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CIRCULATION (SWORN) OVER 4000



Keep your eye on that thirty-day session.

For three days the legislative roll will be called in Portland.

It is said that every juror who voted for the acquittal of Nan Patterson was bald-headed.

Now that the scrap is over, let every Senator assist Mr. President Kuykendall in his arduous duties.

Since the Memphis Democrats the other day "hailed Bryan as the next President," are we to look for his reign to begin in 1909?

Will surprises never cease? William J. Bryan is about to be made President, after all--of the Illinois College at Jacksonville, of which he is a graduate.

Your true Oregonian is up against it in a snow storm, for he doesn't know whether to wear an umbrella or take it as it comes--not referring to the umbrella.

Since freezing weather had been the order for a few days, the friendly blanket of snow which nature kindly sent will be a protection to grass and growing grain.

Mr. Smith's proposed requirement to force political machines to publish the amount of money expended by them is all right, the only difficulty being to find the responsible head or tail of the machine.

It is singular how much more the health, peace and safety of the state are endangered since the adoption of the referendum amendment than before. This is a new condition resulting from if that its friends did not mention when asking for its support.

The leading Democrats of Indiana met in Lafayette the other night to "frame a party policy." All they need to do is to re-declare their loyalty to Jeffersonian principles, and view the Republican party with alarm. Democratic principles are as "eternal and unchangeable as the everlasting hills."

In all the discussion of the flat salary question it should be remembered that the Governor gets no fees whatever, and that his salary is limited to that allowed by law. And the same may be said of some of the other state officers. Under any bill so far proposed the Governor's salary will be larger than now.

The Statesman is pleased to learn that the public school authorities in Salem are actively interesting themselves in preparing an exhibit of Marion county schools at the Lewis and Clark Fair. No doubt this display will be one of the best in the state, since no county has a better school system than this, or a better corps of teachers. As an all-round county Marion is one of the best in the state and its schools will do their part toward making its display distinctively creditable in every way.

Coughing. "I was given up to die with quick consumption. I then began to use Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. I improved at once, and am now in perfect health."--Chas. E. Hartman, Gibbstown, N. Y.

It's too risky, playing with your cough. The first thing you know it will be down deep in your lungs and the play will be over. Begin early with Ayer's Cherry Pectoral and stop the cough.

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

The Governor's message, delivered to the two houses of the Legislature yesterday, shows the condition of the state to be as satisfactory in its financial standing as at the meeting of the last biennial session and the state institutions have maintained the high standing which has distinguished them for a number of years.

The National Guard continues in excellent condition and the Soldiers' Home is reported as maintaining its high standard for efficiency in caring for the surviving soldiers of the civil and early Indian wars, all of which is very gratifying.

The Governor repeats many suggestions made by his predecessor and which have not been acted upon, but which should receive the attention of the Legislature. Among these is the passage of a flat salary law, which he argues with earnestness and for the failure to do which there can be no possible excuse offered to the people who have frequently declared themselves in favor of it.

The Governor implicitly admits that the working of convicts on the roads in the vicinity of Salem has not in any way solved the general problem of convict road work. Indeed, he gives many good reasons why as a state policy it will not be safe to undertake it, and declares himself tacitly in favor of continuing the state's contract with the Lowenberg & Going Company in these words: "My investigations into the subject lead me to believe that our convict labor comes less in competition with free labor, in Oregon, at least, under the present system, than in any other form of employment."

Some attention is given to a consideration of the attempt made during the last administration to convert a large number of hitherto unsalable and worthless school sections, thought to be mineral, into money for the school fund under the laws of the United States regulating the adjudication of mineral lands, but which failed through the changing of the rules by the Secretary of the Interior which had always governed in such matters, after the adjudications had been approved by the United States land offices, and also because of the sudden and entirely unexpected demand for many of these school sections by men whose knowledge of their prospective value as reserve base is generally admitted to have come from a "tip" from somebody at Washington. The result has been an unfortunate conflict which has deprived the irreducible school fund of practically \$100,000, more of which had actually been paid into the treasury, the loss of the land to the purchasers, while no benefit to anybody has resulted by the regrettable failure of the undertaking.

The Governor makes a plea for an emergency fund to be placed in his hands, to be used by him for any purpose which he may deem advisable, referring specially to its necessity as a means of suppressing the range wars in Eastern Oregon. Only a few days ago the Statesman urged the necessity for such a law and would be pleased to see the Governor's recommendation favorably acted upon. Nearly every state in the Union has such a provision.

Another good recommendation is that proposing an amendment to the constitution permitting a change in our jury system providing for majority verdicts in both civil and criminal cases, as is also the suggestion that our delegation in Congress be urged to secure the passage of a law placing the canal and locks at Oregon City under the ownership and operation of the United States. The writer also agrees with the Governor in his opposition to the passage of a law providing for the state assuming the expense of preventing forest fires in timber owned by private individuals or by syndicate owners of such valuable timber. It would be a species of paternalism that should be extended, if begun, to the poorer people of the state, who, in many ways, could be benefited by similar special legislation.

Other recommendations made in the message are along the line of such information as the people are familiar with already, and, in the main, the Legislature will do well to follow its suggestions. For many years Oregon has been in a better condition than most of the states in the Union and fully equal to the best. The prevailing situation should be touched lightly by the legislative hand.

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PRICE THE SET \$1 Complete Treatment for Every Humour, from Pimples to Scrofula.

The agonizing itching and burning of the skin, as in eczema; the frightful scaling, as in psoriasis; the loss of hair and crusting of the scalp, as in scalded head; the facial disfigurement, as in pimples and ringworm; the awful suffering of infants and the anxiety of worn-out parents, as in milk crust, letter, and salt rheum, all demand a remedy of almost super-human virtues to successfully cope with them.

The grandest testimonial that can be offered the Cuticura remedies is their world-wide sale, due to the personal recommendations of those who have used them. From a small beginning in the simplest form, against prejudice and opposition, against scorned hosts, countless rivals, and spiteful indifference, Cuticura remedies have become the greatest curatives of their time, and, in fact, of all time, for nowhere in the history of medicine is to be found another approaching them in popularity and sale.

WASHINGTON AT THE LEWIS AND CLARK FAIR. With the inauguration of a friendly Governor, it is likely that the state of Washington will provide for an appropriate exhibit at the Lewis and Clark Fair.

The Willamette valley is lined with people reaching from the railroad line to the foothills in every county, all needing good roads leading from their farms and settlements to the railroad that their produce may be gotten to market with less cost and annoyance.

Besides being untenable, even if possible, it should be remembered that all the available convict labor for road work, if so applied, could not build such a road as the Judge proposes within a generation. But after its completion we should merely have a road without particular benefit, since the railroad would continue to move all the produce of the country to market.

A "CONTINUING CONTRACT." The apparent decision of the leaders in Congress to make no river and harbor appropriation this winter, or, at least, a very small one, is a menace to the commerce and all lines of industries in the Northwest. It had been hoped that something might be done promising the inauguration of a regular system of dredging on the Willamette that would guarantee an open river the year around as far south as Corvallis, at least, and for larger boats than those which now are barely able to reach Salem during the low water season in the summer months.

As a means of securing regular appropriations for the canal, Representatives Williamson, of Oregon, and Jones, of Washington, have decided to have the Cello appropriation taken from the river and harbor bill and placed in the civil sundry bill where it will be made a "continuing contract," receiving a part of the appropriation each year irrespective of whether a river and harbor bill is passed or not.

This is under the circumstances probably a good move, the only trouble being that a "continuing" contract is too often what its name implies. At any rate, the people of Eastern Oregon, as well as the rest of the state,

will hope for the best and trust that the government will begin this work without further delay and not let the contract "continue" to the end of time.

THE IRRIGATION CODE. Apparently the only objection that can or will be urged against the proposed irrigation law which has been reported for legislative action is the accompanying appropriation of \$30,000.

But the \$30,000 asked for in this bill will be the best investment in dollars and cents which this Legislature will probably make in the way of new legislation. In fact, there is nothing to be done within the near future which will go further in developing the state than the enactment of a wise and effective law governing and promoting irrigating projects in the arid and semi-arid districts east of the Cascade mountains.

And it is as difficult a question to adjust satisfactorily as it is important. When left to themselves, without any form of legal definition of individual rights, the division of water for irrigation purposes has led many men to the commission of outrages resulting sometimes in murder. A comprehensive law on this question is needed, and since it is going to be an important factor in the reclamation of hundreds of thousands of acres of land in Eastern and Southeastern Oregon, it is a question deserving the serious attention of the Legislature.

The commission which drafted the proposed law is composed of practical men and it is believed their findings will be ratified by the Legislature without serious opposition.

For the state has about one thousand laws now, more or less, that are of little use and many of these are rarely, if ever, enforced. Conditions are fairly good in Oregon relating to matters that can be improved by legislation, and it is so hard to drift into an indefensible maximum of law-making when the machinery is once put in motion for a run of forty days, that the member with the best of intentions is quite likely to surrender to the temptation offered in the way of flooding the calendar with bills.

There are some important matters demanding the attention of the Legislature, but the great number of the bills introduced, which, fortunately, will never become laws, together with many others which, unfortunately, will only serve to take up time which should be devoted to the more carefully to the consideration of the really important legislation.

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OPPOSITION TO THE CANAL. It is not very surprising to find the chairman of the house committee on rivers and harbors who the portage railway undertaking by the state as an excuse for opposing an appropriation for the Cello canal. Indeed, there were many who prophesied this result from the urging of the portage road scheme after the general government had decided to proceed with the canal, and who used their utmost to prevent any further action concerning it.

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the literal enforcement of this principle. Any departure from it is a direct violation of a sacred trust and should at all times be visited with the severest punishment.

LET IT BE "NESMITH." In all probability there will be a new county created at this session of the Legislature out of a portion of Crook and Wasco counties, upon which question the Statesman has no opinion to offer, but it does desire to suggest that if the proposition matures the proposed name of "Stockman" be abandoned for another more appropriate for such purpose.

The Oregonian has suggested that the new county be named "Nesmith," and the Statesman desires to heartily second the motion. Senator Nesmith was one of the most active and best known of our early pioneers, having come to Oregon in 1843, and from that date for nearly forty years was a prominent part of the life of the territory and state.

Especially was his service of value to the nation during the days of the Civil War, when, though elected as a Democrat, he was of striking aid to the administration of President Lincoln and was given credit for it by our great war President.

THE FEWER BILLS THE BETTER. Every member of the Legislature who has five bills in his desk which he intends to introduce should cull out four of them and seriously debate with himself whether the state would not be better off if they should never become laws, and having decided in the affirmative, take up the fifth one and put it through the same course of careful inspection.

And the man who intends to introduce but one bill should scrutinize it again to be certain that the state would not be better off if he finally permitted it to remain indefinitely in his desk. For the state has about one thousand laws now, more or less, that are of little use and many of these are rarely, if ever, enforced. Conditions are fairly good in Oregon relating to matters that can be improved by legislation, and it is so hard to drift into an indefensible maximum of law-making when the machinery is once put in motion for a run of forty days, that the member with the best of intentions is quite likely to surrender to the temptation offered in the way of flooding the calendar with bills.

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WHEN THE LANE TURNS.

There'll be light and joy forever When the long lane turns-- The singing of the river When the long lane turns! The singing of the river as it ripples to the sea In the light that rains in showers over you and over me!

We'll forget our cares and crosses When the long lane turns, With gains for all our losses When the long lane turns. The birds will fill with music all the forests and the dells, To the ringing and the singing of the gold-throated bells! --Just From Georgia.

A THIRTY DAYS' SESSION.

The proposition of Speaker Mills to push the business of the session along in a manner that will result in a session limited to thirty days is a good one, but not a new one. On many former occasions this has been the wish of many members, and others, only to see it vanish into thin air as the days and weeks go by, including many adjournments and hedges to Portland.

ROBBERS USE EXPLOSIVE IN FOREST GROVE BANK BUT THEY SECURE NO MONEY.

Robbers broke into the bank of State Senator E. W. Haines shortly before daylight this morning, dynamited the safe and presumably frightened away by a greater noise than they had anticipated, departed without getting anything. The safe is practically ruined. There is practically no clew so far. Before trying to open the safe the robbers broke into Fred Watson's grocery store, just south of the bank and secured bags of potatoes and other commodities, and packed them around the safe to deaden the noise. The expedient was of little avail, however, as Mrs. Frank Helm of the Michigan House heard the explosion at a distance of a block. One or two others also heard it. No tools were left.

CHINAMAN VIOLATES LIQUOR LAW.

INDEPENDENCE, Or., Jan. 12.--Chinaman Wang Sing was fined \$50 and costs, amounting to about \$75, in the recorder's court for selling liquor without a license. Sing conducts a restaurant here, and it was in his place of business that he sold the liquor.

SNOW FLURRY

FUN ON SALEM'S STREETS YES--TERRID PLAYING SNOW BALL ETC.

Snow Storm Finds Conditions Last Night for It to Lie--Dry Ground Is a Barley When It Snows Here--Will Be More Fall Today. "Oh, the snow, the beau-- Zipp! Zipp! "Who frowned that snow ball?" But there was really more fun on the streets than Salem has seen for some time, yesterday, and it was the kind of fun that Salem has rarely. It is now two years since there has been a snow-fall anywhere nearly like that of yesterday, and the many "oldest inhabitant" who has been here since, well perhaps not since Mt. Hood was a hole in the ground, but at least since the memory of man raneth not to the contrary, including Billy Claggett, who has a sort of common law residence, stood by and scratched his collective pate just above his collective left ear, and tried to remember when the conditions were ever so favorable for a large, big, deep, heavy white snow fall as at this peculiar time and date.

There were several days first of most beautiful winter frosty weather, which thoroughly dried the ground out near the surface, and the first flakes of snow that fell yesterday found a condition exactly to its liking, and it proceeded to "lay," if the writer does not lie. Usually if the writer were to say that snow "lay," he would deliberately "lie," but this time it is straight and last evening the few unrotted sleighs and bob runners left in the community were brought into play and the best sleighing the writer has ever seen in Salem was there to be taken advantage of. But the snow came as unexpectedly as love, and brought a great deal more fun. Snowballing was common on the street, and was the man known to a good fellow who stuck his head outside of his door on Commercial street last evening. Sure as it appeared somebody would "swat" it if possible, and soon the air would be full of flying snowballs. This storm is general throughout the valley and in Portland it is said to be the forerunner of a hard storm. The weather bureau also predicts a heavier fall today. So look out and be sure and do not forget to take along a pair of skates and "Arctics" if going out today.

A CASE OF IT.

Many More Like It in Salem. The following case is but one of many similar occurring daily in Salem. It is an easy matter to verify its correctness. Surely you cannot ask for better proof than such a conclusive evidence.

Olof Johnson, who is a gardener by occupation, living at the corner of 15th and B streets, North Salem, says: "Kidney complaint is no new thing for me. I have been bothered off and on from a disordered condition of the kidneys for ten or twelve years. I did not suffer so much from backache as most people do who have kidney complaint, but the principal annoyance was a weakening of the kidney secretions, which was both distressing and aggravating. There was a scalding sensation in passing and a heavy brick-dust like sediment appeared after standing in the vessel over night. I had attacks of dizziness in my head, and oftentimes a blurring would appear before my eyes and I could scarcely see. I tried numerous remedies, but all in vain, until I saw Doan's Kidney Pills highly recommended for just such troubles, and procured them at Dr. Stone's drug store. I will say that in all my experience with doctors' prescriptions and different kidney remedies nothing has given me the amount of relief that I have received from Doan's Kidney Pills." For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cts. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States. Remember the name, Doan's, and take no substitute.

EDUCATORS WILL MEET.

A meeting of the leading educators will be held in the Stevenson building, at Portland, tomorrow at 2 p. m., to decide the matter of holding an educational congress. Many speakers of national repute will be in attendance. State Superintendent J. H. Ackerman will attend tomorrow's meeting.

CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought. Mrs. Helen A. Dearborn, of Portland, was visiting Mrs. Amelia Miller in South Salem, returning home yesterday.

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