

THE WEST SIDE

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C. P. HUNTINGTON will visit Oregon about April 1st.

ACTIVE moves are being made to change our present assessment laws.

AND now then for a school building, a grand school, and a united people.

THE Portland Industrial Exposition favors engaging the Liberator band at a cost of \$12,000.

WHEN the crossing of the slough from Main street to North Independence is rebuilt, why could not a short bridge be put in and the rest of the way be a heavy and substantial embankment of earth connecting with the main street in North Independence?

THE first victory over the flood is gained. Instead of a small mill we are to have one as large as the Capital mills at Salem. The "frog pond" by the "slough of despond" where the people are "drowned out rats" is getting there just the same. Bring on something harder will you?

THE WEST SIDE over a year ago advocated the bonding of a block of land for a public school building. The present site could then have been purchased for something like \$1600. Now the price is double that. If the matter lies dormant another year values will be doubled again.

THE county seat is now settled for the present. Dallas petitioned for a court house and was defeated. She has asked the county court to be ruled by her in the matter and the court has said, "let the people decide it." All the WEST SIDE has asked will be granted, namely "a vote." If Dallas, being in possession, cannot hold the county seat it shows conclusively that she is not entitled to a court house, and if not entitled, she should not force her title. Large towns become county seats, but not every county seat becomes a large town.

THE interests of Independence are rapidly harmonizing. It was a good move when North Independence was incorporated under our charter. While the expense is heavy in paying for some twenty new cross-walks from the city treasury, yet the advantages gained in the good feelings ingendered more than repay it. Now we are about to unite the two schools districts and instead of having one district with 243 children and the other with 137 we will have one district with 380.

OREGON ranks the thirty-seventh state in the Union in the matter of population, having in the census of 1880, 174,768, and in the number of publications published, ranks the thirty-first, having 115 either daily, weekly or monthly in 1889; and in area Oregon ranks tenth having 84,290 square miles and 53,945,600 acres. The states or territories larger than Oregon in their ranks are: 1, Texas; 2, California; 3, Dakota; 4, Montana; 5, New Mexico; 6, Arizona; 7, Nevada; 8, Colorado and 9, Wyoming. Rhode Island, which ranks forty-seventh in area, ranks thirty-third in population, having 276,531 inhabitants, and has only 60 newspapers, which places it in the thirty-fifth rank.

THE Observer wants the people to know that "an enabling act means a tax for a new court house." If the Observer will just swing its other foot forward and favor an enabling act we will face the same question squarely. In other words we are agreed. The Observer has pitted "self interest" against "public opinion" and the great lever "public opinion" has won. Public opinion always wants to see fair play. An enabling act means the right of the majority to rule. All fair minded persons see no harm in that. If Dallas wants to make a "new court house" a part of the issue, then well and good. It is all fair still. Let's have fair play; that is all we ask Mr. Observer.

If you want people to become interested in your town you must let them see that its prosperity means their gain. Let our merchants invest a few dollars in a town lot and how liberally they will help the price of town lots to advance. Until our business men invest at home our town will stand still. People get wild over the prices of real estate and talk of nothing else, but at the same time they know that their only hope of profits lies in keeping the ball rolling, and that they must do their part. Property prices in Independence were extremely low a year ago. They are not high yet, but if all the contemplated enterprises are carried out, within one year business lots that sold a few weeks ago at forty dollars a front foot will bring eighty.

SENATOR STANFORD of California, has immortalized himself. We may now expect him to form a new political party, called the "plenty-of-money party." He has actually presented a bill in congress making the government an immense money lender. He proposes that the farming lands of the country may be mortgaged to the government at half their value, and the government shall issue its promise to pay and loan it to the individual at a low rate of interest, say one per cent. per annum. The idea is foolish in the extreme, but no doubt many will not see through its fallacy and argue that it is just the proper thing. There is no danger that it will become a law. If it should, a reign of wildest land speculation would set in, and when the collapse came, which it surely would, thousands would be ruined, and our government perhaps with the rest. You cannot lift yourself over the fence by pulling on our boot straps.

SOME people wonder how the editor of the Observer became so skillful in the use of mud slinging. The facts are he lived in McMinnville during the time of the county seat fight in Yamhill county, and the Lafayette papers called the town a "mud hole," "a filthy sink hole," "a misra breeder," and the people "drowned out rats" etc., and Snyder had all that to contend against. In spite of those "sympathizing" remarks from Lafayette, Mr. Snyder boasts that he won the county seat for McMinnville. He has files of those papers published at Lafayette and is using that style of literature against Independence. After his experience with the Lafayette papers it would seem that the value of vituperation falsifying and vilifying, which it is presumed Mr. Snyder has been writing for the past month, would not be at premium with him, since McMinnville in spite of the lies told about it was the choice of the people.

PUBLISH THE LAWS. To-day the daily and weekly newspaper is the source of the great mass of information unpared to the people. Why not make the press more efficient by publishing the laws as they become laws and thus give to the public information which it should have. "Ignorance of the law excuses no one." The newspaper association of Missouri adopted at a recent meeting the following resolutions and the Oregon Press Association might do something of the same kind. The resolutions are given in their entirety:

Resolved, That we favor the amendment of the law regulating the advertisement of the sales of land under suits to collect delinquent taxes, so that the publisher can collect his fee off the county and state, in case of failure of the property to sell for a sufficient amount to pay such costs.

Resolved, That all municipalities disbursing public money shall be required to make an annual publication of such disbursements. That we also favor the enactment of a law requiring the publication quarterly of the financial statements of the county by county courts, the failure to so publish incurring a penalty of indictment of the county judges by the criminal of circuit courts the next session after the period of such failure.

Resolved, That congress be asked to repeal the law allowing the furnishing of printed stamped envelopes to individual purchasers.

Resolved, That we believe the state ought to publish all new laws and amendments to old ones in at least one paper in each county in this state.

The resolutions were adopted, almost unanimously.

TAKES IT BACK. The citizens of Independence can congratulate themselves that they are not all included in the Observer's criminal catalogue. It says, "it is not the citizens as a whole, to whom the Observer has been reading a lesson, but the portion of them who have been, through all means of treachery, endeavoring to undermine Dallas and its institutions to its own aggrandizement." Now if the Observer wants to take the "scaps of these fellows" let us know who they are and we will cheerfully assist it in its laudable work. After having by general and indiscriminating charges, virtually imputed to the citizens of Independence en-mass, acts of moral and political perfidy, it now assumes a seeming virtue, and limits its charges to a certain portion. Let the Observer with true grace put on those "opera glasses once again, and then, after having seen itself as others see it, it will bring it to a condition of far more mental disquietude, and urge it to take back its charges as to that other portion, which in its imagination are culprits and perjurers. We most sorrowfully lament with the Observer, that the foul spirit of jealousy has taken full and complete possession of its columns, for we know, that jealousy is a plant of hasty growth, every

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