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The city recorder's annual report, which we published yesterday, is an exhibit that reflects great credit on the men who have conducted the affairs of this municipality for the past year. The total income for the year has exceeded the expenditure by the snug sum of $2,523.54, after paying $3,420 for interest on the existing city debt. The city has $8,500 in the sinking fund, and this money is loaned at interest and is producing over $500 a year. And all this has been accomplished, or is in progress, under a 5-mill tax, while cities like Salem, Albany, La Grande, Astoria, Baker City, Vancouver and Walla Walla are running behind, or barely keeping even, on a levy averaging more than double that of The Dalles. As our esteemed and efficient recorder says: "There is no reason why this prosperous condition of the city should not continue so long as its officers live up to the maxim that a public office is a public trust." It only remains for THE CHRONICLE to say that the new administration will enter upon its duties next Monday possessed of the confidence of the taxpayers that the affairs of the city will be conducted in a manner that will equally meet their approval.

Under the name of the "United States Monetary League," a lot of Bryan's fool friends are going to meet at Kansas City on July 3, the day before the convention, apparently to charge the atmosphere with their free-silver-at-16-to-1 folly, says the Telegram. A partial list of the speakers will disclose the nature of this idiotic effort—Allen, Altgeld, "Coin" Harvey, John P. St. John, J. B. Weaver, Anarchists Sulzer and Lentz, and "Silver-Republican" Towne. Such a meeting, with Bryan's approbation—and if he did not approve it would not be held—will be a rude, needless and fairly insulting notice to the majority of Eastern democrats—and to hundreds of thousands in the West, too—that their votes are not wanted; that Bryan desires no votes but those of populists, silver cranks, socialists and anarchists. If Mr. Bryan can stand this sort of a performance, his opponents certainly can.

The New York Sun works itself up to the following ecstatic period: "The Hon. W. Dennis Oldham, the Nebraska statesman to whom has been assigned the honor of speaking the chief nomination speech for Col. Bryan at the Kansas City convention, makes a magnanimous and high old Roman offer. He will delegate the honor to the Hon. David Bennett Hill and to no man else. Here is a chance for the Sage of Wolfert's Roost to show his altruism. Also a chance for a glorious show: Mr. Hill in silver chains, celebrating the Peerless. But Mr. Oldham wastes his breath, for Mr. Hill will not care to waste any in climbing these heights of self-sacrifice. Yet what convulsive sobbings of a hundred Missouri brass bands, what screams of triumph, what multitudes of strong, medium and weak men weeping there would be. We hear the tears. But it is too good to be true."

Astorians are getting alarmed at the rapidly diminishing amount of the salmon catch, and the News warns the citizens of Astoria that if the present condition is permitted to exist the salmon industry on the Columbia will soon be a thing of the past. The News lays the whole blame on the "traps, seines and wheels," and insists that they be abolished, and abolished at once. Of course the nets that catch more fish in a day than the wheels do in a month must neither be abolished nor restricted.

It has always been a mystery to "out-siders" why all country editors get rich. Now that a Western paper has let it out, the journalistic field in the future will no doubt be overworked. This is how it happens: A child is born; the doctor in attendance gets $10, the editor gets 0. It is christened and the minister gets $5 and the editor 00. When it marries, the minister gets $10 and a piece of cake and the editor gets 000. In the course of time it dies; the doctor gets from $5 to $100, the minister perhaps gets another $5, an undertaker from $25 to $75. The editor prints a notice of death and obituary two columns long and gets 0000, besides lodge and society resolutions, a free card of thanks and a lot of poetry. No wonder the editor gets rich.

When a New Englander is a fanatic, he is generally a thorough one, says the Telegram. There is George Fred Williams now, spouting like a very lunatic for free silver at 16 to 1, and for a specific, radical declaration therefor, when every man of good judgment, whether he was for free silver in 1896 or not, knows that this dead and shriveled propaganda could not secure, of and by itself, one vote out of five in all the country—at least throughout the northern states. The wonder is that Bryan don't choke off these raving political lunatics. But since he doesn't it must be presumed that he is one of them.

Three years of republican misrule have brought distress in nearly all parts of the country. It is almost impossible to get men to work, and when they can be found such outrageous wages are demanded! The banks have difficulty in securing borrowers—though the interest rate has lowered considerably. The farmer does not receive low prices for his flax and cattle—and the laboring man has much work to do—and wheat up several cents. — Fargo Forum.

Application has been made to the courts of New Jersey, by the holder of 100 shares of stock, demanding an accounting of the affairs of the American Sugar Refining Company, otherwise known as the sugar trust. This is the same concern to which Senator Jones, chairman of the national democratic committee, wanted to refund upwards of $600,000 of duties which the trusts had paid on imports of Porto Rican sugar.

The East Oregonian objects to Jim Ham Lewis for the vice-presidency on the ground that "he is about as fit to be a candidate as a spider is to spin yarns." But a spider can spin yarns and Jim Ham couldn't do anything else if he tried to.

Jeff Davis has been nominated for governor of Arkansas, and esteemed democratic contemporaries deem it needful to explain that he is no relation of the Jeff Davis that was hanged on a sour apple tree thirty-five years ago.

If any sound republican cannot carry New York this year for governor, the empire state should grow pop whiskers and drop down to the 45-cent dollar, with an apology for its gold standard plurality in 1896 of 268,469.

David B. Hill thought he was presidential timber in 1896, and also an opponent of 16 to 1. Now the best he can hope for is to be the tail of the Bryan kite and classed with Sewall, Towne and Tom Watson.

Mr. Towne is calculated to make more trouble than Tom Watson did as a bifurcated candidate for vice-president. The Minnesota man is combative and takes himself more seriously as a politician.

Brigham Roberts was fined only $150, $75 apiece, for having two extra wives, but one of them is a doctor, and if she has a good practice she can easily pay her part of it for him.

Now take the ancient flint-lock down
And load it full of shot,
Fill up the ancient powder-horn
And heat the punk-stick hot.
Stuff cotton in your aching ears,
And, mark you, don't forget
The arnica, for Willie now
The Fourth awaits, you bet.

Clarke & Falk have received a carload of the celebrated Jame E. Patton strictly pure liquid paints

JURY FOUND HIM GUILTY.

Such Was the Verdict in the Case of the State Against George Farris.

At 10 o'clock Thursday night the jury in the case of the state of Washington against George R. A. Farris, accused with the murder of Abe Worrell, brought in a verdict of guilty in the first degree, which means death by the rope, says the Goldendale Agriculturist.

The case was tried before Judge Miller occupying five days, two of which, however, were spent in securing a jury and with arguments of counsel. The case on the part of the prisoner was weak, his defense being almost childish. He had undoubtedly had a quarrel with Worrell previous to the murder over a team of horses, which Worrell objected to his taking. Farris insisted on taking the horses, and it was during this time that Worrell was killed. That is about the way Farris put it while on the stand. Others think that Worrell was shot down without warning.

The prisoner went on at great length while on the stand in telling his story, and corroborating in the main the case as made up by the defense. The evidence all went to show that Farris had planned the crime in advance; and the evidence was strong enough to convince twelve of the best citizens as to its truth—resulting, after five hours' deliberation in the above verdict.

The state's case was ably managed by County Attorney Darch, with the assistance of Hiram Dustin and Hon. A. S. Bennett; while Farris' defense was faithfully and earnestly conducted by W. B. Presby, of Goldendale, and H. S. Wilson, of The Dalles.

Council Meeting.

The adjourned meeting of the common council was held Saturday night, when the following business was transacted:

Petitions from all the saloon keepers in town—eighteen in number—were presented, asking for license for the ensuing six months, and granted.

The bill of the Times-Mountaineer for publication of the sewer-assessment was referred to the committee on sewers.

The following claims were allowed:

Sinnott & Fish, meals prisoners	$ 3 15
Chronicle Pub Co	2 00
Dalles Lumb Co, lumber	1 68
Wm Michell, rent office	3 00
R G Brooks, wood	10 00
J T Peters & Co, lumber	5 00
Times-Mountaineer, printing	11 00
S J Brown, sawing wood	75
W A Johnston, mdse	8 00
Wm Michell, sharpening saws	1 25
Maier & Benton, mdse	1 25
Mays & Crowe, mdse	15
F S Gunning, repairs	1 00
Electric Light Co, light	14 55
W A Cates, sawing wood	1 00
G Long, supplies	12 60
I C Nickelsen, mdse	75
Seufert & Condon, supplies, etc	5 54
Jas Like, expressage	50
E Patton, labor	7 60
George Reno, labor	1 80
T T Fanning, labor	2 00
N D Hughes, killing dogs	3 00
F W L Skibbe, judge election	3 00
J Julian, do do	3 00
S S Smith, do do	3 00
G H Riddell, do do	3 00
A A Urquhart, do do	3 00
W A Kirby, do do	3 00
J F Staniels, do do	3 00
George Reno, do do	3 00
John Marden, judge election	3 00
C S Smith, do do	3 00
John Twohig, do do	3 00
Bert Baldwin, do do	3 00
J E Barnett, do do	3 00
C M Foute, do do	3 00
J Doherty, do do	3 00
Tim Brownhill, canvassing	3 00
Frank Hill, canvassing	3 00

Meeting of Water Commissioners.

The regular monthly meeting of the water commissioners was held Saturday night. The treasurer submitted his report for the month of June, which was as follows:

Cash on hand, June 1	$1,812 04
Cash from Laidlaw & Co., rebate on bonds	432 02
Note of O L Barrett	55 00
Water rent	1,274 60
Total	3,573 66
Warrants reneemed	364 01
Interest on water bonds	750 00
Total	1,114 01
Bal. on hand	2,459 65

On motion of Commissioner Fish it was determined to redeem three of the water bonds at $500 each.

The following bills were allowed:

J B Crossen	$ 60 00
C A Borders	60 00
Ned Gates	10 00
Wm Morgantield, labor	74 00
David Stroud, labor	52 00
A A Urquhart, labor	52 00
D E Fisher, labor	52 00
First National Bank (Insurance)	4 15
Jacobsen Book & Music Co, mdse	1 35
F S Gunning, repairs	4 65
L A Porter, team	5 60
Dalles Lumbering Co	25
Mays Crowe, mdse	3 17
Crane Co, casing for well	163 86
L H Kretzer, boring well	109 62

Victor School Report.

Following is the report of the spring term of school taught in Dist. 65, from March 26th to June 15th:

Whole number of pupils enrolled, 31.

Average number belonging, 23.

Average daily attendance, 20.

Names on the roll of honor: Roy Crabtree, John and Joseph Gray, Bernard and Silva Huston.

Those making the most improvement in penmanship in their respective classes are: John Underhill, Silva Huston and Frank Huston. Deportment and scholarship: Maggie Crabtree and Sylvester Gray. SUSIE WARD, Teacher.

Sunday afternoon S. Kelley and family came in from the Seth Morgan place to attend the Salvation army and hitched their horse just back of Hugh Gourlay's residence on the bluff. Upon returning Mrs. Kelley and the two little ones got in the wagon, when the horse became frightened and started to kick. In some manner the children were gotten out before the animal tore up the road and around the corner toward L. E. Crowe's residence, with Mrs. Kelley holding on to the front seat, the back seat having fallen out. The horse turned and ran up over the rocky road in front of Crowe's and finally was stopped in the alley near Robt. Mays'. Frightened almost to death, Mrs. Kelley fainted away and was some little time in coming to; but fortunately no permanent injury was done, as seemed inevitable to those who watched the runaway.

NEW CITY COUNCIL MEETS.

Fail to Uphold the Mayor in the Choice of Recorder and Marshal.

At the first meeting of the new city council last evening the following were present: Councilmen Kelly, Gunning, Johnston, Keller, Wilson, Shackelford, Jayne, Liebe and Lemke, and the new mayor, Hon. E. B. Dufur, presided. So far as we learned no especial initiation was given the new members, but what will follow in the future for these new dads will be sufficient without any preliminaries, for surely the life of a councilman is not to been envied.

The mayor's first act was to approve the treasurer's bond, after which his message, which is published elsewhere, was read.

A communication from Fire Engineer George Brown, recommending that the city purchase a flag for the bell tower, was read and approved, and the national colors will soon float over the engine house.

Then was presented an abstract of title and deed from Mays & Huntington, covering the property on which the pest house is located, 12½ acres in all. The city has contemplated purchasing the ground, and the matter was referred to the judiciary committee. If the title is approved by them the purchase will be made at $250.

Councilman Wilson introduced a resolution that whereas from the report of the gross income of The Dalles postoffice it is evident we are entitled to free delivery, the mayor and recorder be authorized to make application to the postal department for the same. The resolution was adopted.

The applications of James Maloney, James Hannon, James Like, Charles Jones and G. A. Phirman for appointment as night watchman were read, and upon balloting James Like received five votes, or a majority of the council. He is therefore nightwatchman for the ensuing year.

Mayor Dufur then placed before the council the names of John Michell for recorder and C. V. Champlain for marshal, and on vote for confirmation by the council, two votes were cast in favor of each and seven against.

The council then adjourned, and will probably be called in special session before the next regular meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

June 1—Available cash in fund	$1841 96
Received during month	3731.79
	$5573 75
June 4—By warrants issued	453 70
July 1—Balance cash in fund	$5120.05

The Excursion.

Save for the absence of fire crackers and lemonade stands, one might have thought the Fourth was already here and the D. P. & A. N. dock the scene of a celebration this morning. A goodly number had gathered to see the excursionists set sail for Astoria, while as many more were boarding the Dalles City, which, with the Reliance, were lined up awaiting their cargo. Had the number of excursionists not been a sufficient load for the Dalles City, it was the intention to let her carry the Reliance passengers, or in case she was overcrowded, the latter would come to her assistance; but when all was told, 171 were found to be bound for Astoria, and all was in shape.

As they started out, to the music of the D. C. & A. C. band, the little Reliance seemed to have a slight difficulty in moving off, so that the Dalles City was quite a ways ahead; but soon showing that she meant business, the little craft gained on her, and when they turned Crate's Point they were almost abreast, although the larger boat still took the lead.

It is the intention to reach Portland at 2:30, but as excursionists will be taken on down the river, undoubtedly it will be later in arriving. Remaining in Portland a few hours, they will take the train for Astoria and reach there about 10:30 tonight. Returning on the 5th, they will get into Portland in time to take the boat that morning, arriving here in the evening.

Those of us who perforce must remain behind wish them a glorious time.

While to a casual observer Dalles people do not seem to be in an overly patriotic mood this year, yet when we consider the number of miles many of them are traveling for the privilege of pulling the eagle's tail, one must necessarily change his mind on the subject. However, while the city will be almost deserted, we should at least leave a reminder of the day behind in the form of decorations on our homes and business houses.