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## FRAUDS, MASSACRES, FAILURES, ETC.

The Journal is in receipt of a letter from a gentleman in the East who, in expressing his opinion regarding the habitable characteristics of Central Oregon, writes, "I am rather skeptical about your country. You have range wars, timber land frauds of gross dimensions and your irrigation projects are all failures."

Shades of Mackeral! What an awful black eye this section is getting. We would ask that the corresponding secretary of the sheep shooters association write this man a letter setting forth in detail the intricate workings of the organization. We would ask that Senator Mitchell send him a complete digest of his explanation which he made in the senate of certain things that the public has reason to believe are cock-eyed. We would further ask that the irrigation company, which has been pouring some \$40,000 or \$50,000 a month into the county for nearly a year while reclaiming its arid tracts, let loose of some of its circulars that this man and his neighbors may know that this project at least is not contaminated by the other two flagrant vices.

It is evident that some one has been tampering with the switch. Outside people are getting onto a side track and the woes of Mitchell and the notoriety gained by the promoters of anti-sheep vigilance are having a disastrous effect upon the minds of prospective citizens of Crook county.

But we hold nevertheless that we are not altogether resting upon the perilous extremity of barbarism. We hold that the timber land frauds are no worse than the political corruption and bribery in the East. Besides the fraudulent practices from all appearances are confined in this section to the sanctified members and representatives of the higher circles. In the east quite the reverse is true, which is very shameful indeed. Out here an indictment is an honor eagerly sought for and not yet within the reach of the humble, and less aspiring people.

However, Oregon is a large state. With the upheavals and internal disturbances over the nasty range difficulties and the complete "failures" on the part of the irrigation companies we in Central Oregon have no time to pay much attention to the timber frauds which are matters confined for the most part to the extreme western part of the state and are personal afflictions of the state's senators and representatives which they themselves must handle.

In Crook county, properly designated as Central Oregon, the "failures" of the irrigation companies are doubling, yes, tripling the population with more to follow. The range difficulties furnish only a little diversion from the monotony of a busy, industrious and progressive life, and as long as we can keep the senators and representatives before the grand jury, what more could we ask?

## THE EVIL GENIUS.

What is the peculiar brand of evil genius that is pursuing Oregon anyhow.

After breaking up the lethargy of the ages and beginning general state development, now, we are to be indicted as a nest of unworthy land stealers.

For the first time we get a big appropriation and have a delegation working in political harmony, when all are to be branded and retired from usefulness.

A few years ago we lumbered along with a one-lunged representation in the senate and two congressmen who could not agree on anything.

Then when we began to build the canal at The Dalles and open the Columbia and prepare to hold a world's fair, the interior depart-

ment starts a war on the whole state.

Then we give President Roosevelt forty thousand and fire the opening gun in his triumphant Presidential campaign only to have John Hall summarily removed and the merry war goes on.

Are we then so much more corrupt politically and lacking in general honesty and integrity than the other Pacific Coast states that all the infamy of the land fraud business is to be heaped on poor old Oregon?

What crime have our forefathers committed that all the harsh things should come our way? Say, Mr. President, can't you shy a few bricks at one of the other states in the Union? We've had about all the bad advertising we can stand up under and keep in the happy family of progress and expansion.

Of course, Oregon gets a whole lot of advertising out of it all. The whole world is learning where we are and that there must be rich resources here which everybody is trying to steal.

But they will not stop? They are even talking of coming up to Salem and standing up some of our prominent citizens, getting old honored citizens out of bed at midnight and sending the cold shivers down their backs.

Oregon has only this consolation. We are not being forgotten. It is better to be indicted and even prosecuted than to be forgotten in this strenuous age of the world. —Salem Journal.

If, as provided for by the bill now before the Legislature, the direct primary law should become effective this year, registration books for the primaries will be opened by the County Clerk early in March. Of course, the bill will not be passed by the Legislature, and the city primaries and election will probably be conducted under the old law, in which case registration will not be necessary. There are some serious objections to the bill by the friends of the primary law, and the main one of these is that it spoils the whole principle of the law. That is, at a primary election a man does not have to tell his politics. Under the law, a man must tell the name of the party with which he is affiliated when he registers. This section was framed with the view of protecting all parties from fraudulent voting by their opponents. The idea was that a voter at the polls might be challenged in regard to his party affiliations, and if he had registered as a member of one party and voted the ticket of another, his vote might be rejected. This was to prevent the manipulation of any political machine that might nominate a weak man on the opposite side and then defeat him at the election by a straight party vote. —Telegram.

A minister's wife a doctor's wife and a traveling man's wife met one day recently and were talking about the forgetfulness of their husbands. The minister's wife thought her husband was the most forgetful man living, because he would go to church and forget his notes and no one could make out what he was trying to preach about. The doctor's wife thought her husband had a poorer memory still for he would often start to see a patient and forget a medicine case and travel nine or ten miles for nothing. "Well" said the traveling man's wife, "my husband beats that. He came home the other day and patted me on the cheek and said: 'I believe I have seen you before—what's your name?'" —Ex.

The Smoot inquiry has brought out a number of Mormon yarns, this one among others: Senator Proctor, of Vermont, tells with much amusement, of a time when he was taken for a Mormon elder.

The senator, accompanied by Mrs. Proctor and a party of some fourteen persons was making a tour of the west. A stop was made at Salt Lake City, and the party started out for a walk about the city. Senator Proctor and his wife headed the procession, and the ladies of the party brought up the rear, going in pairs. That very same day another party of easterners was making the rounds of Salt Lake City, and when they encountered the Proctor party in the main street, they stood aside to let them pass. "Well, well!" exclaimed one of the second party; "there's a sight! Look at that old Mormon and his wives. Out for a constitutional, I suppose. I wonder," he added, "if he has any more."

The winter palace of the Czar is likely to be turned into a pretty warm place, suitable only for relic seekers, if present indications of the smouldering revolution reach a culmination. The Russian serf has been a serf so long that he at last has begun to realize his down trodden condition and once in possession of ball and musket with a few more examples of monarchial insolence, such as has recently been slapped into his face, as a cause for action, there will be left but little room to doubt the wisdom of the village punster who said, "Big things fall hard sometimes and smash all to thunder."

Petitions are being circulated in Lake county and receiving a great number of signatures, asking Representative Steiner, who is fathering the bill which provides for the various counties to make good the losses sustained in sheep slaughters, to introduce a bill to set aside the sum of \$50,000 to be used in employing secret service men and in otherwise ferreting out those who are guilty of destroying property and livestock. It is the opinion in Lake county and in this county as well that a bill of this nature would pass both branches of the legislature with less objection than the one originally proposed by Representative Steiner.

## Another Letter from Ashwood.

Editor Journal:—In reply to Mr. Lueddemann's letter in the Ashwood Prospector on the 17th, will say that he seems to be trying to follow David Harem's golden rule—"to do unto the other fellow as he thinks the other fellow is going to do unto him and do him just."

He insinuates that the reason we object to the Prospector's articles is because they are published by Max Lueddemann of Antelope. Now we feel no personal animosity towards Mr. Lueddemann and would just as soon he would own and publish the Ashwood Prospector as any man we know of (under other circumstances) and we are truly glad that he has an "opinion of his own." But when that opinion is in direct

opposition to the wishes of nearly every voter in Ashwood we reserve the right to register a vigorous kick, and in this instance we fail to see where the Prospector is "using its best efforts in the up-building of Ashwood and surrounding country." Mr. Lueddemann surely knows that the people of Ashwood have always opposed the division of our county on the proposed lines, and they have signed remonstrances almost to a man as they did two years ago. We defy Mr. Lueddemann to name a half dozen tax payers who are in favor of the proposed new county.

Further, the same article says "it is well known to most of the citizens of Ashwood district that a little over a year ago an effort was made to get a bridge over Trout creek at Ashwood," and after explaining the geographical situation of Ashwood he says that county assistance was not forthcoming.

Now everyone knows that county road crosses Trout creek some four or five miles below Ashwood. I believe that if the Ashwood people had petitioned for a county bridge at this crossing it would have been granted; or on the other hand if they had petitioned for a county road and a county bridge at Ashwood the same would have been granted. I don't believe any county court in the state of Oregon would make a county bridge where there is no county road. And for this great crime "Prineville is a hog," but we still contend that the only reason that Ashwood is not blest with good roads and county bridges is because we have not petitioned for them.

I, too, regret that this controversy has arisen. However, I will say that if the Ashwood Prospector was published at Ashwood by an Ashwood editor there would have been no cause for controversy. C. S. McCORRLE, Ashwood, Ore. Jan. 20, 1904.

## Additional Locals

F. M. Post was in the city from Post the first of the week.

The Arabian Nights. February 3-4. Don't forget the date.

B. B. Helfrich was a business visitor from Lamonta Wednesday.

M. C. Awbrey was over from Deschutes during the first of the week.

Roe Smead, of Post, left yesterday for his home after spending several days in the city.

G. W. Noble is gaining strength rapidly after the serious illness from which he has been suffering for several months past.

A. C. Sanford, postmaster at Shaniko and one of the largest merchants there, was in the city during the first of the week.

J. C. Wright and wife passed through the city yesterday on their way to their home at Silver Lake. They had just finished a term at the Corvallis Agricultural college.

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J. G. Edwards and J. P. Van Houten were in the city yesterday on business connected with the recent sale of the Baldwin Sheep and Land companies property at Hay Creek.

Rehearsals for the comedy drama, the Arabian Nights, which will be given in Athletic hall two nights beginning with next Friday night, are being conducted every evening and the production will be one of the best of the season.

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