

PITS AND PITS.

The Oregonian very frequently puts the rest of us in a hole and tramples upon us after we are there, but he seldom digs a pit for his own feet, but when the last legislature is taken to task for its electric light appropriation the Oregonian scoops out a little cavity in which it ought to nestle.

Some years ago, when the science of electric lighting was yet young, a contract was made with a Salem company to illuminate the state buildings. The service was bad and was unsatisfactory, so that at the 1893 session—one of the Oregonian's white sessions—there was no United States senator that year—the contract with the old company that had five years to run, was cancelled by the state paying \$9000.

Therefore the 1895 appropriation was made to meet the terms of the 1893 contract. The legislatures of 1897 and 1899 will make the same appropriations. Then another appropriation for privilege of cancelling contract will be in order. See? Is there light enough?

But this brings to mind a little story: When the 1895 appropriation bill reached the senate, Senator Denny, of Multnomah, pointing to the lighting items, spoke something like this: "Mr. President, it seems to me there is a prodigal provision here for lights. It is more than liberal to appropriate for

Capitol building..... \$ 9,200
School for deaf mutes..... 2,300
State reform school..... 4,700
State insane asylum..... 11,650
Asylum cottages..... 2,300
State penitentiary..... 4,250
School for the blind..... 2,200
Total..... \$36,600

If this is a joke, it is a sorry one. It seems to me that all these lights are not necessary." Senator Patterson, of Marion, unlimbered, and thus replied: "This appropriation has to be made in pursuance of a contract executed by the last legislature, I am not responsible for it. I was not here. I did not vote for it. The gentleman from Multnomah voted for it. He now has to vote for this appropriation." A gentleman present states that Senator Denny dropped into his seat like an unstarched rag. It is only fair to the senator to say that he did not vote for the 1893 bill, though he evidently thought he did. He was absent at the time. But the other senators from Multnomah did, and they were and are the Oregonian's friends.

The Republican party of Oregon is all right. The rank and file are all right. But a gang in this state who have been working it entirely for selfish purposes have got to be sat upon or the rank and file will sit upon them hard and will not discriminate particularly between them and those who associate with them. The house cleaning begun in 1894 will be continued until the job is complete. The new deal must be carried out and party suckers lopped off.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

THE SOUND MONEY CRANKS.

In nearly all political meetings the "sound money crank" turns up. He is frequently sound and sane on all other subjects. He is in reality a goldbug but don't like to tell you so. He won't advocate the single gold standard openly, though that is what he is secretly laboring to bring about. If you have a friend who talks about sound money don't ask him what he means, for if you do he will probably tell you that he means honest money, and when you ask him what he means by honest money he may want to change the subject or he may say he wants a money which is worth the same whether the stamp is effaced from it or not. He forgets that this was true of silver as well as gold before the government denied free coinage to silver. The fact is that sound money is a metal, silver or gold, bearing the stamp of the government, and a full legal tender for its face, and honest money is a money which is neither more or less valuable today than yesterday or tomorrow. Gold under the single standard is not honest money because its value is constantly increasing with the growth of population and demand.

The fellows who talk about "sound money" merely reflect the utterances of the Wall street "sound money" club of goldbug millionaires. Of course, they are entirely unselfish in spending thousands to circulate "sound money" views. The farmer, laborer or merchant is candid enough to admit that he is selfish and if you ask him why he wants free coinage of silver he will say "because it would help me." But the capitalist creditor will tell you "free coinage would help me but I want the gold standard so that the laborer will get an honest dollar when he gets a dollar." Mark the capitalist says "when he gets a dollar." Establish the gold standard pure and simple, which is the ultimate aim of Wall street, and the "whens" will be few and far between.

WHERE ARE WE AT?

The Salem Statesman says a special session of the legislature: "For president of the senate, Joseph Simon would probably have no formidable opposition, unless it might possibly be from Chas. A. Cogswell of Lake county, who has abandoned democracy and turned republican since last session. Mr. Cogswell as a democrat was always a trusted friend of the sturdy little Portland chief-tain, but now that he has become a republican he may wish to contest leadership with him. Cogswell's Democracy and Simon's Republicanism is like the lawyer who went to heaven—not enough to hurt. Neither has originated a particle of legislation for the benefit of the people. Both play the game of politics for plunder and personal advantage. Cogswell got a \$2,000 slice for services he never could have collected a cent for at law. For this he has turned Republican. Either one of them would make a good reform president of the senate to suit the Statesman. Where are we at?"

Just as Claus Spreckels fights the annexation of Hawaii, so the Standard oil trust and the sugar trust fight the recognition of Cuba. They want to tax Cuba for her oil and America for her sugar. When will the Americans get their eyes open?

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HARD TIMES AND REFORM.

When the Devil was sick The Devil a saint would be; When the Devil was well The Devil a saint was he. That verse fits as well as language can describe the Portland senators who are clamoring for a special session of the legislature to redeem themselves in the eyes of the people. Under the stress of hard times and the crushing force of public condemnation, they seek an opportunity to retrieve their lost power. They are very meek and humble after they have long robbed the people and wasted the public funds. They have turned saint and would play reformer. Hard times and the distress of the farmer at low prices and high taxes is their excuse for showing repentant spirits, when the truth is, they do not know what it means to feel responsible to the people. It is the instinct of self-preservation that moves the Portland gang and their heels throughout the state. They realize that unless they can better their standing before the people their doom is sealed, and that their day is done for controlling state conventions, becoming delegates to national conventions, and making congressmen and senators. Their game is up and they know it. They can no longer control the party they have fattened upon at the public expense.

What do the Portland senators know about hard times? They have no more conception of the condition of the people now than they had last winter. They would live at Hotel Willamette at \$5 a day, while poor people beg the scraps from the tables and little children pick bits of bread and meat out of the swill barrels. While they were employing fashionable young women from Portland as clerks at \$5 a day, many a good woman at Portland and Salem was neglecting her little ones to earn bread.

Those extra session patriots would all like to come to Salem and display signs of remorse by voting for a few reform bills upon which to go before the people whom they have long plundered and misrepresented. They should be given no opportunity to make records now that they disdained to make, when they came to Salem with pledges of reform fresh upon their lips. The hard times do not worry these old ringsters so much as the thought of the oblivion awaiting them.

TALK TO BOYS.

Don't try to be something you were not cut out for. If you are a country boy don't put on city airs. They only make you ridiculous in town and despised at home. Don't wear the flashy colors or dude clothes of any kind. A plain dark suit of clothes with a black necktie and hat are good enough to walk the streets of New York or London. Loud checked or striped trousers, a great swaggering overcoat, or cowboy hat are a "give-away." Grow up natural and you will be more graceful than any amount of trimmings put on or borrowed plumage. Look at any tree in the forest; singly or in a group, its figure is graceful, even the gnarled or crooked oak has a rude symmetry and lines of beauty. Why? Because it has developed in true relation to all its surroundings. There is an intrinsic value to your having been reared in the country.

The Statesman refers to Jo. Simon, the Portland boss, as "the sturdy little Portland chief-tain." It refers to a loyal Salem Republican as "the little sawed-off Poo-Bah." How long will intelligent Americans be led around by the nose in the name of such Republicanism? Oh, rats!

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Senator Sherman has now made a speech in the senate in which he contends that an increase in the revenues would be a panacea for our financial ills. The World-Herald, acting as an impartial judge, must award the decision to Mr. Cleveland so far as this point is concerned. The president is right in his contention that our financial troubles are not due to the lack of revenue. No matter how high the tariff is raised and no matter how large the surplus (unless it absorbs all of the outstanding paper,) the process of draining the treasury of gold can go on just as long as the administration permits the note holder to select the coin in which redemption shall be made.

Mr. Sherman, however, deals Mr. Cleveland a very heavy blow when he says that the retirement of the greenbacks and the treasury notes would increase the interest-bearing debt near \$500,000,000 and thus "produce a sharp contraction of the currency and add greatly to the burden of existing debts." On this question the World-Herald is bound to award the decision to Senator Sherman. He is right in declaring that the president's policy would contract the currency and greatly increase the burden of debt.—Omaha World-Herald.

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