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OUR SENATORS

How the Upper House of Congress Con- mysteriously disappeared. ducis Itself.

Jonquin Miller, in a recent letter, says:
"To put it in plain, Oregon English, it is a big corral, nearly square, with a fence about fifteen feet high, and

full-grown steers.

"For the first few days," said the Hon. J. W. Nesmith of Oregon, "I wondered how in the world I ever got here. But after I began to get acquainted I wondered still more how the other fellows got here." There are no posters on the fence

of the big corral, but there is a great deal of old gold and gingerbread work. On the top of the fence and doping back and upward, as in a theatre, there are five successive rows of gray, hard seats, running entirely around in a squared circle. The cir cle is cut in sections for ladies, gen-tlemen, senutors' families, and so on. There is one bright dash of sky blue. This section is for the legations. The section for the reporters is on top of the fence just above the head of the vice president. The yard is clean. The president of the senate sits in an old-fashioned western pultwisting themselves into all conceivable shapes. Fronting the great pulpit and curving in graceful balt ns before it are three rows of S. A few sents stand sentinel further back; and there are some low and tired-looking leather solas hiding here and there in the corners. These sofas are not empty. I wonder if it was the custom of the Romans to twist their togas about their ears and curl up on sofas with their sandals in the air when they didn't want to hear the opposition?

THE UNITED STATES SENATE IN SES-SION:

five minutes' photograph in ink, I drawal of the granted sections.

Counted seven little boys on the steps The decision of the secretary is in into double bow knots. The senator under me is also trying to perform accord with the decision of making it for constituents a thousand and impressive member finally sees land, or of any left, but of those remaining there is granting act. an astonishing number of them fool-

"EXECUTIVE SESSION." When the senate of the United States wants to smoke, and that is frequently, it turns the people out of the five rows of benches on the top of the corral fence, and fastens all the

doors. How do I know? Go down, down, underneath this noble capitol. There you will find a dozen or so great flaming furnaces. You will find a tunnel reaching out half a mile to invoke good air. will see more then twenty miles of steam pipe, hear a dozen engines, see lakes of water, a whole little world in fact, gleaming brass, whirling bands, lief until St. Jacobs Oil, the soverbelte fans, the busiest place, the best, eign-cure, was applied, which cured bravest, truest, and most skilled engineers; and the 10,000 people walking on forever over the heads of these men away down there, these mighty engines, these furnaces that devour forty tons of coal every week, away down there in the bowels of the earth

-wonderful! Some of these twenty-four firemen are stripped to the waist in the heat and sweat and steam and smoke of their work. And all this away down there under the senate in order to make pure air, and the world walking on unconsciously every day over the heads of these two brave and pale engineers and their twenty-four men down there with them.

"It's executive session now." "What! How do you know?"

"See the tobacker smoke a-pouring down here? Why, if a senator up thar should drop his pocket handker-chief too close to the other end of my pipe while a foolin' with his nose I'd whisk her down here in a second." Telling? Well, now if the senate

of these United States will only up, or go home and go to bed and stop fooling with its nose, it will be one of the first to accord the respect which the senate of this great land should receive. But the simple truth is, with a dozen exceptions or so, the senate is sadly down at the heel.

The Ainsworth Robbery.

The suit of Nathan Bennett against the Northern Pacific Express Company was on trial in the state circuit court yesterday. This is the outcome of the robbery of \$18,000, which took place at Ainsworth last January.

Ladd & Tilton shipped the money
from this city to Bennet, who is a
merchant at Ainsworth, and E. Johnson, who is the agent of the company at that place, acknowledged receiving the money, but said that he placed it

in the office safe, and when he went to look for it the next day it had Johnmysteriously disappeared. John-son was arrested for stealing the \$18,000, but was discharged after having an examination in justice's court, and Bennett who saw no other way of getting even, entered suit against the express company for the money. The point made by the express people is, that their agent, Johnson, at the time he received the mackage of coin was virtually acting would hold, probably, 200 fat and package of coin, was virtually acting as the agent of Nathan Bennett, and that, therefore could not be held re-sponsible for the loss. This is strongly denied by Bennett's attorneys, who claim that Johnson was both the agent of the Northern Pacific railroad and likewise the Northern Pacific express company, and that the express company are in consequence liable for the loss of the money. The case has not yet been concluded.—Stand-

Forced to Disgorge.

Secretary Teller has just decided a and case in dispute between the Northern Pacific Railway Company and a settler, which all the interior papers of the Pacific states and territories should publish for the benefit of people in search of homes on the public domain. Briefly stated, these pit. Roosting around on the steps of the pulpit are a dozen or two little of the windrawal of the indemnity of the withdrawal of the indemnity lands granted to the above named railway, A. B. had made a homestead entry upon an odd numbered section within the grant. From some cause -no matter what-A. B. failed to perfeet title to his claim and it was abandoned, but after such abandonment it was entered and claimed by another settler, whom we shall name C. D. Meantime the grant had been made of all the odd numbered sections to the railway, and the granted lands were withdrawn before C. D. entered on this claim. The corporation laid claim to the land, setting up the general terms of the grant of all the odd Sitting here in the gallery of the sections not in the lawful possession senate, and seeking to give an exact of any settler at the time of the with-

of the pulpit, trying with all their favor of C. D., the second settler, and might and main to tie themselves against the railway, and it is doubtless correct. It is founded on and in the same fearful feat with his legs. United States supreme court in the A blonde man with a big head and case of Newhall vs. Sanger, in which big fists is making a speech. He is the legal status of the somewhat notorious Moquelumnes grant, lying in miles away. Two little boys start the counties of San Joaquin and Calswiftly over the noiseless floor. A averas, in California, was settled. gray and comely old man sleeps Prior to and at the time the acts of peacefully on the left of the pulpit. 1862 and 1864, granting lands to the The big fists swing in the air. Four Western (now the Central) Pacific railmore senators are melting away way, were passed, one Pico claimed through the fence of the corral. The president of the senate has ceased The claim was set aside by the federsmelling of the flowers on the desk, al courts, and after that settlers en-and is dreamily rubbing his nose up tered upon the land. The railway and down with his left forefinger, company, or its assignees, brought Another senator goes out. A massive suit to eject the settlers and to proand broad-breasted member, with red | tect their alleged title. The supreme hair and lifted face, enters and looks court held in the Newhall-Sanger all about the corral in the most in-pressive manner. The handsome could not take any part of the could not take any land upon the two huge fists swinging in the which there was a claim at air; he turns with a loss of the head the time of the withdrawal, whether like a Texan steer and is gone, such claim was legal or not. All rail-Two more senators melted away. Sure way land grants contain a proviso exenough the man with the big fists empting such claims from the grants swinging in the air is talking for those to the corporations and when the constituents a thousand miles away; courts upset the validity of the claim for no one near him is willing to hear. the land reverts to the public demain Two more senators knocked out! and in no case can the railway legally There are not many more senators take an acre of it by the terms of the

The Northern Pacific company ing with their noses. It is queer but knew of this decision of the supreme I believe you can come in here any court and therefore knew they had day and see at least a dozen senators no right to disturb C. D. in his postooling in some way with their noses.

session of the land. They did so,
That surely was not a Roman custom.

nevertheless; and this last decision And even if it were—but I forbear.

The five minutes are up.

of the interior department, following the lines of the highest court of appeal, will not prevent them from har-rassing other similar claimants under the homestead or pre-emption laws. What is needed to amply protect the settlers against these rich and overbearing corporations is a penal set to prohibit all such litigious harrassments where the precedents of the court and the department leave no color of right to the railways.

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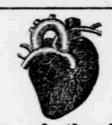
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