The Daily Astorian.

ASTORIA, OREGON:

SUNDAY.

NOVEMBER'S 188 OF VITAL IMPORTANCE.

THE state legislature meets in special session at Salem to-morrow to discus questions "of vital importance." There are a good many matters "of vital importance;" more probably than will be reached during the twenty days of the session unless the Soloni do more and talk less than they did last winter. Besides the work of electing a senator, which is really what the session was called for, it is "of vital importance" to the peace of the state that the tangle be straightened out regarding the registry law, which, if followed as it appears on the statute books would have necessitated an election last June. Its unconstitutionality in its present shape is apparent. It is "of vital importance," to eastern and western Oregon that a new judicial district be created. The present assessment law is an existing monstrosity that needs attention. The passage of a memorial praying congress for a liberal appropriation for improvement of the bar at the mouth of the Columbia river is start in life were included." also "of vital importance" to every resident, who has a pound of freight to send or receive. The remodeling of the present ridicu lous system whereby people are taxed for roads that they never get, is of sufficient importance to merit attention. It is also "of vital importance" that the state good natured, but silly effort being made successful that seeks to get a little appropriation; and that a senator shall be elected who will seeks to the senator shall be elected who will seeks to the senator shall be elected who will seeks to the senator shall be elected who will seeks to the senator shall be elected who will seeks to the senator shall be elected who will seeks to the senator shall be elected who will seeks to the senator shall be elected who will seeks to the senator shall be elected who will seeks to the senator shall be elected who will seeks to the senator shall be elected who will seeks to the senator shall be elected who will seeks to the senator shall be elected who will seeks to the senator shall be elected who will seeks to the senator shall be elected who will seeks to the senator shall be elected who will seek to the senator shall be elected who will be el treasury be not depleted by every not be too marked by improper effort to win the position, to the extent of being even willing to break the oath he took when admitted as a member of that body. The members are ten months older than they were when they met last January. It is to be hoped they have made proportionate progress in the acquisition of common horse sense.

THE COMING ENGLISH REPUBLIC.

ENGLAND is now almost a republic in everything but name. "The Divinity that doth hedge round a king," never recovered from the blow that severed the head of Chas. I, in 1649, or the open immorality of the four Georges, and in this afternoon of the nineteeth century the sun of royalty is casting lengthened shadows preparatory to the final setting of the gilded

Talking on this subject the editor of the current number of the Fortnightly Review has a few remarks which shows how plainly educated Englishmen are talking. No American editor, criticising his political antagonists, would write freer or plainer than the fol-

"The fetichism which is at the bottom of the monarchical idea has entirely disappeared. The sole reason why we still retain a hereditary figure-head is in order to evolve a somebody by means of whom effect is given to the popular decision in layor of this or that person becoming prime minister and retaining this position so long as he has a majority in the house of commons-much as the bees feed a particular grub with royal pollen in order that it may lay eggs. The arrangement is a curious and cumbersome one, and is to politics what John and Richard Doe are to law. It is not probable that it will last very long. It has its disadvantages; it serves to create a servile spirit and to strengthen class distinctions. A professed courtier is probably the lowest and most degraded specimen of the human race. There is a tendency on the part of the sovereign to interfere indirectly in political matters beyond the mere political matters beyond the mere nomination of a prime minister; and this interference is usually baneful, because the opinion of a classification of a classificatio

overeign upon such matters is alnost invariably wrong. It is very costly. These evils, however, are not inherited in a monarchy such as ours. There seems no reason why courtiers should be paid large sums for performing their foolish business. The interference of the sovereign in politics might be rendered impossible. Great expenditure is not necessarily involved in the idea of a monarchical figure head. The royal family collectively costs us about one million per annum. This vast sum is ex. S. ARNDT & FERCHEN pended in keeping up the mediaval tomfoolery of a court, and in lavishly endowing every member of the family of the monarch. BLACKSMITH This must cease. The president of the United States receives a salary of £10,000 per annum, and provides for his family. Twice this sum, together with a town and country habitation, kept up at amply suffcient for the incumbent of the throne. If to this be added STEAMBOAT WORK IN an annual allowance of £5,000 to the immediate heir to the crown, and about half this sum for secretaries, etc., it will be seen that the maximum cost of royalty ought not to exceed about £25,000 per annum, even if a small provision to enable younger children to

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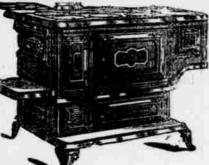
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