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OFFICIAL COUNTY PAPER.

### *NOT THE PROPER METHOD.*

The foolhardy proposition of attempting to gain favor for any public or private enterprise by slander and abuse never succeeded or never will. Because a man disagrees with another on some local enterprise does not warrant another in heaping insult and injury upon him merely because it is in one's power so to do. Unfortunately, this method has been pursued in the otherwise friendly attempt to unite the two school districts of St. Helens and Houlton, which at last comes to naught.

The attack of the News last week upon reputable citizens whose home has always been at Houlton, and who are as favorably known in the community as are those who seek to drive instead of persuade, was an ungentlemanly and uncalledfor thrust at the whole community.

Mr. Perry (just as well mention names) and the editor of this paper quite disagree upon the proposal to unite the two districts but that fact renders Mr. Perry no less a gentleman. We believe him to be decidedly wrong in his ideas, yet we do not hope to win him to our faith by attacking his business methods and private career. Our idea of accomplishing a purpose which brings out opposition is to go quietly about our task in a gentlemanly manner, and if we cannot convince by reasonable argument, we certainly would hope for little success by publicly antagonizing those who disagree with us. If one cannot succeed by quiet, industrious, gentlemanly effort, he cannot succeed at all.

We deplore the fact that better educational facilities cannot be had in either or both districts, yet, for the present, the matter must be dropped, and the future, no doubt, will bring forth conclusive evidence that the matter should have been proceeded with had it been possible under our laws. However, little is to be hoped for if we pursue the method of abusing our neighbors because they cannot or will not look at all questions as we do.

### *CURTIS HAS FORGOTTEN.*

Two weeks ago THE MIST stated editorially that in Auburn precinct, in this county there were nine road districts, which, it contended, were too many. The Astoria Herald, whose editor was a member of the last legislature which passed the new road law requiring road districts to be wholly within one polling precinct, took up the suggestion of this paper by stating in his last issue that we were wrong in saying that one polling precinct could lawfully contain more than one road district. After quoting our remarks, Curtis added this comment:

"If the editor of THE MIST will read the new road law he will see that no election precinct can contain but one road district. If there are nine road districts in Auburn precinct, under the new law, there will be but one. That is what the law was passed for; to reduce the number of road districts in the counties."

Now, Curtis, let us see. On page 65 of the session laws of 1899, senate bill No. 73, the first three lines of the third paragraph read as follows:

"At the general election in 1900, and every two years thereafter, there shall be elected in each election precinct in this state in which there is 'one or more road districts,' etc."

We ask Curtis how we are to interpret those lines unless they mean just what they say. We understand that the boundaries of no road district can lawfully extend into two polling precincts, and we also interpret the meaning of the provision to allow twenty road districts within one polling precinct if that number should be necessary.

Now, Curtis, be frank about the matter. Were not your thoughts so completely absorbed in the "passage" of that notorious House bill No. 104, that you are quite uncertain just what laws the legislature did enact, and what the contents of any of those bills were except that one certain House bill No. 104? Curtis' recollection of Senate bill No. 73 is about as vague as his knowledge of that fish bill which he introduced, and after its passage was so completely ripped to pieces and rebuilt that its own daddy did not recognize it. We know you are a lawyer, Curtis, but you seem to know but little law.

However, the county court of Columbia county will act in the premises as it interprets the law, and its interpretation is as stated by us in the article which Clatsop's member of the legislature attempts to contradict.

In every semi-annual financial statement of this county sent out there appears several thousand dollars resources to offset the liabilities. These resources are based upon back taxes due the county, and in all instances, it may be truly said the county is not calculating on anything it will not receive. These amounts have been variously estimated at from $15,000 to $25,000, and the court has been exerting itself for two years past to eliminate from the rolls all amounts due from this source regarding which there seemed any doubt of collection, until at present, it is safe to say the entire amount will be collected. The fact that several hundred dollars each month is collected on these back rolls in the way of redemptions is very sasisfactory evidence that people regard the necessity of such payments as a matter which cannot be avoided. One case in view is that of the state, which owes the county about $1000, which amount the state's agent assures us will be promptly remitted. The outstanding warrants of the county amount to very little over $20,000 and the liens on lands held by the county amount to two-thirds of that sum at least, all of which are reliable assets. These several amounts as a matter of course, may be slow of collection, but that they will come in time there is but little doubt.

THE editor and proprietor of this paper will not refuse to accept business of any legitimate kind. We are here to do business and we will take all of the article we can get. Persons coming to us and offering patronage will not be turned away by us any quicker than they would be by any other business man who courts public patronage. We have been known to solicit public patronage and we do not consider it a crime by any means. Business sometimes comes to us unsolicited and we accept it as a matter of course. As to the cost of county printing—stationery furnished—we are quite willing indeed to have our bills compared with those of other printers of this county who claimed to be reformers. The bills are all on file and we invite comparison. So long as we are in business we will take all that offers.

SOME of the women of Oregon are putting forth an effort to defeat the amendment to the state constitution granting the privilege of the ballot to the women. It seems almost certain that but few women of this state desire any further or greater liberties than is now their privilege to enjoy. It is also evident that a few women of our state are determined to force the right of ballot upon their fair sisters who in no wise crave the honor. The organization of women in this state to defeat the proposal is very commendable.

IT does not require a magnifying glass to read the figures of majorities given by states in the elections held last week. The figures are so large that Aguinaldo will be able to read while he runs. Local Aggies seem to find cool comfort in the returns also, as their muteness would indicate. After all, as "hope deferred maketh the heart sick," their present unpleasant predicament is but a repetition of previous experiences.

CROW, undoubtedly, is a very palpable dish in the minds of those individuals who are now engaged in consuming a large-sized dish of that bird. Bofere Dewey returned home some of the "great democratic-populist-anti-expansion" journals were busy telling to what extent that gentleman was opposed to the United States' retention of the Philippines. Eating crow? Yes, in large quantities.

ALREADY there is a clamor going up that too much money is in the United States treasury. Such a condition is certainly lamentable. Of course, the administration is to blame for this condition of affairs and its enemies are to be expected to do no less than complain. The merest pretext for opposition is something, anyhow.

### True to His Principle.

A co-partnership existed between a democrat, a republican, a populist and a free silver republican. One of the contracts was that when a partner died each of the survivors was to deposit $100 in the coffin to be buried with the deceased. The democrat died first and after the remains had been prepared for burial the survivors met and the conditions of the agreement were discussed. Said the republican, "I believe in single gold standard and true to my principles, I place five twenty-dollar gold pieces in the casket." "And I," said the silver republican, "in conformity with my financial views, place one hundred silver dollars in the coffin." "Well," said the populist, "I believe in fiat money, so I place my check for three hundred dollars in the coffin and draw out $200 in change."

### Used by British Soldiers in Africa.

Capt. C. G. Dennison is well known all over Africa as commander of the forces that captured the famous rebel Galishe. Under date of Nov. 4, 1897, from Vryburg, Bechuanaland, he writes: "Before starting on the last campaign I bought a quantity of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, which I used myself when troubled with bowel complaint, and had given to my men, and in every case it proved most beneficial." For sale by Dr. Edwin Ross.

### After Tongue's Scalp.

There appears to be a strong undercurrent in almost every county in this congressional district in favor of a new man to succeed Hon. Thos. H. Tongue for congressman, says the Roseburg Plaindealer. Whether the opposition will develop into anything formidable or not, remains to be seen. There is no denying the fact that there is widespread dissatisfaction with the manner in which Mr. Tongue has handled the public patronage in the district. It is claimed by many that he has arbitrarily used the public patronage to further his own personal ends without reference to the wishes of his constituents. If a leader is found who can unite the opposition to Mr. Tongue, he will, no doubt, have a fight on his hands.

It is said that George C. Brownell, of Clackamas, is aspiring to Congressman Tongue's place, and is said to have been assured the assistance of Senator Joseph Simon.

## ISSUES OF NEXT CAMPAIGN.

### Morgan of Alabama Says It Will Be a Silver Fight.

"Bryan's nomination is inevitable," remarked Senator Morgan, of Alabama, while discussing the effect of Tuesday's election. "Two questions were settled by the result," he added. "McKinley will surely be the republican candidate on a gold-standard platform, backed up by the plea of general prosperity throughout the country and the demand from money-lenders and the beneficiaries of trusts to let well enough alone.

"The democrats will be obliged to make the fight over again on the Chicago platform, with Mr. Bryan as our candidate. The money question cannot be eliminated from the contest, and Mr. Bryan cannot be sidetracked. He has made the fight for the honor, and I do not know of any man in the party who can rob him of his laurels.

"It will be a battle for free silver at 16 to 1 with Mr. Bryan as our standard-bearer, against the gold-standard and McKinley. What the result will be, I dare not predict. Of course, my hopes go out to my party. We have had so many lickings in the past that we are getting used to playing the under dog.

"To my mind, the money question will be the predominating issue in the next campaign. It could not be otherwise after the result of the recent elections. Even if the republicans desired it otherwise and tried to force some other issue to the front with Bryan at the head of the democratic ticket, the financial question will be forced upon them. There is no escape from it. We must fight out the next national contest on sustaining the Chicago platform and free silver at 16 to 1.

"I hardly look for either expansion, imperialism or trusts to cut any material figure in the next campaign. In my opinion, based on information derived from my connection with the subject of foreign relations, we will hear very little about expansion and imperialism a year hence. There is good reason to believe the Philippines will be disposed of, or practically so, before the next election occurs.

"President McKinley evidently has that idea in view, and his republican friends in congress will unite in bringing about such a result as will make it difficult for the democratic party to make any capital out of a dead issue."

### Serious for Divorce Hunters.

In the circuit court in Clackamas county last week Judge McBride made a ruling which will put a stop to so many divorce proceedings being brought in that county. In Clackamas county many such cases are tried which belong in Multnomah county, merely to avoid publicity in the matter. Court fees are cheaper there also.

The order carried dismay to many attorneys. In effect it is that the judge will refuse to grant decrees in divorce cases brought in Clackamas county, unless one of the parties is a resident of Clackamas county, or the defendant is a nonresident of the state, the nonresidence in such cases being deemed conclusive evidence of fraud. In announcing the order, Judge McBride stated that the promiscuous bringing of divorce suits in that county had reached a point where it was an absolute nuisance, and the court's time and attention was taken up hearing suits which rightfully belong to other counties, many of them in Multnomah. The rule applied to all cases on the docket for the present term and in those cases the judge advised the attorneys to dismiss the cases as he would rigidly adhere to his ruling. The number of suits affected on the present docket is about twenty-five. Directly or indirectly, the court expenses of Clackamas county are about $125 per day, and the ruling means a saving to the Clackamas taxpayers of no small figure.

No doubt Judge McBride will make a similar ruling in this county when he convenes court here again.

### History of a Pioneer.

In the last issue of the Oregon Native Sons, a publication recently established in Portland, and which deals exclusively in historical matters relative to the early settlement of this state, we find the following lines devoted to the early career of Mrs. James McBride:

"Miss Mahala Miller was born near St. Louis, Missouri, September 26, 1811, married Dr. James McBride in that state June 20, 1830, crossed the plains to Oregon in 1846 with her husband and family. Their first home was in Yamhill county. Here they remained until 1867, when removal was made to St. Helens, at which place she died February 23, 1876. Mrs. McBride was a worthy member of that noble group of pioneer wives whose piety, benevolence and love of home and humanity were the strength and moral support of the orderly civilization that distinguished the early settlements of Oregon. Her son, George W., is the senior senator from Oregon, while another son, John R., was a member of the constitutional convention and of the first state senate, besides serving his state in congress in 1862-63 and later acting as chief justice of Idaho territory. Still another son, Thomas A., has held several public offices with credit to himself and his constituents, and is as present judge of the fifth judicial district.

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### District Good Templars in Session.

RAINIER, Nov. 8, 1899.

EDITOR MIST.—Columbia district lodge No. 26, I. O. G. T., met at this place on this date and opened in due form, O. F. Merrill, D. C. T., in the chair, and Clyde Stewart, district secretary, at his desk.

The following representatives from the different lodges were present:

Columbia No. 6, Clatskanie—Mrs. F. Merrill, Mrs. C. W. Lee.

Rainier No. 53, Rainier—Hubs Shatto, Hollis Shatto, Alice Perry.

Stewart Point No. 51, Quincy— Mr. Snyder and Mrs. Parelius.

Several candidates were initiated into the mysteries of the second degree.

After transacting the usual business of the session Clatskanie was chosen as the next place of meeting, which occurs some time in February.

CLYDE STEWART, D. S.

### BORN.

BROUS.—Near Houlton, November 15, 1899, to the wife of George Brous, a son.

## WARREN PUBLIC SCHOOL.

### School Literary Society Gives Second Entertainment.

WARREN, Or., Nov. 11, 1899.

EDITOR OREGON MIST.—The literary society which was organized in this school a few weeks ago, gave its second programme last Friday, which was creditably rendered:

Song, "There's Music in the Air".....School
Recitation, "Jim".....Frank Olsen
Recitation, "The Reason Why".....Nellie Grewell
Recitation, "The World".....Jacob Baker
Composition, "Dogs".....Harry Grewell
Recitation, "The Little Schoolma'am".....Annie Jensen
Song, "Up and Down".....Olive Ellis, Eva Grewell
Recitation, "Silver Money".....Roy Copeland
Composition, "Horses".....Edward Harms
Recitation, "Six and Nine".....Johnny Rasmusen
Recitation, "Don't".....Drusie Grewell
Essay, "Schools".....Ethel Bacon
Recitation, "Dogs".....Wilber Collins
Recitation, "Short Advice".....Rita Grewell
Composition, "Lincoln".....Edyth Hazen
Recitation, "Simmon Tree".....Irwin Grewell
Recitation, "A Little Boy".....Townie Grewell
Composition, "Horace Greely".....Jasper Hazen
Song, "There'll Come a Time, Some Day".....Drusie Grewell, Annie Jensen, Iva Grewell
Composition, "Trees".....Walter Bacon
Recitation, "A Pound of Jumps".....Louis Larsen
Recitation, "The Water Mill".....George Hazen
Select Reading, "Josh Billings on Laughing".....Lou Pusey
Recitation, "The Rogues".....Iva Grewell
Reading, "Battle of Trenton".....Floyd Fullerton
Scribe, "A Trip to Portland".....Frank Hoyt

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