OCHOCO REVIEW.

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UNJUST TO EASTERN OREGON.

The joint committee of the legislature on reapportionment of the state gives Eastern Oregon a lot of taffy in their excuse for connecting the counties east of the Cascades with Multnomah, Clatsop and Columbia in a congressional district. The excuse for this is that these counties have a common interest with Eastern Oregon in opening the Columbia river for free navigation, when the fact is Multnomah county has heretofore oppased the improvements of the Columbia at the Cascade falls, for the reason that it would interfere with Portland's trade, in that it would make it possible for vessels to load at The Dalles and float down the river to Astoria, depriving Portland of the lucrative trade it now has with Eastern Oregon. Of course this has been denied by Portland people, but the actions of Oregon's two senators, who are residents of that city, justify and prove this assertion. It may be possible that Eastern Oregon's representatives may submit to the committee's recommendations regarding the apportionment of the congressional districts, but if they do, they are blind to their own interests, for the three counties west of the Cascades can out vote the entire eastern part of the state, and when it comes to selecting a congressman for this district they will most likely assert their power and demand that they name who he shall be. Eastern Oregon has interests that are different from those of the western part of the state, and it is essential that this section have a representative in congress, but this cannot be expected if the district is composed as the committee proposes. Eastern Oregon has rights which should be respected. Let her representatives in the legislature demand this. The Cascade range should be the dividing line between the two congressional districts of the state, and nothing short of such a division should satisfy the the legislators who represent the eastern part of the state.

The demand for an honest vote and a judicious law which will insure to the people the right to express their choice of officers at the polls was loudly voiced in the different conventions in nearly every county in state last spring, and both the state conventions of the two leading parties resolved in favor of the Australian ballot system as a means of insuring an honest expression of the people's wishes; but it seems now that there is a possibility of the bill introduced to adopt the Australian ballot system is liable to be defeated by the jealousy of the two republican bosses in Multnomah county—Joe Simon and Jim Lotan—each of whom wants the bill so amended that if it be comes a law he will have control of the republican primaries in Multnomah county. The republicans have a majority in both branches of the legislature and have the power to either pass or defeat the bill, and if they allow the aspirations of the two republican bosses in Portland to defeat the people's wishes in this matter they must answer for it at future elections. All the democrats in the legislature favor the bill, and it looks as if there should be enough honest republicans outside of the Multnomah delegation who would not submit to boss rule to pass it, but so far this has not proven to be the case.

The future of the democratic party never looked brighter than it does to-day and the rank and file of the party look, at they have a right to look, to the leaders of the party to exercise the greatest care to see that no step is rashly taken that will have a tendency to mar the brightness of that future. If such care be take we have a reasonable right to expect not only to control the house of representatives of the fifty-third congress and to elect the next president, but also to have a majority in the United States senate after March 4, 1893. —*Jacksonville Time.*

Our worthy Senator, C. A. Cogswell, is going after some of the lady clerks of the different legislative committees. Last week the legislature adjourned from Friday until Monday, and the clerks, who were by no means up with their work, also adjourned. The senator objects to the state paying them $5 a day for time they are not at work.

LET THE REFORM BEGIN NOW.

The *News* is evidently bent on working a reform in this community, judging from the following clipped from the issue of Jan. 31.

"Until a better and higher realm of thought is inaugurated in these camps of degredation, nothing on the plane of a purely moral standard can be looked for or expected. We ask no help in our efforts in the direction mentioned. We have no desire to attempt to 'Christianize' anybedy, but we propose to see that some portions, at least, of the statute law are vindicated, and if a better run of morals does not follow that effort, we will then use our best endeavor to have 'dead' laws repeald. You hear our horn."

The above sentiment is indeed timely, and it is pleasing to note that Bro. Aldridge has embarked in the "good work." But before the brother begins to extract the splinter from another's eye, he had better take the saw-log out of his own eye. That a reform in the morals of some people in these "camps of degradation" is needed is evinced by the article he ad dressed to the coroner last week. And the "dead law" found on page 384, section 1870, Hill's Code, should be enforced, or perhaps it is one section which he proposes to have repealed. For life benefit (he has probably never read it) it is printed below:

"If any person shall import, print, publish, sell, lend, give away, distribute, or show, or have in his possession with intent to sell, or give away, or to show or advertise or otherwise offer for loan, gift, sale, or distribution, any obscene or indecent book, magazine, phamplet, newspaper, storypaper, writing paper, picture, drawing or photograph, engraved (engraving), or any article or instrument of indecent or immoral use; or if any person shall design, copy draw, photograph, print, publish, or otherwise prepare such a book, picture, drawing, paper or other article, or shall write or print or cause to be written or printed, a circular, advertisement or notice of any kind, or shall give information stating when, where, how, or of whom or by what means such indecent or obscene article or thing can be purchased or obtained, * * * * upon conviction thereof, he shall be punished by imprisonment in the penitentiary, not less than one year nor more than three years, or by a fine not less than five hundred dollars nor more than fifteen hundred dollars."

The article referred to in the *News* certainly comes within the meaning of the above section, for the article was indecent, it was printed in an alleged newspaper, was circulated and exhibited by the editor of the *News*, and he is guilty of violating this law. If he is going to work a reform in this community let him begin at home by going before the next grand jury and entering complaint against himself for printing the dirtiest, most contemptible article that has ever been put in circulation by a paper in the state of Oregon.

The investigation of bribery in connection with the senatorial election in Washington has not been completed. It will probably end in a farce, for if it were pushed as it should be some prominent politicians would get uncomfortably close to the doors of the penitentiary at Walla Walla.

Senator Haley's irrigation bill is almost certain to become a law, and if it does, Eastern Oregon will experience a season of prosperity for a few years to come, for with such a law all the available water will be used for irrigation purposes, and thousands of acres of arid land will be reclaimed.

The state ball at Olympia has caused about as much discontent as the recent senatorial election. Because the wife of the mayor did not head the reception committee, Olympialites felt insulted and raised a big kick. Washington people seem to be a little frivolous.

The people of New Hampshire are to be congratulated upon having retired Senator Blair and electing Dr. Gallinger. Old Senator Blair had long since outlived his usefulness, and when his education bill was defeated he was deprived of his occupation.

Representative Miller has introduced a bill providing for a direct appropriation of $50,000 and a ½ mill tax for World's Fair purposes. It is hardly probable that the bill will even get a favorable report from the committee to which it will be referred.

Some of the republicans in the legislature still oppose the portage railway bill because it is favored by the governor. There are evidently some very narrow-minded men in the legislature.

SECRETARY WINDOM DEAD.

Hon. Wm. Windom, secretary of the treasury of the United States, died in the banquet hall at Delmonico's restaurant in New York on the night of Jan. 29th. He had been invited there to attend a banquet given by the New York Board of Trade and Transportation. Mr. Windom had been the first toast of the evening, and as he finished his response, he sank into his chair and died almost instantly, the cause of his death being heart disease.

William Windom was born in Belmont county, Ohio, May 10, 1827. He received an academic education, studied law at Mount Vernon, O., and was admitted to the bar in 1850. In 1852 he became prosecuting attorney of Knox county. In 1855 he removed to Minnesota and soon afterwards was chosen for congress as a republican, serving from 1859 to 1869. In 1870 he was appointed to the U. S. senate to fill the unexpired term of Daniel S. Norton, deceased, and subsequently chosen for the term ending in 1873. He was re-elected for the one that ended in 1883, and resigned in 1881 to enter the cabinet of President Garfield as secretary of the treasury. But he retired on the accession of President Arthur the same year, and was elected by the Minnesota legislature to serve the remainder of his term in the senate. He was appointed secretary of the treasury by President Harrison and has since served in that capacity.

Some people have a faculty of misconstruing things. But this faculty is possessed by the editor of the *News* to a greater extent than any one we ever knew of. Last week he said the "REVIEW accused Mr. Woods of holding an unnecessary inquest." The files of the REVIEW show plainly that the REVIEW never said any such thing. It said in the issue of January 10th that "if the expenses incurred by holding an inquest over Lee Amis was unnecessary, the taxpayers have only the county judge to thank for it." This is not the first instance in which the editor of the *News* has misrepresented what has been said in the REVIEW; in fact it is the rule to misconstrue what is said in these columns when ever he makes mention of any item, and he does it with such good grace that one would think he was born with fasleheads upon his tongue, and it is a difficult matter for him to tell the truth.

A mistake was made last week in mentioning the bill introduced by Senator Watkins for the portage railway. The bill calls for an appropriation of $60,000 and not $600,000 as the types made us say. This bill has been amended so as to make Hon. M. A. Moody, of The Dalles, one of the commission to attend to this improvement, to take the place of the secretary of state, Mr. McBride having asked to be relieved from the commission.

The *Police Gazette* or *Sunday Mercury* are more desireable reading for the young and should be more desireable to take into the household than such a filthy paper as the last issue of the Prineville *News*.

The man who resorts to vulgar language to express his thoughts in common conversation displays a debased mind, but one who uses obscene language in public print is not only debased but a criminal.

Mayor Moody, of The Dalles, has sued that city for $50,000 damages to his character, alleging that he was damaged to that amount by the council during their efforts to impeach him.

The present session of the legislature has been unusually active. During the first three weeks of the session 440 bills were introduced—271 in the house and 169 in the senate.

The legislature of Kansas has elected John Pfefior to succeed the spitfire Ingalls in the U. S. senate. Pfefior is an alliance man and the editor of a farm journal

Chas. Bradlaugh, the eminent English freethinker and member of parliment, died in London on Jan. 30th.

It is possible that McKinley will be appointed secretary of the treasury to take the place of Secretary Windom.

The funeral of the late Secretary Windom took place at Washington last Monday.

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