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PRESENT indications point to the fact that the next political campaign in Oregon will be fought on the silver issue alone; should this prove to be the case the result can be easily foretold. Of course it is possible that in this instance the majority may be in error, but there is no doubt but what a large majority of the people of the state are in favor of the free coinage of the white metal and if this is wrong the only way to convince them is to give it a practical trial.—Elgin Recorder.

SO FAR the lawyers of the state have received about 90 per cent of the honors and emoluments of office. For many years Oregon has sent only lawyers to either house of congress. But it can be remembered that one of its ablest and most celebrated senators, Nesmith, was a farmer not a lawyer. So now if Mr. Dolph is to be beaten, it might be well to select as his successor a man from some other profession or occupation.—Welcome.

THE people of Oregon will be thankful when the present legislature adjourns. It has done nothing in the interest of the people. They will draw their salaries and go home and need lose no sleep over fond hopes that any name on the roster will go down the pages of history in commendation of brilliant work done in the interest of the state in general or the people in particular.

You may expect to be called upon by the income tax collector most any time now. E. L. Mims, deputy collector for all of Oregon East of the Cascades has received all necessary blanks and instructions and will commence his work at once. Of course if your income is below \$3,000 a year you need not worry very much but should it be that sum or more prepare to dig up by March 15.

IT WAS a Portland daily that first suggested that aid should be sent to Nebraska and added it would be a great advertisement for Oregon; but it was the beautiful Grande Ronde that first responded with six car loads and now even Wallowa is going to send her quota. The cow countries are not so very slow when it comes to charity.—Chieftain.

WHEN it comes to the point when a millionaire banquets legislators you can put it down that he has an ax to grind and wants the people to do the turning act. The Hon. Wm. H. Corbett is no exception to the rule and the members who dined with him—especially those other than representing Multnomah county—are the laughing stock of the state.

SECRETARY CARLISLE has submitted to the United States Senate a letter of information in which he asserts that the revenues of the government from all sources for the year ending Dec. 31, 1895, will exceed the extraordinary expenses by \$22,563,023. Treasury officials express the opinion that the estimates are conservative.

WHAT joy will be ours when our country exchanges cease printing those faces of our state senators, and what ineffable bliss and transports of delights will we not experience when that face labeled H. E. McGinnis rests in innocuous desuetude. Time in your flight speed fast and bring the moment quickly.—Tomahawk.

IT is claimed that 90 per cent of the mileage paid to representatives now at Olympia went into the

pockets of the members. An investigation is demanded which no doubt will be followed with a bucket full of whitewash.

As is probably well known the county assessors this year are required by law to make a state census. This will make much additional work for the various county assessors of the state.

THIS is the lethargic period—the reaction of the holiday season. The successful business man realizes this and forces lethargy into the gutter by judicious advertising.

FOUR hundred and fifty men are now at work on the Cascade locks. It is to be hoped that these men will hold their jobs long enough to complete the great work.

THE continued deadlock in the Oregon legislature is delaying business, and may result in no election of a United States senator.

MILTON would like to have the Populist Senators to lend a helping hand toward nursing "Baby Vernon" back to life.

THE Republicans, in whose hands the Oregon legislature is, are making a mark as burlesquers.

MONTANA has elected two United States Senators and both are pronounced free silver men.

HOUSE BILL NO. 64.
It is Sought to Break Up The School Land Ring.

This is a bill designed to take out of the hands of the school land ring, who have been operating in lieu lands these many years, greatly to their own enrichment, upwards of 250,000 acres of land falling to the state of Oregon within the Cascade forest reserve. The bill passed the house on Friday, with only four dissenting votes. It created a great flutter among members of the land ring, who will try to beat it in the senate. But it ought to pass, so as to protect the lands on the reserve against the rapacity of the land ring. We give the bill in full as it passed the house:

Sec. 1. The governor may appoint an agent to select all lands donated to the state by the United States and to ascertain all losses sustained by the state by reason of the occupancy of section 16 and 36 by or through the United States government, and when such losses have been ascertained, then to select from the best timber or other lands owned by the United States government, lands in lieu of said section 16 and 36, occupied by the government; said agent shall receive as compensation for such services a sum not exceeding \$1,200 a year, and reasonable traveling expenses, under the supervision of the governor.

"That all lands in lieu of section 16 and 36 be and the same are hereby withdrawn from sale for a period of two years.

"That the board of state land commissioners proceed immediately to ascertain all losses which the state has sustained by reason of the occupancy of section 16 and 36 by or through the United States government, and, when such losses shall have been ascertained, then to select from the best timber and other lands owned by the United States government lands to make good such losses, and to perfect title to them to the state.

"That a list of such lands so selected be kept in a book accessible to every one in the clerk's office of the school land board, accurately describing the land for sale and the land for which it was taken in lieu. No lands selected under the provision of this act shall be sold for less than \$2.50 per acre, and the board of commissioners for the sale of school and university lands and for the investment of funds arising therefrom may sell any of said lands to the highest bidder, such sales to be conducted under such rules and regulations as the board may prescribe.

Sec. 2. That section 3619 of the laws of Oregon, as compiled and annotated by William Lair Hill, and all acts or parts of acts in conflict with this, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. Inasmuch as a large quantity of this land has been actually occupied by the United States government as a forest reserve, and requires immediate attention, and an emergency exists, this act shall go into effect immediately after its approval by the governor."

An Entertaining Railroad.
The Baltimore & Ohio railroad has nearly completed a tunnel under the city of Baltimore, through which its trains will run on the way between Washington City and Philadelphia. Electric locomotives are being built to haul the trains through the tunnel in order to do away with smoke. By the aid of this expensive piece of engineering the railway will cut down its running time by thirty minutes. To meet this cut the Pennsylvania

road is constructing steam locomotives of great size that will pull trains at the rate of eighty miles an hour. On the New Jersey Central today for a short stretch of straight and level track near Fanwood, trains are being run at the rate of 112 miles an hour. But for such rapid running an absolute air line is necessary with no incline. Enormously heavy bridges, too are required to stand the jar caused by fast trains going over them.

IT IS A SILVER SENATE.
Free Coinage and Anti-Free Coinage Supporters Summed Up.

Many eastern republican senators are getting letter and telegrams from their constituents urging them to stand by the president and lay aside party feeling and aid in passing a sound currency bill. This has impelled a canvass of the senate by several senators and they point out that anti-silver men are in the minority. The canvass shows 47 for free coinage of silver and 39 against. The admission of Wilson of Washington, and Clark, of Wyoming will increase the free silver vote to 49. The following is the estimate of the free coinage and anti-free coinage strength:

For free silver, Allen, Bate, Berry, Blackburn, Blanchard, Butler, Call, Cameron, Cockrell, Coke Daniel, Duboise, Faulkner, George, Gordon, Hansbrough, Harris, Hunt, Iby, Jones, of Arkansas, Jones, of Nevada, Kile, McLaurin, Mantle, Martin, Mills, Mitchell, of Oregon, Morgan, Pascoe, Peffer, Perkins, Pettigrew, Power, Pritchard, Pugh, Ransom, Roach, Shoup, Squire, Stewart, Teller, Turpie, Vest, Voorhees, Walsh, White, Wilcott. Total 47.

Against free coinage—Aldrich, Allison, Brice, Burrows, Cager, Camden, Carey, Chandler, Culom, Davis, Dixon, Dolph, Frye, Gallinger, Gibson, Gorman, Gray, Hale, Hawley, Higgins, Hill, Hoar, Lindsay, Lodge, McMillan, McPherson, Maderson, Mitchell, of Wisconsin, Morrill, Murphy, Palmer, Platt, Procter, Quay, Sherman, Smith, Vilas, Washburn, Wilson. Total 39.

Big Guns for San Francisco.

The Golden Gate will be protected by three of the biggest guns in the United States, pointed seaward from vantage positions on either side of the Gate. They will furnish a complete defense against any craft that might escape the shells which the new mortar batteries will send to sea for a distance of six miles. The guns are now on their way to San Francisco. They weigh approximately 57 tons each, or 371,400 pounds in all. Each gun has a length of 40 feet, diameter of 46.4 inches and circumference of 12 feet 2 inches at the greatest point. Two of the guns are to be transported to the upper batteries of the fortifications on Fort Point bluffs, and the third to the fortifications on top of Lime Point.

Indians Build a Race Track.

The Nez Percés are perhaps one of the most civilized tribe of Indians on the Pacific coast and since they have received their pay from the government they are amply provided with means. They understand how to enjoy life and have some sporting men among them. The Lewiston Teller says that John Levi one of these Indians, is now building a three-quarter mile

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race track on his land near the old celebrated grounds at Lapwai. The track will be round and first-class in every particular. He will erect stables and keep grain and hay for the accommodation of all who desire to keep horses there for training.

THE COLD WAVE.
Suffering Among the Poor and Many Fatalities Reported.

A second blizzard began blowing throughout the Eastern states at 6 o'clock Saturday evening. New York is practically ice bound in every direction, and traffic of all kinds is at a standstill.

All railroads in Pennsylvania are blocked. The Cumberland Valley railroad has called in all hands and announced that all trains would be abandoned. At Pittsburg the thermometer is 12 below zero and there is great suffering among the poor.

In Maryland the heavy snow and wind were almost unprecedented. Nine trains have been abandoned in snow drifts. North Point and Kent Island shores were strewn with wreckage and loss of life is feared.

At Richmond Va., the James river is frozen from shore to shore, the first time in twenty years. No trains from the North have reached there since last Thursday.

The full extent of the damage in Florida will be hard to estimate. Orange groves and truck gardens are ruined and the damage is equal to if not greater than that of December. The loss will amount to millions.

Near Parkersburg, W. Va., James Wick was found on the road frozen stiff and two men have been frozen to death near Burning Spring R. C. Arthur a machinist of Parkersburg, was so badly frozen Saturday while going to his work that he fell and was carried to his home in a lifeless condition. G. W. Johnson an old citizen became paralyzed on his way home and fell and froze to death in sight of his house. Two women one white and one colored have died from exposure in Florida. An unknown man was found frozen to death in Bir-

mingham Ala. Saturday night. At Nashville, Tenn. the Cumberland river is frozen from shore to shore and at Memphis the thermometer reached six below zero.

Throughout Germany, France and England during the past week the cold has been intense and in several places the thermometers have registered 20 degrees below zero. The Rhine, Neckar and Main are frozen over for long distances and the southern part of the Categat is also frozen. Heavy snow drifts have completely stopped traffic about the Difel mountains and the Rhineland where the snow is six feet deep. Great misery has been caused in many parts of Germany and many persons have even been frozen in Berlin.

"The oldest known pottery is that of Egypt; some of it dates from nearly 4,000 B. C.

"The oldest written history is that contained in the books said to be written by Moses.

"The largest tunnel is that under the St. Gothard pass. It is nine and one-half miles.

"The oldest natural weapon is the club; the oldest manufactured weapon is the sword.

"Is your daughter fond of the piano, Hicks?" "No; she's very unkind to our piano. She beats it two hours a day at least."

"BARKER is going to teach me book-keeping," said young Jarley. "Well, he's just the man to do it," said Dawson. "I lent him a copy of Watson's poems a year ago, and he's kept it ever since."

"I HAVE enough to support you, Ethel. Will you be my wife?" "Well, Charlie, you must excuse me if I am cautious. But you say you have enough to support me. Who is going to support you?"

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This is the bird, the noble bird, that sat on a limb, and lay an egg, that cracked its shell, on a knot (not) as it fell; and this is the lobbyist and legislator, who took the egg to the incubator, the incubator that Jack built, and this is the moon who rose and said—"Breathes there a man with soul so dead, who never to himself has said, this is my own native land; wipe off your chin, go soak your head, for divided we stand, united we fall."
Will it hatch? That's the question.