

DIPLOMATICALLY SPEAKING.

The Oregonian, when cornered, lies and calls names. The GAZETTE is termed by the mortgaged imbecile, "an utterly shameless and irresponsible corruptor."

The GAZETTE discharges its duty faithfully to the public and, having a clear conscience, has a right to be shameless. It has not upheld the anarchists at Salem. It has not praised the plotting of pelf and populism in the interest of ambition and hate.

It has not denounced men for exercising their political independence and then crawled on its belly before these men and kissed their corns because they violated their personal promises and public duty. It has not called upon the legislature, in threatening execrations, to save the state \$500,000 uselessly expended, and then servily excused those legislators who have made any legislation impossible. Its policy is not dictated by any mortgagee.

It has every reason to be without shame. The GAZETTE, while fairly successful financially, has not the funds, had it the inclination, to be a "corruptor."

It could not, in any event, contest with such a liberal corruptor as the real proprietor of the Portland journalistic wanton, is known to be.

The Corvallis GAZETTE cannot be shamed by that organ of populism and political depravity, the Portland Oregonian.

PETTY INSOLENCE.

A few tin-whistle politicians, misrepresenting their counties by neglecting their official duty at Salem, doubtless imagine that they have made themselves famous by an exhibition of petty boorishness.

Cornelius N. Bliss, president of the Protective Tariff League and treasurer of the Republican National Committee, wired republican members of the legislature that delay of organization and prospective loss of a senator from Oregon endangered protective tariff legislation.

It was a sensible, gentlemanly statement from a man high in the councils of the party and prominent among public men of the nation. He was not urging the election of any one man and the condition justified his official interest. But he cast his pearls before swine.

Several of those who have their straws in Corbett's barrel, discovering a possible road to notoriety, telegraphed Mr. Bliss disgustingly-impertinent replies. One of them, who, although he has never taken the oath of office, signs himself, "James N. Davis, Rep. Oregon State Legislature," fathers this bit of silliness: "Perhaps I understand the situation in congress. I know the conditions in Oregon. I am for sound money and protection. When did you join the silver Mitchell push?"

How often will Oregon have to blush for the folly of her fools, dressed in a little brief authority?

HOPELESS.

Oregon's great mortgaged daily is afflicted with insanity. No sane editor would have published such utter madness as this: "George Brownell, senator from Clackamas, went out of his way yesterday to make an attack on the editor of the Oregonian. Beyond all comparison or competition, Brownell is lower in the estimation of the people of Oregon than any man they know. He is contemptible and despicable, beyond all comparison. To the honor of human nature, let it be said that no man in Oregon, from the beginning till now, ever had such alacrity in sinking to depths below depths in the estimation of all who have known him. No word or pledge of his, of any kind, on any subject, would be taken for anything. Brownell was elected in Clackamas before the people of the county found him out. They will not elect him again. He is detested and despised by all men and by all parties alike."

Such language is but the ravings of a diseased brain. It is the malicious nonsense of a fool. It can but honor the gentleman whose course has excited such unseemly paroxysms.

The GAZETTE's statement regarding the Oregonian's demand upon the state central committee was based upon reliable information. The denials of a prostituted journal neither convinces nor convicts us. The statement stands.

ONLY two weeks more of Grover.

THOSE who have subordinated every consideration of duty and loyalty, every thought of decency and honor, to the desire to defeat John H. Mitchell, cannot invent or borrow excuses enough to justify themselves before their sensible and honest constituents. They are traitors to the state and no good citizen, whether he is for Mitchell or against Mitchell, sympathizes with them in their disgrace.

THE Corbettian lacks that artistic touch that would make its manifest displeasure a matter of discomfort. Unskillful invective cannot wound.

GEO. H. Hill, Geo. W. Riddle, J. C. Bayer and James N. Davis, arise from obscurity at one leap and proclaim themselves official fools of Oregon.

Observations.

The comic columns of the newspapers will make the new war unpopular. Greece and Turkey—Turkey fried in Greece—the fire and the frying pan. Good Lord deliver us!

Governor Lord appointed the editor of this paper one of the battleship Oregon gift committee. This honor had nothing to do with the GAZETTE's severe criticism of the governor. Personal animosity is not allowed to govern the policy of the paper.

Benton county furnished the key to the senatorial situation two years ago. "They say," this time, it is the key hole.

Hardly any one going to Rossland expects to dig out gold actually. They all expect to fatten off of the other fellows and the majority have but been the plucked in their own land.

Having furnished the leading lady for one of England's leading actors during the next season, having furnished the principal female character in San Francisco's clerical scandal, having furnished Stanford with a record breaker, having furnished most of the sensations during the legislative dead lock and having outdone any other locality in the matter of home sensations, Benton county returns blushing behind her fan to receive congratulations.

Alpine Notes.

Peter Hoover, of Alsea, has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Howell.

Mrs. Howell, who has been quite poorly for some time, is improving.

V. R. Buckingham and family, of Dusty, spent Tuesday at A. W. Hawley's.

Frank Hawley, of Sherman county, is visiting friends and relatives in the neighborhood.

The new organ for the Simpson chapel, which was ordered from the east, arrived last week.

A very select candy party was given at the home of Henry Hawley's last Wednesday evening.

The Bellmountain Grange met Saturday. A good dinner and an enjoyable time was reported by all.

There was no literary society at Alpine last Friday evening on account of the stormy weather.

W. I. Price and son Emil visited the McKinley literary society, which meets every Saturday evening.

W. F. Starr, who has been confined to the house for some time with typhoid fever, is able to be out again.

The Alpine school will give a free entertainment on the evening of Washington's birthday. After the entertainment, boats containing lunch for two, will be sold.

WELLS ITEMS. The Misses Ada and Nora Prather, of Buena Vista, were among the visitors here this week.

St. Valentine's day has come and gone again and we have received several nice photos to remember it by.

The young folks here are preparing to play the drama, "The Granger, or Caught in His Own Trap," in the near future.

Stock in this part of the country is getting very poor and feed is scarce. If the storm lasts much longer, stockmen will sustain a heavy loss.

Mr. John Vanderpool, of Modesto, California, is visiting his father, C. M. Vanderpool. He has been on the sick list the last few days, but is getting better now.

FARMERS AND MECHANICS.

Practical Education at the Oregon Agricultural College.

The college has practically two chemical laboratories. The experimental station—chemical department is distinct from that of the college proper. Either is superior in equipment to any other in Oregon and is only surpassed on the coast by Stanford and Berkeley.

The latter's superiority is principally a matter of duplication. COLLEGE CHEMICAL DEPARTMENT. The course offered is the most extended of any in the northwest. It is possible to secure four full years of theoretical and applied chemistry, leading to a B. S. degree.

The department occupies five rooms, the laboratories being fully equipped for all kinds of ordinary work.

While the entire course is under the direction of Prof. Shaw, the Sophomore class is in the immediate charge of Assistants Fulton and Edwards. The Junior and Senior classes are in charge of Prof. Shaw.

The entire course is so planned as to bring the student to a realization of the practical application of the science to the arts.

The elective course is intended for those who desire to specialize in the science. It offers such work as the following: Analysis of soils, waters, milk, butter, cheese, urine, sugar, etc. A student desiring to investigate along any particular line, as mineral, sanitary, agricultural analysis, is offered an opportunity in our own state.

FOOD ADULTERATION.

The chemist of the college is the official chemist for the state food commissioner. This formerly entailed a great deal of extra work, but last year the demands upon the department for this work were not heavy.

The analysis of food-stuffs has discovered that this is an age of adulteration. Baker, ex-food commissioner, calls Oregon "the adulterator's dump pile." Impurities are principally found in butter, fresh and condensed milk, cheese, canned peas, spices, tea, coffee and flour.

The adulterants for ground coffee are chiefly chicory, bread raspings, burned peas, coffee pellets, ground red beets, licorice. Mustard is adulterated with sulphur. The wooden nutmeg story is not mere fiction. Nutmegs containing oak sawdust are sold in Oregon today. Rose leaves, willow leaves and Paraguay tea leaves are found in tea. Baking powder adulterants are alum and ammonia.

THE STATION. Chemistry is the foundation upon which rests both horticulture and agriculture. There are many points at which the science touches the above subjects which do not appear on the surface.

At the station, investigations are constantly in progress concerning soils, cattle foods, fruits, milk products, sugar beets, etc. Probably the most important to the farmers of the state have been the experiments with sugar beets and with prunes.

Much attention has been directed toward the sugar beets. In fact, the bulletin issued from the department on this subject has resulted in arousing much interest in regard to the sugar beet industry. Another bulletin treating on this same subject is now in press and will be issued shortly.

Careful comparisons of the climatic and soil conditions indicate that beets rich in sugar and having a high purity can be produced in Oregon. Experiments show this to be true. The results were as follows: In 1891, sugar 14.3, purity, 78.2; 1892, sugar, 15.9; purity, 81.4; since 1892, sugar, 15.0; purity, 74.8.

OREGON SOILS. The soils of the state have received considerable attention. In the Willamette valley they are found to be abundantly supplied with phosphoric acid, an excellent supply of humus, fair in lime and weakest in potash. In both eastern and southern Oregon the lime supply far exceeds that of the Willamette valley. Fruit produced on these soils also carries less potash than the usual amount.

CONCERNING PRUNES. Extensive preparations are now in progress relative to the chemistry of Oregon prunes, covering such points as the best conditions for evaporation, the composition and food value, and the draught upon the soil.

Prof. Shaw spent considerable time, last year, among the dryers. He made careful observations as to the time of drying, temperature and condition of the fruit. The dried prunes were sent to the station for analysis and probably six weeks were spent in making the necessary determinations.

The experiments demonstrate that best results are obtained from perfectly ripe fruit and that there is a loss averaging 25 per cent in drying fruit green. The proper temperature is from 140 degrees to 150 degrees and the fruit should be drying from 26 to 30 hours.

The station is now working on soils and waters.

THE PROFESSORS. Prof. G. W. Shaw, who is at the head of the chemical department, is a practical scientist. By nature,

ability, education and experience, he is well fitted for the important work entrusted to him.

Prof. Shaw graduated from Dartmouth college with the degree of A. B. in 1887, and from the same institution in 1889 with the degree of A. M. During these two years he was doing special work. He was professor of chemistry at Whitman college, Washington, and at Pacific University, Forest Grove, two years each. He took charge of the work at the Oregon Agricultural College in 1890. In 1894 he was elected a member of the American Chemical Society and he is a member of the Association of Official Agricultural Chemists. Willamette University has bestowed upon Prof. Shaw the honorary degree of Ph. D. He is a well known contributor to scientific and agricultural journals.

Prof. Shaw goes to Washington city in June and will remain until September doing special work under the national department of agriculture.

Prof. John Fulton is a graduate of the O. A. C., class of 1892, with the degree of B. S. As a student he showed especial taste and aptitude in the chemical department and he was elected by the board as assistant chemist. As an instructor and as an original experimenter, his work has been highly commended.

Mr. Edwards, who instructs in the college chemical department, is also a graduate of the college, and an earnest, careful worker.

Will It Die? Saturday's meeting of the stockholders of the Corvallis creamery company was not a harmonious gathering. From the first it was apparent that the minority, representing some \$1,800 of stock, was not to be allowed a voice in the management of the enterprise, and this caused some friction.

Mr. Taylor, who controls a majority of the stock, insisted upon naming all three of the directors, and himself, his wife and S. E. Kilne, were chosen. The minority endeavored to increase the number of directors from three to five, but failed to muster the necessary votes and their motion was lost. However, in the adoption of the by-laws, provision was made for an advisory board to be chosen by a viva voce vote, and Saturday's meeting was for the purpose of electing such advisory board. This course, Mr. Taylor, seemed to think, would in a measure hamper the management, and after a rather heated session, the meeting adjourned, sine die. Thus the matter rests, and prospects for going ahead with the enterprise are by no means flattering.

From the fact that Mr. Taylor owns a majority of the stock he is rightfully entitled to dictate in a large measure the management of the company's affairs, but the minority, representing nearly one-half of the stock, ought not to be entirely ignored in the selection of officers and in the matter of mapping out the company's policy. Herein is where Mr. Taylor will doubtless discover his error. He is a conscientious man and there is no ground for supposing that he is actuated by any sinister motives, but he should understand that if the concern is to succeed it must first have the cordial support and confidence of the stockholders and community in which it is located. From what can be learned it seems that the minority faction would have been entirely satisfied had they been allowed to name one director and there appears to have been no potent reason for refusing this request. Such conciliatory course would have resulted in the harmonious adjustment of affairs, and there is no doubt that it would have been the best interests of all concerned.

A creamery would be of immense advantage to the community and every possible effort should be made to encourage the enterprise. The fact that factional strife made itself manifest at the first meeting is greatly to be regretted, but it is possible that even yet some compromise might be effected, whereby the warring factions could be brought together on neutral ground and an adjustment of the matter made to the satisfaction of all concerned. Let us hope the enterprise will not "die a bornin'."

School Clerks, Attention. I have some supplies in the office for the different school districts of our county, and I wish all clerks who can, would call immediately and obtain the same. Very truly, G. W. DENMAN.

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Bubbles or Medals.

"Best sarsaparilla." When you think of it how contradictory that term is. For there can be only one best in anything—one best sarsaparilla, as there is one highest mountain, one longest river, one deepest ocean. And that best sarsaparilla is—There's the rub! You can measure mountain height and ocean depth, but how test sarsaparilla? You could if you were chemists. But then do you need to test it? The World's Fair Committee tested it,—and thoroughly. They went behind the label on the bottle. What did this sarsaparilla test result in? Live, make of sarsaparilla shut out of the Fair, except Ayer's. So it was that Ayer's was the only sarsaparilla admitted to the World's Fair. The committee found it the best. They had no room for anything that was not the best. And as the best, Ayer's Sarsaparilla received the medal and awards due its merits. Remember the word "best" is a bubble any breath can blow, but the sarsaparilla that pricks such bubbles, those who are blowing more "best sarsaparilla" bubbles since the World's Fair, pricked the old ones. True, but Ayer's Sarsaparilla has the medal. The pin that scratches the medal proves it good. The pin that pricks the bubble proves it wind. We point to new pins, not bubbles, when we say: The best sarsaparilla is Ayer's.

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W. A. BUCHANAN, Treasurer of Benton County Oregon. Dated Corvallis, Feb. 20, 1896.