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CIRCULATION (SWORN) OVER 4000



Most of us will be devout followers of the Simple Life for a while after the Christmas bills are liquidated.

A Democratic contemporary says "The estimates of the secretary of state are covered with graft," and adds that "graft is written all over the coming session of the Legislature."

The Independence Enterprise says "the placing of a new boat on the run between Yaquina and Newport to take the place of the T. M. Richardson, will be welcome news to summer excursionists to Newport."

While there undoubtedly have been many violations of the federal land laws by those who were engaged in a conspiracy to defraud the Government of a part of its public domain, and while we trust every man connected with them may be punished to the full extent of the law, we shall rejoice to see as many as possible of those who have been indirectly accused of complicity in them acquitted from any wrong doing.

One of the most important duties which Governor Chamberlain will be called upon to perform during his term of office, will be the appointment next month of a board of text book commissioners. This body of men will meet in 1907 and select the school books for the children of Oregon for the next six years thereafter, and its importance will be appreciated when the experience in this line of business during former years is recalled.

Long Hair
"About a year ago my hair was coming out very fast, so I bought a bottle of Ayer's Hair Vigor. It stopped the falling and made my hair grow very rapidly, until now it is 4 1/2 inches in length." - Mrs. A. Boydston, Atchison, Kans.
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THE LEGISLATURE
For twenty years, or longer, it has been the pleasurable pastime of a great many people to cast stings at the extravagance, corruption and general incompetency of the Legislature, but these unfriendly and uncomplimentary references have usually been reserved until after the adjournment of a session and particular acts or the result of their labors in the aggregate made the subject and object of serious attack or of searching ridicule.

But the session to convene here next month appears to be doomed in advance. Many of the papers are already ensuring it in the strongest terms for what they are certain it intends to do. They have cast a horoscope of coming legislative events and the result reveals a season of revelling in the state's funds that makes the taxpayer shudder as he reads of the shameful and shameless raids the alleged representatives of the people have up their sleeves.

It has been predicted that on account of the absence of a Senatorial contest, which would in a measure divert the attention of the unscrupulous leeches and plunderers from the possibilities of the treasury vaults, the impending session will "be a record-breaker in the matter of grafts." Men are selected from the various counties by the people, and these very papers which are now throwing a fit as they view the prospective raid on the treasury in the furtherance of grafts, urged their election and the duty of every voter to "stand by this most excellent ticket." The voters did so, but now, that the advice was taken and the men so chosen are to assemble as our duly accredited lawmakers, they are to be censured in advance as an aggregation of vultures whose labors are certain to be influenced, not by the people's interests, but by the importunities of unconscionable "grafter."

And yet, if one of the men voting for the largest number of appropriations were re-nominated two years hence, his party friends would probably stand by him to a man. Who will point out some important appropriation that will not be defended by practically all the people of every party in the locality where its benefits are to be principally felt? One paper which sees many places where saving may be effected, one week pointed out that by "equalizing the Normal Schools," \$20,000 might be saved, and the next week it doubles the amount to be thus saved and puts it at \$40,000. But few men could be found in any county where a Normal School is located, of any party, who do not believe their section of the state is "entitled to some recognition."

There are, no doubt, many places where more economy might be profitably practised. Perhaps it will be. We hope it may, but it is not at all fair to brand in advance the legislators soon to assemble in Salem as a gathering of grafters who can only be "held down" by constantly holding before their unsettled visions the spectral form of a Democratic Governor who has his ears to the ground for political purposes. Let us at least not utterly discourage our Republican representatives in advance by notifying them that our only hope for rational work lies in the knowledge that a Democratic snag rears its threatening outlines in the sea of legislation soon to be traversed. Who knows but that some really good men managed to get into the legislative ranks last June? Several of us assured the people they could be trusted. Maybe we were right. At least, let us wait and see.

AN OPEN RIVER
During the last year the Statesman has frequently directed attention to the necessity of government improvements upon the Willamette river which will result in its navigation from Portland to Corvallis, if not further south, during the entire year.

The term "An Open River," should not apply exclusively to the Columbia. The Willamette is not an open river in the sense it should be. Even the locks at Oregon City are not free, for shippers are compelled to pay toll for every pound of produce sent through them.

If our Congressional delegation had given this matter half the attention its importance deserves, this difficulty would long since have been removed. Millions have been secured for the improvement of other rivers, as well as our harbors, all of which was the result of commendable efforts, but the principal inland river of the state should also have been a beneficiary of these magnificent appropriations. Navigation of the Willamette river is not obstructed by rocky impediments whose removal would be an expensive undertaking. Only a few gravel bars are in the way, through which narrower channels could be easily and cheaply maintained throughout the summer months by a system of dredging and the result would be unbroken navigation the year around as far south as Corvallis, at least, and perhaps further. We are pleased to see this question discussed in a vigorous manner by the Albany Commercial Club and resolutions adopted urging our delegation in

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Congress to take the matter up and push it to a successful conclusion. There is an abundance of water in the Willamette river at its lowest stage, to accommodate boats with much deeper draft than those which run to Salem in the summer, if it were confined within a narrower channel. This effect can be easily accomplished by a system of dredging when needed. The Salem Commercial Club should make it a part of its duty to join hands with the people of Albany in this matter and never let up until our delegation in Congress gives it whatever attention is necessary to secure an open river for uninterrupted navigation in the interest of the people of this great valley.

AS TO OUR STREETS.
A correspondent of the Statesman signing himself "Abutter," is opposed to the immediate improvement of our streets, evidently, but admits that they are muddy, though a degree of consolation is derived from the fact that "Londoners say they have mud even there." But that very fact should stir us to better things, for haven't we been taught to hold in aversion everything that smacks of "aping the Brits?" Indeed, London mud is no justification for Salem mud.

This esteemed correspondent also says "complaint is made that our streets cannot be crossed in winter by footmen without muddying shoes, except at crosswalks. Way is it necessary, to cross elsewhere? I live nearly a half mile from my shop and walk daily to and from home and the shop and have never found it necessary to cross in the middle of a block."

But what if this correspondent works in a shop that is on the same side of the street as his house, which is likely, then what? This, though, is not important. If for a month in the winter there should be a foot of running water in Commercial street, and raised footwalks provided at intervals, this argument would justify opposition to the necessary steps looking to the diversion of the water elsewhere on the ground that people could go to the footwalks if they desired to cross the street. What does it matter of what the streets are composed so we can get across them safely by hunting the place provided for that purpose?

The property owners along either side of four or five blocks in the business center of Salem should be willing to bear the expense of paving that part of our streets, or at least a great part of it. It is not claimed that people cannot cross our streets at intervals of distance without endangering their lives. Not at all. Men do it every day, and so do women. In fact, farmers came to Salem forty years ago through the muddest roads that ever terrorized an abused team—and lived over it. But is that an argument against ever having good roads? Even before that, the Indians made their way anywhere through this entire country by means of trails that had answered every purpose for a thousand years—and never went back on them. Notwithstanding this, however, it

has been supposed that in the beginning of the twentieth century, and after Salem has seen over fifty years of business life, it has become "germane" to discuss the propriety of having a block or two of paved streets. It may be that we are wrong, however, and it is freely admitted that, speaking of mud, and taking it fore and aft, we have about the best quality to be had in this whole country. It is no quitter.

AN IRIDESCENT DREAM
The Pendleton Tribune is not far wrong, if wrong at all, when it suggests that a session of the coming Legislature lasting but one week, could easily enact all the legislation the state needs at this time, but admits that when it meets it will probably "stay aet" for the full term of forty days.

But this could be said at almost any period in the state's history within the past twenty years. At this time, for instance, there is no crying need for any kind of legislation. The people are not demanding any sort of relief that can come from legislative enactment. About the only thing the people ask is less legislation along the line of appropriation bills.

But when our law-making body meets and the presiding officers announce that it is in order to introduce bills, the air will be full of waving hands and shout- ing voices frantically asking for recognition. The calendar will be filled with propositions, new and amendatory, to look after the interests of the people—who don't want any looking after.

This is the one fault to be always excepted of the Legislature. We are already over-burdened with legislation. Our people are getting along splendidly in every respect and are not making complaints of any character, at least, such defects as they have sometimes named, might be cured with the minimum of legislation.

A legislator is not necessarily obliged to legislate in order to prove himself capable of legislating. His whole duty is performed when he looks into the condition of the state and decides how little, not how much, legislation will answer the purpose.

It is to be hoped, and expected, that the members soon to come together will take this view of their duties and keep their hands off, as far as is "compatible with the public interests," our existing statutes. We have every reason to believe they will be as economical as possible and cut the expenses of the state down to the lowest reasonable point, but the fault of excessive general legislation is quite likely to prevail.

LET ECHO ANSWER
While the streets of the Capital City of Oregon—we mean all its streets—are covered with a coating of mud that renders them impossible of crossing by footmen, save on the crosswalks, the little town of Echo, in Umatilla county, has decided to apply crude petroleum to three blocks of its streets as a means of subduing both mud in winter and dust in summer.

As town after town in Oregon is grappling with this question of paving or resort to other means of street improvement, we content ourselves with hauling a few loads of dirt and gravel and dumping them on the worst part of our streets solely as a means of deceiving ourselves into the belief that we have been "improving" them.

When paving is mentioned, the objection is raised that it will answer the purpose precisely as well if we should macadamize, but the trouble is we neither pave nor macadamize. If it should be seriously proposed to macadamize the streets, there would immediately arise a group of men who would emphatically oppose the idea with the contention that gravel can be had for the hauling.

So, between the clashing of the different propositions, we continue to point with pride to the beauties of our Capital City as we send abroad glowing accounts of its inducements to newcomers.

In the meantime, while the little village of Echo can afford to adopt the California system of oil roadways, Salem consoles itself with the reflection that the Willamette river year by year continues to deposit the very finest quality of gravel and sand at its very doors, which can be easily and cheaply obtained—and this is an advantage over Echo which in the long run will decide the contest between us in our favor, and then where will our rival be? Let Echo answer.

A STATE FAIR? OF COURSE.
The State Board of Agriculture has acted wisely in its decision to hold a State Fair next year without reference to the Lewis and Clark Exposition. The Fair is a permanent state institution, having been here and doing a good business longer than most of the people of Oregon can remember. Incidentally, the Portland Fair has come along, and while its benefits to the state at large will be far-reaching, the annual State Fair is in no wise under obligation to retire, even temporarily. Besides, the Fair will not injure the Lewis and Clark Exposition in any manner. The attendance in Portland will not be lessened in any particular and the State Fair will be an addition-

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an inducement for Eastern people to make a trip into the central part of the state, as they should, if the expected benefits to be derived from that \$500,000 appropriation are realized in fact.

Just what motive has been behind the few suggestions which have been made looking toward abandoning the Fair next year, is not clear, but certain it is that the proposition should not be seriously considered. Every effort should be made, and will be, for the greatest success of the Portland Exposition, but every man, woman and child who comes from elsewhere as a visitor there should make a trip to the interior of the state. We do not want everybody to settle in Portland. Even that city doesn't expect it—then why object to the State Fair just it attract some visitors from Portland into the state at large, where they belong, for one week out of four months?

Let the Legislature do its duty toward the State Fair, as usual, and we hope it will have the unanimous support of all loyal Oregonians, especially of the managers of the Lewis and Clark Exposition. It is believed, however, that they have offered no objection to holding a State Fair in 1905.

The remarks of the Oregonian, published yesterday morning, upon the necessity for providing a school for defective youth are worthy of more than a passing notice. Under our present system and facilities every man, woman and child in the state who is a little wrong mentally, and some whose complaints are more physical than otherwise, is trundled off to the asylum for the insane. The result is, as might be expected, an aggregation of really insane people, the idiotic, the feeble minded, morphia victims, many who are merely destitute and should be in the county poor house, and others who, apparently, are not wanted at home anyway. There should be a general sifting process applied all along the line and the real unfortunates classified according to their ailments. It would be less expensive in the long run and decidedly more humanitarian in its general effect.

No, indeed, the Statesman has not intended to be guilty of "praising the next Legislature." It has only tried to give its members a chance, and not adjudge them as public grafters in advance of conviction. The Statesman is of opinion that when you earnestly insist upon the people supporting a certain ticket during the campaign, in the interests of the country, and the people do so, and the men composing that ticket are elected, it is altogether unfair to immediately begin to warn the people against the men you have advised them to select as their representatives. See? Especially does this paper object to censuring the men we have all supported at the polls, as dishonest delinquents before they have been sworn into the offices we wanted them to fill in advance of any public acts upon their part. The next Legislature may prove to be full of grafters, but it is only fair to withhold censure until they actually begin to graft. "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof," or words to that effect.

FREIGHT CLERK ARRESTED.
ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 21.—Suspected of taking goods from freight consignments passing through his hands, Gus Lemke, a freight clerk at the Northern Pacific depot here, has been arrested, and at the preliminary arrested yesterday and bound over at \$500 to stand trial in the superior court. Lemke could not furnish the \$500, and is in the Chehalis county jail at Montesano. Associated with the freight clerk, it is alleged, is Edward Henry, an express driver, who was also arrested yesterday and bound over at \$500 today. Henry is in the Montesano jail, too. The specific charge against Henry arises from the loss of clothes and other articles valued at \$58 from a consignment of goods from Nathan & Wirtelmer, of Portland, to A. Karel, a local tailor. Other goods have been missed for some time past.

Railroad detectives suspected the two men, and finally searched under the rooms they occupied, finding goods valued at several hundred dollars.

BIG DERRICK ATTACKS NAVY
BREAKS LOOSE FROM MOORINGS AND RAMS BATTLESHIP.
KROONLAND HAS BAD VOYAGE
Heavy Tidal Wave Almost Submerges Great Ship—Patterson's Trial Still on.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—After stormy voyage, during which she was struck by a tidal wave, the steamship Kroonland arrived today from Antwerp. The voyage was the worst the vessel has ever experienced. Nothing had had weather from the time she left Antwerp on the 10th, until she was almost in port, was her report. On the second day out the stewardess went insane. One the morning of the 12th, she was struck by a tidal wave, which brought her to a standstill and sent tons of water tumbling over her decks. The officers of the Kroonland say that when the waves struck the vessel the water swept higher than the funnels and swept the hurricane deck.

Derrick Attacks Warship.
NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Breaking five great cables as if they were threads, the 100-ton floating dry-dock Hercules broke adrift in the navy yard basin in Wallabout Bay today, and crashed into the stern of the battleship Texas, smashing several plates and so injuring the warship that she will have to go into dry-dock. The strain was caused by a fierce squall which caused the cables to break and the derrick started up the bay towards the warships. Two tugs were hastily dispatched to catch the fleeing derrick, which was making directly for the Tacoma and Minneapolis. One tug caught the Hercules, but before the derrick could be controlled she swung around and struck the Texas.

Patterson Case Held Over.
NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Judge Davis did not deliver the charge to the jury in the trial of Sam Patterson tonight, but sent the jurymen home to rest after a day spent in listening to argument of the counsel. Abraham Levy, chief counsel for the defendant, occupied the time of the morning session, and Assistant Attorney Rand took up the afternoon. Both addresses were impassioned and eloquent. Levy swayed his hearers with references to his client and the home-coming in Washington she had anticipated. Rand's argument was a severe arraignment of Miss Patterson, and when the prosecutor pitilessly condemned the woman as the murderer of Young she quailed under his invective.

After Rand's speech Levy said: "It was a most wonderful advocacy of any cause, and the most masterly speech I have ever heard in a criminal case in twenty-five years." But in spite of that, he was confident that Miss Patterson would be acquitted. Half the juries that man is heir to come from indigestion. Burdock Blood Bitters strengthens and tones the stomach; makes indigestion impossible.

CHADWICK AND WIFE INDICTED.
CLEVELAND, Dec. 22.—Dr. Chadwick and wife were jointly indicted by the county grand jury today on the charge of forging \$5,000,000 note signed by Andrew Carnegie. Chadwick is now on his way to New York from Paris and is expected to land Wednesday. Mrs. Chadwick is in better health today than for some time. Nathan Loebner, the receiver, said today he had obtained information concerning the whereabouts of Mrs. Chadwick's missing trunks and satchel. He expects to recover them.

Chadwick Coming to Trouble.
Boston, Dec. 22.—On behalf of Herbert D. Newton, it was stated tonight that civil proceedings will be instituted against Dr. Chadwick upon his return to this country.

CASORIA.
The Kind Yet Firm Always Bought
See the Signature of Cas A. Pittman

AFTER FRENCH CONSUL.
TANGIER, Dec. 22.—A courier from Alexandria, about 160 miles from the city, states that the tribesmen have surrounded Alexandria and threatened to sack the town unless the French Consul and one British subject are handed over to them. The French Minister has demanded that the Sultan take action for the protection of the Consul. The detachment of imperial troops has left Tangier probably for Alexandria. It is understood the movement of the tribesmen is prompted by revenge.

DEATH REMAINS MYSTERY.
NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Dec. 21.—Mrs. Northing of Wapato, shot herself in the breast last night and died a few minutes afterward. It is not yet known whether the act was suicide or accident. Her husband was sick in bed. She fell into the room where he lay, took a revolver from a bureau drawer, and fired the shot a moment later, but the husband did not see her do it. The coroner is now investigating.

HARDIN ACQUITTED.
MANHATTAN, Dec. 21.—Major Edward E. Hardin of the Seventh Infantry, was acquitted of the charge of neglect of duty. Major Hardin was charged with neglect of duty in not placing a sufficient guard in the Maine prison from which thirty-three native prisoners escaped recently, killing three of the guards.

OUT OF TOWN.
Philomath Items.
Philomath, Or., Dec. 20.—The present week is to be one of special events in Philomath. Philomath College will entertain audiences Monday night in a musical recital by Mrs. Ethel White's class; Tuesday night in public rhetorical exercise, closing the fall term; Friday night in a Christmas exercise. The College Philomath closes its fall term with a public rhetorical to be given Thursday night, and the College Sunday school will render a program Saturday night. Last Saturday night six of Miss Lillian Abram's election class competed for a Demorest silver medal in a contest that was well attended and much appreciated. The contestants were Livia Bond, Grace Bennett, Lottie Covey, Bessie Stakeley, Amah Hall and Minnie Mason. The decision of the judges awarded the medal to Miss Bond. Albert Thompson and wife of Salem, are the guests of City Recorder W. H. Boles, during holidays. Miss Gertrude Weed, who since graduating in the class of '04 in the Philomath College School of Music, has been teaching music at Hood River, is visiting her parents and former college classmates, intending to resume teaching after holidays.

Lewisburg Notes.
Lewisburg, Or., Dec. 21.—The revival meetings here, closing the chicken pox has broken out in our neighborhood. A dozen cases are reported. Grandma Given, who had the misfortune to fall and break her hip a week or two ago, is doing nicely. The doctors think the chances are favorable for her gaining the use of her limb again. Mrs. Bruce La Bare is recovering from a severe attack of grippe. There will be a Christmas tree at the Victor Point school house on Christmas eve. Old Santa will be present in person. A good time is anticipated. Although the minister put a damper on the childish enthusiasm of the little folks two weeks ago by calling their attention, during the course of his sermon, to the fact that "there was no Santa Claus;" and if their fathers and mothers told them there was, they lied to them. (Sic.) The beautiful story of Santa Claus has existed for ages and will continue to do so long after the memory even of all religious fanatics has been forgotten, and all hail, we say, to the old Saint of our childhood days—and the sweet memories that cluster round him—the childish faith and belief, and the sweet songs of peace on earth and good will to men that attend him. Waldo Circle No. 561 gave a basket social last Friday evening which netted \$31.25. Adam Burns was auctioneer. The Grand Circle gave a moving picture show on the 17th which was largely attended.

From Stayton.
Stayton, Or., Dec. 21.—Johnnie Boise of Salem, was in Stayton Saturday, en route to Jordan Valley where he will spend the holidays. Mrs. John Lake left on Saturday afternoon's train for California, being called there by the serious illness of her brother. Miss Ethel Osborne of Clackamas county, has been in this city several days, attending the bedside of her grandmother, Mrs. Hollenbeck. Mrs. Moreton and children arrived in this city Monday from the East, where they have been spending the summer. Mr. Moreton is pastor of the Christian church here. Mr. Martindale has sold his farm one mile west of Stayton and with his wife will go to Colorado in a few weeks, where they will make their home. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Queener are expecting their daughter, Mrs. Thos. Higgs, and children from Condon today. John Spauld and Matt, John Gooders and Ernest Matthew made a business trip to the Capital City Tuesday. A traveling troupe presented Peck's Bad Boy at the opera house last night. Mrs. Mary Hollenbeck, an old resident of this part, died at the advanced age of 79 years, on Sunday evening of senile decay. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday morning by Rev. Mr. Crandall at the Methodist church.

A Costly Mistake.
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SENATORS CRANE AND KNOX Are Making Progress in Senatorial Ways.
Senators Crane and Knox, who generally go to each other's aid, since their hungry experience waiting for the last of the President's message, while nearly all the rest of the Senate enjoyed a satisfactory meal before, have at last located a good corner of the lunch room. On the first visit there they were content to regale themselves in the public room. Thither they went again yesterday, entirely unaware that there is a place set apart for Senators, where the vulgar public may not enter. As it was getting along in the afternoon the table linen was not of the whitest nor the menu card as spotless as it might have been. Still the two new Senators were making the best of it when a wise committee clerk passed. "Why, you can't eat here," said he to Senator Crane. "But, in heaven's name, can't we eat anywhere?" asked the Massachusetts Senator.

The two were politely led to the inner room and were seated. They now feel that they are actually making progress in learning the ways of the Senate.—Washington Post.

HOP MARKET IS FIRM.
TACOMA, Wa., Dec. 21.—Isaac Pincock & Son have purchased thirty-seven bales of hop for \$100,000, for 29 1/2 cents, and a small lot in Portland for 29 3/4 cents. It is claimed the price paid in Yakima is the highest offered there in many years.

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