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### WILL IT PAY?

In the matter of invoking the referendum on state appropriations we wonder if such movers have analyzed their assessment to see where the taxation comes in. By a glance at our own tax receipt we find that the state and county school tax is just a trifle short of one-third of the whole amount; that the school district and road tax is more than one-third of the whole, as is also the city tax.

Now, on an appropriation of one hundred thousand dollars, the property of the state would be taxed something like ten cents on the thousand dollars if we have calculated closely, hence we venture the statement that those who invoke the referendum on the appropriations made for the state university, the O. A. C., the state normal and the state house at Salem, generally speaking, will spend more money to get the measure before the people than they will save if they defeat the action of the legislature.

### PLAYING AT STATESMEN

And now it turns out, according to the Portland Telegram, that certain clerical notes have been displaced, abstracted or otherwise, by members of the late legislature, and that their disappearance will materially affect the general appropriation law.

It is further stated that their disappearance was the result of a scheme to compel Governor West to call an extra session of the legislature in order that its members might pass over his head bills that it was supposed he would veto. This looks very much, to an ordinary individual, as though the Oregon legislature had not assembled in the interest and for the good of the state, but that they were there to play politics, and the people—yes the people can foot up the expense and put up with the inconvenience.

Now it is not understood, nor charged, that all the legislative members belonged to this class, as there were men there, good and true, who desired to do that which was right and for the best, but there were others whose whole purpose seems to have been to play politics, and the state will be much better off if the bunch is not called together again.

It may be that the voters of Oregon will take notice and in due time drop out the political tricksters and put an end to such methods.

Legislators should recognize the fact that they are elected to further the best interests of the people, and not to work for their own individual schemes.

Secretary of War Dickinson is kept busy these days explaining that the massing of troops

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How he makes our hearts throb; how he makes our hearts dance.  
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on the Mexican border does not mean anything. However, all that is necessary is to wait and see. There are some hundreds of millions of dollars of American capital invested in Mexican railroads, plantations and other enterprises and it is not very strange that mobilization is made along the border line. J. P. Morgan could possibly surmise what the army is there for.

Later developments have brought to light the missing proof of the passage of the appropriation bill and the cloud of a special session of the legislature has dissolved. Attorney General Crawford and other officials were of the opinion that a special session was not necessary had the records not been found.

Now comes the news that Russia faces revolt. Russia is a hard task master to the lower classes of her own people and as to the Jews within her border she has been a tyrant and fiend and if a thorough house-cleaning was had she might become civilized.

There is no quicker way to take the life, growth and energy out of a town than for its citizens to be constantly holding up the dark side of the picture to the gaze of the inquirer. The word "if" keeps every body in doubt, and doubt keeps every man from going forward with the improvements he would otherwise make. There is nothing like confidence to make a success of anything and if you have not got any of it, don't communicate the fact to your neighbor, much less to a stranger and if the bent of your mind is to continually go against every interest of the town in which you live, for the sake of the town get out of it and go to some place that is already lifeless and has no interests at stake, where you, like the old lady's root beer, if you don't do any good you won't do any hurt.—Corvallis Republican.

The educational appropriations of the legislature have been threatened with a referendum. If these referendum movements are successful, the higher educational work of the state will be very seriously impeded for the next two years, and Oregon will be made the subject of very undesirable criticism in many parts of the Union during the same period. A general referendum movement would probably excite so much distrust that millions of dollars of capital for investment would be diverted from Oregon to other states.—Blue Mountain American.

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