

THE WEST SIDE

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BUSINESS rivalry is a good thing, but business jealousy is despicable.

No town can prosper where leading business men meet each other with a scowl.

THE states for both republican and democratic party are being well filled with names of candidates for nomination.

We trust all who are interested in having good schools in Independence will attend the school meeting next Monday.

LET our state revenue be raised by taxing the counties direct by a per capita basis. This would do away with under valuation.

IF our legislatures were elected to make laws instead of being principally selected to elect our senators; better law making material would be sent there.

POLK county was organized Dec. 23, 1845, and comprised the area south of Yamhill county to the California line, and from Willamette river to the Pacific ocean. In 1847 Benton county was cut off.

J. W. CUSICK, of Albany, is spoken of as a candidate for state treasurer. His well known business ability recommends him for the office, and Linn county has no other prominent candidate and is entitled to recognition.

THERE are just a few things which would make our assessment law much better. 1st. Assess the property whether an owner is found or not. 2nd. Have the state revenue raised through a license of the population of a county. 3d. Allow no deduction of indebtedness excepting mortgages of record.

THE republican party cannot nominate a stronger man for state superintendent of schools than the present incumbent Prof. E. B. McElroy. For the good of the state, we believe he is better in that position than he would be in that of governor, which some of his admirers have suggested.

THE choice of Chicago for the World's fair is very satisfactory to the West. It will truly be an American institution being located in the heart of the country and convenient of access from all points. The influence of the railroads had a great deal to do with locating the fair at Chicago, and rightly too for they will reap a rich harvest in transportation.

IN the presidential election of Nov. 6, 1888, Polk county voted as follows for presidential election. Republicans, 785; democrats, 729; prohibition, 71. Total 1585. Judging from the attendance at the schools throughout the county it is safe to estimate that at least 2000 votes will be polled in 1890. The new vote is an unknown quantity.

C. P. HUNTINGTON has announced his plans regarding the Narrow Gauge railroads. They are to be run in conjunction with the Southern Pacific system and made broad gauge, at least on the west side the road is to extend out to Tillamook county some fifteen miles further, and a bridge is to be built at Ray's landing at once, and thus all trains can go direct to Portland from either side.

THE only good argument the free traders have for opening our ports to the world is that it would make our rich manufacturers "truckle" harder, and it would do away with the luxury of our people, which will eventually disrupt the nation. Rome was great for hundreds of years, but luxury enervated her people. Shall we in order to become virtuous, give our wealth away, or shall we seek to remedy the threatening evil by remedial laws based on the existing order of things?

THE constitution of Oregon says: No county shall create any debts or liabilities which shall singly, or in the aggregate exceed the sum of five thousand dollars, except to suppress insurrection. Art. 15, Sec. 6, constitution of Oregon says: No county shall be reduced to an area of less than four hundred square miles; nor shall any new county be established in this state containing a less area, nor unless such new county shall contain a population of at least twelve hundred inhabitants.

THE Dallas organ of this week has much to say about "the scab of creation, the frog pond croaker, and the scum of Independence, etc." In fact no kind of soil seems too filthy for this "hand slinger" to hurl at us. There are various classes and varieties of skum in this world. There are malarial skums and sewer skums and there are also "the skums of creation." The town of Dallas seems to be afflicted with one such which is represented in the personality of the Polk county Observer. If

Dallas would take one good emetic and purge herself of this accumulation of disease and filth she would be greatly the gainer in health, strength and longevity.

THE Wallula Herald has suspended publication on account of lack of support, says the Lexington Blade. This is the second paper that has died at Wallula from the same cause, and the town is now without one. The people of such a community, by allowing the local paper to die of starvation, certainly place themselves before their neighbor in no enviable light. What a collection of fossils, mossbacks and ignoramuses a town must be that will not accord the scanty support necessary to keep a local paper alive, for the publisher usually keeps up the struggle as long as he has the least encouragement, and sometimes lives a long while on the hope of better times. In proportion to the profit realized, the country publisher has more capital invested and works harder than other man in the community, farmers not excepted, and the local paper is the most important factor in building up a town and surrounding country. Most people realize this fact, but there are occasionally towns like Wallula where the residents are so short sighted that they imagine the patronage extended to a local paper as that much money thrown away or given in charity, and such people are not very strong on charity.—Farmington Register.

EDITING a paper, says a practical editor, is a pleasant thing. If it contains too much political matter people won't have it, if it contains too little they won't have it. If the type is too large it don't contain enough reading matter; if the type is too small they can't read it. If telegraphic reports are published, some folks say they are nothing but nashed up; if they are omitted, they say there is want of enterprise. If we put in a few jokes, folks say we are nothing but a rattle head; if we omit jokes, they say we are an old fossil. If we publish original matter, they condemn us for not giving them selections; if we publish selections folks say we are lazy for not giving what they have not read in some other paper. If we give a man a complimentary notice, we are accused of being partial; if we do not all hands say we are great bores. If we insert which pleases the ladies, men become jealous; if we do not cater to their wishes, the paper is not fit to be in the house. If we attend church, they say it is only for effect, if we do not, they denounce us deceitful and desperately wicked. If we speak well of an act, people say we could not do otherwise; if we censure, they call us a traitor. If we remain in our office and attend to business, folks say we are proud to mingle with our fellows; if we go about a bit, they say we had better stay at home and get on with our work. If we do not pay all bills promptly, they say we are dishonest; if we do not promptly, they say we stole the money.—Island Printer.

YES, MONEY. The Polk county Observer man expresses great disgust because Independence and Monmouth are upon good terms, and even goes so far as to spitefully accuse Independence of honeying around that town all for a deep laid object, etc. Nothing so delights the Observer man as to witness a quarrel between his neighbors. He will do all in his power to set the ball rolling, and like a boy at a cock fight he claps his hands and laughs and shouts until the tears roll down his cheeks as he marks the progress of the battle. But his methods are now too well known to excite the least attention from anyone. Therefore he is compelled to do most of the fighting himself or get along without any, and he is hardly worth noticing at this late day so he is thereby compelled to "go it alone" for want of an adversary. Perhaps Monmouth is best qualified to say who her friends are, but we will venture to say this, that while Independence is satisfied with her present public school facilities, and is willing to depend upon Monmouth for the academic and collegiate course for her young ladies and gentlemen who demand more than our public school can give them. On the other hand Dallas has already established one academy and is loudly clamoring for another to satisfy her educational demands. We can safely say that if Monmouth were to depend upon Dallas for her educational support she would be leaning upon a broken staff. But we are happy to state that Monmouth is not dependent upon any town in Polk county for her existence, but on the contrary the character of her schools are such that the whole state of Oregon have been and will continue to contribute to her support.

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H. Hirschberg of Independence National Bank, left for Portland Wednesday, to make arrangements in connection with the recently franchised water works and electric light company.

THE Observer don't want Independence to keep up a strife on the county seat question. No, she wants to do all the striving herself. She says "only do just as I want you to about this little court house matter and there will be no trouble whatever between me and thee." If we could only think and do as the Observer wishes what affectionate sympathizing sisters we might be.

THE seven pair of opera glasses discovered by the special correspondent of the Polk county Observer at Independence on the eventful morn of the flood have this day been shipped via of the Narrow Escape railroad to Dallas for the special use of the editor and friends of that paper in order that they may gain a better view of the majestic pillars and turrets of the new court house as they slowly ascend heavenward.

THE Observer says "three fourths of Polk county desire the building of a new court house." Perhaps they do but that three-fourths do not desire to see it built at Dallas if there is any truth in that little remonstrance of ours that was presented before the county court only a short time since. And now after only a few months have passed to have the sublime cheek and gall to ask that honorable court to reverse its own decision and break its pledged word to the majority of the voters of Polk county just because a few clamorers at the county seat think they need a new bosom pin (court house) worse than anything else in the world. We have too much confidence in our county officials as to believe that they will countenance a proceeding so uncalled for by the majority of the voters and tax payers of Polk county.

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