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The regular biennial business meeting of the Young Men's State Republican Club will be held in the city of Portland, on Tuesday, February 4, 1896.

Every organized club is entitled to send one delegate-at-large, and one delegate for each twenty-five actually enrolled members, or fraction thereof greater than fifteen. This apportionment gives the Hillsboro club fourteen delegates.

Clubs are urged to select delegates at once, and certify the same to the secretary of the state club, H. L. Wells, P. O. Box 348, Portland, Or.

The news from Armenia continues to be of a horrible nature. There is an increase instead of a decrease of outrages, and Turkish ferocity has full sway. England could put a stop to it all in a day, but she prefers to give her attention to the gobbling of territory in Venezuela.

A Mississippi valley paper thus paragraphs: "Great Britain will hardly be willing to exchange Canada for a slice of wild Venezuela forest. She knows full well that if she makes a move upon Venezuela now, against our protest, we will snatch that seat-stealing province of hers bald-headed, and settle for her very promptly the fisheries, the Newfoundland and several other questions."

Late advices from Hawaii are to the effect that the little republic which the Cleveland Administration tried to squelch is getting along nicely. Business was good during the past year, much building is in progress, and general prosperity prevails. The people are still in favor of closer relations with the United States, and they will get what they want in that respect as soon as Republican rule is restored in this country.

The wheels of the Kentucky legislature don't turn. When convened, there were on joint ballot 38 republicans and 38 democrats. Since then one democrat died, leaving 38 to 37. Congressman Hunter received the republican caucus nomination, and it was thought that there would be no difficulty in securing an election on the first day of the joint ballot, but one republican refused to vote till the deceased members place was filled. Hence the dead lock.

The British are again fortifying the Venezuela frontier, placing their works on the extreme western limit of the disputed strip. Venezuela and the United States, as well as the civilized world, might as well understand, first as last, that the English intend to have those gold mines or get whipped, and we might just as well commence to prepare for whipping them, or else, like cowards, back down and beg the pardon of those who will then be our lords and masters.

After quoting Rep. H. V. Gates' resolution, raising a committee to enquire in the senate why house business was hung up in that legislative chamber, which was adopted eighteen days before final adjournment, the Capital Journal comments: "The house has passed a number of reform bills which the senate simply ignored. The house showed in various ways that a majority of that body were disposed to keep their pledges. The house, eighteen days before adjournment, called the attention of the senate to the fact that it was not expediting reform measures, when, as a body, it could transact business much more rapidly than the house. When it ignored Mr. Gates' resolution of inquiry, it put its foot in a trap from which some of its members are now howling loudly to extricate themselves."

It is a nauseating mess that we are treated to by a lot of purists, who declare that "America must not engage in war with England because they are the two christian nations." They are English sympathizers and English apologists. They would have us sink away into a corner like cowards and allow England to bully us, take our trade, occupy our territory, jerk us, all because she is a christian nation. Since when did she show forth her christianity? Was it when Warren Hastings was in India? Or when she put opium in pipes and thrust the stem into the mouths of the Chinese? Or when she kidnapped our seamen in 1812? Or coming down to later times, when she occupied Corinto and exacted \$75,000 smart money from Nicaragua because that little nation thought she had a right to banish an Englishman who kept a low, sailor's drinking doggerly on the Mosquito coast, or when she will not allow Manitoba to establish schools where the bible may lay on the scholars' desks? These are christian acts, and England is too sacred and too spirited to be touched or crossed. We could fight and butcher and kill our brothers in 1861, but these Englishmen, Salisbury and Chamberlain, and the rest of them, are christians. Ugh! you make us all—indisposed.

ECONOMY AND TALK.

Just now there is much saying about legislative economy, which sounds very much like talking through a big hole in the hat. Washington county is for practical economy, and her representatives always vote for small appropriation bills. Yamhill county keeps us company. But Polk county is a trifle off. She wants economy of appropriations for the other counties, but she has a state school and her representatives always are ready for the combinations. So is Benton county, with the O. A. C.; Lane county has the state university; Douglas county, the soldiers' home; Marion county, the institutions; Union county, a branch asylum; Wasco county, a portage railway, which influences Umatilla; Multnomah always has a job and is able to make the combinations. It seems that Multnomah, having pulled out the lung-hole some years since, is now trying to solder up the spigot. One of the papers of the city of Portland calls for retrenchment, and itemizes the salaries of mayor and councilmen, \$16,000. But look at another item—interest on bonded debt, over \$100,000. Yet the city would have Greater Portland, would have free bridges, would have city water, would have a Port of Portland, had to dredge the river, and some other things for which bonds had to be sold—city hall for instance. A part of these were necessary, but now that the bonds are sold the interest must be paid, and the city ought not to sneal, ought not to lay the blame for the extravagance on us outsiders. It looks very much as though there is a Portland ring, that wants an extra session, in the hope of getting a board of public works and a re-apportionment of the state, whereby Multnomah will get six more representatives, while Washington will lose one or divide with another county.

But if Multnomah county really wants economy in state appropriations and a cut in the salaries of county and city officials, such legislation can be had when a delegation is returned from that county favorable to those measures.

NEEDED LEGISLATION.

MR. EDITOR: As general legislation at an extra session is not to be expected it will be well to determine before hand what are the important questions that should be acted upon.

As economy in the expenditures for officers' salaries and perquisites and curtailment of appropriations for doubtful and uncalculated purposes is universally urged, there is every probability that these objects will be given a prominent position.

It will be well to consider where reductions should be made and to what extent. Attempts to make such, other than conservative, will, in all probability, fail. The present salary system, like all attempts at making violent changes in long established systems by introducing untried experiments, regardless of conditions, has proved a failure. A change proposed, for the avowed purpose of curtailing the expenses of carrying on state, county and municipal government has with the exception of Multnomah county materially increased them. I think there is an increase to the taxpayer for the offices of sheriff and clerk of an expense of at least one-fourth in, with that exception, every county in the state. There is a little better showing in the office of recorder of conveyances, the receipts of which appears to generally pay the salaries.

The worst feature of this law is that these salaries of sheriff and clerk are largely paid by parties not doing business with these offices. All that could be required of non-litigants, to assist in providing courts in which to settle matters in dispute, but, under this salary law, nine-tenths of the cost of every action or suit is paid by taxpayers, who in most of these cases have no interest whatever. The fee system was much more equitable, for then people engaged in litigation paid their own expenses.

The inequalities in the pay received by these officers could have been, in all cases, as it was in many, easily removed by a reduction of fees where required. The principal reason for pressing the salary law in Multnomah county by these officers, is that the salaries of sheriff and clerk are largely paid by parties not doing business with these offices. All that could be required of non-litigants, to assist in providing courts in which to settle matters in dispute, but, under this salary law, nine-tenths of the cost of every action or suit is paid by taxpayers, who in most of these cases have no interest whatever.

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Laws should be passed that will equalize taxation. That the expenses may be borne by those protected by the laws a proportion to that protection. It is notorious that the largest part of the expenses of the court are incurred in the collection of notes and accounts, while practically this property pays but little of the taxes collected. One-fourth would be an extravagant estimate of the notes and accounts that pay taxes in the state of Oregon. The laws as they now stand are defective, and the assessors and county courts can do nothing in the matter. Since the repeal of the law allowing deductions for indebtedness and the mortgage tax law, the notes and accounts assessed have decreased at least three-fourths. The

REASON IS OBVIOUS.

These laws uncovered this "intangible" property, and for no other reason were they repealed by a truculent legislature on the recommendation of Governor Penoyer and at the dictation of the moneyed interest of Portland.

If these can not be re-enacted, such laws should be passed, as would ensure the assessment of "intangible" as well as other property. If a law were passed that the complaint in an action to collect a note should specifically allege that it had been assessed and the taxes paid or same since its execution, there would then be less perjury in making returns to the assessor.

The taxpayers would be greatly relieved, the money in the country kept in circulation by amending the law so that taxes could be paid semi-annually. Money locked up in the treasury, an average of six months time, when interest, to secure it amounts to from 10 to 20 per cent, is an evil that should be remedied.

These suggested changes in the present laws, and a partial repeal of many items in the general appropriation bill amounting to possibly \$100,000 would give needed relief to the over-burdened people of the state.

TAXPAYER.

THEIR RESPONSIBILITY.

MR. EDITOR: As the Argus never tires of taking the republicans of the last legislature to task for their failure to enact needed legislation, it might be well for it to call the attention of its readers to the Herculean efforts of its democratic friends to perform other than purely democratic duties during the days and nights of that much wasted session. What legislation did the democratic members initiate? They did their work as politicians. Threw away their votes for United States senator, the same as republicans, with less excuse, for they knew when casting them that they were complimentary, and nothing else. The best of them claimed no higher motive than to "beat Dolph," or as they in gaudy slang expressed themselves to "put the republicans in a hole," and determined that, as far as they were able, the session should be wasted to accomplish their purpose. Sacrificing the interests of the people in a weak and unpatriotic effort to secure a party advantage. There was and is no good excuse why democrats, republicans or populists in the last legislature should have wasted their time for the purpose of airing their personal spite or securing expected political advantages. All these parties are equally responsible for refusing or neglecting to pass needed legislation, as each party an organization determined in their several secret caucuses to allow nothing to be done, unless these caucuses should determine. Only when an extravagant appropriation bill came up were these democratic politicians ready and more than willing to hurry the same through, regardless of the general interest of the people. Pledges of economy, so freely given before the election, were shamefully ignored.

Thousands of dollars were worse than wasted by this act and the people will expect an explanation of the votes of their public servants on this matter, without regard to the party or faction to which they belong. The democratic members took great credit for the part they performed in the senatorial contest, without ever expressing a regret that it wasted the session; and it is useless for them to attempt to evade the consequences. If they continue to be influenced by no higher motives in the future, the calling of an extra session is, at best, of doubtful utility. Let us hope, however, if the governor shall call the legislature together that their duties will be performed as patriotic servants of the people rather than as politicians. Then there will be no regrets because of the expenses incurred of an extra session. These expenses will surely by a title of the amount saved to the taxpayers of Oregon.

Whether the different parties shall gain a point in an extra session is of less consequence than how its action may affect the whole people. If the members of the legislature shall be governed by no higher motives than a desire to secure some party advantage an extra session will be a failure. Let us hope for something better even if there is a possibility that this hope may be disappointed.

EQUAL JUSTICE.

The San Francisco Call is not ready to admit that Colorado has passed California in the production of gold, or that such an event is probable. It says that while there has been no recent startling discovery of ore in California, a great amount of prospecting is going forward, and claims have been re-opened, and gold-mining operations are active in two-thirds of the counties of the state. One mine of which the public here little has 2,000 men at work. It is certain that every state in the union where gold is found is increasing its output, and that California's lead will be sharply contested within the next five years. Even Oregon is making long strides that will put her in the front ranks of the gold producers. Jackson county is a center; so is Baker county, and the Cascade mountains east of Douglas, Lane, Marion and Clackamas counties abound in mines that are not prospected even.

The final destination of the British flying squadron has not been announced, though the admiralty has done an unusual thing by saying, through the associated press, that it is not intended for American waters.

THE U. S. SENATE MONROE DOCTRINE.

The following resolution, formally declaring America's position on the Monroe doctrine, is discussing in the U. S. senate. After reciting the history of the doctrine, the formal paragraph is:

"Resolved, That the United States of America re-affirms and confirms the doctrine and principles promulgated by President Monroe in his message of December 2, 1823, and declares it will assert and maintain that doctrine and those principles, and will regard any infringement thereof, and particularly any attempt by any European power to take or acquire any new territory on the American continent, or any of the islands adjacent thereto, or any right or sovereignty or dominion in the same in any case or instance which the United States shall deem to be dangerous to its peace or safety, by or through force, purchase, cession, occupation, pledge, colonization, protectorate, or by control of easement in canal, or other means of transit across the American isthmus, whether on the unfounded pretension of right in cases of alleged boundary disputes, or under other unfounded pretensions, as manifestation of an unfriendly disposition toward the United States, and as an interposition which it would be impossible in any form for the United States to regard with indifference."

A PATRIOTIC STATEMENT.

Of all the peace utterings of American societies, clubs or commercial organizations, nothing equals in sound, loyal, American sense the speech made by Dewey before the State Bar Association of New York last Tuesday. One paragraph is reproduced:

"We have no fear of the countries south or north of us, and all the traupers and navies of the whole world could not land upon our shores an army which could march 100 miles on the seacoast, or even return to its ships. Secure in our isolation; supreme in our resources; unquelled in our reserves and free from dangerous neighbors, we occupy among the nations of the globe a position so exalted and safe that to compare us with other countries would be absurd. The statesman or the politician who really tears for the safety of this country is a fool. The statesman or politician who does not fear (because he knows better) and yet who preaches of our weakness and our vulnerability, is a demagogue, and he insults the intelligence of the American people."

This independence of location, Dr. Dewey said, eminently fitted the United States for leadership in the great peace movement.

A REPUBLICAN DEMAND.

EDITOR INDEPENDENT: The Oregonian of Sunday last expresses, or appears to express fears that if an extra session is called nothing will be done. If the faction it voiced in the regular session, that then controlled and may still control the upper branch, persists in the same selfish arbitrary policy that was then enforced, probably it is right.

The committees in the senate controlled by its friends, and the persistent smothering, in committees, of bills passed by the lower house, where this faction was in the minority, shows to what extent this control was carried by its unscrupulous managers. Important bills were pigeon holed for weeks, to force members of the lower house to abandon opposition to a candidate for United States senator, whose friends appeared to have determined to wreck the republican party if he could not be elected. These leaders of the Dolph faction are more responsible than all others for the failure of needed legislation. They were under no pledges to their constituents to elect him or any other particular man for U. S. senator; but they were pledged to needed legislation looking to economy and reform. These pledges were violated to secure the election of a man who, though an able politician and one who in his official capacity had served the people creditably, was not the choice of the republican voters of Oregon; and no one is more aware of that fact than the able editor of the Oregonian.

Harmony in the republican party, and nothing else, will ensure an honest money victory in the next senatorial contest in this state. Let us have that harmony. Why not stop these unseemly bickerings. A rest from these abusive factional personalities is desired and demanded by the intelligence of the country.

REPUBLICAN.

Oregon subscribes for 135,000 of the new U. S. loan, issued of Portland. More bids from Portland capitalists may have been submitted, though names have not been made public. The London Globe and St. James Gazette declare that the issue, peace or war in the Venezuela matter lies with the Americans. If this, interpreted, means granting the demands of England, which seems to be the Englishman's assumption, then let it be war.

The supreme court of the United States has decided that under the provision of the federal constitution which says that full faith and credit must be given in each state to the judicial proceedings in every other state, a party to a divorce can not escape the financial obligations of the decree by moving to another state than that in which the decree was granted. That is to say, a claim for

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alimony can be enforced against a man wherever he may be found, regardless of the differences between the divorce laws of the various states.

A contemporary is quoting a little history on the appropriation bill of the last legislature, but it forgets to mention those several senate amendments, all increasing the appropriation, sent to the house for its concurrence.

It is surmised that the reason why certain members of the Multnomah delegation to the legislature is so anxious for a special session is that they may create the proposed board of public works so as to get the city again in the hands of the rags, and to re-appportion the state under the new census that was taken last summer.

The "Broad Axe," of Eugene City, a populist organ, wants to know what has been done with a \$1,000 campaign fund, placed in the hands of the populist executive committee of which Wm. Spangh is chairman. It seems as though the chairman of the state committee and the "Broad Axe" people are quarreling. Spangh wants to keep his party spotless from the world, while Anus wants to use.

Spain has recalled Campes, governor-general of Cuba, and replaced him with Weyler. Weyler has had experience in Cuban campaigning, and has the reputation of being a ferocious and savage commander. He, doubtless, will inaugurate a cruel policy which will in the end help the insurgents quite as much as the rainy season, which is soon to set in. Such a course would be almost certain to bring about a recognition of belligerent rights by the United States.

Rev. Wm. Bryan Hale, in the January Forum, pays his compliments to church entertainments. It is an article that every christian and church member ought to read. When he does he will think less of "Church socials; admission 10 cents." Churches have to be supported and pastors maintained, but it is more economical to pay the money directly into the treasury. It should not percolate through the "socials," some of which are questionable.

SHERIFF'S SALE ON FORECLOSURE.

BY VIRTUE OF AN EXECUTION, I do hereby order and sell, under the authority of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Washington County, in favor of G. A. Hays and against H. E. Ford, the sum of \$100.00 U. S. gold coin, with interest thereon at the rate of 10 per cent per annum, from the 25th day of April, 1895, and the further sum of \$75.00, taxes, and for the costs and expenses of said sale, to-wit:

Now, therefore, by virtue and in pursuance of said judgment, decree and order of sale, I will, on Monday, the 27th day of January, 1896, at the south door of the Court House, in Hillsboro, Washington County, Oregon, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real property, to-wit:

A part of the donation land claim of E. H. Walker and wife, and being a portion of section 25 T 1 N R 14 W of the W. 1/2, and bounded and more fully described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point on the east side of the public road leading from Eugene to the town of Hillsboro, said point being S 41 deg. 15 min. W 20 feet from a stone, the northwest corner of a lot of land 20 feet square, formerly conveyed by the above named E. H. Walker and wife to W. H. Hill, running thence north 41 deg. 15 min. W 20 feet; thence north 41 deg. 15 min. E 70 feet; thence south 48 deg. 45 min. W 20 feet to the corner and 30 feet of said lot, and for the costs and expenses of said sale.

SHERIFF'S SALE ON FORECLOSURE OF MICHANIC'S LIEN.

BY VIRTUE OF AN EXECUTION, I do hereby order and sell, under the authority of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Washington County, in favor of W. S. Pearson, Lydia Pearson and against W. S. Pearson and W. B. Buxton, the sum of \$100.00 U. S. gold coin, with interest thereon at the rate of 10 per cent per annum, from the 25th day of November, 1895, and for the costs and expenses of said sale, to-wit:

Now, therefore, by virtue and in pursuance of said judgment, decree and order of sale, I will, on Monday, the 17th day of February, 1896, at the south door of the Court House, in Hillsboro, Washington County, Oregon, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real property, to-wit:

A tract of land in section 10, T. 1 N. R. 14 W. of the W. 1/2, and bounded and more fully described as follows, to-wit: A strip of six acres, from the north side of the farm owned and in possession of W. W. Buxton and wife, in section sixteen and seventeen, town one north of range four west, range one, T. 1 N. R. 14 W. of the W. 1/2, and being in the possession of W. S. Pearson, said sale is to satisfy the mechanic's lien named above, for the costs and expenses of said sale, and said property will be sold subject to redemption at the rate of 10 per cent per annum, from the 25th day of November, 1895, and for the costs and expenses of said sale, to-wit:

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BY VIRTUE OF AN EXECUTION, I do hereby order and sell, under the authority of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Washington County, in favor of E. A. Hays and H. Hamilton, and against E. A. Hays and G. W. Patterson, for the sum of \$11.25 cents, and for the further sum of \$20.00 U. S. gold coin, with interest thereon at the rate of 10 per cent per annum, from the 6th day of June, 1894, and for the costs and expenses of said sale, to-wit:

Now, therefore, by virtue and in pursuance of said judgment, decree and order of sale, I will, on Monday, the 27th day of January, 1896, at the south door of the Court House, in Hillsboro, Washington County, Oregon, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real property, to-wit:

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