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TO OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

The publisher of the SUN appreciates fully the generous assistance given by the local correspondents throughout the Hood River Valley and surrounding country. We solicit your continued assistance in our efforts to make the paper what we purpose having it for the future—a live, wide-awake, newsy local paper. As yet we are a stranger to most of you, but in good time we hope to visit every part of the territory covered by your letters and become personally acquainted with each writer. In the meantime let the good work go on, to the end that the reading public may become more fully cognizant of the almost unlimited resources of Hood River country and the fact that a truly progressive people are here and that there is room for many more.

And in this connection we desire to ask the additional favor, that all communications for publication be sent us as early as possible, and not later than Monday for the issue of that week.

In another column will be found an article copied from last week's Glacier, together with a letter from the proprietor of the Sun, relating thereto, and which will be found self-explanatory. We wish, however to call attention to one statement made by the Glacier, viz: "his first month's collections showed him there was not enough in it for him to stay with the paper." In justice to Mr. Shutt we desire to state that we have a letter in our possession from him, and dated Oct. 2, 1899—before the second issue of the Sun and not after the first month's collections had been made—in which he offered to deal with us relative to the paper, at the same time setting forth fully his reasons for so doing. These same reasons were given to the public in Mr. Shutt's statement last week and certainly were sufficient for any reasonable man. If the Glacier editor desires corroboration of the facts adduced he can obtain it by calling at this office. We have no fight with the Glacier, but at the same time we wish to state candidly and positively that the Sun has "come to stay," that it will do business in a business way, will work faithfully and continuously for the advancement of Hood River and the best interest of her people, and that the reflections of the Glacier will "cut no ice" in the premises whatever. Now is the time to subscribe.

That the Filipinos may be as much entitled to their freedom as we are, may be a fair proposition, but when we take into consideration the fact that they were slaves under Spanish oppression and were faithfully promised—in fact have already been relieved from that tyranny by the American people—it does certainly appear that they are taking a peculiar course to obtain their desire. The United States offers them a term of government that justly boasts the highest type of liberty of any nation on the globe and yet they refuse to accept because they are not given immediate and entire control of everything. Were the United States to withdraw its forces from the Philippines before settling the matter fully and definitely, there can be no doubt but their future condition would be worse than ever before. But decisive action will, in the next few weeks, prove to Aguinaldo and his followers that they are playing a losing game, and bring them to a realization of the fact that the United States has determined to conclude its work speedily and along the lines already mapped out.

About two hundred representative hop growers met at Woodburn, Or. last week and perfected an organization, the purpose of which is for mutual profit and protection. The capital stock of the corporation as decided upon at this meeting, was \$8,000.

If the past week is a fair sample of the Hood River country winter weather we do not wonder at the claim made by her people, that here is found the finest climate in the world. The claim might be easily substantiated.

Mr. Farnsworth, the enterprising Chicago man; who confesses to having married over 40 wives—he cannot remember how many—will interpose the defense that the government protects and honors the sultan of Sulu, who has many wives, and it is bound to protect him equally. But the lively Chicago gentleman will learn that the law can't place him and the Sulu sultan on exactly the same footing. If Mr. Farnsworth wanted to marry forty-odd wives he should have gone to Sulu and become a sultan, or to Utah and run for congress.—Telegram.

The majority of the people of the United States are not in favor of a withdrawal of the troops from the Philippines until American supremacy is first established, and the party that seriously contemplates such a measure cannot begin to depend on the support of the people. Such measures are of no use in furthering the advance of the Democratic party; quite the contrary. Why not, therefore, join hands against the common enemy and bring this lingering war to a close.—Moro Leader.

Congressman Roberts, the Mormon from Utah, is finding out that his case has not been lost sight of, by the demands which are being made for his expulsion from the house as soon as he takes his seat. The insinuation that many congressmen who live as polygamists without being openly Mormons, will not dare vote for the expulsion of the much-married congressman, ought to cause every decent member of the house to vote for his expulsion.—Moro Leader.

A brief visit to a number of Hood River business houses last Saturday convinced us that her merchants are carrying stocks in the different lines of trade far superior to that found in most towns several times the size of Hood River. So far as we were able to determine, the prices too are quite as satisfactory as can be found anywhere in the entire Northwest. That they command the trade of a large scope of country, is therefore, no cause for surprise.

President McKinley has issued the regular yearly proclamation, setting aside Thursday, the 30th day of November, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer, and recommends also "that on this day, so far as may be found practicable, labor will cease from its accustomed toil and charity abound toward the sick, the needy and the poor."

The Sun is in receipt of the October number of the University of Oregon Monthly, a most creditable magazine gotten out by the students of the state university. We reproduce elsewhere a poem entitled "Eternity" that appeared in its pages and which is well worth a corner in the treasured scrap book of any library.

There is trouble along the Mexican border these days that promises to become quite a serious affair unless promptly squelched. The absence of troops from that portion of the country has apparently encouraged the lawless element to acts of violence that would not otherwise have taken place.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, of Brooklyn, has succeeded Miss Susan B. Anthony as president of the National Association of the Woman Suffrage Society.

Antelope is to be afflicted with another saloon, five being the number now supported by that town.

ETERNITY.

ETERNITY. It was a word in sermons, A sound that had no sense, a dim conception All hid by smaller thoughts. It stood on a peak Of bare, grey rock above the valley world, And across the air's dim blue the snow-clad heights Of Hood, of Washington and Jefferson Stood on the right, and on the left the Sisters, Half veiled in cloud. And far below great mountains Whose rough sides gaped with savage, sudden canyons, Their summits jagged with rocks. And nearer still Long slopes of fir with grassy, emerald patches, And level floors of valley sunk in hills; And in a gorge a foaming cataract, Pure white against the green and brown and blue. Like mighty waves the ranges stood with dark Cloud shadows shifting o'er their sunlit crests. The fog came rolling black in the far southwest, And the wind cut wisps from the hurrying clouds and drove Them flying o'er the land, and the great, grey fog Ate up the sunshine's gold and the fair, blue sky; And all the scene was gone save the white cascade Still gleaming thro' a window in the mist; And then it too was gone. The whole vast land Was nothing; naught remained of all the world But the fog and the rock on which I stood. It was Without beginning, without end, eternal. A grey immensity above, below. It weighed me down with fear. I felt it then, Eternity, the awfulness of God. A. L. M.

A Populist Howl.

"The expected has happened. The Hood River Sun, which started five weeks ago with a great flourish and a faith that it had 'come to stay,' has changed hands. S. P. Shutt, its proprietor, has leased the paper and will go to Sumpter to look after his mining interest. Evidently things did not pan out as Mr. Shutt was induced to believe by representations made by holders of real estate who wished to boom the country at the expense of some one else. He was advised by friends that it was not a good business proposition to start a paper in Hood River, but he chose to listen to the song of the boomer. Though the Sun had a better local advertising patronage than the Glacier ever had, his first month's collections showed him there was not enough in it for him to stay with the paper. He had worked the town for all it was worth, and finding there was not enough advertising with the limited subscriptions coming in to pay the necessary running expenses of his paper, he solicited a big department store ad from the Dalles. This was too much for our business men, who had been accustomed to the Glacier being published for Hood River only. Hood River is all right; it is growing; in fact there is no more promising section in the Northwest; but there is no boom. The time may soon come when it will have its daily paper, but there isn't room for two weekly papers now."—Glacier.

Hood River, Oct. 27, 1899. Evidently the Sun is an eye-sore to our populist friend of the Glacier, judging from the way he squirms and worries about its future. But when a Populist calamity-howling he is as much out of place as a fish out of water, and the above childish whine would not be noticed were it not that he willfully misrepresents the facts in the case, thereby doing this paper an injustice.

The lease and change was made only for reasons mentioned in the last issue of the Sun, viz: that the proprietor had other business interests that required personal attention, which could not be conveniently or profitably looked after while engaged in the confining business of newspaper work. And there is nothing strange or alarming about it, as a great many newspapers are owned as a business proposition, by men who have not the time or inclination to publish them. The change was not made because of lack of patronage, as the Glacier would have the public believe, as the first month's business was entirely satisfactory, being even better than we had expected, and is increasing at a most gratifying rate. The Sun already has a bona fide subscription list half as large as that of the Glacier, and at the present growth will soon be several times as large.

The Glacier is doing all the howling about no room here for two papers; the Sun has never complained about it and has no occasion to. If the Glacier feels that it lacks the energy and progressiveness to stand honest competition, surely there is nothing to hinder it from quitting. As to having been advised by friends that it would not be a good business proposition to establish the Sun here, the only advice of that kind was from Mr. Blythe himself; and no "song of the boomer" was ever heard by us or figured in the case whatever. Every town this size in the West—many of them not nearly so resourceful and prosperous as Hood River Valley—easily supports two papers, and so can this place. Unlike the Glacier, the Sun owns its own office and real estate, and during our brief residence here we have perhaps invested and expended more money for improvements here than the Glacier editor has during his boasted 22 residence here. But a stranger to read his paper would think we had committed the gravest crime imaginable by coming here to locate and build up a home.

The Glacier cannot honestly argue that the Sun has not been a benefit to the place. It was the direct cause of the Glacier being enlarged and to run four or five times as much news as formerly, for which the public very properly gives the Sun credit. But the intelligent public seldom appreciates needed improvements in a paper that are not made until forced to it by competition. The Glacier's mossback effort to prejudice our business men against this paper for receiving outside business is too small and contemptible to be worthy of notice. There isn't a newspaper in the United States, worthy of patronage, that hasn't outside ads or that refuses any legitimate business of that kind that comes to it. If a paper does not get it, it is because the paper is a failure as an advertising medium and does not merit such patronage. The Glacier never has, and doubtless never will refuse to take outside business at its regular rates. No business house here, or in any other town, could exist with the patronage of the town only, and it would be just as reasonable to expect our merchants to refuse to sell to any one living outside of the incorporate town limits. So, Mr. Glacier, try to brush aside this mossback hostility towards new comers and enterprisers that are here or may come for the purpose of assisting in the advancement and upbuilding of Hood River Valley. No good can come from such a selfish course. Live and let live is a grand and noble motto. S. P. SHUTT.

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