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MORE MISREPRESENTATION.

Persistent mis-statement of facts is no argument. It weakens rather than strengthens a contention. Of this the Courier editor will be thoroughly convinced before the campaign closes with the election in June. Last week the Colonel stated editorially that Sheriff Shaver and Assessor Nelson would be kept busy for several months to come explaining why it was that by more than doubling the assessment roll of the county the tax levy was not cut in two as these officers had promised. The Courier alleged that the assessable values of the county were doubled "with a million to spare" and the tax levy was not cut in two. In both allegations he is mistaken. In the first place, the assessment roll in the aggregate of values is not quite double that of a year ago and in the second place the tax levy for county purposes was reduced by fifty per cent as the Republican candidates, during the campaign two years ago, promised would be done. Reference to the records shows that the tax levy, so far as the county court had any power, was cut exactly in twain. In January 1903, the county court levied a tax of 12 mills for county purposes and a road tax of 9 mills. This year these levies were reduced to 6 mills and 4 1/2 mills, respectively. These are the only levies over which the county court has jurisdiction. The amount of money to be raised by Clackamas county for state and school purposes is fixed by law and a levy sufficient to raise the required amount must be made by the county court. Hence the Courier's argument falls flat again. While it is true the amount of taxes that each individual will be obliged to pay this year will be slightly more than a year ago, the cause for this increased assessment is beyond the power of the county court to remedy. For instance the state legislature at its last regular and the special session made extraordinary appropriations aggregating \$865,000 and it is in order to raise these amounts that the state tax this year is unusually large. This large amount was made up of the following items: Dalles Portage Railroad, \$265,000; Lewis & Clark Fair, \$500,000; and Indian War Veterans, \$100,000. Another advantage will follow the levy that has been made in this county and that is in many cases the levying of special school taxes will not be necessary and where such a levy does have to be made, it will be materially reduced from that of a year ago. For instance, last year Oregon City school district levied a tax of 7 1/2 mills for school purposes but this year under the law that requires the raising by the county of a fund equal to \$6 per capita for each person of school age, a sufficient amount will be raised by direct tax so that the district was obliged to levy a special tax of only 2 mills.

The Courier editor should abide by the spirit of fairness that he has professed to govern his criticism of the administration of county affairs.

SOME PERTINENT FACTS.

Our friend, the Courier, seems to think that the sheriff will have his hands full explaining to taxpayers why the taxes are higher this year than usual, it being understood that when the assessment was doubled the tax levy would be cut in twain. Is it not a fact, well known to our readers, that the entire press of the state urged the passage of the bill appropriating \$500,000 for the Lewis and Clark fair? Is it not also a fact that the Courier approved the fair appropriation? Is there a reader of the Enterprise in this county who does not know that a law was passed requiring the county court of each county to make a levy sufficiently large to raise the county school fund to \$6 per capita for each child of school age in the county?

In the face of these facts, what are we to expect? The county court has kept every pledge it made to the people and the county affairs have been conducted for considerably less money for 1903 than has any other valley county that has so far reported. The aggregate of the expenditures of Clackamas county last year were only \$37,000 as against \$47,000 for the year before.

The county court also did just as it agreed to in regard to the tax levy; but if we are to have a fair we must expect to pay for it, and if the funds of the school districts are to be more than doubled, the taxpayer must expect to pay for it also. But we expect papers, such as the Courier has proven itself to be, to be opposed to such things. The Democrats never did stand for progression. Just now they are opposed to the building of the Panama canal. They are op-

posed to the building up of the public schools of the country. Oregon is yet in its infancy, and it is for the interests of every one to lend assistance to its up-building. Even congress considers the Lewis and Clark fair of sufficient importance to lend assistance in the way of a liberal appropriation. God helps them who help themselves; and if we are not willing to help ourselves, can we expect others to assist?

We are living in a progressive age, and with the almost limitless resources of Clackamas county she will soon rank as second only in wealth and rank to her sister, Multnomah. The Republicans have always stood and now stand as the progressive party of the country. It may seem a little hard to go down in our pockets and contribute to the fair and to double the funds of our county schools, but is not money thus spent expended in a worthy cause, that will in the end bring results fully justifying the expenditure?

The world moves, and Clackamas county intends to keep up with the procession, notwithstanding the prating of the Courier and the untried in their efforts to retard the growth, progress and development of the county and its resourceful industries.

THE BROWNLOW BILL.

There is now pending in congress a bill introduced by the Hon. Walter P. Brownlow, of Tennessee, and the Hon. Jacob H. Gallinger, senator from New Hampshire, appropriating \$24,000,000 as national aid for the building of wagon roads. This sum is to be distributed to each state according to its population, except that no state is to receive less than \$250,000. The states or counties receiving this money must add a like amount, so that \$48,000,000 will be expended in the building of wagon roads.

Colonel Brownlow says that we have over 200,000 miles of the finest railway in the world—more miles of railway than all the rest of the globe put together—yet we have the poorest wagon roads of any civilized country. He believes that no one thing will do this country so much good as the building of wagon roads, as provided for in this bill. As these are to be built in every state in the Union, they will be especially valuable as an object lesson. Experience has shown that wherever good roads exist every one wants more of them.

To Oregon the passage of this bill would mean \$500,000 to be expended for highways. Some of the millions spent on rivers and harbors might well be used on interior improvement. The farmers who are building homes and developing the rugged coast counties of Oregon—such as Lincoln—are entitled to and will appreciate national assistance in constructing substantial highways which will connect them with trading points and give them better markets for their products. No sensible person can oppose the bill, unless it be some selfish individual, whose interests are all bounded by paved streets.

The interests of Clackamas county would be greatly served by the passage and operation of this measure. There is imperative need for more or less road building in this county now, and with the government aid that is contemplated these needed improvements could be made. Limited resources have necessitated a suspension in extensive road building here, with the result that many of the highways are now in need of repairs. With the wonderful growth that Clackamas county is experiencing, additional roads must be established, and the roads now in use will have to be kept in repair. Oregon's representatives in congress can make no mistake in supporting the bill.

For the thoroughness of its equipment and the high character of the work—physical, educational and spiritual—that is being conducted, the Oregon City Young Men's Christian Association is a credit to the city. The effort to maintain in this city such an institution is commendable and should be liberally supported. The gymnasium and game rooms are well supplied with apparatus and attractions and afford a splendid resort for the young men of the city. Rare advantages for acquiring an education are found in connection with the educational work that is being carried on in connection with the association work. There is also a large reading room, well supplied with papers, magazines and other publications, while the religious side of the association work finds expression in the organization of several Bible classes. The privileges here offered are being quite largely taken advantage of by the young men of the city.

EDITOR WISDOM, of the Rural Spirit, last week issued one of the most attractive publications that has reached our desk. The cover page was printed in colors with an appropriate border of Oregon Grape. There was included in the number a complete and illustrated report of the proceedings of the recent National Livestock Association meeting that was held in Portland. The publication is a credit to this important industry and also to the enterprise that was responsible for its appearance.

THE name of S. L. Kline, of Corvallis, has been mentioned as an aspirant for appointment as one of the United States Commissioners for the Lewis & Clark Fair Appropriation. Mr. Kline is one of the prominent business men of Corvallis and has for a number of years been an active worker in advancing the interests of Benton county and the Willamette Valley. The appointment of Mr. Kline as one of the commissioners from this state would give general satisfaction.

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SHOULD JOIN LEAGUE.

Charlie Kelly last week received a letter asking a representative from this city to meet at Albany at a meeting of the Willamette Valley Baseball League where steps will be taken to organize if possible a six-club circuit of representative Oregon cities. Oregon City is invited to join, and it is hoped by local baseball men that enough enthusiasm can be aroused here to warrant the formation of a club here, which will thereby make this city one of the places where games will be played during the coming summer.

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RETURNED TO MISSOURI.—Sheriff John T. Bay, of Shannon county, Missouri, arrived in the city last Tuesday night and departed two days later with Elijah Pyles who is wanted in the state of Missouri for the crime of attempted criminal assault. Pyles was arrested about two weeks ago by Officer Shaw at a wood camp near Clackamas. Sheriff Shannon was in Salem Wednesday where he obtained the necessary requisition papers for Pyle's return to Missouri.

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