

*Editors Democrat:*

I beg leave to ask space in the columns of your valuable paper to return thanks to Hon. Mr. Irvine of Linn county for the manner in which he handled and worked for the labor bill in the State Senate. Mr. Irvine did all in his power to have a law enacted to protect contractors, sub-contractors and laborers in public works. In failing to accomplish this the workingmen of Oregon must hold the republican party responsible, and especially the would-be next Governor, Joseph Simon, President of the Senate. Mr. Simon headed the opposition to any measure brought up in the interest of the workingmen of Oregon. The Portland delegation is responsible for the non-fulfillment of their false promises, made to the workingmen of Portland during the last campaign. In fact this man Simon holds nothing for the workingmen but contempt, and, in fact, the Portland delegation, to a man, and the republicans in general. But a few exceptions. If there be any republican workingman in Linn county let him bow his head in shame and say to himself, "am I only a tool to put in power a party that will not make laws to protect my labor?" "Away then with my prejudice." "Then I will swear vengeance against the republican party of Oregon as they are my deadly enemies." Fellow workingmen, don't blame the Oregon Pacific nor the *Oregonian* or any other corporation as being the cause of the defeat of our bill. It was the prejudice of the Portland delegation, headed by Joseph Simon, determined to defeat any measure brought forward to protect labor. Shame on Oregon, the only state in the union that does not protect labor on public works. To you, Mr. Irvine, the workingmen of Oregon return their sincere thanks for the manner you have worked in our behalf.

I remain yours respectfully,  
M. H. O'CONNOR.

Salem, Feb. 24th, 1889.

P. S.—I wish to inform each and every honest man, woman and child in Linn county that Governor Penoyer is a true and a staunch friend of the people, and especially of the working class. When the Governor was informed of the defeat of the labor bill he was somewhat surprised. But he will protect the laboring class, notwithstanding what a republican Legislature may do or think to the contrary.

M. H. O'C.

**EXTRAVAGANCE.**

The appropriations of money from the state treasury by the late Legislature exceed anything of the kind in the history of the state. In the aggregate they will reach nearly \$1,000,000. Tax payers will feel the effect of legislative extravagance in increased taxes which they will be called upon to pay. Our state taxes next year will be 6 or 7 mills. Is this the kind of inducement held out by a state inviting immigration? Appropriations commensurate with the actual needs of the state should be made, and tax payers will raise no question when this is done. A state should not be niggardly, neither should it be extravagant and profligate. The appropriation of from \$130,000 to \$150,000 for wagon roads in various parts of the state is not one of the needs to that extent that would justify the establishing of such policy by the state. We have no doubt there are many places in the state where roads, bridges and other public improvements are more needed than in the case of many of the roads provided for. The question is when will all this end? It will be remembered that when the democrats had legislative control in this state the republicans kept up a continual din and howl about democrats appropriating such large sums of public money. The last democratic Legislature in this state appropriated \$357,719.91 to run the state for all purposes for two years. Compare this with the appropriations made by the Legislature just adjourned and then say what party has been extravagant.

**THE BRIBERY BILL.**

The relief bill for Mrs. McPherson out of which grew the charges of bribery against J. W. Watts has as little merit as the road agent's demand upon the traveler for his watch. McPherson was state printer in 1868 when the republican members of the legislature, led by Woods, who was then governor of the state, entered into a conspiracy to break up the legislature. This they effected by a sufficient number of republican members resigning to break a quorum. On account of this conspiracy no appropriation bill could be passed. McPherson was said to be one of the prime movers in this conspiracy, and it was in consequence of his own act and that of his party that no appropriations were made to pay off his state warrants that he had received for printing done for the state. He either had to keep these warrants for two years until the next legislature should meet and make appropriations to pay them, or sell them at a discount. He sold them at a discount, and this relief bill was to make up that loss. It was an outrageous steal to pass it. How many other people who held warrants that year, who had to sell them at a discount, and for no fault

of their own either, for whom no relief has been, or ever will be offered. If there was no truth in the charge of bribery, it was almost a disgrace to urge the passage of the bill.

About the smallest thing we have ever known a party in the majority to do was the scurvy trick of the republican legislative caucus at Salem refusing to allow the democrats to select the minority of the railroad commission. The law provides that not more than two of the three shall belong to one political party. The spirit of the law gives to the democrats representation, but the republicans practically deprived them of that right by refusing them the right to select such a representative. Well, it's nothing new. Political leaders are very often fools.

An exchange says Harrison will have a brainy cabinet, but it now appears that it will be more Blainey than brainy.

**STRUCK OIL.**—At \$1.25 per 5 gallon can best Standard oil, at the Willamette Packing Co.'s store.

**ANNUAL MEETING.**—Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Albany Building Association will be held at the Opera House in Albany on Monday, March 18th 1889 at 7:30 p. m., for the election of directors and such other business as may come before the meeting.

Dated Feb. 19th, 1889.  
W. F. READ, Secretary.  
W. C. TWEEDALE, President.



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**ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING.**—Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of school District No. 5, Linn county, Oregon, that the regular annual school meeting of said school district will be held on Monday, the 4th day of March, 1889, at the hour of 7 o'clock, p. m., of said day, at the Court House in the city of Albany, Or., for the purpose of hearing the reports of the directors and clerk, and to levy a tax for the support of the school for the ensuing year. Also for the purpose of levying a tax for his purpose of paying interest on the bonds of said school district, and for the transaction of any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

By order of the Board of Directors,  
L. FLINN, Chairman Board of Directors,  
C. G. BURKHART, District Clerk.  
February 15th, 1889.

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