain Dobbins was Promoted." After reciting the fact that he went to the mines buoyed by the thought of the money he would make, the author proceeds to make clear why he was so eager for money. He wanted to purchase a certain farm he had long cast his eye upon. The following proves his appreciation of home life:

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And so on with many tales of life interest—all absorbing and demanding close attention. Mr. Waggoner has a right to feel proud of his book, and the fact that there is an advance sale of 500 copies is sufficient guarantee that the author has many friends and acquaintances who have felt sure of a good book—even before it was born. We congratulate Mr. Waggoner and rejoice in his success.

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