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The way to build up Oregon City is to give Oregon City people your patronage.

TREASURER HOLDING BACK MONEY.

Our populist friends seem strangely averse to practicing what they preach. Prior to their coming into office they never missed an opportunity to protest at the least infraction of the laws by republican officials, but now that they are in office the most flagrant violations are overlooked by both populist officials and press without one word of protest from these noble patriots. County Treasurer Shade has recently openly neglected to properly fulfill the duties of his office in not making a call for the redemption of warrants as required by law. Some ten weeks ago the Portland General Electric Company paid in taxes to the amount of nearly \$10,000 and this money with that of other taxes that have been paid in still lies in his safe with no indication on his part that he intends to apply it to the reduction of the county's indebtedness, and he is thus causing the taxpayers of Clackamas county to lose each day more in interest that could be stopped, if he would attend to his duty, than his salary amounts to.

The law is very specific on this point and makes it incumbent upon the treasurer whenever he has money to the amount of \$1,500 that he shall advertise at once and call in warrants to do so he lays himself liable to a fine of not less than \$500. If a republican treasurer had held back the county's money in his possession as this populist official is doing, a big howl would have gone up from every populist in the county, and he would have been accused of robbing the taxpayers by speculating with their money.

Under the present system of examination for teachers a very great hardship and serious injustice is imposed upon teachers in the primary departments who have to come before the board for a renewal of their certificates. As it is these teachers have to pass an examination in half a dozen of the higher branches which are of no possible use, or benefit in the primary rooms and never having occasion to teach these branches it is a physical impossibility for them to keep them fresh in their minds. Especially is the examination in these branches made trying on them when their system of teaching and course of preparation is so very much different from that of the teachers who have charge of the grades to which these questions pertain. As it is there is very little of the present examination questions that pertain to the work in the primary grades, and a certificate does not show whether the holder is competent to teach in the lower grades, or not. The law should be amended so as to allow of special certificates to primary teachers, for under the present method many very capable persons are oftentimes debarred from teaching by reason of the difficulty of keeping up one course of study for examination and another for teaching.

With the biggest wheat crop ever harvested in Oregon, and with the crop of oats, hay, fruit, hops and potatoes up to the best average yield ever had in the state, together with a steady rise in the price of these products, is going to make the farmers the coming moneyed men and plutocrats of this state. It will be next in order for the populists to give the banks and factory owners a rest and turn their batteries of abuse on the farmers as the rich and arrogant capitalists and money lenders of the country.

My ME! When a populist attempts to economize doesn't he make a bungle of it, especially if he is holding down an office, the salary of which is paid in fees. Just look at our worthy populist coroner, he whose dissertations upon economy were listened to with such rapt attention by the voters of this county who took part in the movement for "economy" at our last county election, in his efforts at economy. Last Friday this economizer, by proxy, went to Oswego to hold an inquest upon a man and boy who had been drowned in the Willamette, while in swimming, and took from this city a lawyer, a doctor, and a stenographer to help hold the job down. At Oswego he called to his aid six good and wise men to assist him in his investigation and with the aid of seven witnesses he

learned that it was just a plain case of accidental drowning, which to officially find out cost the taxpayers of Clackamas county fees for seventeen persons. But then our people wanted economy and if they are not suited with the kind they are getting, they might consult the pre-election pledges of our populist office holders.

The Oregon supreme court gave a decision Monday in the mandamus suits brought against Secretary of State Kincaid to compel that official to audit all accounts against the state that are provided for by law. Now that the running expenses of the state are to be paid there is no particular need for a special session of the legislature for if the secretary of state can pay all bills and as we have more laws now than our officers can enforce, our populist patriots can take a long rest before they will again be called upon to exert themselves in jumping over the bar of the house to prevent a session of the legislature.

SPIRIT OF THE PRESS.

One of the best compliments to the work of the Chautauqua movement that has come under the observation of the editor of the ENTERPRISE, is the following taken from the Midland Monthly, published at Des Moines, and which is one of the brightest magazines in the United States: "The Chautauqua" long since outgrew the point of land on Chautauqua lake which gave it its name. It has become an institution. It is the shrewdest device for combining pleasure with profit, rest and recreation with instruction, that was ever thought out and worked. The men and women who have developed the Chautauqua idea from that first inspiration of Bishop Vincent and Doctor Flood, are, along with these worthies, public benefactors the full measure of whose public service cannot now be taken without raising suspicion of exaggeration. The Chautauqua idea finds its most hospitable home among that great aggregation of thinking, reading, hard-working, pleasure-loving people now designated as the "Middle-West. It admirably fits the bent of their minds. With no money to burn or throw away, with a desire to know and enjoy, and with an ambition to grow intellectually and morally as the community life has grown in population and material resources, the masses of this inland people are wasting no time sighing over the remoteness of Europe and the East; they are sensibly planning from year to year for summer vacations at home, for these summer outings for the mind and soul.

No more inspiring and encouraging sight greets the eye in summer time than these Chautauqua assemblies, thousands of people gathering in "God's first temples," alternating "from toil to rest" and finding joy in every change. The Chautauqua movement has developed once more the good old taste for lectures, and the large number of local Chautauquas and the liberal patronage accorded them together enables thousands to enjoy the many moving minds of the time, and under circumstances favorable to the development of the best there is in such minds. The healthful stimulus of a Chautauqua outing is felt and seen throughout the remaining fifty weeks of the year. Under the influence of the Chautauqua assemblies in summer and ethical club work the rest of the year, the Middle West is rapidly and grandly supplementing its marvelous achievements in the material world.

The Eugene Guard does not believe in taxing honest men to support the state convicts in idleness as the following shows: The imprisonment of men in the Oregon state penitentiary without employment is inhuman and uncalled for. Some employment that would not compete with free labor should be provided. Some states use their convicts in making roads, the better class of the unfortunates in the Oregon prison could probably be distributed among adjacent counties and perform profitable work on public roads. The next legislature should devise some means of employment for this unfortunate class.

The McMinnville Reporter pays its compliments to the populist-democratic union party of Yamhill county in the following terse language:

The union party in Yamhill county is one of those unfortunate creatures deprived of parental affection or pride. Both democrats and populists blush every time they think of the record it has made—the part it took in the legislative hold-up last winter, its failure to redeem its promises of economical administration, the violation of its pledges in regard to deputy hire, and worst of all the "county seat ring" that has taken charge of its affairs. What better could be expected of a mongrel posterity though?

While mining in Alaska is carried on under many difficulties owing to the terrific cold of the long winters, yet this excessive low temperature is not such an inconvenience to the miners as one would suppose, as the following from the Victoria Colonist indicates:

There is a little point about winter mining in Alaska that has not been mentioned. Owing to the fact that smaller streams freeze solidly, it is possible to mine in the bed of the stream simply by lifting out the frozen stream and piling it up on the bank. When spring comes the stream that came down in the previous fall thaws out and can be used for sluicing. It is proverbial that a mill cannot grind with water that has passed, but when it comes to lifting up a river and putting it on the bank so as to have it handy to use in the following spring, you have pretty nearly knocked the old proverb out.

Wasco County from being a land of bunch grass, stock ranges and wheat fields has now come to be a great fruit growing district as the following from The Dalles Times-Mauntainer proves: Wasco county's fruit crop this year will probably be the largest ever harvested, and will bring a considerable amount of money into the county. The shipments of green fruits such as plums, prunes and peaches will amount to over 50 cars, the American Fruit Growers' Union having made contracts to handle 30 cars, and some 30 cars will be shipped direct by growers. Besides this there will be a large shipment of winter apples, and a considerable amount of prunes and peaches will be dried.

Drowned in the Willamette.

Word was brought to Oregon City Thursday evening that two persons had been drowned in the Willamette river near Oswego. Coroner Godfrey at once repaired to the scene, taking with him, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Dimick, Stenographer Loder and Dr. Powell. A jury consisting of C. U. Haines, A. S. Clinefelter, Thomas Fox, J. O'Brien, Matt Wolff and Wilfred Platt was empaneled and seven witnesses examined, resulting in a verdict of accidental drowning. As near as could be learned the accident happened as follows: Peter Youker, a 12-year-old lad who was just learning to swim, went into the Willamette river near the mouth of Tryon Creek, had gone about 25 feet from the shore when he became frightened, called for help and sank, Cornelius DeBauw, a man about 40 years of age, was sitting on the bank, having just come up to the river in a skiff, and when he saw the boy's life was in danger went at once to his assistance, without waiting to divest himself of his clothing. He had just reached deep water when he suddenly sank and was seen no more until his lifeless body was recovered a few hours later. The drowning was witnessed by several parties who proceeded to drag the river for the bodies. DeBauw's was recovered at 5:30 p. m. and Youker's at 6:30. The accident occurred about 3 o'clock.

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