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EDITORIAL

PROGRESS OF THE EMPIRE.

The progress of the American Republic towards empire is not along the line of acquiring more territory so fast as it is in the direction of continually creating more offices and more bureaus.

The census bureau is to be made permanent. That is, the census taken every ten years is to employ an army of officials and clerks for the next ten years compiling it and living off the job.

The Nicaragua canal will cost another \$200,000,000 and employ an army of officials. It will end in jobs and contracts running into the millions, with millions given to concessionaires and syndicates.

Free mailing privileges are being given by congress to men and women already enriched by the liberality of the government. Pensions are now to be given to retired officials and ex-presidents.

It is give, give, give. The horse-leech's daughter is in the saddle and self-respecting people who refuse to become beneficiaries of political charity are rapidly becoming extinct.

It is wallow, wallow, wallow in the swirl trough of public patronage. Tickle me and I'll tickle you, and we'll both be tickled, and we'll tickle the people and get some more taxes levied.

The official who has a sincere desire to lessen public burdens and make his office self-sustaining is regarded as disloyal to the notions of the Empire.

The citizen who dares to graft his neighbor in the way of fees and salaries at public expense is vulgar and not smart. He is apt to be a socialist crank and wants to be kept in the background.

On with the dance! Empire or nothing! Let the government own and run everything and let us have two million or five million officials. The educated people will get the offices and the clodhoppers and drawers of water and hewers of wood and tillers of soil will support them.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY TAXES.
The tax levy for Clackamas county is 32 mills. That is three mills, higher than last year and is probably the highest levy in the state. It will not advance the value of property in that county.

Clackamas county politics is dominated by one of the most brilliant and distinguished statesmen ever imported from Kansas to old Webfoot. No man can get into a county office by virtue of the Republican party unless he is nominated and backed by Geo. Clay Brownell.

He makes and unmake United States senators. He passes more laws than any other ten men put together in Oregon. He introduces more bills than any other man. He is a populist and a democrat and an orator.

He has the ear of the people and it costs them dearly. But they like and will return Senator Brownell to the Senate to make more laws and heap up more burdens.

It is a little hard on the people of the rest of the state, but he has given them the referendum and after awhile they can defeat his high tax bills and his bad laws and his new jobs and useless offices.

There is no great evil without some recompense, and statesmen who wave the flag and froth at the mouth are amusing and are object lessons to shock the people into political morality, as the Spartans taught their children to abhor drunkenness by parading horrible examples.

The people need a few Brownells to double up taxes on them to see what the very worst thing is that can happen to them in the legislature. It may save the state from revolution and anarchy to realize his ability to heap up impositions on the land-owners.

AMONG THE NEWSPAPER MEN.
The Norfolk, Va., Dispatch manager writes THE JOURNAL: "We notice that in your issue of Dec. 27 you publish a half-line picture of a scene on the Potomac river, W. H. Cropper, Neil Cropper and James Wilson. This is by far the funniest thing that has been issued on the Cropper mystery, harring nose of the great dailies of the east. We wish THE JOURNAL and its force a happy new year and continued prosperity such as we believe you must be enjoying. We like your style." For a Pacific coast paper to publish a picture of the scene and the parties to a criminal case on the Atlantic coast in advance of the and enterprising local dailies is nothing new. The people of Salem will awake to the fact some day that they have the best newspaper dailies in the world for the size of the town.

The Baker City Herald does itself an injustice by issuing a circular slandering the members of the Northwest Afternoon Newspaper League, by saying the total circulation of the seven evening papers, of which THE JOURNAL is one, have less circulation than the Herald. Only one copy of the Herald is known to reach Salem and that is a complimentary to the state house. The seven evening papers in the league with their daily and weekly and semi-weekly circulations established, each taking a telegraph service and owning a plant and having from ten to twenty people on their weekly payroll could not exist on such a circulation as the Herald has, if it has any at all outside of Baker City. Let it decline to have a larger circulation in Oregon, Washington and Idaho than all these seven local dailies with weekly and semi-weekly issues at Boise, at Baker City, at Pendleton, at Astoria, at Salem, at Eugene and at Roseburg. Is it serious, or is it only a Letson Ballist style of joke?

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