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LET no one be deceived. Voting for Simpson is against a new court house. Voting for McBee means a burdensome tax for a new court house.

CHAS. NICKELLS, president of the Oregon Press Association has been nominated for state senator by the democrats of Jackson county. We hope Charley may "get there" as he no doubt will.

LET our citizens agitate the building of the bridge to North Independence straight through to the Main street. The county court will gladly join with the city in arranging to build a permanent road-way. Let this matter receive attention.

WE consider our arguments this week against building a new court house strong ones; but next week we shall fire heavier shots than ever. We do not intend to remain silent on such an important question.

THE first thing the Oregon legislature should enact should be a law which changes the manner of collecting state taxes from the county assessment. We suggest a percapita tax based on the voting population.

THE interest on $100,000 is $80,000 for ten years, or $160,000 for twenty years at eight per cent. If it is paid in ten years it requires $18,000 a year, or a tax of over seven mills which is more than our state tax. Can the people afford it? Do we need a court house so badly as that?

ON September 1, 1889, our outstanding county warrants amounted to $15,269.21 (see financial report) May 1, 1890 they are $20,283.86. Yet we are assured that our financeil condition warrants us in going in debt from $75,000 to $85,000. Business men reflect.

THE state nominees of the democratic party present a strong ticket; but inserting the plank on tariff is going to draw attention away from the popularity of some of their candidates and make the party vote a straight one, in which case the whole republicon ticket will be elected.

WHAT farmer would be foolish enough, if he had as good a residence as Polk county has a court house to tear it down and build another; especially if he was already heavily in debt and would have to mortgage his new house. That is just what the papers of Dallas are asking of the farmers of Polk county.

DALLAS says that Polk county must have a new court house. Dallas claims that we are like the man in the Bible whose wealth grew and he tore down his barns and built greater. The Bible does not bestow any great praise on that kind of a man, much less would Dallas be praised for trying to impose a burdensome tax for a court house at this time.

SUPPOSING G. W. McBee is not elected county commissioner of Polk county why what then? Simply, no court house will be built at once. Supposing I. Simpson is not elected? Then a court house at once, and the people will find that nothing less than an $80,000 building will suit. The voter takes his choice.

IT is reported that our county judge has said "I am not anxious to assume the responsibility of building a new court house during my term of office, as it means a great deal of extra work with no extra pay; but if Mr. McBee is elected I take it to mean that a new court is ordered and shall proceed to build." If the WEST SIDE is misinformed on this subject it will willingly correct this report.

SYLVESTER PENNOYER, the nominee of the democratic party for the governor of Oregon is a man of reform ideas, set in his ways, and unalterably opposed to monopoly and concentration of wealth and power. He is a firm believer in labor only being rewarded and opposed to any system of laws which allows a few to live on the labor of many. He will poll an immense vote from personal admirers inspective of party.

WE are sorry that the *Observer* manifests such a jealous disposition towards the people of Independence. It would make it appear as though they were opposed to the building of the Salem bridge. The people of Independence are desirous of seeing the bridge built, and most heartily wish its early completion. Independence is on the onward march of progress, and the jealous disposition of the *Observer* towards it, cannot effect its steady increase in population and wealth. Onward is the motto of its citizens.

THE *Observer* says Polk can be bonded to pay for the bridge and court house. The constitution of Oregon says: (see page 110, sec. 10 Hills code) "No county shall create any debts or liabilities which shall singly or in the aggregate exceed the sum of FIVE THOUSAND dollars, except to surpress insurrection or express invasion." Those people who vote for McBee and have this tax imposed, will feel badly when they find that those "dear bonds" cannot be issued. Better not believe all the *Observer* tells you but follow the constitution of Oregon.

WHEN Mr. McBee is elected it is said that a court house will be ordered built. What kind of a court house will it be? How much will it cost? Where is your selected brick, seasoned lumber and other requisites of a first class public building. That haste will be used in letting the contract goes without saying, for the uncertain state of affairs in Polk county will not admit of delay. So then the contractors will have a chance to put in low grade material and do poor work. Haste makes waste and the present outlook is that if we build a court house costing from $75,000 to even $100,000 now, we will not be satisfied with it when finished. The people of Polk county had better let the present court house remain. Let plenty of time be taken to consider such an important undertaking.

POLK county can better get along with the present court house than to try and build one costing only $40,000. The Corvallis court house cost $68,000, and with the incidentals, such as walnut furniture, shelving, etc., cost nearly $80,000. The Yamhill county court house cost $62,000 with incidentials running it to $70,000. Our Dallas friends (!) say a $40,000 court house is good enough for them. Why can't they lower their demands and say as they did a year ago. "The present court house is good enough for ten years yet." Voters of Polk county if we are to have a new court house it must cost from $75,000 to $85,000 and just at this time we cannot afford it. Do not be blinded by promises which mean nothing.

THE platform of the democratic state convention favors tariff for revenue only. If this is a principle of the democratic party it is certainly principle above party for the party cannot hope to succeed in carrying an election in Oregon with such a drag upon it. Is it possible that as the *Oregonian* says the party inserted this plank in the platform without knowing its true import? Tariff "for revenue only" means "freetrade." A small tariff on coffee, tea, (now free) sugar, etc., would bring an immense revenue, but it would not be protective tariff while a protective tariff on wheat, oats, wool, etc., if sufficient, brings no revenue, but is a protection. The democratic party proposes to make an issue on protection vs. free trade.

WHAT do the people of Polk county want? Some say they want a "new court house," others think that the old one will do, at least until we are out of debt, the Salem bridge built, and we have recovered somewhat from the consequences of last winters flood. This, in our opinion, is the proper view to take of it. The taxation to the people of Polk at this time for a new court house, would be rather oppressive to taxpayers, and notwithstanding they are desirous of promoting the welfare of Dallas, the delay for a time of building a new, will not materially affect the interests of the county. Let all the taxpayers consider this question in all its various phases, with unprejudical minds, and act for the future, and not be governed by those who from personal interested motives, would at this time, involve the county in an indebtedness that will prove a burden, from which it will take years to recover. Let us work for the whole county and not boom any given locality.

A FREE-TRADE VIEW OF THE VALUE OF LOCAL INDUSTRIES.

A notorious free-trade sheet has been investigating the proposed removal of a large stove works from Troy to some point in the West, where the finished product will be nearer the mass of consumers, the center of gravity of our poulation being some 200 miles south of and probably more than 600 miles west of Troy. Its correspondent says of this stove works and the effect of the wages paid by it on the prosperity of Troy:

"When in full running order it gives employment to about 1200 persons, and it has annual pay-roll that varies from $700,000 to $1,000,000. The loss of such a business would mean a good deal to Troy. Its prosperity would suffer a severe shock should this wealthy firm take its big plant elsewhere. Tradesmen would feel very keenly the withdrawl from business channels of the large sum of money paid out as wages. Hundreds of employees would be unable to get other work and suffering and privation would be their lot and that of their families. So it is only natural that the people of Troy should experience alarm at the report of the Fuller & Warren company's prospective removal."

The prosperity of the town, the profits of "tradesmen" and the employment of labor, are it is alleged involved in that, as in all other industries.—*American Economist.*

SOME voters of Polk county are so prejudiced either for or against a new court house that nothing that may be said will influence them; but there are very many intelligent, thinking people in Polk county who will vote on this question simply upon its merits. They recognize the fact that Dallas wants a new court house badly. As far as they are concerned they may care little where a court house may be. Such men must reason, not for the very present but the future as well. We now have a court house answering all the requirements of the present. It is as good a building as Lane county, Oregon, has and as King county and Pierce county, Wash., where the taxable property is many times more than in Polk. It must therefore be apparent that the movement now on foot to elect to the office of county commissioner G. W. McBee has in it more than simply a desire to pose before the state of Oregon as having plenty of money in the treasury and being ready to expend that surplus in a more pretentious court house building. On the contrary Polk county has no money in the treasury. The last financial statement shows that we owe $32,000 and have only about $10,000 cash on hand to pay it. Before all the delinquent taxes are collected our indebtedness will be greater by several thousand dollars. The reasoning man will say that a delay of a few years is not so very disastrous; while the necessity of paying even interest on an $100,000 indebtedness is wholly unnecessary. Such men as these are the ones who will not vote to build a new court house.

THE financial condition of Polk county just now is the subject of much serious thought by taxpayers. How do we really stand! Are we financially in good condition or are we not? The only means of finding an answer to this question is to examine our financial reports. During the past ten years Polk county has collected from taxes sums ranging from $32,334 in 1880 up to nearly $48,000 in 1889. The state tax amounts to about $12,000, and we find that there was due from Polk county to the state nearly this whole sum. Substracting the state taxes from the total tax it will be seen that about $36,000 remains, which is an average of $3000 per month for running expenses. During the past six months the county court has expended nearly $11,000 and this leaves about $15,000 for the rest of the year up to January 1, 1891. When all the delinquent taxes are collected and all warrants and the interest is paid, it will leave a balance of about $8000 in the treasury. All of the delinquent taxes will not be paid and as over $1000 of the taxes of 87 and 88 is still delinquent and one item of $1257 of this year's tax is worthless it is probable that when we balance the books on January 1, 1891 it will be seen that we are $15,000 behind. The expense to Polk county for new bridges will probably reach $25,000 (which includes the Salem bridge $21,250) and this added to the $15,000 will make Polk county show at least $40,000 indebtedness. It is said that bonds may be issued but this is a disputed point and contrary to the state constitution. These facts present themselves to the people and are forcible, The expenses of the county are $48,000 a year. The extra payments must be paid by raising the tax levy. It is argued that our property will be assessed higher next year and the levy will be no greater. What difference does this make? The money must be paid. Who pays it? Now then, to our present prospective debt it is proposed to add from $75,000 to $80,000 for a court house. This talk of a $35,000 court house is all bosh! and most of the voters in Polk county know it. Polk county has too much pride to build a court house less pretentious than Benton and Yamhill county, and unless we can equal or excel we will not build. If we build to equal them the price must be as great which is from $70,000 to $80,000. The present outlook for building is not a favorable one. In the election of McBee it decides that the taxpayers want to thus go in debt. If I. Simpson is elected it means that a new court house is not to be built.

He Had a Pull.

Drummer (to fellow traveler whom he mistakes for commercial tourist)—How do you find business?

Traveler—Never better.

"Stranger! All the other boys are kicking about the dull times and the numerous bankruptcies. You must have a pull. What is your line?"

"Foreclosing mortgages and closing out merchants."—*Time.*

REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

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GOVERNOR.
D. P. THOMPSON, of Multnomah.

SECRETARY OF STATE.
GEO. W. McBRIDE, of Columbia.

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E. B. McELROY, of Benton.

STATE PRINTER.
F. C. BAKER, of Multnomah.

JUDGE SUPREME COURT.
R. S. BEAN, of Lane.

DISTRICT NOMINEE.
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, SECOND DISTRICT.
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The excursion to Oregon City next Monday leaves here at 7 o'clock; will arrive at Oregon City about 11 and return at about 1:30 and arrive here about 8 o'clock.

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Henkle & Walker are the leading grocers.

Columbia Cottage paints, for inside and outside work, already mixed, guaranteed to be the best in the world are for sale at H. R. Patterson's.

Cash! cash! cash! wanted at J. D. Irvine's.

Best stock of tobacco and cigars at J. D. I's.

L. W. Robertson, finding the opera house too small for the needs of the town, is having a gallery built across the east end of the hall, which will seat at least 150 more persons.

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Consult your interest and read Cooper Bros. new ad.

All kinds of job printing done at the WEST SIDE job office.

Mr. Ralph Dunniway, a class mate of Miss Ota Robertson at the high school in Portland was visiting here this week.

Pic fruits of all kinds at J. D. I's.

J. D. I. has the best and largest stock of groceries in town.

Trespass notices 5 cents each at the WEST SIDE job office.

Our esteemed contemporary the *Dominion* at Dallas is very anxious that some friends of Independence may write a two column article to that paper discussing the advantages of Independence for the county seat of Polk county. The *Dominion* is well aware that no such issue as the relocation of the county seat is before the people. It knows that the issue is court house or no court house, yet it wants Independence friends to argue through its columns this issue which is not now a live one.

H. R. Patterson has just received the largest and finest line of gold, silver and nickel watches ever brought into Polk county direct from the East. Call and inspect them

Receipt books for 75 cents each, at the WEST SIDE job office.

Mrs. Coleman has taken it in hand to put the cemetery south of Monmouth in something like a decent appearance. It has long been a repoach to the neighborhood Some other ladies of Monmouth were to join her in the undertaking, but Mrs. Coleman was finally left alone to do the work. She says she will "stay with it." She has been at work all the week with three hands assisting her. It begins to look as though someone was living about. All honor to Mrs. Coleman, let all interested parties lend a helping hand. Those who have friends and relatives buried there give your assistance to Mrs. Coleman.

The Evangeline company which entertained the people of Corvallis last Friday and Saturday was an excellent company with which to open a theatre. The Messrs. Job, who own the opera house at Corvallis, have refitted, enlarged and reseated that old building and now they have one of the best small theatres outside of Portland. Its seating capacity is about 700. The scenery was painted by the same firm that painted the Marquam Grand. Ninety electric lights abundantly light the building. The Evangeline company presented a burlesque opera in which forty people appeared, and the presence of about twenty well formed young ladies on the stage who went through some excellent marching tested the capacity of the stage. Everything passed off pleasantly, and the $1100 guarantee was repaid to the managers through the liberal patronage received.

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Lincolnshire Lawyer is a sure foal getter and his colts in the East have been sold for a high figure.
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As entered in the English Stud Book, Lincolnshire Lawyer, No. 2829; Shire Horse, bay, white back, foaled 1881; breeder, Wm. Newton, Hillside House, Newark-on-Trent, England; sire, Melbourne sweep, bay (2435); dam, Spectator Cart Mare, bay; dam's sire, President Lincoln, bay (3766); Melbourn sweep's sire, bay (1876), by sire (1675), bay (1500), bay; g g g (20), bay; g g g (876), black; g g g g g (Wards), bay; dam's sire, bay, (68); grandsire, bay, (66); g g g, bay, (503); g g g, bay, (505); g g g g g, bay, (741); g g g g g, bay, (2228); g g g g g, bay, (1506); g g g g g g, Lion Countess, black.
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