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THE LEGISLATURE.

THE JOURNAL is unselfish enough to wish that the incoming legislature shall make a better record than the last one. But so long as the people allow the election of a senator to be made a political struggle for spoils, they must not expect a legislature of forty days session to accomplish much that is wise or useful in addition.

The incoming legislature must make some reduction in appropriations and expenses, yet we doubt if it makes as great a reduction as its predecessor did below the one before that. No such sweep as that of half a million dollars proposed by the Oregonian can be accomplished, but from $200,000 to $300,000 could be lopped off and the state suffer no material damage—by the state we mean the public service.

There is more than double the number of People's party, Democratic, and Independent members as there were two years ago. In the lower house the Republicans have a bare majority, as against 53 out of 60 two years ago. It will be an advantage to the taxpayers to have as strong an opposition party as possible.

THE NEW GOVERNOR.

We have all heard of the New Woman, but here is the New Governor—Governor Black of New York. To judge from his inaugural message, one must conclude that the former is perhaps the more virile of the two. Such a thing as the constitution is not mentioned. The possibility of an existing abuse Governor Black does not even in the most dreamy manner intimate. He is a beau-ideal governor of those who say "All we ax is to be let alone."

Behind his spectacled eyes may repose a brain of unusual firmness and fibre. He may not be such a Miss Nancy governor as his message indicates. We hope not. It is said that he went up to Saratoga in the private seat of a smoking car and came back three days latter in the private coach of the president of the railroad. The first act of his life after he was nominated was to accept a favor from one of the magnates whose touch upon our politics is often corruptive and utterly destructive to the independence of the citizen who accepts it.

This mild-mannered and opinionless young man is just the sort in demand these days. The railroad president who took young Black home in his private car from the state convention that nominated him probably holds a larger place in his estimation than all the "people" of the state. If the interests of the masses ever come in conflict with the interests of that single corporation, will Governor Black raise his hand for the masses? Who believes he will?

As an official is he not a true picture of flabby low-grade public spirit that dominates our politics at present? We are to keep still about Cuba because it "hurts business!" The English government must allow the Turk to slaughter Armenians because if he did not English bondholders would not get their interest! Oh, Lord, forgive us as a race of miserable weaklings, bowing down to mammon and forgetting that manhood and humanity are above pelf and the masses of mankind above the classes.

THE JANUARY FORUM.

Timely articles that are of general interest in this issue are as follows:—"Pope Leo XIII," by the Vicomte de Vogue, a French literary man who has frequently visited the Vatican and is held in high personal estimation by the Pope; Mr. Ashley, the president of the Wabash railroad system, discusses "Middle Ground on the Tariff;" Ex-governor Cornell of New York discusses the paralyzing influence of presidential elections: Fernando Yznaga treats the wanton destruction of property in Cuba, and the American interests: the most important article from a religious standpoint is "The Philosophy of Meliorism, by Junius Henri Browne.

THE IDAHO SENATORSHIP.

Governor Steunenberg's message contains a gentle hint for Shoup and McConnell. He quotes their messages of two and four years ago, when they attacked the gold monopoly system of finance and demanded free silver. Both have since recanted.

On January 6 the senatorial situation was unchanged, the Democrats seeming willing to vote for a Populist but unable to agree on the man, the indications being that no Populist can be elected The names of party should be dropped in every state and men elected to represent the broader interests of the people instead of money gamblers, corporations or political cliques.

We commend the words of the Spokane Spokesman-Review to the Washington legislators:

"In voting for senator, members of the legislature owe a duty to their state and a duty to their party. Their duty to the state requires them to vote for the ablest and most conscientious member of their party, and against this duty they have no right to oppose their personal interests or friendship."

STATE NEWS.

Work on the new torpedo boats in Portland has begun.

Geo. Sally and Ed. Sally, of Baker City are under arrest for stealing cattle.

A beautiful wild deer quietly wended its way through the streets of Gates last Sunday.

The epidemic of measles having run its course, Clatskani public schools have resumed work.

J. B. Beyson, of Corvallis, had a tumor as large as a man's hand removed from his intestines. He is in a good way to recovery.

The telephone poles that were distributed between Canyon City and Fox Valley nearly two years ago, are being hauled to Canyon City, to be used in building the levee to protect the town from inundation.

The following officers were elected for the city of Arlington: Mayor, Dr. Geisendorfer; councilmen, A. J. Coe, E. B. From, R. Beardsley and W. Snarrard; recorder, W.A. Maxwell; treasurer, F. T. Hurlburt.

A huge wildcat was killed on the range a few miles from Arlington, by a sheepherder, assisted by a shepherd dog. The cat was an old-timer and fought ferociously to the last All three of the combatants shed more or less blood before the battle ended.

Rev. Tunison, of Blodget, in going from his barn to his house a few nights ago met a big cougar. The cougar hissed and spit and then fled into the darkness. It is suspected Rev. Tunison's hair stood up, as he was unarmed and alone, but had been warned by the woman-like cry of the cougar.

Drain Normal School.

School began last Monday, after a vacation of eleven days with all the old students and several new ones. Another teacher has been added to the faculty, making eight in all.

The enrollement in the entire school is now about 230, representing eight counties and about thirty post offices.

A general good feeling prevails and good work is being accomplished.

Women go on, heedlessly ignoring the dangers that lie right in the path of their thoughtlessness. They neglect little warnings until they get used to them. The warnings become louder and louder, and still they do not heed them. Their sickness increases like a snowball rolling down hill. The sickness comes on gradually, and they get used to it gradually, but it ruins their lives just the same. One woman in a hundred, perhaps, is perfectly healthy. Sometimes her weakness is inherited, sometimes acquired by carelessness. In every case, care and Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription will give her new life and strength and vitality. It will fill out the hollows in her cheeks, bring color to her lips, brighten her eyes, and make her really and truly a woman. The "Favorite Prescription" is of inestimable value at three stages in the lives of every woman—when the girl becomes a woman, when the woman becomes a mother, and when the mother becomes incapable of maturnity. At these times it gives safety and strength. It is the only medicine now before the public for woman's peculiar ailments, adapted to her delicate organization by a regularly graduated physician—an experienced and skilled specialist in these maladies. It cannot do harm in any condition of the system. Its sales exceed the combined sales of all other medicines for women.

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EXTRAVAGANCE

Aristocracy at Washington

The Officialism Revelling in Large Deficiencies.

State and National Affairs.

A Solemn Warning to the Incoming Administration.

The disease of swelling the payrolls and mulcting the "government" for all there is in it, is not confined to state affairs The disease has been growing at Washington, D. C., until the festering carbuncle is ready to bust.

There is not a day passes in congress but the house or senate passes a bill, resolution or amendment to swell the volume of officialism, and increase the burdens of taxes by creating new offices, clerkships or increasing compensation of officials already in office.

The "Iowa State Register" says:

"There are now 200,000 persons on the official and employe pay-rolls of the United States, yet no one doubts that half that number of officials could easily perform all the business and labor by working eight hours per day. The officials and employes have become so numerous that efforts are now being made to increase the number required to wait on the present officials and employes. So it is with all state and with nearly all county, city and town governments. That is the sole reason why unnecessary taxation has been so enormously increased during the past fifty years."

The "Register" says well that this ought to be stopped! It is well; but how to do it? Whoop it up for the grand old party right or wrong? Nay, verily! That only swells the arrogance of the official class, who control the party management.

The Portland "Oregonian" sees the danger from the tottering stocks of officialism with its never-ceasing push of extravagance. It knows that the only result will be "the man on horseback," revolution put down by military power, in the sense of a peaceful political revolution, such as Thomas Jefferson effected in 1800. Which shall it be? Here is the Oregonian's

WARNING TO M'KINLEY:

When the balance between income and expediture is on the wrong side of the ledger, one of two things must be done, if ruin is to be escaped. Revenues may be increased, or expenditures cut down. Such a condition exists today. The expenditures of the national government have exceeded its revenue in every month of the year 1896 except June. The excess for the calendar year just closed is, approximately, $52,000,000. The following table shows the comparison of receipts and expenditures and the excess of the latter for the past four calendar years:

Year.	Receipts.	Expenditures.
1893.....	$339,102,572	$382,484,556
1894.....	301,705,075	363,535,529
1895.....	317,047,683	352,142,115
1896.....	313,796,010	366,216,730

This shows an average annual excess of expenditures of over $48,000,000.

The insufficiency of revenue, on the present basis of expenditure, is apparent. But the disbursement account of the government has shown a steady and all-pervasive tendency to grow. The cost of administering the government was $434,678,654 in the fiscal year which closed with last June: it is estimated at $472,293,120 for the year ending with next June. The departmental estimates to congress call, in round numbers, for $437,000,000 for the fiscal year 1898, with the extreme probability that a good deal more will be voted, and a somewhat greater amount spent. All this is exclusive of any contribution to the sinking fund for the redemption of the public debt, that fund being regarded as a negligible quantity. All departments share in these increases. Apart altogether from the rapid growth of the pension list under the "disability" bill and other legislation, the range of ordinary expenditure has been enormously widened. As compared with the average of the seven years up to and including 1896 shows increases aggregating $44,000,000. For example, under civil and miscellaneous expenditures the increase is $18,500,000; the average of the war department has advanced $10,000,000, or over 50 per cent; of the navy, $11,000,000, or nearly 70 percent; and of the cost of maintaining and governing the Indians, $4,000,000, or 60 per cent.

It is no answer to the demand for reduction of national expenses to say that this is hard to accomplish. Necessity for reduction exists, and, once it is recognized, ways and means will appear to effect it. The urgency is the more pressing because the new tariff bill is as yet uncertain, in its revenue-producing aspect Increase of duties does not always carry with it increase of revenue. Sometimes the results is the contrary. The tribute that government wrings from the people may be disguised, but it is none the less real. And if the administration now coming in is unmindful of the moral obligation to limit expenditures to necessities, it will fall short of the expectations entertained of it. Revenues should be adequate, but they must not degauged by an outlay unnecessarily large. This is a burden that lies as heavily as any upon the incoming administration, and especially upon the congress.

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