

Tonight and Wednesday, occasional rain; cooler.

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NECESSITY OF RETRENCHMENT

Legislators See the Hand Writing on the Wall---An Appeal Goes Out Today to Every Legislator and Newspaper in the State

OPPORTUNITIES TO RETRENCH.	
Flat salary law will save each year.....	\$50,000
Equalize four normal schools and save	40,000
Save expense of holding state primary election	60,000
Cut one-half legislative clerkships	10,000
Abolish domestic animal commission.....	5,000
Abolish state biologist	1,000
Abolish state labor bureau	5,000
Placing charitable institutions on same basis as orphanages save.....	18,000
Reduce state militia	15,000
Total savings in sight	\$204,000

If the recommendations of the secretary of state are followed there will be some radical changes in the way moneys are disbursed by the legislature, and there will be substantial additions to the incomes of the people, and a corresponding reduction in the state tax levy next year.

THERE MUST BE REDUCTIONS.
A 7.06 MILL STATE TAX THIS YEAR, in spite of the large increase in revenues from indirect taxes, HAS SET PEOPLE TO THINKING, and this paper has received many letters from members of the legislature, and from farmers and business men commending its labor to formulate some kind of a business program. Some of the Marion county delegation have called, and declared their intention to hew to the line, and one member expressed regret that if Mr. Kay were made speaker this county would lose its best fighter against grafts from the floor of the house.

HOW APPROPRIATIONS HAVE GROWN.
Biennial term, 1899-1900\$1,389,044.25
Biennial term, 1901-19021,795,000.91
Biennial term, 1903-19042,263,717.70

REPORT OF SECRETARY DUNBAR.
The Journal is favored with advance sheets of Secretary Dunbar's report, and THAT OFFICER HAS CERTAINLY DONE HIS DUTY TOWARD SOUNDING THE WARNING for an economical session. He shows an excess of liabilities over assets of \$284,144.18, and then proceeds to show how this comes about. He shows warrants outstanding September 30, 1904, \$192,935.06. Comparison of appropriations show an increase of \$28,716.79 over the years 1901-02, and \$1,234,673.45 over the years 1899-1900.

THE PRIMARY LAW

The Republicans of Oregon have had forced upon them a Direct Primary law that is going to double election expenses and cause confusion and perhaps destruction of the party organization. While IT MAKES CENTRALIZATION OF POLITICAL POWER IN THE ONE LARGE CITY ALMOST INEVITABLE, it also concentrates power in the county seat towns. The added expense of a primary election, with all the printing and election machinery in each county will cause confusion, and increase taxes. No one knows how the law will work, and the legislature will be asked to amend the law. **THE TAXPAYERS SHOULD NOT BE CALLED UPON TO SUPPORT THE STRUGGLES WITHIN A PARTY FOR MERE PLACES ON THE TICKET, TO WHICH THE ASPIRANT MAY NEVER BE ELECTED.** Unless the Republicans break away from Populist guidance on this matter they will find their organization destroyed and litigation and contested elections will be the rule.

A simple, direct primary law, optional with any party in any city or county, as is the practice in states like Ohio or Iowa, without expense to the taxpayer, should be enacted by the brainy thinking men in the legislature who are free from decadent populist influences. The principle of direct nomination has been recognized by the people, and should be respected. But there should be no blinking the fact that the law adopted and the principle at stake are as wide apart as Lazarus and Dives. **THE CITY OF SALEM HAS FOR TWO YEARS NOMINATED A CITY TICKET BY A SIMPLE AND INEXPENSIVE DIRECT PRIMARY,** whereas, we defy any lawyer or layman to read the Oregon Direct Primary law and show how it is to work out and produce anything but **INCREASED TAXES, AND RAISE H—I, POLITICALLY SPEAKING.**

THE LAW ABOLISHES CONVENTIONS.
The law as adopted is unconstitutional, because it taxes the people for two elections to get one set of officers, and also because it does away with political conventions, or seeks to do so. **THE RIGHT TO ASSEMBLE IN POLITICAL CONVENTIONS IS ANTECEDENT TO CONSTITUTIONS THEMSELVES,** and is a right the people cannot deprive themselves of, and yet the Direct Primary Law declares its purpose to be the "proscribing the manner of choosing candidates for nomination by the several political parties subject to the provision of this law, and for making nominations at said primary nominating elections of the candidates of said political parties for election to public office at the ensuing election **AND FORBIDDING THE NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE BY SUCH POLITICAL PARTIES IN ANY OTHER MANNER.**"

JAPANESE BOATS ENTER INNER HARBOR

Bombard Russian Warships and Cause Heavy Damage to Vessels

Tokio, Dec. 15.—Further details of the torpedo attacks on the battleship Sevastopol was received this morning: "One torpedo boat is still missing, but the remainder returned in safety. The Sevastopol's bow was yesterday reported sunk three feet. From 11:30 on December 14th until 3 o'clock this morning the torpedo boats kept up an incessant attack on the Sevastopol, the torpedo boat Orvanzy and a commissary ship. The details have not yet been reported, but at 9 o'clock this morning the observation station reports that the Sevastopol's bow was further sunk, and the torpedo tube submerged completely."

LAWSON ISSUES STATEMENT

Boston, Dec. 15.—Thos. Lawson issued another statement at noon. He said: "To my old friends in Wall Street. Don't miss an opportunity to give frenzied finances to Amalgamated Copper. Remember, the opportunity knocks but once. Don't fall into false about my being short on amalgamated. I am 21 years old, and know that if I were short of even 11 shares of anything it would be promptly cornered."

Marriage License.
Marriage license was granted this afternoon to Ross Lee Coe and Miss Mary Ella Chapelle.

Chefoo, Dec. 15.—It is reported that a Japanese cruiser is ashore at Yung-ching bay, 63 miles southeast of Chefoo.

LETTER READ IN COURT

New York, Dec. 15.—At the Patterson trial today the prosecution introduced a letter from Mrs. J. Morgan Smith, Miss Patterson's sister, to "Caesar" Young, in which she warned him of Nan Patterson's mental condition, and hinted that she might harm herself or Young.

John Millin, Young's racing partner, told the story of the liaison between Young and Miss Patterson, and said that Young had tried to get rid of the girl.

Mrs. Young, widow of the murdered man next took the stand. She said she went through her husband's clothes the morning of the tragedy, looking for money to pay the express man, but found no revolver. She also states that her husband never owned a revolver. The case was then adjourned until tomorrow.

CAPITAL ACCUSES LAWSON

New York, Dec. 15.—The financial district today and Standard Oil interests are planning the prosecution of Thos. W. Lawson, under the statute providing punishment for circulating false rumors about the stock market. The punishment is a fine of not more than \$1000 or imprisonment of not more than three years, or both.

CALL ON COLORADO SENATORS TO RESIGN

Denver, Dec. 15.—A political sensation was caused by the flooding of the city with circulars, charging Senators Patterson and Teller with neglecting their duties at Washington, in order to remain in Denver and fight for the Democratic crooks now on trial in the supreme court, and calling upon them to resign, because of a fraud in the election at which the legislature which sent them to Washington.

RECOGNIZED AS FORMER PRISONER

Cleveland, Dec. 15.—Mrs. F. M. Kissinger, of Columbus, formerly an employe in the woman's department at the penitentiary, called at the jail today and recognized Mrs. Chadwick as Lydia Devere, who had served a term in prison. Mrs. Kissinger's mother-in-law, who was formerly matron at the prison, also identified the prisoner as Mme. Devere.

SUSPENSION BRIDGE TUMBLES

Score of Children Drop in Icy Water And Several Are Drowned

Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 15.—The suspension bridge over Elk river collapsed this morning, carrying down a number of school children. Twenty children and three teams were precipitated 60 feet. The ice broke, and the children struggled frantically in the freezing water. All but two were rescued, and they were dead when taken from the water. Several are injured, and Woods, a driver of one of the teams, is missing, and it is thought that his body is under the ice.

RETRIBUTION OATH TAKEN BY MORMONS

Washington, Dec. 15.—The retribution obligation taken by the Mormons in the endowment house ceremony, as quoted this morning by W. J. Lundstrom, a witness in the Smoot proceeding, was as follows: "Oh, God, Eternal Father, we ask the blessing of the church and holy priesthood. Help us keep thy covenants, and that all that raise their hand against this church may be accursed forever. That vengeance be visited upon the nation for the blood of Joseph Smith."
Lundstrom declared his separation from the church arose from a discrepancy between the late and early revelations of the prophets.
"Has your throat ever been cut?" asked Senator McComas. "Not yet," answered the witness cheerfully.

COUPLE COSTLY FIRES

Minneapolis, Dec. 15.—The Holy Rosary Catholic church, the largest in the city, was destroyed by fire at noon. The loss is \$60,000.

Minneapolis, Dec. 15.—The Lincoln school was damaged by fire today to the extent of \$30,000. The children marched out in an orderly manner, through the smoke, and all were saved.

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12-10-eod23wk

FAVORS TWO NEW STATES

Washington, Dec. 15.—The senate committee on territories today reported favorably on the statehood bill admitting Arizona and New Mexico as one state, and Oklahoma and Indian Territory as another.

Condensed Telegraphic News.
A Madrid cable says a new cabinet is being formed for Spain.

At Bristol, Ill., the Burlington fast mail jumped the track this morning, killing the fireman and injuring seven others.

Mrs. Chadwick rested well in jail last night at Cleveland, Ohio, and promises the public some sensational statements. Her husband is still in Paris.

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