

#### THE OLD WAY AND THE NEW.

The disclosures of Mr. Henry, by means of affidavits, regarding the "holdup" legislature of 1897, are to some extent new to the public generally, in detail, though that document circulated, or was ready to be distributed, on both sides, will surprise nobody. Jonathan Bourne Jr., now a United States senator was a member of the assembly, and was the leader of the "holdup" forces. He and his followers defeated Mitchell by the "holdup" because certain terms of theirs were not complied with. Mitchell, according to the Smith affidavit, had large money backing, and that the other side was also "well heeled" nobody doubted. It was a long, bitter, shameful battle, in which the interests of the people of Oregon cut no figure.

That was an exceptional occasion, in fact the only occasion when no organization of the legislature was effected; but there was nothing very unusual about the presence and use of "boodle" and of all sorts of bargaining and trafficking over the senatorship, in which not a thought was given to the interests of the people of Oregon. When a senator was to be elected, except on two or three occasions when there was no opposition to the re-election of a senator, the organization of both houses, and many proposed laws, and all the important business of the session, were made pieces to be moved with reference to this one event. The real business and duty of a legislature were by a large proportion of the members forgotten or trampled under foot; neither bills nor men were considered on their merits; many members centered their attention on the sources of boodle; and so the shameful farce that is called representative legislation went on, until a senator was elected or adjournment occurred without.

The state of Oregon has adopted the means of getting rid of all these injurious and disgraceful performances. Last winter, in obedience to the people's mandate, expressed at the preceding June election, the legislature elected a senator. There was no contest, no wrangling, no bargaining, no boodle; and the members could attend to their duties. Possibly the plurality of the Republican voters did not make the best choice, possibly the majority of voters did not choose wisely as between Bourne and Gearin; but at any rate the people decided, and cannot complain. And whoever is chosen, the system has effected a great reform.

The people of Oregon will do well to adhere to this system. They should avoid a recurrence to those formal disgraceful conditions. And the only sure way to do this is to elect to the legislature only men who have made the Statement No. 1 as a pre-nomination pledge.—Journal.

#### County Taxes Soon Due.

Under the law tax payments may be received by the sheriff as soon as the books are prepared.

The following is a synopsis of the law governing the collection of taxes:

1. If you pay your taxes on or before March 15, you will be allowed a rebate of 3 per cent.

2. If you pay your taxes between March 15 and up to and including the first Monday in April, there will not be any rebate allowed; neither will there be any penalty or interest added.

3. If your taxes are not paid on or before the first day of April they will become delinquent, when there will be added a penalty of ten per cent and the taxes will also draw interest at the rate of 12 per cent per annum in addition to the penalty.

4. If you pay one half of your taxes on or before the first Monday in April, then the remaining half may run up to and including the first Monday in October following; but if the last half is not paid by the first Monday in October it will become delinquent, and there will be added to such balance a penalty of 10 per cent, and in addition, such balance will bear interest at the rate of 12 per cent per annum from the first Monday in April until paid.

5. On all personal property taxes if one half is not paid on or before the first Monday in April, the law compels the sheriff to levy upon and collect the same after May 1, hence, to prevent a levy upon personal property after May 1st, it will be necessary for one half to be paid as above stated.

6. The law compels the sheriff to sell all property on which taxes have not been paid and

that such sale shall not be held later than March 1 of the year succeeding the year in which the tax levy was made.

7. The property will be sold to the person bidding the lowest rate of interest, and certificates will be issued therefor, and deed given to such property sold, unless redeemed within three years of the date of such sale.

#### THE NEWSPAPERS."

In a little country school not far from Princeton, literary exercises are regularly indulged in every Friday afternoon, says the Record. A 12-year-old boy read an original essay on "The Newspaper." The latter day youthful Solomon treats his subject thusly: Newspapers are sheets of paper on which stuff to read is printed. The men look over the paper to see if their name is in it and women use it to put on shelves and such. I don't know how newspaper came into the world. I don't think God does. The Bible says nothing about editors and I never heard of one being in heaven. I guess the editors is the missing link them tellers talk about. The first editor I ever heard of was the fellow who wrote up the flood. He has been here ever since. Some editors belong to church and some try to raise whiskers. All of them raise hell in their neighborhood and all of them are liars—all I know, and I only know one. Editors never die. At least I never saw a dead one. Some time the paper dies and then the people feel glad, but someone starts it up again. Editors never went to school, because editors never got licked. Our paper is a mighty poor one, but we take it so man can use it on our pantry shelves. Our editor doesn't amount to much, but says, says he had a poor chance when he was a boy.

#### Adventures of a Dollar Bill.

A farmer out in Kansas state. About ten years ago. Went into town one day to spend some of his hard earned dough. "And in a merry jest," and just to show his printing skill. He printed his initials on a brand new dollar bill.

He spent that dollar that same day Down at the village store. He thought 'twas gone forever then.

And he'd see it no more. But long before that year rolled by

One day he went to fill A neighbor's order, and received That same one dollar bill.

Once more he spent that dollar bill In his own neighborhood,

Where he would do himself and friends

The most amount of good. Four times in a year it came back. As some bad pennies will, And each time he'd go out and spend

This marked one dollar bill. Had he been wise that dollar might

In his town to-day.

But just because two years ago He sent it far away.

The people who received it then I know have got it still.

For 'twas to a mail-order house He sent his dollar bill.

No more will that marked dollar come.

In the farmer's hand.

And never more will it help pay The taxes on his land.

He puts it where it never can.

His work is life fulfil.

He brought about the living death Of that one dollar bill.

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