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THE MONARCH OF MOSSBACKS.

The Portland Oregonian in the course of an able editorial discussing the supreme court decision in the Putnam libel case pays the following compliment:

"If the Putnam character and kind of journalism were alone at issue, he would receive but little sympathy from any respectable source."

This paper has the good luck along with two or three other progressive journals to be on the Oregonian's black list, principally because they have an individuality of their own and do not play lickspittle to the monarch of mossback journalism, and expose the Pecksniffian character of the state bully, of the tall tower, the tarnished brass of the fake halo worn by this self-anointed pharisee.

The difference between the Oregonian's style of journalism and The Tribune's style is the difference between the knocker and the booster, the pessimist and the optimist. The Tribune sees the doughnut, the Oregonian the hole.

The Tribune works to build up its home city, southern Oregon and the state. The Oregonian works to tear down Portland and Oregon, continually and persistently. It has done more to retard the development of Oregon than all other influences combined. It personifies the spirit of the silurian, the calamity howler, the mossback. Its path is strewn with the wrecks of commercial enterprises it has slain, and it has been for years a stumbling block in the path of progress.

Rule or ruin has ever been the policy of the Oregonian. It knows no patriotism. Because it cannot dictate the election of a senator, it libels Oregon as "the fool of the family." To hold its press franchise it belittles Portland in the eyes of the world by claiming that it has not half its present population. It indulges in vicious personal attacks to block the progress of a state owned railroad because Harriman runs a special train for its convenience. But why enumerate—it would take columns.

Hopelessly soured on humanity, behind the times, unable to see out of the charmed circle of its own idiosyncracies, its vision clouded by the miasma arising from the bile it has spilt upon mankind, the Oregonian continues from its narrow and well-worn rut, its jaundiced and dyspeptic wail that the world is going to hell.

But it isn't.

NORMAL SCHOOL COUNTIES ON THE WARPATH.

The Salem Journal, one of the ablest edited papers of Oregon, prints the following regarding the normal school situation:

The people of Ashland will send a carnival to Portland and Salem to interview the senators and representatives from that city about the normal schools.

They consider the way they have been treated as very shabby.

The schools are under contract to run until July, with teachers engaged, pupils having paid tuition for six months in advance, and feel that they are entitled to a fair hearing.

The people of Monmouth have also held a meeting and sent resolutions to the Salem board of trade, which meets Wednesday night.

These delegations will first ask hearings at Portland and then before the legislature and come out asking favors or toadying to any section, but demand fair treatment and appropriations.

The people of Weston and Umatilla county have subscribed enough to graduate the class in June, but refuse to turn the money over to the state.

They say the state has already taken the tuition of 250 students six months in advance and put it in the treasury and cut the school off without a dollar.

Dr. Cole of that county joined hands with Dr. Smith of Marion to establish another asylum in eastern Oregon, and cut the normal schools off without a dollar.

Hence they will not turn over a dollar to the state, and will not comply with the order of the board of regents.

Polk county commercial bodies have adopted resolutions which will be presented to the Salem board of trade this evening asking that enough money be appropriated to run the school at Monmouth until the matter can be submitted to a vote of the people of the state whether Oregon shall maintain one or two or three or any normal schools.

The time has come when Salem business interests will have to take sides and determine whether this community will take up the fight for or against the normal school counties.

Eastern and southern Oregon have always been loyal to Marion county interests, and this city and county should remove the impression that has been given out that we have joined hands with Portland to make war on the remote parts of the state in any manner.

Put it up to the people of Oregon whether they want to maintain normal schools or not.

But let us take Marion county out of the firing line where we have all to lose and nothing to gain.

When Salem gets the hams, the shoulders, the side meat and the lard we are in no position to jump onto the man who gets a spare rib.

WHAT PAPERS SAY

WELL, WE SHOULD SAY!

(Salemian News)
Everybody who can afford it should have wooden legs.
Here is George Campbell of Siskiyou county, Santa Clara county, whose legs were almost burned off in a fire, and yet who never knew it until he was waked up and the fire put out.
Now, suppose George's legs were of oak—
"Horrible thought!"

WHITESIDE BUILDING WELL UNDER WAY

The work of excavating for the foundation of the new Whiteside building on upper Pine street commenced Monday morning and is now well under way, says the Central Point Herald.
The new building will be 27-29 feet high. The walls will be built heavy, however, with the intention of adding one or more additional stories in the future. Mr. Whiteside is making the work in order to get his business opened with the least possible delay. Mr. Charles of Medford secured the contract for the building.

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