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THOSE CITY RECORDS.

Mayor Hurley writes two columns for last weeks *Enterprise* to prove that books costing $100 are necessary for the city of Independence to have just now, and that paying the recorder and his advisor $150 more is "mandatory" upon the council.

Mayor Hurley seems to forget that the recorder is paid only about one dollar and a half a week for his services and the treasurer considerably less, and that it is useless to expect them to keep a fine large set of books written up, without better pay. Perhaps, however, the council intends increasing their remuneration. Again, the inconvenience of a set of books such as have been ordered are against them. If you get a complicated set of books you will have to pay a recorder more for keeping them. Again, a couple of books, properly ruled, substantially bound, furnished for the recorder and treasurer, to last say, ten years, would have cost about $20. Then why expend in these hard times, the other $80 or $90?

To sum up the rest of the communication in a few words would be: "The mayor and councilmen of Independence for the past several years have been incompetent, negligent and wofully lacking in ability."

For Mayor Hurley's edification, we may say that the council which framed the last charter, had the advice of Hon. J. J. Murphy, of Salem, Hon. N. L. Butler, of Dallas, J. Leasure, of Pendleton, and Seymour Condon, of Eugene, all then testifying that the acts under the council were legal and the charter all right. If the charter was legal then the acts under the charter are legal. The mayor complains that the records have been poorly kept. Will new books and paying out several hundred dollars more now, cause future recorders to do their work any better? Recorders are poorly paid and will not do extra work. If you want to see an example of this, read the ordinance on assessment books of 1892. The law is "mandatory" that they shall be kept so and so; there are the blank books, but they are *blank* books still, or nearly so. Why? Because the recorder could not devote so much time to the work for so little money.

One other fact: The city council of 1891 was offered the services of a lawyer having large experience codifying ordinances who offered to do the whole work for $100, while another, less experienced offered to do it for $75. That was in 1891, when times were "booming" compared to now. If $75 was good enough pay then, why pay $150 now? Who furnishes the legal advice in this case? or is that a secret in which the public is not interested?

If the WEST SIDE shall admit that new books are imperatively necessary now, could not less expensive books have been made to answer? Admitting that the ordinances need codifying, could not the work have been done for less money, considering the hard times? In fact what might be an economical expenditure in flush times becomes extravagance this year.

The Salem *Statesman* of last Tuesday quotes from the WEST SIDE, and says: The WEST SIDE does not want to be understood as opposing any necessary expenditures of our city, nor does it want to criticize our city fathers in the discharge of their duties. We recognize the fact that our stand on this matter of books, and other expenses, has brought upon us the enmity of several officials of Independence, and goodness knows we seek no more enemies than we already have, but we cannot feel that in calling attention to these facts we have done more than our duty!—Independence West Side. The West Side had criticized the extravagance of buying an expensive set of books for the city. It was right. When you know you are right, what matters it if you do bring up on you the enmity of people? If your criticisms are just and on the line of an honest economical government of affairs, you can well afford the criticism of those whose heads you hit. Anything short of this would [show you] recreant to your trust in receiving patronage as a newspaper. No man or news paper of any account in the world can avoid criticism.

TO BENEFIT THE FARMERS.

The WEST SIDE is in receipt of a pamphlet, written by David Lubin, of Sacramento, Cal., devoted to the transportation of farm products. His idea is that farm products in their natural state should be transported all over the United States for the same price per pound, the government paying the loss, if any, to the railroads. As an example, if wheat sells in Liverpool for $1.20 a bushel, and it costs 15 cents to transport it from New York to Liverpool, then the New York price is $1.05 per bushel. If the government were to agree to deliver the bushel of wheat at New York from any point in the United States for 15 cents a bushel, then every farmer in the United States, no matter where he lives, if it be near a railroad or steam-boat line, could get 90cts. per bushel for his wheat. In other words, farm produce (nothing else) is to be treated just as our government treats our mail matter.

The cotton and rice of the South, and the wheat and corn of the North would each receive the best market price, less the government rate of transportation. The writer urges every laboring man and every farmer to read the book, which will be mailed free to all who apply. A postal card addressed to David Lubin, Sacramento, will bring the book by return mail.

John Barrett, of Portland, who until recently has been city-editor of the Portland *Telegram* received his appointment last week as consul to Siam, where the salary is $5000 a year. This selection again refutes the rumor that Cleveland is opposed to appointing newspaper men to office. The appointment is very generally commended, as Mr. Barrett is a bright, intelligent young man.

The Salem papers are heralding the fact that one A. C. Taylor of Perrydale has enjoined the location of the branch insane asylum, thus putting the odium of the act on Polk county. The people of Polk county are indignant at having such insinuations made. Mr. Taylor is not backed up in the act by our people.

Absenteeism seems to be the great drawback to the democratic supremacy in congress. The failure, day after day, to get a quorum for the transaction of business is growing into the proportions of a scandal, and if the democratic members do not get into place and stay there the party will be the sufferer.—*Telegram.*

Hon. D. P. Thompson, of Port is a practical business man, a prominent citizen, and his friends say he is available for the governorship of Oregon, and no doubt would fill the office with honor to the state, if elected.

The republicans of McCoy organize a club there this (Friday) evening. The people at Rickreall will also shortly organize. The good work is gaining ground every day.

Ex-Governor Moody is spoken of as a candidate for governor of this state. The republican party can find better material than he from which to select.

Promises That Are Unfulfilled.

Editor WEST SIDE: The man who killed the goose realized one egg, but the men who voted for free trade last election have received nothing but want and disaster. Before the famous object lesson of Cleveland struck them they thought they were being imposed upon and that their wages were not sufficient to supply their wants.

The false prophets told them that they were being kept in darkness. They said: "Come, arise and follow us; our diet is light and our bed is easy, learn of us and be wise. The half has not been told you; we have good things in store for you; shake the dust off your feet as a witness against protectionists that have been keeping you in darkness, lo! these many years; rejoice and be glad, for free trade is at hand, yes, even at your very doors."

Without even stopping a moment to look up the record of those false prophets the bell-wether jumped the fence, and the rest followed, leaving their old shepherd behind. When they heard the voice of the new shepherd they all looked at one-another in amazement, saying: "This is he who promised us good things, but, lo! we have found everything else but that which was promised; we are already feeling the effects of the bleeching winds of free trade; we find the picking is short. Oh, if we were only back in the care of our old shepherd we would be content."

His racket startled all the flock; for they thought it was a wolf or a prowling fox.

We find without protection our nation will surely perish. If all foreign nations paid as high wages as the United States we would not need a protective tariff to protect our wages against the competition of the low wages of other countries, as we could manufacture and produce as cheap as any of them, and at the same time sustain our wages and manufactories.

Those who elected the deceivers are still practicing more deceptions on their dupes. But the day is not far distant when the old, reliable party will step in and raise the banner of protection, and the free-traders will take a back seat and forever hide their faces in shame, and the populists will dance to the tune of protection, and be contented. ZIMMERHACKLE.

The Altona Problem.

So many answers have been received to the problem in last weeks WEST SIDE and the answers are so varied that we have decided to give one more week before awarding the premium. The problem is as follows:

If the steamer Altona can go from Independence to Salem, down stream, in 40 minutes, and can return up stream in 90 minutes, how long would it take her to make the distance, 12 miles, if there were no current?

Wm. Eisenbice and Oris Robertson, of Independence, and Norman L. Baldwin, of Buena Vista, say the answer is 65 minutes. E. M Smith, of Monmouth, by algebra, the following of Independence, by arithmetic get 55 minutes, 23, 1-13 seconds as the answer: Misses Bertha Fryer, Hannah Wengenroth, Rosa Richardson, Master Willie Estes, Walter J. Shelley, Jessie Shelley, Joshua Talbott, Harry Clodfelter, Will Shinn and John Shinn.

We wish to state that the answers to the problem submitted by the pupils of the public school are models of neatness and careful analysis. It is a pleasure to examine such papers.

Engineer Campbell, of the Altona, says the boat at full speed can go from Independence to Salem in 30 minutes and return in 88, and that the real speed of the boat is not given in the answer because going down they run on ¼ stroke and coming up ¼ stroke. The true speed of the boat per hour may be determined by figuring out the following.

The distance from Portland to Oregon City is 13¼ miles (in slack water) and the Altona can make the run in 45 minutes. How many miles is that per hour?

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