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PROBABLE BIDDERS.

Prospects for a sale of the Oregon Pacific properties were never better than now. Already bidders are current to the effect that several buyers will be on hand at the coming sale in December.

Under the management of Receiver Clark the fact has been conclusively demonstrated that the traffic receipts will pay operating expenses, and keep the road in repair.

At the present time there are four or five trans-continental lines seeking a Pacific coast terminus. Of these, the Chicago & Northwestern, Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, Chicago, Burlington & Quincy and Union Pacific might be mentioned.

INOPERATIVE ADULTERY LAWS.

The adultery case tried last week in Lane county brought to public notice one of the hardest criminal combinations ever known of in the state.

It appears that the Oregon statute is framed upon that of Iowa, with the exception of the omission of the article "the" before "husband and wife"; and that, according to the interpretation of the law in said state, the charge of adultery must be preferred by the husband against his own wife, or the wife against her husband.

It is evident that the statute of Oregon relative to the crime of adultery is not sufficiently broad and explicit, for the reason that it leaves the punishment of the offense in the hands of the wife or husband of the culprit.

The punishment of the crime is dependent on the caprice of the husband or wife of the culprit, and the husband or wife of the injured party has no remedy or protection against the violator of the sanctity of the home.

When the crime of adultery is committed, two persons are equally guilty, and they should be indicted and tried jointly upon the information or complaint of either of the injured parties.

OBJECTIONS TO A CHANGE.

For the edification of the GAZETTE'S readers, who are unfamiliar with the workings of the American Book Company, and who may have become poisoned against it by reason of the recent sensational and libelous statements made against it, we have published elsewhere in this issue the Company's reply.

Six years ago, the several firms now constituting what is known as the American Book Company secured a contract for furnishing the state with school books at certain agreed prices.

Although the books in use during the past six years have given general satisfaction, there is just now a great hue and cry raised to the effect that the American Book Company's publications are no good, and that a sweeping change should be made.

This younger element of the republican party of Oregon is entitled to some recognition in the distribution of patronage, but with help in the senate, it will be needless for any but "old wheel horses" to apply.

THE SILENT MINES.

The silent mines like the silent mills will be an important factor in the next election, and will command the same attention. It is not possible to aid by protection one industry and destroy by the theory of free trade an equally important one.

Free trade is a theory and the fact is now presented to us as the result of that theory. The single gold standard is also a theory, and the fact is now being presented to us in the closed and silent mines, and the deplorable condition of all the interests dependent upon that industry, which includes, also, the farmer.

The friends of silver, and those who understand the question, know that free coinage means simply to give silver the same protection as our other industries. He knows that both are identical and necessary to national prosperity; and that parity of gold and silver means, not the debasing of one for the benefit of the other.

The vital question, however, so far as the school patrons of Oregon are concerned, is not the American Book Company or its defamers, but simply: Do they want a change in text books that will cost a quarter of a million of dollars?

The Royal British Commission in a report to parliament upon the subject says: "It must be remembered, too, that this country is largely a creditor of debts payable in gold, and any change which entailed a rise in commodities generally—that is to say, a diminution of the purchasing power of gold—would be to our disadvantage.

Sir Rivers Wilson, an English delegate to the silver conference at Brussels, said in a speech before that commission: "Our faith is of the school of monometalism in pure and simple."

Can we afford to follow a theory longer, when the fact remains that protection means of all our industries, and that our financial system shall accord the same justice to the mining industries that our commercial system gives to our manufacturing industries, and the farmer?

Even the most sanguine republican were startled by the result of Tuesday's elections. Tammany is overthrown in New York; Wilson of West Virginia, will stay at home; the soiled South is broken, and democracy has nothing to stand upon.

Most Oregon continue to be represented in the United States senate by a corporation lawyer? Why not elect a man of the people, who will interest himself in behalf of the state rather than corporations and gold bugs? W. F. Lord is the sort of man that three-fourths of the voters of Oregon want to represent them, and if he will accept the honor, he can be elected.

SHOULD BE ENDORSED.

What B. F. Jones Says of the Wagon Road Project.

ED. GAZETTE.—Your efforts in the interest of getting an appropriation at the coming legislature, to construct a wagon road connecting Eastern Oregon with the Oregon Pacific railroad, are indeed commendable, and should be endorsed by almost all the eastern counties as well as those in the middle western portion of the state, and by reasonable and unselfish people all over the state.

A matter in which half the people of the great state of Oregon is interested, is not a "local" one. We claim that the building of this wagon road will not only benefit the people living in the sections mentioned, but the new industries that will spring into life and the homes that it will open up, will cause many to come into our state that would not reach us through any other medium.

The increase in the taxable property alone, resulting from the building of this road, would more than repay the state the amount asked for in less than two years after the road is opened for freight and travel.

If an Oregon legislature never makes a greater mistake than lending to her people the paltry sum of \$20,000 to help upon her wonderful resources that a kind providence has so richly scattered over and under her evergreen hills and fertile valleys, the state will be extremely fortunate.

Yes, give us the road that will land people in the heart of the old Willamette and we are satisfied that the results will be felt more than locally. We will wager a McKinley hat that we expect to win on New York, that Hon. John D. Daly will never be sorry that he pledged himself to work for an appropriation that will tend to unite the east with the west.

Our faith is of the school of monometalism in pure and simple. And what is the result? These theories have been forced upon us like the theories of free trade, and with the silent mills of industry, stands the silent mines, whose machinery rusts in mines of wealth, with millions of investment that is lost by the accused fall in prices, and the standing army of miners who do not know anything else but mining, and have never been trained in any other lines of trade, are standing idly by the ruined shafts that are being filled with water and rotting in mould, with millions beneath their feet, of precious wealth, while their starving families waiting, ask that they may be given honest toil.

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Haunted.

A haunted house in these practical and unromantic days is something of a rarity, but an individual haunted with the idea that his ailment is incurable is a personage frequently met with. Disbelief in the ability of medicine to cure is only a mild form of monomania, although in some cases repeated failures to obtain relief from many different sources would almost seem to justify the doubt.

CASH PAID FOR APPLES.

M. Schmidt, Occidental Fruit, buys choice winter apples for cash. Fruit must be free from worms and carefully picked. Apple growers should call and obtain prices before disposing of their crop to other parties.

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