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ST. HELENS, OREGON, OCT. 14.



American for Americans. "Long May it wave O'er the Home of the Free and the Land of the Brave."

The abolition of the state railroad commission by the legislature is one of the wisest and most commendable acts of that body. The railroad commission has always been a gigantic force and source of useless expense, rendering no valuable service to the people; discharging, but one function that of drawing their salaries. The only matter for regret is that the commission was not abolished long ago, or that it was ever created. The saving to the state will be several thousand dollars each year.

The depositions of the Minnesota Indians are such as to bring upon them the greatest calamity and severe torture at the hands of the government. The excesses of the Indians are whimsical and without the least merit, and the prosecution for such dastardly atrocities has no foundation. The treacherous causes should be absolutely exterminated. The government of the United States is and has been altogether too lenient in their dealings with those treacherous and bloodthirsty reds, and it is time now they were taught a lesson they would not soon forget.

Among the many other advantages it would be to the county to be free from debt, or nearly so, at least, is the fact that instead of expending \$3000 or \$4000 annually for interest, that amount of money could be expended on the roads to splendid advantage. The amount expended by the county on roads and bridges during the last year is \$2213, besides the amounts paid to road supervisors, and the amount of work done by individuals at \$1.50 per day and the property road tax. If road tax was payable in cash to the tax-collector and the amount of annual interest applied on the road, it would be a matter of but few years until the highways would be in primo condition.

Parties manifesting greater or less interest in the matter of better roads in this county have exerted themselves to the extent of eliciting some aid from Portland merchants to improve the road leading from this city into the Nehalem valley. The Oregonian, some time since, suggested that Portland merchants might well afford to assist in this matter, and we believe it had its good effect. A willingness might profitably be manifest by our own people to take the initiative in this very commendable undertaking, and especially should the matter be treated with great interest. It may be that in the very near future there will be one or more meetings held to consider this matter, and in the event of such action it is to be hoped that we, who are the most interested in this affair, will respond quickly and freely to any call. We have been assured that prominent business men in Portland are expecting to meet and consider this road matter and contribute to its success.

The semi-annual statement of the financial condition of Columbia county, which appeared in this paper last week, presents a very satisfactory condition of affairs to the taxpayers. Taken in connection with the preceding statement issued on April 1st, the October statement shows a reduction in the county's indebtedness of \$31,186.74. On October 1st, 1897, the indebtedness of the county was \$44,597.27, and on April 1st, 1898, the liabilities were \$60,463.79. At the present time the county is responsible for the payment of but \$31,186.74 of outstanding warrants, including the interest accrued thereon, estimated to be \$3,000. While the statement shows the indebtedness of the county at present to be less than it was on the first of April by \$29,277.05, yet we believe the proper way to calculate the reduction is the difference between the liabilities of October 1897 and the liabilities of October 1898, which shows a difference of \$13,510.53. This is a splendid showing for one year, and future promises greater and more rapid reduction.

There are two Christian women. I know them both. They are good, true and faithful, each to her sphere. One attends conventions, makes missionary addresses, manages societies, and collects a vast amount of money for church and missionary enterprises. She thinks she is doing a great work for God and humanity but she is not. I know another woman, timid and shrinking from public gaze. You never see her among the delegates to religious conventions, nor see an account of an able paper that she has read before some religious body for the simple reason that she hasn't read any papers; but I have met her many a time by the sickbed of the poor and destitute, sitting up with the sick who have no friends, night after night, and out of her slender means providing food for the hungry, medicine for the sick, clothing for half-naked children. No one except her pastor knows anything of it. She is doing a great work for God and for humanity. The two women reveal the difference between foreign missionary work and honest home missionary work. Which of the two women is engaged in the most noble work?

A BILL introduced in the house of representatives by Marsh, of Washington county, to establish the boundaries of that county, bears some significance to the people of Columbia county, inasmuch as twenty residents of this county have signed a petition praying to have their lands taken into Washington county. The lands lie in the extreme southwestern portion of the county and are particularly described as sections 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, of township 3 north, range 4 west, and sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, of township 3 north, range 5 west, and extending eleven miles along the north boundary of Washington county. The lands lie on the Nehalem slope of the mountain divide and are heavily timbered. Most of the residents there have just acquired title to the lands. The petitioners are Henry H. Kirby, William Roberts, T. M. McDonald, R. L. Simpson, P. J. Lund, J. Webster, Wm. Webster, T. Keeley, W. W. Marsh, W. S. Jordan, J. A. Fineout, E. Heingen, A. Schmidlin, Gust Schmidlin, B. Royer, Chris Van Beck, John Hoes, Frank Keele, Jerry Maloy, Geo. M. Holt. This proceeding is only a repetition of former attempts to reduce the territory of Columbia county, and undoubtedly will meet with the same degree of success that has attended previous attempts.

OREGON is now to be congratulated upon having two senators at last. The turn in the tide of senatorial affairs at Salem last week in some respects was much of a surprise, in other respects only what was confidently expected. It has long been a well-known fact that Mr. Simon did not choose that Mr. Corbett should be elected senator; directly the reverse, that Mr. Simon should himself be elected. It is a position to which Senator Simon has aspired many years, and his success creates admiration for him for his persistent effort in his own behalf. One thing, if nothing more, can be said for Senator Simon—he is a gold standard advocate without equivocation, and the fact of his election is accepted throughout the state with a diversity of expressions. It puts to an end the bickering, hair-pullings and hard feelings engendered through this cause that has well nigh rent asunder the republican party of Oregon; but notwithstanding this fact there is no use denying that Mr. Simon will make this state a live and useful member in the senate. A thorough parliamentarian, an able lawyer, an indefatigable and tireless worker, none is calculated to do us more efficient service than he; and if he shall carry out the pledge he made in his address to the joint session that elected him—labor to ally factionalism and promote harmony in the republican party of Oregon—we believe he will find a solid phalanx behind him to sustain him in his personal and official acts. In this light THE MIST congratulates our new senator on his election, and the legislature on disposing of that troublesome matter.

SIXTEEN TO ONE IN EGYPT.
The ancient Egyptians had a currency based on cats and onions, both of which were sacred objects worshipped by the people. As there was some difficulty in storing the cats, and the onions were liable to decay, a circulating medium was prepared of papyrus strips, representing a certain number of cats and onions at a ratio of sixteen to one. This was a true double-standard system, and is believed to have been the origin of modern paper currency. For a time the cat-onion money circulated as par, but the historian, Fraque Har, records that about 603 B. C. a serious difficulty arose. New colonies had been established in the region of the Upper Nile, and the savage Nubians had been taught the arts of agriculture. The rich black soil of the valley which they inhabited was especially suited to the growth of onions, and the production of those perfumed bulbs was soon enormously increased. Meanwhile the cat crop had only grown in the usual ratio, and the result was that demand for sacred animals in the new colonies at least thirty onions would be given for one cat. This brought the papyrus currency into disfavor, and the ruling Pharaoh, Ram Bunkes III, issued a royal order that cats should be the sole standard of value, and that onions should be issued only to the extent that they should be kept at par with the "outer-walkers," as the unit of value was termed. This did not suit the onion growers, who at

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once started an agitation for the free and unlimited coinage of all metals at the good old ratio of their value. After passing 3,187,542 resolutions denouncing the horrible crime of 903, the colonies marched into a body to the palace of their Pharaoh, and demanded that the unjust law enacted at the instance of the catbugs should be repealed and the bicentennial standard restored. Ram Bunkes listened to them patiently and answered: "Great no-doubt was the wisdom of our ancestors. But I am in the wisdom business myself to some extent. When the ratio of sixteen to one was adopted, that was the true ratio of cats and onions. Now, owing to a great increase in the quantity of onions, the ratio is thirty to one. All powerful as I am I cannot make onions worth more than their market value. The present standard stays. As for you, O foolish onions! your leaders shall feed the sacred crocodiles. The rest of you will return to your farms and hustle. I have remarked." Thus ended the first and only currency agitation in Egypt.

ROAD TAX IN COIN.
The following petition is circulating among the taxpayers of Washington county, and is self-explanatory:
The county court for Washington county: The undersigned taxpayers of road district No. 1, Washington county, Oregon, recognizing the need of improved roads in this county, and further recognizing that the greatest and best results are produced by the payment of the road tax in money instead of in labor, petition your honorable body to cause the payment of the road tax to be made in money as provided in subdivision 4 of section 4083 of the laws of Oregon, found on page 61 of the session laws of 1883; and that you cause to be entered at the next annual levy of taxes for the state, county and school purposes, the following order, to-wit:

"And it further appears that it is for the best interests of the county, it is further ordered and adjudged that there be and hereby is levied upon each dollar of assessable property in the county a tax of 15 mills, which said tax shall be collected with and as county taxes are collected, and shall be paid into the county treasury and shall be kept as a separate fund to be known as the road fund, and shall be used for the purpose of laying out, opening, making, and repairing county roads, and building and repairing bridges.
"And in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray," etc.

This petition is prepared and circulated at the instance of Martin Winch, of Beedville, secretary of the Ladd & Reed Farm Company and is accompanied by the following circular letter prepared and signed by him:
September 14th, 1898.—To the taxpayers of Washington county:
Feeling that you realize the value of good roads, and how much it adds to the value of all farm property, it seems to me that the time has now arrived for all to join in a determined effort to get better roads in our county. With the experience of Multnomah county to guide us, the remedy seems simple. Prior to 1890 the roads were in similar condition to our own. Commencing in 1891 road taxes were made payable in cash, the levies having been as follows: In 1891, 2 mills; 1892, 2 mills; 1893, 1 mill; 1894, 2 mills; 1895, 1 1/2 mills; 1896, 1 1/2 mills; 1897, 1 1/2 mills; an average of 1.56 mills or but 1/2 of a mill more than is being called for in our county now under the work system. The results have been much greater than the most sanguine had hoped for. Since 1890 there have been purchased three rock crushers, six gravel pits, three rock crushers, two heavy iron rollers, and four road-grading machines. There has been completed over 150 miles of macadam and gravel roads. On a large number of the dirt roads, the entire road has been grubbed and ditched, hills have been cut down, and holes filled. This has all been done at practically the same cost to the taxpayer as under the old system.
Will you not join in the effort to have this tried for a year in our county?

MAGICAL POWERS.
The demo-populist platforms of the time are loaded with complaint against sale of bonds to raise money for support of the Spanish war. They say it was unnecessary; that congress had power to create all the money that was needed, and that sale of bonds was a subterfuge to favor plutocracy.
But if government, through congress, be able to call into being all the money it needs, why bother and oppress the people with taxes? Why should there be any taxes at all, either in war or peace? Taxation has been the cause of all the violent revolutions and overturnings of government that have occurred in human history. The despotic government, instead of exercising the magic power of creating money for princes to squander, chose rather to rob the people of their hard-earned substance, and so drove their unhappy subjects to desperation. From the earliest times tyrants have known no other way to get money than to wring taxes from their people, and that sort of imposition and exaction has been carried on down to our own time.
But now we have a new revelation. Congress is to create money instead of borrowing it or raising it by taxation. We are to have the miracle of something out of nothing. This, indeed, has been attempted at almost every stage of human history; so there is nothing new under the sun. But it seems no more likely to succeed now than in former times.

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10:30 a. m.	Clatskanie	10:30 a. m.
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