

The question has been talked of many times in this county and we have heard it discussed lately, as to the propriety of levying a small tax annually and hold the same in reserve and increase it year by year for the purpose some time in the future of building a new court house for the county with it. It is certain that some time not many years hence Benton county will be compelled to have a new court house. In view of that fact it is claimed on the one side that it will be easier on the tax payers to pay a small tax of say from a half mill to a mill on the dollar each year and buy state bonds or something of the kind with the money and let the accumulated money be drawing interest each year until the time to use it. On the other side it is claimed that it will be better to wait until the time arrives when it is necessary to build a court house and raise the tax for the purpose thereafter. This question is one of much importance and much merit can be said on either side of it. In view of this fact we would like to hear from parties all over the county on this subject and will be glad to publish communications on the subject discussing both sides of the question.

In our last issue we suggested the propriety of uniting our two school districts in Corvallis making one district of the two, and then build a suitable building for making the district school a graded one. We believe this move would certainly be beneficial to the school interests of this place and county, and will have a tendency to attract many more people here for purposes of education. We would then not only have one of the best colleges in the State here, but we could also have a good graded school and by increasing the facilities for education here, in this way it would certainly be a great benefit to the college as well as to the district school. The more you increase the facilities for education in a place the more persons you can attract from a distance to the place seeking to benefit their families by such facilities. The best way to build up a town giving to it a permanent and healthy growth is to increase its facilities for education and for manufacturing. We have often announced that the columns of the GAZETTE are open for a proper discussion of all subjects of public interest, no matter whether that discussion in a measure comes opposed to our views. A public journal seeking for the truth and to arrive at a proper understanding of matters of public interest, whether it be upon political questions, school matters or something of a different nature, should always be ready to publish a fair discussion of such questions although it may be directly adverse to its views. This question of schools being one of great importance to everyone, I would be pleased to publish the views of others on both sides if there be any difference of opinion on the subject.

SEWERAGE.
The city of Corvallis once dug a sewer at an immense cost and it has always been troublesome and not what it ought to have been. They are now about to start upon another one and the great trouble with our city council has been to start upon such improvements without proper investigation beforehand as to what is the best manner to proceed. It would seem that in a matter of this kind the city council should become thoroughly posted on the manner and style of sewerage of older towns. For instance Portland, San Francisco and many other large cities have had experience in matters of this kind, if our city was in possession of the necessary information so as to benefit by their experience it would be of much value to our city and would prevent us from the expensive and mortifying routine by learning these things by actual experience in our own town. From the Omaha Herald we read that the city of Omaha has laid some eight miles of sewerage for \$17000 which has been in use a long time and found to be very successful. Some of it has been laid from 17 to 18 feet under ground. It is said to have been used in other cities with much favor. It is called the Wane System of Sewerage and the plan is as follows: It is done with

learn is published in a little pamphlet at a nominal cost which our council can get by sending for it. If the council did not want to use the plan they could certainly get some ideas from the book which might be of much value to our tax payers. Systems of sewerage of other towns should be sent for and all information possible on the subject should be procured.

THE LEPROUS CHINESE—"GOOD COOKE"—"HEAP WASHE"
From the daily Standard we learn that a Chinaman badly afflicted with leprosy was found walking around the streets of Portland a few mornings ago and that he was immediately taken out to the farm hospital, which makes altogether five Chinamen lepers at that hospital now. Thus it can be seen how near this dreaded disease is to our friends. These persons who employ Chinamen in their kitchens may wake up any morning and find that the seeds of this most dreaded disease which never can be eradicated has been sown in their own family. And still they can not live without patronizing their pet celestial so far as to get him to "washy" and "cooky" for them. "Oh yes! he is so good; better than any girl or woman they ever had to help them." "That Chinaman goes to Sunday school and is becoming christianized." "You sabbe?" But he never discards his "pig tail" or becomes so far christianized but that if you hunt him up when at home you will find him inhabiting a place more filthy and offensive than forty thousand old stinking hog pens; a place so dirty that it would give a hog the skurvy to live there; and that favorite Chinaman is the "nicest fellow" the "bon tons" ever saw to cook their grub and bring it on to the table for them and spit in the cooking vessels and dishes and blow his nose on them while he is preparing the meal. "Heap good!" "China grub."

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In another column we publish a short comment from the New York Tribune in which it is said that "The liquor interest is rapidly gaining a controlling influence in the democratic party in all the great states of the West." That in Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Iowa and Minnesota the whiskey element has the democracy completely under their thumb. In fact the national democracy have been looking towards the public crib with that longing hungry wistful look for such a long time that they are now willing to embrace the advocacies of low license and free whisky and also the polygamous Mormon in order if possible to gain a standing place in comfortable proximity to the long coveted public crib. That kind of fellowship certainly exists in Oregon according to the democratic papers. Even the mouthpiece of the democratic party of Benton county in the issue of April 27th in severe terms in a leading editorial denounced our city council for raising the liquor license from \$200 to \$400 in Corvallis, showing in unmistakable language that the organ of the democratic party of Benton county was in favor of low license and bitterly opposed to high license. A high liquor license and high bonds of a penal nature wherever it has been tried has proven beyond question that it had the effect to hold in check and lessen the damage done by the traffic in intoxicating drinks, and yet in the face of all this experience the Leader, that close adherent of the democracy of Benton county, in the matter of liquor license condemns the action of the city council and thus declares itself against the best interests of the mass of the people and becomes the special organ of the liquor business, in order to cater to the influence of the liquor traffic. Our city council it seems don't repeal the law but they move right forward on the line of their duty just the same as if the democratic organ of this county had not spoken to them.

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"The liquor interest is rapidly gaining a controlling influence in the democratic party in all the great states of the west. It has the Ohio democracy completely under its thumb and no man hostile to it can be nominated on the party's ticket this year. In Indiana a similar situation exists. The subservency of the Illinois democracy to whisky has been strikingly shown by the defeat of the license law during the present session of the legislature. The brewers and saloonists have also determined, it is said, to force the nomination of Carter Harrison upon the party as its next candidate for gov-

ernor. In Michigan, Iowa and Minnesota, the democratic leaders are coquetting with the rum-sellers, and stand ready to do their bidding for the votes they claim to be able to bring to the party. In all the states, therefore, the republicans must be prepared to see the liquor league combine with the democracy and become a potent factor in politics." This seems to be in accordance with the expression of the democratic organ of Benton county.

ANOTHER TEMPERANCE LECTURE.
Drunken Cowards Assassinate Shoot Towards Three Ladies Passing the Street, and Afterwards Shoot at the City Marshal.
It has been claimed for generations that money was the root of all evil, but the nature of things has changed so remarkably that this old saying is no longer applicable to the present order of things. Under the existing state of affairs it is becoming a well established fact that drunkenness and intemperance is the root of all evil because men perpetrate cowardly misdeeds which there is no excuse or occasion for them to do when drunk, that no one would do at any other time.
We are compelled to chronicle another affray wherein hanging would not be too severe for the demons who perpetrated it. On last Sunday evening Mrs. Vincent had been to the residence of Judge Chenoweth to make a friendly call and about ten o'clock she started home, when Miss Lizzie Chenoweth and her sister Mrs. Mary McFadden started to accompany her part way. The moon was shining bright and when they had proceeded as far as the vacant lots between Col. Hogg's residence and Dr. Lee's residence on Third street, two demons in the form of men, mounted on light gray horses, rode into Third street just ahead of them from towards the river, hollering and running their horses like wild indians on the war path, when they espied the three ladies named walking quietly along the side walk, they immediately turned their horses and rode rapidly in direction of the ladies. The front horseman drew a revolver and commenced firing towards the ladies. As soon as the first shot was fired the ladies began to run but the cowardly assassins continued riding towards them and firing upon them. After the second shot the ladies had succeeded in reaching the residence of Dr. Lee, where they threw the gate open and dropped down behind the fence, when the horsemen turned and rode towards Mary's river bridge. One of the shots came so close to the ladies that they heard the bullet whistle plainly as it went by them. Marshall Pygall and Wm. Campbell were up at the Mary's river bridge and heard the shots and yelling, when they started as rapidly as they could go in the direction of the disturbance. They had run down as far as Mrs. Wright's residence when they met the outlaws coming at full speed. Marshall Pygall yelled for them to stop and they fired two shots at him, one of these shots going so close to Pygall and Campbell that they heard a very disagreeable tingling in the ears as the ball passed.
Every good citizen, above all things, desires to live in a quiet, peaceable community. Although we have strict laws forbidding the sale of liquors and making men drunk on Sunday, yet there is hardly a Sunday passes by but what the places where liquors are sold are kept open on that day and men madly crazy drunk with the liquor supplied them in these places, so that drunken men can be found in our town nearly every Sunday. If things have come to that pass, that the ladies of our town can not safely visit from neighbor to neighbor without being rode upon, assailed and shot at by a lot of drunken horsemen, it is time that the peaceable citizens of our town should build a good substantial scaffold in the most convenient part of town so that it can be used for every day work. We do not believe in doing anything rashly, but men whether drunk or not, whose natures are so devoted to crime as to perpetrate such a cowardly act as to ride their horses on to ladies passing the street and to shoot at them, should have both barrels of a double barreled shot gun turned loose upon them, or else be hung upon the first limb, and men who sell liquor on Sundays and in violation of law, so as to make men drunk and in condition to perpetrate all kinds of crime upon the innocent, should be punished to the full extent of the law, and the officers of our city if they do not go to work with a will and determination, forget out and bring to punishment these dens where the law is continually violated, will fail to do their duty and should be impeached and some-

body put in their stead who will do it. Men who sell liquor not in violation of law have a right so long as our state laws permit it and have only their own conscience to deal with in the matter. But those who sell in violation of law should be punished like any other criminal and should be made to know that it is odious to be law breakers.
THE UTILITY OF WOOLEN MILLS.
The following we clip from the editorial columns of the Oregonian of a recent date. As it illustrates what the Oregon City woolen mills have done for Oregon City, we want the people of Corvallis and vicinity to think of what a woolen mill would do for Corvallis if we had one:
"The woolen mills at Oregon City furnish an excellent example of the advantages of home manufacture. They employ about 150 laborers all the year round, and their profits have enriched two or three firms. One hundred of their workmen have been whites, who have, by their labor, gained support and comfortable homes. Their goods have won a place in the markets, and their trade mark ranks with the best. The owners buy and use a million or more pounds of Oregon wool per year and clothe ten to twenty thousand people. The money is kept and spent among ourselves. The monthly wages paid of \$2,000 or more furnish a circulating medium of ten times that sum in the course of trade and exchange. The loss of that one mill by fire and the stop of six months to rebuild was a public calamity. Had it not been rebuilt the town of Oregon City would have lost half its value."
Who will be the first person in Corvallis to take hold of this question for the purpose of ascertaining whether a company can be formed at Corvallis for the purpose of building a woolen mill? Don't every body take hold of it at once. In order to get the opinion of others, we invite correspondence from all parts of the county upon this subject. It will not cost you anything to write upon the subject as we will publish them freely.
We have among the best schools in the State at Corvallis, established here by the generosity of the State. Why can not we go to work now and do something ourselves for the benefit of the town and county? Wake up! Don't go to sleep, but be up and doing for time is passing and we are all growing old and unless we go to work with eternal vigilance at these things many of us will be gray headed and compelled to pass on to another sphere before what ought to, will be accomplished. Let us hear from everybody.

THE INCREASING SWARM OF POLYGAMISTS.
Hawaiian Mormons.
A recent dispatch again attests the increase of polygamous Mormonism and flocking in of them from all parts of the globe to Utah as into a beehive. Among the steerage passengers on the steamer City of New York from Honolulu, was a band of Mormons, 48 in number, including children and en route to "Utah, far away." The converts are the fruits of the proselyting members of the Utah missionaries, Elders, Wm. Burnett and Jno. S. Ferris, who have been engaged for the past two years in raking New Zealand, the Hawaiian Islands, for recruits to their polygamous fold. The recent gentiles are British subjects and Kanakas. A majority of them are unmarried and unusually well provided with olive branches and who will be taught to sport in prolific groves of rank concubinage.

NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST.
Seatoe penitentiary W. T., has 172 inmates.
New Tacoma, W. T., claims a population of 3,500.
Diphtheria has made its appearance in Walla Walla.
Captain Tichnor is building a large wharf at Fort Orford.
The Oregon State Grange met at Salem on the 22nd inst.
Measles are quite prevalent in portions of Wasco county.
The city of Lafayette is building a hook and ladder house.
J. Wrinkle, a fisherman, was drowned at Peacock Spit last Tuesday.
Walla Walla will observe memorial day with appropriate services.
There were 2,500 head of young cattle driven through Union last week.
The steamer Onco has arrived at Coquille with an outfit for a fish cannery.
The city of Walla Walla will appeal the opinion case to the supreme court.
Grasshoppers are getting to be numerous on Fifteen Mile creek, in Wasco county.
Fifty dollars per head are being refused for beef cattle, in Grant county, Oregon.
The citizens of Albany have organized a woolen mill company, with a capital of \$50,000.
They have abandoned house in Albany.
The ghost is a woman and appears in the day time.
The fruit crop of Grant county promises to be good, except peaches, as nearly all the trees were winter killed.
Miss Maggie Fox, who lives near Coquille and killed a rattlesnake out of a tree a few days since. Good for you, Miss Maggie.

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