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A Good Law.

The bill introduced by Senator Myers in regard to Assessors passed the Legislature at a late hour on Friday evening, and now awaits the signature of the Governor. It provides that no indebtedness shall be exempted from taxation above the sum of \$1,000, and that all property shall be assessed at its actual cash value.

We are of the opinion that the law passed by the late Legislature will effect no one except those who are doing business on borrowed capital, and while they have \$10,000 borrowed, have managed to exempt \$20,000 to \$30,000 worth of property.

There is still another view to take of this matter in equity. We will suppose that a man buys a house in town worth three thousand dollars as an investment. He pays one thousand down and gives his note for the balance.

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As the matter, in our opinion, now stands, the Treasurer must first fill the various funds appropriated, and that he has no authority to use money for any other purpose until they are full. This is hard on some of the holders of State warrants and had those individuals paid more attention to their own affairs they might have had an appropriation to pay off their warrants, and not be left to mourn over their folly now.

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The Sandy Wagon Road Bill.

The people of Eastern Oregon will naturally inquire how it came that the Sandy wagon road bill failed to pass, and who is responsible for it. The responsibility rests solely with the Independents of Eastern Oregon and O. Humason.

Had they allowed the Treasurer's bill to come up, the Sandy Road bill would have become a law. There would have been no compulsion on the part of these individuals to vote for the Treasury bill, but if they had allowed it to come to a fair vote all that the friends of the bill desired.

INDIVIDUALS.—The late State Treasurer was very active in securing the passage of every measure which was calculated to reduce the present State Treasurer's salary, and for no other reason than the fact that Mr. Brown had him for the nomination.

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He Got Them.

Seldom in the history of persecution have we witnessed anything akin to that attempted in the last Legislature against Mr. W. H. Watkins, Superintendent of the Penitentiary.

RATHER STRANGE.—The Oregonian has professed great dislike for officeholders, yet we find that sheet supporting Orange Jacobs, for delegate to Congress, who resigned the Federal Judgeship, and T. W. Bennett, who is the present carpet-bag Governor of Idaho Territory.

WORTHY.—The Oregonian speaks in complimentary terms of Messrs. Stott and Genin, Representatives in the last Legislature from that county.

ITS OMBRE.—The New Orleans Republican records the presence there of three or four thousand regular United States troops with eight ships of cavalry on their way thither.

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Signed by the Governor.

Up to the present time His Excellency Gov. Grover, has approved and signed the following bills passed by the Legislative Assembly.

- S. B. No. 1. Ligitant bill.
S. B. No. 2. Repealing the act creating the office of Assistant Treasurer.
S. B. No. 14. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to create, organize and locate the University of the State of Oregon."

- S. B. No. 17. A bill repealing the act creating the State Board of Equalization.
S. B. No. 25. A bill for an act fixing the times of holding County Courts in Union Co.
S. B. No. 28. Incorporating the town of Ashland, Jackson Co.
S. B. No. 36. Incorporating Baker City, Baker Co., Oregon.

- S. B. No. 41. A bill appropriating money for the payment of mileage and per diem of the Legislative Assembly.
S. B. No. 38. An act for the protection of Bony and Beacons.
S. B. No. 43. An act to provide for the construction of the Portland, Dalles and Salt Lake Railroad and to amend an act entitled "An act contracting for the construction of certain sections of the Port and Dalles and Salt Lake Railroad," approved Oct. 15, 1872.

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TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 24.—A full vote of the State shows a majority for Secretary of State of 17,008. The Democrats elected Congressmen in the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, seventh, tenth, and twelfth districts, and the Republicans elected members in the sixth, eighth, ninth, eleventh and thirteenth districts.

SHREVEPORT, Oct. 24.—Six men, connected with prominent firms in this city, were arrested to-day by the U. S. Marshal, charged with violation of the Enforcement Act. Other arrests are threatened, but none have yet been made.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—Intimate friends of President Grant say he has made no allusion to them concerning the third term question. They say that although much has been written on the subject, the question has not come to him in any form to require a reply.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—The Supreme Court to-day denied the motion to advance the Granger cases. This decision will put over the case as far as March or April next.
WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—N. J. Scott, Parish Judge, and S. W. Ramsey, Recorder of Claiborne parish, Dr. Richardson, Mayor of Homer, James Harris of Mayfield, and P. L. Phillips of Lincoln, were brought here under a cavalry escort.

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