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Senator Milt Miller of Linn County has introduced a bill in the Oregon Legislature putting all state officers on a flat salary. We predict the passage of the bill will be a "flat" failure.

Miss Mollie Atchinson, who was the largest woman in the state of Illinois died at her home in Benton Ill. Jan 1st. She was 26 years old and weighed 520 pounds.

Win Marcer, a base ball pitcher in the All American team committed suicide by the gas route Tuesday last. He was probably overcome by the excessive talk of baseball war which is now raging on the coast.

George Gould's fine residence in New York suffered from a \$50,000 blaze Tuesday. It is a dollar to a doughnut that the loss was fully insured however and the gentleman will not have to dine long at the free soup house.

The remains of the State congressman Thos Tongue are on the road to his home at Hillsboro accompanied by a congressional escort headed by Representative Moody of Oregon. The funeral will take place Sunday at Mr Tongue's old home.

It is too bad to have to record the fact that a light two horse buggy drove all the way up from Eugene to the Grove only to be mired down within 100 yards of the depot in this place. What the matter with our people? Are we ever going to get a move on us and fix up our streets?

Lane County is well represented in the Oregon Legislature this session. With Hon L T Harris as speaker of the Lower House, and A C Jennings chief clerk and S L Moorhead chief clerk of the Senate, Old Lane should manage to get along very well. It would be in order now for Hon Sam Friendly to walk off with the senatorial Plum.

With the president of the senate chosen and the speakership settled the Oregon Legislature can now settle down to business and proceed to elect a U S Senator to succeed Joe Simmon. It is to be hoped the contest will not be long drawn out. So far as the policy of the republic party is concerned any of the prominent candidates mentioned will perhaps with equal fidelity and ability stand by the administration in carrying out the program set up by the party of the trusts but as to the patronage to be dished out by the new senator that is another thing and will account for whatever of a fight is put up by the candidates.

The Commoner, Mr Bryan's paper, will be especially interesting and instructive during the present session of congress. The action of this congress will probably determine the issues upon which the next presidential campaign will be fought. The Commoner proposes to carry on a campaign of education and organization to the end that democratic principles may triumph.

In addition to the editorial department, which receives Mr Bryan's personal attention, The Commoner contains a Current Topic Department, The Home department, Mr Maupin's—Whether Common or Not—and other good features, any of which is well worth the subscription price of the paper.

The Commoner as a whole is clean, entertaining and instructive, and its rapid increase in circulation, now amounting to 140,000, is proof of the paper's strength and influence. We have made arrangements with Mr Bryan whereby The Commoner can be supplied with THE LEADER, both papers for one year for \$2.00. This offer applies both to new and renewal subscribers if taken advantage of during the month of January. All orders should be sent in to this office.

We hear Republican politicians and newspapers say much these days about republican prosperity perhaps the following statistics compiled by the department of agriculture will help to explain why times are better than a few years ago.

The corn crop for 1902 reached the enormous figure of 2,523,000,000 bushels just 1,001,000,000 bushels more than in the year 1901 which was a record breaker. The wheat crops of the United States in 1901 and 1902 amounted to 1,418,000,000 bushels which brought the farmers just \$200,000,000 more money than any two years previous to 1896. The oat crop of last year was 987,000,000 bushels a gain of 25 per cent over 1901 which was also a record breaker at that time. Nor is this all. The production of hay in the United States last year amounted to 20,000,000 tons more than any previous year in the history of our country.

For the past five years the staple products have brought the farmer more than \$2,000,000,000 more than did the same products during the previous 5 years. The corn, wheat oats and potato crop of last year was larger than any previous year in our history by over 1,596,000,000 bushels.

If the people ever had any hopes that the republicans could be trusted to remedy the evils of the protective tariff system they ought to now cast such hopes aside. For the position of the party leaders on the coal question certainly closes up the tariff revision book with a bang that cannot be misunderstood. The tariff will not be revised by its "friends." With the thousands of people actually freezing to death in the eastern states because of a scarcity of fuel and with the price of coal absolutely out of the reach of the poor people, the pitiful spectacle is presented of the leaders of the republican party fearing to take what they themselves deem a nominal duty of 67 cents off of anthracite coal, because it might become an entering wedge with which other excessive duties might be pried off of the list. The horrible thought! What a sacrilege to tamper with the immortal law! No, no that must never be, but as a relief for an intolerable situation they will rebate for 12 months an equivalent sum of money to importers of coal and thus tide over the freezing weather. And yet some will say that is statesmanship. Perhaps it is but it is at least questionable.

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