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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Governor West came to his office with many important questions to be settled. One of these was the locating of the Eastern Oregon branch asylum. Or rather the acceptance of the proposed location which his immediate predecessor attempted to foist upon the state in exchange for certain legislative favors. No one is quarreling with Pendleton about the location. And it appears that no one is considerably interested in the deal that places the institution at Pendleton, unquestionably rank as it was. But the governor says the soil where the buildings were to be located is about a foot deep. Anything that grows there will take chances of turning up its roots, and that it is evident that it will not even grow bunch grass without irrigation, and that is impossible since a large part of it is on the hills west of town and could not well be reached with irrigation ditches. The lowland has been overflowed by high waters until the soil is worn down to a clay and bed of boulders. He declares he will never sign a warrant for a dollar for anything on that site, and he is right, too. To begin the expenditure, on a piece of land of that nature, with the idea of producing a commendable state institution would be folly little short of criminal. The \$40,000 paid for the land, or rather for the two votes gained thereby, would only be a bit of change compared with what it would require to support anything that might be placed there. What ought to be done would be to investigate the whole deal and ascertain if the deal was as dirty as it appears to be on its face. If it is, and the facts can be found to bear it out, some of our statesmen would be likely to try explaining why this is not sufficient cause to institute bribery proceedings.

One of the measures to be presented at this session of the state legislature is the one which proposes to do away with the death penalty. The superintendent of the state penitentiary is in favor of it. Several persons have written at length concerning the subject and we trust the attitude of our representatives is in favor of such a measure. We quote from one of these who takes the position that the state should not avenge murder with murder:

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

Till men become capable of inflexible knowledge and unerring judgment, there will be cases of innocent men being hanged for the deeds of others so long as capital punishment is practiced. It is some times said that all punishment is done once for all and cannot be corrected if the sufferer is found innocent. This is true in many cases, owing to the fashion of estimating men by what has been done to them rather than by what they are. However, so long as a man lives in punishment there is a chance to stop the penalty if he is proven innocent. Something can al-

ways be done to lessen and soften the stroke that was unjustly inflicted except when it is the death stroke.

The thought of sharing the responsibility of putting to death an erring and fallen man, even by process of law, may well affect his erring and fallible brother with a mortal horror of the unavailing despair of a fatal mistake, similar to the physical horror of being buried alive.

Superintendent James of the penitentiary, after recounting the eighteen cases of capital punishment in Oregon in the last seven and half years, says: "It does not appear, however, that the increasing number of executions in this state has operated as a deterrent to the crime of homicide; and as a result of my observation and experience, during the past seven or eight years, I am fully convinced that capital punishment should be abolished."

Every voter who is in sympathy with this reform or even open to conviction on the subject, should read the report from which the above sentence is quoted. It may be had by addressing C. W. James, superintendent of Oregon State Penitentiary, Salem, Oregon. Now is the time for every lover of humanity to make his influence felt towards abolishing capital punishment in Oregon.

ARTHUR HAYES SARGENT.

That the Oregon Agricultural College at Corvallis will be placed in a position to carry instruction in agriculture, domestic science and art, commerce and mechanical engineering to the people of the state instead of compelling the people to come to it, seems now to be very probable. The information has reached the college to the effect that several state organizations are preparing bills which carry appropriations to meet the expenses of the very great extension of this line of work. If these appropriations are carried there will be more Farmers Institute work, more lecturers put into the field, more demonstration trains run, a great increase in the number of itinerant schools, a broader circulation of bulletins, circulars and other publications and a more general use of personal correspondence in dealing with the various problems. Schools of agriculture, commerce, domestic science and art and mechanics will be held in the various towns and cities of the state to give instruction to the people of these localities. Farmers will be taught how to farm scientifically, and farmers' wives will be able to learn the best scientific method of housekeeping without leaving their home communities.

Prof. H. M. Parks of the Mining Engineering department of the Oregon Agricultural college expresses as his opinion, after an exhaustive survey of the Willamette valley during the past summer, that this valley is probably better supplied with excellent road building material than any other important agricultural district of equal area in the country. All of the results of Prof. Parks' investigations are to be given out in a bulletin entitled "Road Materials in the Willamette Valley," published under the auspices of the Mining Engineering department of this institution. The bulletin is replete with valuable information regarding the location, quality

and adaptability of road-making rock throughout the section which was investigated.

Governor-elect Aldrich of Nebraska, being a Methodist, omitted the inaugural ball. A man who lives up to his church creed ought to make a good governor.

Mexico stands resolutely for the doctrine that a government that desires peace must prepare to fight for it.

A Macon negro got six months for stealing a dozen eggs; at the present price it ought to have been a life sentence.

The democrats of New Jersey ought to be thankful that they have so wise and courageous a leader as Woodrow Wilson. We cannot believe that they will refuse to follow him.

There being no "express" reasons why it shouldn't, the Philippine government is preparing to establish a postoffice parcel delivery.

Some statesmen when they are divorced from the government pay roll act as if they were entitled to alimony.

Mr. Hitchcock, the postmaster general, seems to favor a parcels post wherever the express companies have not made other arrangements.

With all the talk about prices coming down, a half-dollar beef roast remains vest-pocket size.

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Mexico simply could not stand the strain of being the model Latin-American republic any longer.

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