

The Salem staff correspondent of the Portland Oregonian has the following to say in regard to appropriations proposed for this section:

The coyote bounty bill calls for \$50,000, of which about half is to be raised by a special tax upon sheep of 1 cent per head, and the balance by general taxation. If there is one good argument in support of this proposition, I cannot conceive it, and have found nobody who can give it to me. It would be too much to call it a steal, for it is, I am sure, proposed in good faith; but, if it should become a law it would be made a graft, pure and simple. Under a law providing for a bounty of \$2 per scalp for "varmints," the business of raising coyotes for their scalps would soon surpass every other industry in the state. I cannot believe that this absurd proposition stands a ghost of a show.

The artesian well bill, calling for \$42,000 to be spent in experimentation in the arid counties, bears all the superficial marks of a job, and if at the bottom of it there does not repose a company of political well-borers with alleged skillful service to sell, I am no prophet. I do not pretend to know, in the sense of having definite personal information, anything about it; but I am willing to bet a cotton hat against the statehouse that this artesian well proposition is a graft without mitigation. Its whole appeal lies in the allegation that "justice" demands that the state "do something" for Eastern Oregon.

And here, truly enough, there is somewhat of a grievance. The whole public fund of the state, barring the little appropriation for the so-called normal school at Weston, and a petty district fair appropriation, is expended in the western counties. Marion has the capitol, the state "institutions," the alleged state fair and the state officials; Polk has the so-called normal school; Benton has the state agricultural college; Lane the state university; Douglas the soldiers' home; Jackson has the so-called normal school at Ashland; Clackamas has a hatchery; Clatsop has most of the local benefits which come from the disbursements of the fish commission; and Multnomah, in the end, gets them all. The coast counties, outside of Clatsop, get little from the state; but they have big slices of patronage through state influence in the form of government appropriations. Eastern Oregon alone pays taxes but gets nothing back, and the people don't like it.

The last paragraph of the above shows who received the benefits from looting the state treasury. "Eastern Oregon alone pays the taxes but gets nothing back." Now, that's a fact. The people of Eastern Oregon do not object to appropriating money when it is for something of benefit to the state in general, but when such appropriations are made for the benefit of a certain locality, when it is plain that it is not of equal benefit to the whole state or even one-third of it, when it is to help a town where a so-called "state institution" is located and pay big salaries to certain "pets" who get the coveted prizes and grafts—whether they have the qualifications or not—the people of Eastern Oregon don't like it.

The assertion that should the bill providing a bounty of \$2 on coyote scalps become a law the business of raising coyotes for their scalps would soon surpass every other industry, is very silly. With over 3,000,000 head of sheep in Oregon and two-thirds of them in Eastern Oregon it will be seen that most of the \$50,000 will be raised by men in that business and over half the amount east of the Cascades. Which is more beneficial to all sections the scalp bounty bill or \$100,000 appropriated to the state university?

The artesian well bill "bears all the superficial marks of a job," he says. Well, now, if we were in his place, and interested in that section of Oregon, where appropriations for local affairs never fail to pass, we would not have mentioned that subject. Cannot he

see if it is found that artesian water can be had in such counties as Harney, where there are thousands and thousands of acres of arid land, that the county will soon be developed, all the land finally taken up, cultivated and thereby bring in more money to be appropriated to his "blessed" Western Oregon schools, salmon hatcheries, state fairs, the flax project, etc.

These two bills are more entitled to consideration than a large majority of those proposed for that section.

In talking with some of the business men of Burns we find that should the proposed new charter pass and become a law, it will have a tendency to stop the rapid improvements now being contemplated. It is claimed by many that too much power is vested in the town council, giving that body the power and authority to bond the town for large sums of money for the purpose of water works, electric lights, street improvements, etc., which they consider should be submitted to the whole people.

One man who contemplated putting up a large brick this spring, says: "I will not mortgage my own business, and am not in favor of giving four or five other men the privilege to mortgage it for me. I shall not build if the new city charter is passed by the legislature."

All this dissatisfaction might have been remedied had the proposed measure been read at a mass meeting of the taxpayers and received their approval before being sent to our representatives at Salem.

The people are thankful that only the balance of this week is left of the present session of the Oregon legislature.

It was not difficult to make several of Wisconsin's would-be senators believe that the state has just passed through the coldest snap it has had for years.

The school board of this district has levied a 4 mill tax for the purpose of paying interest on the bonds. The people of Burns have to pay a 44.7-to mill tax this year.

Twenty-four states have, by formal votes of their legislatures, declared in favor of the election of U. S. senators by direct vote of the people, but congress still ignores the matter.

If free trade in wood pulp, for paper making is a good thing for the 127 big dairies which seat representatives to Washington to ask for it, why wouldn't free trade in everything be good for everybody.

Gen. Miles may console himself with the knowledge that he has convinced a large majority of the people that had beef was furnished our soldiers, even if the administration refuses to be convinced.

It is a little humiliating when a Santiago, Cuba, paper objects to our introducing there the monopolies which have been allowed to accomplish so much ruin in the United States.

Egan is holding tight to his "pull" but he cannot hide his uneasiness that it may fail him. His friends have been making veiled threats about what he will tell, if he isn't protected.

Gov. McMullen, of Tenn., has the courage of his convictions. He vetoed a bill authorizing the city of Memphis to issue gold bonds, and announced that he would sanction no legislation discriminating against U. S. legal tender coins.

Some of our citizens think the idea of putting in water works impracticable and that it could not be accomplished for less than \$50,000 and perhaps not at that figure. Well, one thing is cer-

tain, the present facilities for fighting fire is not what it should be and something ought to be done to better our condition in that respect at least.

Prof. Chas. Leonard, principal of the turns public schools, is working to have the school catalogued for the coming year. This is a move in the right direction and should have the hearty support of every patron and citizen of the district. The matter will be so arranged that the money for printing the catalogues will not come out of the regular school funds, but be raised outside.

A Boy On Masonry.

An Illinois boy was asked to write an essay on Masonry, and here is what he wrote: "King Solomon was a man who lived so many years in the country that he was the whole push. He was an awful wise man and one day two women came to him, each holding to the leg of a baby and nearly pulling it two and each claiming it. And King Solomon wasn't feeling right good and he said: 'Why couldn't the brat have been twins and stepped this brother?' And then he called for his machete and was going to Weyerize the poor little innocent little baby, and give each woman a piece of it, then the real mother of the baby said: 'Stop, Solomon; stay thy hand. If I can't have a whole baby I won't have any.' Then Solomon told her to take the baby and go home and wash its face, for he knew it was hers. He told the other old woman to go chase herself. King Solomon built Solomon's temple and was the father of Masons. He had seven hundred wives and three hundred lady friends, and that's why there are so many Masons in the world. My papa says King Solomon was a warm number and I think he was hot stuff myself. That is all I know of King Solomon." — The Tyler.

Additional Locals.

It will soon be taxpaying time. The Maine was blown up one year ago today. Ed Caldwell, who has been visiting in Canyon City, returned home this week. Poor old Gen Miles. They are after his scalp and from present indications are going to get it.

Huntington has the youngest city mayor in the state. His name is Harry Duffy and is 23 years old.

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It seems [them] perusing our exchanges that Burns was not the only place that froze up during the cold spell last week. Even Florida has been having some freezing weather.

The report of the war investigating committee has been made public. It is just what was expected Secretary Alger and the heads of the beabreans were found to have done their duties.

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DIED—At the Sister's school at Baker City, last Monday, Stella, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Mahon, of this county. The little girl had been sick for some time and not expected to live. The remains were interred at that place yesterday.

We were shown a letter from a captain at Iloilo, written to Receiver Newell of this place. The letter was an answer to an inquiry from Mr. Newell in regard to this latter's son who is under his command. He expressed himself as being opposed to retaining the Philippines.

R. M. Needham and J. H. Cupple, formerly of Goldendale, Wash., are in Burns. These gentlemen

will put up a general merchandise store on the W. H. Hogan place on Silver creek in the near future. That section is a very good locality for such a business.

The Detroit Tribune is very sarcastic concerning the proposition to elect United State senators by a direct vote of the people. It remarks that "if that cannot be, however, it is certain that there should be a law to compel candidates to use cash registers."

In the district court this morning before Judge Bonfield, James Shaw and Leslie Bowie, the train robbers, appeared for arraignment. D. S. Truman appeared as counsel for the defendants and entered a motion for the indictment, the hearing for demurrer which was set for 1 o'clock this afternoon. W. S. Bonfield was entered of record as assistant counsel for the state.—Winnimucca Silver State Feb 11.

A letter to C. A. Sweek from Winnemucca, states that the trial of Shaw and Bowie has been set for March 27th.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION U. S. LAND OFFICE AT BURNS, OREGON February 9, 1899.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver, U. S. Land Office, at Burns, Oregon, on March 3, 1908, viz: Frank R. Kay, No. 214, for the SW 1/4, sec. 21, T. 18 N., R. 2 E., W. 4 M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Jay Cook, Frank R. Kay, Jr., W. W. Jackson and George Hanson, all of the town of Harney county, Oregon.

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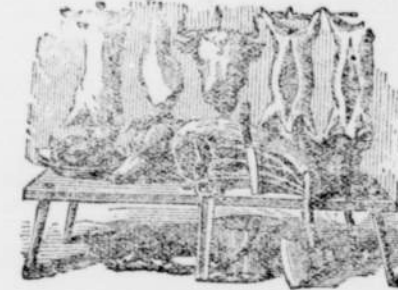
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