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WE MUST HAVE IT.

For ten years Eastern Oregon has waited anxiously for the completion of the Oregon Pacific; she is still waiting and may be compelled to wait on and on for ten years or perhaps twenty years longer. The road has been repeatedly offered for sale since it went into the hands of a receiver three years ago and the near future gives little promise of a change whereby present conditions will be improved. Citizens of the Inland Empire have looked to the Oregon Pacific for relief from long hauls and excessive freight rates until they are about to despair of success. Numerous theories have been advanced to speed the consummation of a feasible plan that would afford the relief so earnestly wished for by residents of the entire state, but so far they have proved futile. The GAZETTE, however, has a plan which can be matured by early spring. It is the best, most practical and cheapest plan yet proposed. It will afford Eastern Oregon an outlet for her products before another twelve-month has rolled around, if put into execution as soon as work can be begun in the spring.

Here is the plan: The Oregon Pacific track is laid to Boulder creek and the grade is completed to a point eight miles further east. From here a good wagon road can be built over the mountains for \$15,000. Perhaps the most feasible route would be by the way of the Minto trail. The distance from the end of track by this line to a wagon road on the east side of the mountains would be only fifteen miles, from which point Prinville is 60 miles distant. Besides this, there are two other ways of reaching the east side of the divide. From Boulder creek to Big Meadows it is 20 miles and a wagon road could be constructed over the distance with comparative ease, both in point of work and grade. From this point to Fish Lake, eight miles, a wagon road has been partially completed and could be finished with small expense. The distance to Prinville this way would be in the neighborhood of eighty miles. The other route would be to follow the Oregon Pacific survey from Big Meadows to the summit and from there across to Lost Lake on the Santiam road, leading to the Deschutes. By this line the distance from Big Meadows to Lost Lake is 17 miles, over eleven of which a good wagon road is already completed and was in use several years ago by the railroad company when they were grading the line this side of the summit.

Of the three routes mentioned, there seems to be little choice in the way of practicability or cost of construction, although it is generally supposed that less snow will be encountered by way of the Minto trail, as the distance in crossing the mountains this way is considerably shorter than by either of the other two lines. By constant travel and the use of sleds during the winter months the road could be kept open to traffic the entire year. From Prinville the distance to the end of track will be between 70 and 80 miles, or a saving over the present circuitous way of getting to market of at least 50 or 60 miles.

Before beginning work it will be necessary to have each of these routes surveyed, in order to determine upon the cheapest and most practical line. This expense and cost of constructing a road to the end of track will not exceed \$15,000, providing the eight miles of completed road immediately east of Boulder creek can be used. In case it will be impossible to secure the use of the railroad grade, a wagon road can be built the entire distance for \$20,000.

Lake, Klamath, Harney, Malheur, Grant and Crook counties on the east, and Linn, Lane, Marion, Benton and Lincoln counties on the west, are all interested in this matter and should use every honorable means to secure the completion of the road at an early date. As it will be a great benefit to the entire state, the cost of building it should be borne by the state. The Oregon Pacific will probably be offered for sale again about Dec. 1st. If it fails to sell and there is no immediate prospect for an extension of the road by the time the next legislature convenes, members of that body from the counties most interested should demand the appropriation of sufficient funds to construct a wagon road, as indicated above. The saving to the people of Eastern Oregon, and the immense advantage it will be to all sections of the state, will make it an excellent investment if only used one year, but it would be traveled always and be of lasting benefit.

A more meritorious measure than this was never brought up for consideration and no member of the next legislature can conscientiously oppose it; and even if its passage meets with sturdy opposition, there ought to be no trouble in securing the appropriation if members from the counties most interested will only stand firm and demand recognition of their rights.

REPUBLICANS are perfectly willing that the case of the new tariff shall go to the jury on democratic testimony alone. Mr. Cleveland and Congressman Bourke Cochran gave the most sensational testimony against it, copies of which the republican campaign committee are widely distributing.

ASTORIA'S INFANT FIREMEN.

For vivid imagination and jaunty perversion of facts, the Astoria Herald is entitled to take the place of Baron Munchausen, who was known to be such a liar, that an accidental utterance of the truth was sure to result in a spell of sickness. It devotes a half column of small type to a heedless, vacant sort of vaporing, denouncing the decisions of the judges, and the character and actions of our hose team at Oregon City. The article compels the citing of statements petty in themselves, but convincingly apt in their significance. There is an irritating and disgusting element in the riot of abuse that breaks out against our boys, when there is not a semblance of an excuse for it. Still, there is something grotesquely humorous about the manner in which this sheet juggles with truth.

Astoria's team, says the Herald, "was selected from among the younger members of the department." Oh, yes, they were young! So young, in fact, that each one was accompanied by a nurse. That they had their milk with them, too, is evidenced by the fact that the Herald says, "the judges were a set of damn fools who did not know the difference between the baby's nursing bottle and a length of hose." The Herald gets so wrathful, that it comes right out flat-footed and says damn; just like that.

These young members became sulky, because the judges would not allow them to practice their infant tricks, and left with their nurses for home, accompanied by three blind men and a boy that had fits. In accordance with its other misstatements the Herald says, "this practicalist ended the tournament, and no interest was taken in the New York race." It also states that the Astoria team made the hub and hub race in 24 seconds, when our boys won the race from them in 24.15 seconds; and that Astoria made the wet test in 47%, when the judges decided it to be 48.2-5.

This journalistic acrobat makes the non-tensational statement, that "the judges refused to give the Astoria team any time, because they put a kink in their hose while the water was going through." Isn't that excruciating? A just protest was entered and allowed, because the Astorians only had the nozzle screwed on a half turn when the water passed through, and the rules require that there shall be at least three.

Another specialty is introduced by the assertion that "the Corvallis team was made up of professionals." Our team was composed of members of the Corvallis fire department, which is fortunate enough to possess the speediest team in the West. It is noticeable that every city excels in some particular thing. In this case, Corvallis is noted for its fast men, while Astoria is no less notorious for its fast women.

Because they failed to defeat the "Hayseeds," as the Astorians called our boys before the race, these Astoria kindergartens have taken their dolls and dishes, and withdrawn from the Firemen's Association, and declare that they will never, attend another firemen's tournament. So there, now!

No one accompanied our team from this city to Oregon City, as the Herald insinuates, but the fellows organized a team quietly, paid their own expenses, and went to the tournament without half of our citizens knowing anything about it. They were not in practice, and tried the New York race for the first time at Oregon City. That they were all gentlemen, and conducted themselves as such, we will leave to the verdict of the Oregon City people. They need no vindication for their actions.

As for the windy bluff of the Herald to run our team for \$2,000, the GAZETTE will say that our boys will present them each with a copy of "Mother Goose's Nursery Rhymes," and a year's tuition to a kindergarten, if they will consent to venture away from home without their parents. If there are any solid, substantial men in Astoria, who think the team they had at Oregon City is faster than our team, and wish to back their judgment with cash, Corvallis is willing and ready to accept all such bets.

INDICATIONS are favorable for an increased immigration to the Pacific coast in the near future, caused by the general condition of unrest and dissatisfaction that prevails among the residents of the middle west. There are two sections particularly inviting to these people—one is the south and the other is the Pacific coast. Already the southerners are holding out extraordinary inducements for them to locate in that section of the country. The Atlanta industrial exposition, which is about to open with the aid of a federal appropriation, is to be zealously boomed in the interest of immigration. Knowing that the south is to be our competitor in this matter, the Pacific states should unite in presenting the advantages of this section. The occasion justifies an extraordinary effort on the part of Oregonians to attract this immigration. We have inducements here not found elsewhere. The people of the middle west have been suffering from drought and they want to get to a country where they have rain and plenty of it. Oregon is just such a place and it is our business to acquaint them with this intelligence. By going at the matter skillfully and systematically we can attract at least four hundred thousand people to our state within the next few years. This work will not be done by outsiders. We must be alive to our own interests. We must advertise judiciously and push our claim with redoubled energy. Our climate, soil and natural advantages are unsurpassed, but the world don't know it. It is our plain duty to enlighten them.

BUSINESS has been helped considerably by the adjournment of the democratic congress.

SUGAR is going up, but there are no reports of a rise in the price of labor.

Teachers' Column.

Edited by - - - - - R. F. HOLM.
All communications intended for this department should be handed to the editor on Monday morning.

Introductory.
It is presumed that for the appearance of a column devoted to the interests of the schools of this county, no apology is necessary. It is not intended that this column shall assume the dignity of a school journal; but, in order that those who have a common interest in the better education of our boys and girls, may enjoy a common means of communication, it was thought advisable to solicit the use of this column, which has been cheerfully placed at the service of Benton county's schools. The patron who is unselfishly interested in better schools, and in the improvement of our school system, is requested to make use of this column in the expression of his views; the school officer who desires to suggest better means of securing the one great end of our common schools, will find this column a valuable medium of converse with his fellow officers; and the teacher who finds the presentation of a subject to his pupils to be a difficult task, or if any one thinks himself to be in possession of a better method of teaching some particular subject than is usually employed by the ordinary teacher, it is earnestly hoped that he will express his wants or make known his successes in this column.

The Outlook.
The outlook for substantial work in the schools of Benton county should be a source of satisfaction to those who have children to be enrolled. Many of our teachers have been in attendance at our own or some of our neighboring institutes and will enter their schoolrooms full of enthusiasm. An interest in the science of teaching was manifested in the recent normal institute that bodes well for the general tone of the work to be done this year. It is contemplated that a complete course of study will be placed in the hands of the teachers of ungraded schools about Jan. 1st, 1895, with which it is hoped that each teacher will make himself familiar. By this means we can have united and simultaneous action on the part of teachers and pupils throughout the county, which will greatly increase the efficiency of teachers' meetings, educational meetings and pupils' examinations. Pupils will then have some definite object before them to be attained, which will doubtless dispense with many school-room difficulties that are the result of the aimless and indefinite ideals now before both teacher and pupil.

Plagiarism.
It is hoped that when a teacher may utilize this column for the announcement of reminiscences, that too much fiction may not be indulged in, no matter how much the effect might thereby be embellished. When your experience is related, whether it be the acknowledgment of a fault or the proclamation of a success, let not the "picture be overdrawn." It is a lamentable fact that in the average institute or school journal, too many teachers make the mistake of relating their inexperience, rather than their less gaudy experience, and as a result, the discussions are valueless, because based upon theoretical experience instead of finding its foundation on actual, unvarnished truth. The plain truth is the only thing in which a teacher of the young can afford to deal; and that teacher who says, "If I were called upon to take charge of a school in a community in which I were a comparative stranger, I should be in the district at least a week before the beginning of my school, making the acquaintance of the parents and cultivating the good will of the pupils, etc." should make sure that he is relating an actual fact and not stating an ideal which he has never experienced. I once heard a man, in a teachers' institute, make use of the above quotation, when to my positive knowledge of him and his teaching, it was utterly false; and no matter how many golden truths he might have uttered afterward, they would have had no impression with me because I had lost all confidence in his word. Other teachers were present who were as well aware of his false statement as I was, and no doubt they were as much disgusted as myself. Plagiarism, however, is not merely the purloining of another's words. He who steals only my words is not so great a thief as he who steals my thought. If you give expression to the thought of another, without having adopted and assimilated it for yourself, its potency with those whom you expect it to benefit, is weakened in the proportion of your deceit. Not only will this principle apply to teachers in institutes and in school journals, but in the school room, before the children whose minds are to develop and unfold under his guidance; the teacher should make his teaching consistent with his life. If he has not a high sense of morality woven into his character, "twere better for his school if he never spoke of morals. If your ethical standard is low you cannot hope to instill into your pupils a high sense of duty one toward another.

Teacher's Association.
The next meeting of the Benton County Teachers' Association will be held in the office of the county superintendent, beginning at 10 o'clock, Saturday, Oct. 20th. The Association will, in the meantime, make a study of White's School Management, pages 9 to 49, and Cathcart's Literary Reader to the Beginning of English Literature.

The session will open with a discussion of the topics in the above study embraced in questions that are already in the hands of teachers in order that they may be prepared upon them, followed by:
General discussion of the month's work.
Study of Literary Reader.
Methods in Percentage, by R. F. Holm.
Discussion of the above subject.
Query Box.
Business session.
Adjournment.

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THE WORK COMPLETED.

The Lincoln-Benton tax matter which has been agitating the minds of residents of both counties for the past fifteen months has at last been settled. The joint segregation committee, which has been wrestling with the tax rolls for the past month, completed their labors Wednesday afternoon and find that the new county is indebted to us in the small sum of \$60.22. And this insignificant little sum of \$60.22, has caused more talk, has prompted more newspaper comment, has inspired more hot and angry words, and caused more ill feeling, than anything that ever happened within the boundaries of the two counties. The result of the segregation committee's work is given in the below tabular statement:

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| Total net value of property on the roll furnished to Lincoln county by Benton county | \$671,597 |
| Less Benton county property contained in said roll, | 9,904 |
| | \$661,693 |
| Lincoln county property found by the committee on the Benton Co. roll and not on the above roll, on which the taxes are not paid, | \$58,612 |
| State tax 7 mills, | \$730,305.7 |
| is | \$5,042.13 |
| Amount collected by Benton county and belonging to Lincoln county, | \$2,982.35 |
| Deduct amount collected by Lincoln county and belonging to Benton county, | 75.55 |
| | \$2,906.80 |
| Deficit 7.22 for state tax paid by Benton county, | 924.89 |
| | \$1,981.91 |
| Cash paid to Benton county by Lincoln county on state tax, | \$3,000 |
| Balance due Benton Co., | \$60.22 |
| Total, | \$5,042.13 |

To this must be added all sums of the Lincoln county tax returned above that are found to have been paid in both counties, or paid twice, or in other words, Lincoln county makes the error good with the parties who have so paid twice.

NOTICE.
I have this day disposed of all my interests in the Corvallis Gazette to the Gazette Publishing Company, which will hereafter conduct the business, and all unexpired subscriptions. All accounts due for subscriptions, advertising and printing, up to the date of this notice, must be paid to me. Dated this 5th day of September, 1894.
FRANK CONOVER.

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OPEN LETTER TO THE PEOPLE.

THE GRAT TRIAL IS OVER!

The Verdict's in Your Favor Without Costs.--That's the Decision by Competent Judges. (Clothing Judges.)

Costs of cloth, cutting, trimming, and making play a small part in the prices of clothing this season, there never will be as good clothing sold for so little money as we are now offering the public; your own opinion will verify this statement when you see the goods. Wise folks will buy now. The conditions of trade favored us this time. Competition and uncertainty combined against the manufacturer. Prices are not what we make them, but were made by the unsettled state of the market.

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- Men's and Boys' Single Pants,
- Men's and Boys' Overshirts,
- Men's and Boys' Hats and Caps,
- Men's and Boys' Boots and Shoes,
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