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The law makers of the state of Oregon are now assembled beneath the gilded dome of the state capitol. The eyes of the state are upon them and they are now making for themselves a history that will either make or mar their future usefulness to the state.

The legislature is, on the whole, an intelligent body of men—who seem to be earnestly desirous of serving their constituents the best they know how. The younger element seems to predominate.

The republicans are largely in the majority, and must be wholly responsible for the laws that are made—the combined strength of the democrats and populists being insufficient to even influence legislation. An effort was made in the beginning to curtail expenses by chopping off certain useless clerkships, but the republican majority would not listen to the idea for a minute.

At present not enough has been done to justify the forming of an opinion as to the ability or the merits of the members. Time will tell.

A clever scheme devised by the Chinamen to evade the Chinese registration act has been discovered by government detectives in Philadelphia. The act requires the Chinese to have their pictures taken and file them at the office of the Internal Revenue Collector. A Philadelphia Chinaman is taking lessons in photography and in the art of using a preparation that will cause the photograph to grow dim and fade in a year. When the registration act goes into force next May the Chinese of Philadelphia will have their artistic countryman photograph them, and after applying the fading preparation to the picture it will be filed with Collector Brooks and within a year the picture will be so dim it will be almost unrecognizable and Collector Brooks will be unable to tell whether the man before him is the original of the photograph or a recent importation from China. It is said that the scheme has been revealed to the Chinese in all the large cities of the country and that photography is being zealously studied by the Celestial inhabitants.

The emigration problem is becoming almost as serious a question with some European powers as immigration is with us. While we are thinking about stopping the influx they are deeply concerned about the efflux. The loss to some German provinces of their industrial, busy citizens is moving them to study up measures for keeping them at home. If they should succeed in providing profitable employment for them it would be a blessing to us as well as to them. The better class of immigrants are not a burden to us, generally speaking, yet if all could get suitable employment at home it would so increase the markets of the world that there would be a general boom of prosperity.

M. A. Miller's bill to establish a fish-way at Oregon City, will likely become a law. This is one of the most important bills yet before the legislature, as far as the valley is concerned. Every man who enjoys the delicious salmon will long have occasion to thank Linn County's representative.

The New York Advertiser says: "It may be said now that it was definitely settled, before Mr. Cleveland went to Lakewood, that Mr. Daniel S. Lamont had concluded to accept the responsible and honorable post of private secretary to the president-elect."

The beer war in St. Louis became so fierce that three glasses could be secured for a nickel. This was great fun for the drinkers, but it was torture for the Englishmen who have lately put their money into breweries.

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