

The Daily Astorian.

ASTORIA, OREGON: SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 1889.

SPECIAL LEGISLATION.

Why should the state of Oregon contribute to the water works of Portland? The Oregonian thinks the exemption of Portland bonds similar to government bonds. But the interest on U. S. bonds is paid by the whole of the United States and the smaller the interest the less tax to be raised from the whole country. To exempt state bonds would be similar, but to exempt Portland bonds is a local matter, for the benefit of Portland, not the state at large. If the bonds should be taken by Portland capitalists the law will be giving them special exemption and privileges not allowed to other loaners. If the bonds are taken out of the state then they will be beyond the taxing power of the state and should sell for as large premiums without special law as with it. It looks as though the money loaners of Portland wanted to invest, or the insurance and other corporations of Portland were looking for good home investments and have unfair competitive powers with the lenders and corporations of other parts of the state. Multnomah county escapes making of its state tax now without making special exemptions. If such exemptions are to be made, make it general and exempt all credits.

WESTERN MORTGAGES.

The American Wool Reporter has completed an exhaustive investigation on the western mortgage question. It took one county, Phelps, in Nebraska, as fairly illustrative of the system. Phelps is one of the smaller counties of the state, purely agricultural. On fertile land, one-half of that under cultivation in 1879 being devoted to wheat and corn, on January 1, 1888, it had 1,459 farms, and December 1, these were carrying 2,051 mortgages. The assessed value of the land was \$596,542, and the face value of the mortgages was \$1,091,929. The total assessed value, undoubtedly below the true value of the real and personal property of the county subject to taxation was December 31, 1887, \$1,290,390, so that if the county paid its mortgage debts in the east four-fifths of all its lands, houses, horses, cattle and live stock would go to meet the debt. As the county has in it only 2,104 quarter sections—the usual size of a western farm—when they are all occupied by improved farms—they will be about as numerous as the mortgages, on which the "owners" of the mortgaged land are paying 6, 8 and 10 per cent, the most frequent figure being 8 per cent. In 1880 Phelps county had only 622 farms, and in seven years these have been increased two and one-half fold. On the other hand, its lands were valued at \$419,735, and the increase since then amounts to only 40 per cent, although the growth in mortgages is undoubtedly much greater.

Next Sunday, January 27th, will be big with fate for Boulanger. If he should be elected for the department of the Seine, he would certainly be several steps nearer the consummation of his hopes, while if defeated he would rearrange his plans and start up in some new quarter. His manifestoes have a pseudo-Napoleonic flavor about them which is as much like a Titian. A dictator may be a charlatan, but it is not given to every charlatan to be a dictator.

The population of the United States in 1790 amounted to 3,929,214, and the cost of the census was \$44,377. This represents a cost per capita of 1.12 cents. In 1880 the population amounted to 50,155,783, and the cost of the census was \$5,862,750, showing a cost per capita of 11.68 cents, or more than ten times the cost per capita of the census of 1790.

HERBERT BISMARCK has incurred the ill-will of the London reporters. On arriving in London recently he was accosted by a representative of a London newspaper, who presented his visiting card. Bismarck put his hand behind his back, saying, with quiet contempt: "I have enough luggage already, thanks"

So far the Oregon newspapers seem to be the only class of business men with whose business the legislature is not disposed to interfere either to protect or oppress. And yet it is one of the first businesses that needs a little legislation.

It is stated that all the English steel rail makers have agreed to form a trust, and that the French, German and Belgian makers will consent to join the ring.

The hind buttons used on the coats worn in America cost \$2,320,000 a year and are of no earthly account.

The Fishing Gazette says that an Edison-Swan glow-lamp was dropped with a seine, and when it came up the net was full of fish.

PERHAPS HIS NAME IS PAINTED ON IT.

How hard to get rid of that cheap old umbrella, Of faded brown cotton so shapeless and queer! It stands in the hall. Could it speak it could tell a Strange story of travels for many a year. It is always brought back, no matter who borrows. The young or the aged, the great or the small. The seasons pass by, with their joys and their sorrows, But that old umbrella ne'er changes at all; That cotton umbrella, that faded umbrella, That tough old umbrella that stands in the hall. I've lent it to friends with the earnest petition That when they had used it they'd throw it away. They have always returned it in normal condition, And so through the years it continues to stay. I can't shake it off. It adheres like a plaster, Through winter and spring, through summer and fall. I leave. Let it stay. In my house I'm the master Of all save that type of inanimate gall, That faded umbrella, that cotton umbrella, That measly umbrella that stands in the hall. —Exchange.

Huntington's Newspaper Ventures.

Mr. Huntington favored me with the entire history of his connection with the New York Star, in the course of which I became convinced that he does not aspire to be a newspaper man. The credit system of doing business is considered so honorable in the commercial world that the memory of William Dorsheimer cannot be omitted if I relate a single incident associated therewith. I got it from a Broadway banker. Mr. Dorsheimer who lived only a few doors from Mr. Huntington, was accustomed to drop in and see the latter about once a week. On a certain evening he seemed to be in great distress and Mr. Huntington jumped to the conclusion that his agitation was caused by financial troubles. As the editor arose to go the Forty-niner said to him: "Dorsheimer, if you think you can sleep any better by knowing that you can have \$10,000 of my money to throw away to-morrow I'll write you a check for that amount this minute." And suiting the action to the word he opened the check-book and wrote a check for \$10,000 on the Merchant's National Bank. Mr. Dorsheimer did sleep better with the little piece of yellow paper under his pillow. All told, he borrowed \$42,000 from Mr. Huntington to sink in the Star, and I have it on the highest authority that seventy-five other men in this city lent him from time to time sums ranging from \$1,500 to \$2,500. In round numbers the depreciation of the Star forced him to borrow \$200,000. These creditors are the present owners of the paper. Some of them are millionaires. One of them bought stock in the Star because he got the impression that Mr. Huntington was doing so. As the abandonment of the paper meant a loss to each of these men, they concluded to form a company and continue the publication, either to lose a little more or to get back everything. Said Mr. Huntington: "I told them to go ahead and do as they liked; if they could make anything out of it for me, all right; if they couldn't, all right. I would not lend money to anybody if I had to go and look after it. The stock is not worth a barleycorn to me so far as I know. I've never been near the office and don't even know who is the managing editor of the paper." "The newspaper business," Mr. Huntington continued, "is a great business for those who understand it. I know nothing about it. I never had anything to do with but one paper and I went into that to lose money. It isn't necessary to tell you that I lost it with great ease and rapidity. That paper is now the Sacramento Bee. Four of us shipped it, established it on a paying basis, and turned the entire plant over to the printers. I think the experiment cost me about \$50,000. But we wanted a good paper, and we got it." —New York Tribune Interview.

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Our United States Navy.

The Vandalia finally got to sea today, and two days after the time fixed for sailing. Considering the time it usually takes to get one of our naval vessels started this was rapid work. She will not proceed direct to Samoa, however, as she is forced to stop at Honolulu to coal, and if Kalakana has any especially attractive entertainments there, or the officers desire to see the volcano, we may expect to hear that it took the best part of a week to get in the coal. Our navy ought to feel at home in Samoa, where there is a great deal of resting between drinks.—S. P. Chronicle, 23.

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U. S. Government Auction Sale.

Tuesday, Jan. 29, 11 A. M.

At Capt. J. C. Hustler's Wharf. Instructed by Capt. U. Sebree, I will sell at Public Auction, to the highest bidder for cash in hand on day of sale, the following described public property no longer required for Light House purposes: Lot 1, Yellow metal nails, &c. (about 6,728 lbs.) Lot 2, Rope, (about 12,000 lbs.) Lot 3, Sails, &c. (about 1,570 lbs.) Lot 4, Cast iron, (about 2,400 lbs.) Lot 5, Wrought Iron, (about 3,300 lbs.) Lot 6, Pipe, &c. (about 2,200 lbs.) Lot 7, Brass and Copper (about 50 lbs.) Lot 8, Life Preservers, (about 120) Lot 9, Empty 5-gal. mineral oil cans, (about 800) Lot 10, Empty lead oil 1/2 blis. (about 120) Lot 11, Lead oil, (about 50 blis.) Lot 12, Circulating pump. Lot 13, Steam boiler. Lot 14, Whale boat. Lot 15, Row boat. E. C. HOLDEN, Auctioneer. S. B. The property is now landed at Capt. Hustler's Warehouse and can be examined by intending bidders.

To Trespassing Hunters.

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE THAT I WILL allow no hunting in front of my dike or on my tide land on my place at Young's river, adjoining J. G. Numburg's property. Fences and dikes must not be tampered with or destroyed. All trespassers will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. FRED KROSEL.

Sheriff's Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE delinquent tax-list of school district No. 1, is now in my hands for collection. Those interested will please take notice and save further costs by making immediate settlement. H. A. SMITH, Sheriff Clatsop county and ex-officio tax collector.

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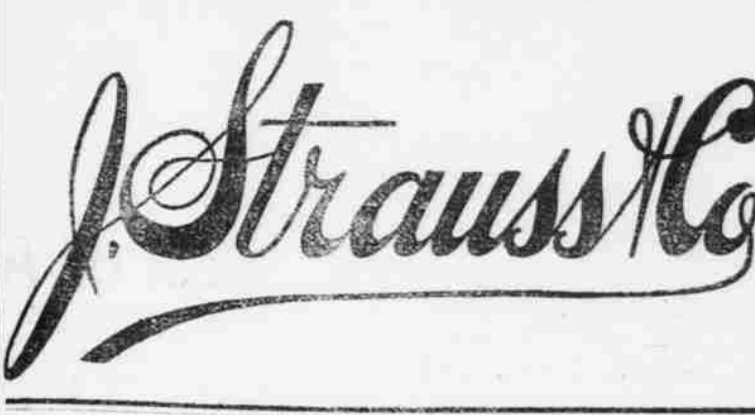
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