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SENATOR MITCHELL'S TELEGRAM.

Sick and tired as people may be of hearing about the Cascade locks, the question is one that will not down. Not until the wrong that exists has been righted should the press of Eastern Oregon cease in their denunciations of the methods that have been used to delay the completion of this work, which by all right and reason should have been finished long ago. Unpalatable as may be the doses that have been administered, the people have had them to swallow, with good or bad grace, as the case may be.

Today comes a bit of reassuring news, and, like the drowning man who clutches at a straw, we eagerly grasp the hope that is held out in the telegram from Senator Mitchell, published upon our local page. As will be seen, the message is in answer to one sent Senator Mitchell by THE CHRONICLE, and it contains the information that an appropriation will be made, either in the Sundry civil or the River and Harbor bill, for the building of the walls in the inner canal.

At this distance it is hard to understand fully the situation that exists in Washington regarding the locks, but this we take it to be. No appropriation has yet been made for performing this work, but a pledge is given by Senator Mitchell that such appropriation will be contained in one or other of the bills mentioned.

It seems incredible that our delegation did not know that the \$20,000 appropriation, passed some days ago, contained nothing of value to the people at large. It was for the benefit of the Days, pure and simple. There will be those who will judge our delegation harshly for holding out a hope that proved so delusive; but we would rather at this time excuse them upon the grounds of ignorance than deception. Confidence in our delegation continues unshaken, and we hope nothing will arise to change it. Senator Mitchell is able, and we believe willing, to carry out any promise he would make, and with him rests our case. The people will watch with anxiety the result of his labors.

The early adjournment of congress is foreshadowed, and while neither of the bills mentioned have

passed, some quick effective work will need to be done before the appropriation pledged by Senator Mitchell can be secured. The message, as it comes, contains a ray of hope. We wish that to it were added a clause saying some means would be adopted to get rid of the engineers and contractors, whose single and combined machinations are working little good. If Senator Mitchell secures this appropriation, we will have no more favors to ask for he will have done enough; but we would be glad if a resolution could be introduced and passed calling for an investigation of the way things have been mismanaged at the locks. We hardly think the record would look well in the clear sunlight of open investigation.

NOT A GOOD PLAN.

The proposal to run a Republican candidate for congress in the Second district who should be closely identified with the gold men, is not one which appeals to the good judgment of the rank and file of the party. This movement, to which the Oregonian is lending more than a tacit approval, has its origin in Democratic councils, and is being pushed to its farthest extent by the enemies of Republican principles.

It is urged that the sound money men of both parties will unite in the support of such a candidate, and in this way his election can be secured. However nice it may be in theory, the plan will not have the promised results. The candidacy of a second Republican candidate will serve only to divide the Republican vote, while the Democrats, perceiving their opportunity, will vote for their nominee and elect him. Such a move would be poor politics and poor business.

Mr. Ellis was not the choice of this paper for the nomination. His views on the financial question do not meet with the approval of a large number of Republicans, but we deem it vital at this time that a Republican should be elected to congress from this district; one who will work and vote for a tariff on wool, thus protecting the industry, which is the basis for the prosperity of us all. To divide the Republican vote and to create further dissensions in the party ranks, opens the way to defeat and to the success of the free silver, free trade candidate.

It is to be hoped cool judgment will prevent the nomination of another Republican candidate in the Second district. If the Democrats desire to nominate a sound money man from their own party, well and good. The conditions are then reversed and the interests of the wool

men will be served by the election of a Republican.

Chauncey Depew has said many good things, and among them can be classed the remark made at the Union League banquet in San Francisco recently, when he said: "Here we are declaring war on all the world and borrowing money to do it with. I am ready to fight the whole world, but, I want something to do it on." The truth of the saying is unquestioned. The American people judge the future too much by the past, and think because fortune has favored them heretofore, it will do so always. This thing of going to war is a far more serious matter than, by the talk going on, it is considered. Years of preparation are needed before the United States is in a position to cope with even a second rate European nation. Common sense dictates that we should lose no time in increasing our navy and providing better coast defenses. Our army also is too small. But the necessary expenditures cannot be made until the present bond-selling, money-wasting, incompetent Democratic party has been gotten rid of and the party of protection been placed in power.

McKinley is still carrying things with a high hand. In Nebraska, the home of Candidate Manderson, McKinley delegates have been selected. North Dakota, in addition to declaring against free silver, elected McKinley delegates, and even in Kentucky, where local pride for Governor Bradley is strong, the Ohioan's friends were but little in the minority. This is the record of but a single day. Is it possible the national convention may lack interest because of the easy nomination of McKinley on the first ballot?

Why is McKinley the choice of the people for president? Because he stands as the champion of the protective policy, for the want of which the country is suffering.

SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT

Of the County Treasurer of Wasco County, Oregon, for the six months ending on the 31st day of March, A. D. 1896, of money received and paid out, from whom received and from what source, and on what account paid out:

Date, 1895.	General Fund.	School Fund.	
Sept. 30.	To amount on hand from last report.....	\$ 3,391 76	
	To amount received from Sheriff, taxes.....	6,398 44	
	To amts. received from Sheriff, per cent col.....	150 01	
	To amts. received from Clerk, sundry fees.....	1,568 21	
	To amts. received from different persons, liquor licenses.....	1,132 21	
	To amts. received from Sheriff, road money.....	319 63	
	To amts. received from Sheriff, Dalles City tax.....	639 93	
	To amt on hand, common school fund.....		\$ 1,673 34
	To amts. received from Sheriff, school taxes.....		1,992 86
	To amts. received from criminal fines.....		144 10
			\$13,600 19
			\$ 3,810 30

PAST AND FUTURE.

The future of The Dalles depends upon an open river to the sea. When this shall be accomplished is uncertain, but every month it is delayed retards just so much the growth of the city. Nature has given us the advantage of location. Placed as this city is, at the gateway to the Inland Empire, it must, almost of necessity, continue the entrepot of a large section.

The Dalles has had its full measure of misfortune. It has suffered from conflagrations more disastrous than have overtaken any western town. It has seen the railroad shops move away, causing a withdrawal of hundreds of thousands of dollars from circulating among business men. It has suffered from the narrow-mindedness and cupidity of unprogressive citizens. It has lost by the jealousies and contention of warring factions. It has experienced all these misfortunes, and more; but notwithstanding them all, the city has grown and prospered, and today compares in favorable light with its sister towns in the state.

The stability of our city has been tested. No town could weather the storm The Dalles has unless it rested on a firm business foundation. Our history gives us a guarantee that the future contains better things than those to which we have so far attained.

There are some subjects to which the attention of our citizens should be immediately directed. First, the reduction in the rate of taxation. The city finances have been reorganized and placed upon a basis which may be called satisfactory, but our county taxes are far too high. Unless a change is made and the indebtedness reduced and taxes lowered, we cannot hope for any great investment of outside capital. Besides too much of the profits of our business men go for taxes.

Secondly, our trade influence must be extended to all points of the country tributary to this city. This can only be done by a system of roads far better than those we now possess. Trade must be attracted to The Dalles, and it can only be done by building and maintaining good thoroughfares. Lastly: As we have said before, we repeat now, that a large share of our present prosperity is due to the low transportation rates we enjoy through the agency of the Regular line of steamers. Without them this city would have been at the mercy of a single railroad, and it is well known that such institutions have no mercy.

These rules are worthy to be followed—Reduce taxes, seek for better roads, and support in the fullest manner possible the Dalles, Portland & Astoria Navigation Company.

When country campaigns lack interest the politicians should move to Portland, where there is political excitement enough to suit the most avaricious. The "combine" which achieved such marked success in the late Republican state and district convention, has nominated a full legislative and county ticket. The campaign will be a bitter one, the political interests of Senator Mitchell being one of the issues at stake.

Yesterday was the thirty-first anniversary of Lincoln's assassination. The years that have passed since that dire event have added to his fame and justified the title bestowed upon him by the poet, Lowell, when in matchless verse he called him "the first American."

Semi-Annual Statement of Treasurer—Concluded.

Date, 1895.	AMOUNTS PAID OUT.	General Fund.	School Fund.
	By amount paid out on county warrants.....	\$10,570 69	
	By amount paid out on School Supts. warrants.....		\$1,047 00
	By amount paid out on road warrants.....	870 84	
	By balance school fund on hand.....		2,763 30
	By amount paid out on bond warrants.....	19 61	
	By amount paid out on Dalles City warrants.....	639 93	
	By balance general fund on hand.....	1,499 12	
		\$13,600 19	\$ 3,810 30

SPECIAL SCHOOL TAX FUND.

Sept. 30.	Amt. on hand, special school tax fund.....	\$ 93 34
	Amt. received for taxes.....	1,396 40
	Received from E. Jacobson, Dist. No. 12.....	60 28
	Amount paid out.....	1,550 02
		1,494 34

Balance in special fund..... \$ 55 68

STATE OF OREGON, County of Wasco—ss.

I, William Michell, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of the amounts received, paid out, and remaining on hand in the County Treasury of said County for the six months ending on the 31st day of March, A. D. 1896.

Witness my hand this 31st day of March, A. D. 1896.
WILLIAM MICHELL, County Treasurer.

SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT

Of the amount of money and warrants received for taxes, and money paid to the County Treasurer by the Sheriff of Wasco County, Oregon, for the six months ending on the 31st day of March, A. D. 1896:

To amount received in coin and currency during month of Sept., 1895.....	\$ 3,258 30
To amount received in coin and currency during month of Oct., ".....	3,396 54
To amount received in coin and currency during month of Nov., ".....	2,757 58
To amount received in coin and currency during month of Dec., ".....	890 78
To amount received in coin and currency during month of Jan., 1896.....	
To amount received in coin and currency during month of March, ".....	624 17
Total received.....	\$10,897 27

By amounts paid to County Treasurer as per receipts—	
October 3, 1895.....	\$3,258 20
November 6, 1895.....	3,396 54
December 20, 1895.....	2,757 58
January 6, 1896.....	890 78
February, 1896.....	
March 2, 1896.....	624 17
Total paid Treasurer.....	\$10,897 27

STATE OF OREGON, County of Wasco—ss.

I, T. J. Driver, Sheriff of said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing statement is correct and true.

Witness my hand this 31st day of March, A. D. 1896.
T. J. DRIVER,
Sheriff of Wasco County, Oregon.
By ROBERT KELLY, Deputy.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

Of the County Clerk of Wasco County, State of Oregon, showing the amount and number of claims allowed by the County Court of said county, amount of warrants drawn, and amount of warrants outstanding and unpaid, from the 1st day of October, 1895, to the 31st day of March, 1896, both inclusive:

On What Account Allowed.	Amount Allowed.
For salaries of County Judge, Commissioners, Clerk, Sheriff, District Attorney, School Superintendent, Assessor, Treasurer, Stock Inspector, Jailor.....	\$ 8,386 00
For paupers and county hospital.....	1,705 58
For road and bridges.....	1,270 58
For jurors in Circuit Court, and grand jury.....	2,000 25
For fees in Justice Court.....	798 45
For witness Circuit Court and grand jury.....	2,917 65
For stationery and supplies for county purposes, ownership books.....	1,338 65
For courthouse and jail.....	217 60
For armory rent for O. N. G.....	166 70
For G. A. R. relief.....	67 00
For bailiffs, Circuit Court.....	296 50
For Coroner's inquests.....	124 00
For fuel and electric lights.....	187 72
For printing and advertising.....	233 25
For rebate on taxes.....	116 61
For insane account.....	79 65
For Supervisor's account.....	2,617 00
For bounty on wild animals.....	379 00
Total amount of warrants drawn.....	\$22,902 19

Outstanding Warrants Unpaid—	Principal.	Interest.
Outstanding unpaid warrants, April 1, 1896.....	\$100,866 47	
Estimate accrued interest.....		\$12,000 00

STATE OF OREGON, County of Wasco—ss.

I, A. M. Kelsay, County Clerk of the County of Wasco, State of Oregon, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of the number and amount of claims allowed by the County Court of said county, for the six months ending on the 31st day of March, A. D. 1896, on what account the same was allowed and the amount of warrants drawn, and the amount of warrants outstanding and unpaid as the same appears upon the records of my office and in my custody.

Witness my hand and the seal of the County Court of said County this 11th day of March, A. D. 1896.
A. M. KELSAY, County Clerk.
By SIMON BOLTON, Deputy.

SEMI-ANNUAL SUMMARY STATEMENT

Of the financial condition of Wasco County, State of Oregon, on the 31st day of March, A. D. 1896:

LIABILITIES.	
Amount of warrants unpaid, Sept. 30th, 1895, as per report.....	\$ 77,984 28
Amount of warrants issued from Oct. 1st to March 1st, 1896.....	22,902 19
	\$100,886 47
By amount of warrants paid from Oct. 1st, 1895, to March 1st, 1896, as per report of County Treasurer now on file.....	\$ 11,461 14
Total amount of warrants remaining unpaid April 1st, 1896.....	\$ 89,425 33
Estimated amount of interest on outstanding warrants.....	12,000 00
Total liabilities.....	\$101,425 33

RESOURCES.	
By funds in the hands of County Treasurer applicable to the payment of county warrants.....	\$ 1,409 12
By amount of taxes on roll of 1895, applicable to payment of warrants.....	30,988 29
By estimated amount of real estate bid in by the county at tax sales for the years 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893 and 1894.....	12,000 00
By estimated amount due from the State for care of non-resident paupers.....	600 00
Total resources applicable to payment of county warrants.....	\$ 45,007 67
By estimated value of courthouse and grounds.....	30,000 00
Excess of liabilities over resources.....	\$ 56,337 66

STATE OF OREGON, County of Wasco—ss.

I, A. M. Kelsay, County Clerk of the County of Wasco, State of Oregon, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of the financial condition of said county, as the same appears of record from the books of said county, in my office and custody, and from the reports of the County Treasurer and Sheriff filed herein.

Witness my hand and seal of the Court of said county, this 15th day of April, A. D. 1896.
A. M. KELSAY, County Clerk.
By SIMON BOLTON, Deputy.