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### ONLY ITS DUTY.

The frank discussion of public affairs is not a new policy with this paper. It has always claimed and exercised the right to dispassionately criticise policies and actions that concern the public welfare. It deems this its duty as a public journal.

It is not always an easy task to treat of these matters boldly and independently for the claims of friendship have often to be resisted, and material interests disregarded. The GAZETTE'S frankness is sometimes attributed to maliciousness, but those who have carefully watched its course, must know that its only object is the discovery of truth, and the welfare of the public. The management desires to avoid sensationalism and the "flashy" style of journalism. It wishes only to have the paper do its duty and to merit and receive respect and support as a clean, fearless, able and reliable public journal.

### NO COMPROMISE.

The rumor that Mr. Osburn has offered to settle with the county and pay back a small portion of his alleged shortage, may or not be true. There is, or at least ought not to be, any complication in this matter whereby a compromise should be deemed expedient. It is simply a question of bookkeeping. If there is a shortage the books should show it. The only thing required in ascertaining the correct amount is accuracy in the compilation of the accounts; and any one who can add, can discover whether or not there is a shortage and if any, the exact amount thereof.

Officers are required to furnish bonds when they go into office. These bonds are demanded for the purpose of indemnifying the county against loss through such officer's negligence, incompetency or dishonesty. If Mr. Osburn is short in his accounts, it matters not what excuses may be offered, the county is loser and should have recourse upon the officer and his bondsmen, or the system of giving bonds is a farce. If Mr. Osburn is unwilling to settle every dollar of his actual shortage the court should, at its meeting next week, take the necessary steps to recovery the amount due by process of law.

There can be no honorable compromise in matters of this kind and it is unreasonable to suppose that the court contemplates such procedure. Every taxpayer is affected by the failure of any officer to properly account for county funds coming into his hands, and members of the county court can not afford to be parties to any transaction that will have the effect of defrauding the county.

### GROWING DELAPIDATED.

The gods help those who help themselves and capital has some attributes of divinity. Capital must be coaxed and not forced. If Corvallis wishes to grow and to attract men of means, her citizens must make more effort towards keeping up the general appearance of the place.

Corvallis is delightfully located and used to be a neat and pretty town, but it is growing exceedingly shabby. Old and unpainted sheds, rickety fences and general evidences of decay are observable from every corner. A citizen taking a quiet stroll through the town cannot but feel that the first thought of a stranger would be, "What a shabby old place."

Hammer and nails, a little paint, a little whitewash, a little energy, can accomplish wonders. Corvallis wants her share of the emigration that promises to flow Oregonward during the coming year. Desirable people will not care to locate in a place that appears listless and delapidated.

Many eastern towns have been improved both as to external appearances and socially, through the instrumentality of development clubs, organized for the purpose. There is a good field for such an organization in Corvallis.

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IT is now said that Joe Simon will again be president of the senate. If so, it might be well to balance matters and make Jonathan Bourne speaker of the house. Bourne, it is said, voted for Bryan, but look at Simon. Simon, when chairman of the state central committee, defeated the republican nominee for supreme judge. Simon foisted Pennoyer upon the state. Simon bolted the republican congressional nominee last June and Populist Quinn was was nearly elected. Those who approve of Simon, can hardly criticise any republican who might vote for Bourne.

### A SOLITARY OPPOSITION.

It must be remembered that there are other republican papers in Oregon beside the Oregonian, and many republicans in the state beside Mr. Lydell Baker. The Oregonian's help in carrying the state for McKinley is recognized and appreciated, but the country papers battled as earnestly and as effectively as did the able daily of the metropolis. They are as deeply interested in seeing that the recent victory for sound money and sound government is not dissipated in any way.

While the Oregonian is doubting Senator Mitchell's republicanism and calling upon him for a token of his faithfulness to the party platform, all other republican papers outside of Portland that possess any ability, influence or standing, express the utmost confidence in Mr. Mitchell's republicanism and urge his re election.

One is justified in doubting the sincerity and honesty of the Oregonian in questioning Mr. Mitchell as to his vote in future financial legislation. Is the Oregonian any duller of comprehension or more devoted to the party and its principles than all the other papers in the state? Is it not singular that the Oregonian should be alone in its expressed doubts.

One is constrained to conclude that the Oregonian is animated by its old-time personal animosity towards Mr. Mitchell, rather than by any fear of his aiding free silver's cause.

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THE county court should take immediate steps to have cancelled the warrants which are alleged to have been paid, but not called in. If the matter is sifted to the bottom now it might result in a saving to the county of several thousand dollars.

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SENATOR MITCHELL will be re-elected. The first ballot will decide the senatorial question satisfactorily to a large majority of the people of Oregon. The feeble protest of his antagonists is but a recognition of the inevitable.

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SECRETARY OLNEY is a maker of history and an establisher of precedents. It will probably be found that logic and authorities are on his side in the conflict that has arisen between himself and a number of senators.

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WE are sorry to hear that Ed Noah lost his whole crop of spuds by frost and rain.—Coast Mail. His ancestor, if his spirit hovers around, doubtless laments the lack of foresight in the present generation.

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HON. T. T. Geer is approvingly mentioned by several papers in connection with the office of collector of customs for the port of Portland. His appointment would be a wise one in every respect.

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THE editor of the GAZETTE acknowledges complimentary remarks of the Roseburg Plaindealer and Heppner Gazette. The good will of Bro. Benjamin and Bro. Patterson is appreciated.

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As Officer Skipton quietly does his duty, and the resultant cash drops heavily into the city treasury, the objections to the displacement of his predecessor shrink into nothingness.

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CORVALLIS is too easily made neat and pretty, to be allowed to present a slovenly, bedraggled appearance to the gaze of possible locaters.

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THE Baker City Republican continues to be newsy, independent and entertaining. Col. Alley does not hide his light under a bushel.

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### Sealed Bids Wanted.

U. S. Engineer Office, Portland, Oreg., Dec. 22, 1896: Sealed proposals for removing obstructions from Alsea river, Oregon, will be received here until 2 p. m., Jan. 22, 1897, and then publicly opened. Information furnished on application.

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## A LARGE LEAK.

### Light on County Matters—Interesting Items for the Taxpayers.

A few weeks ago the GAZETTE informed the citizens of Benton county that the county debt was over $75,000. Later investigation proved this paper's figures to be correct. No one seemed to have realized that the county was in such a shape and the people have since been discussing the affair seriously.

In an interview printed in the GAZETTE of Dec. 18th, Judge Hufford explained some of the causes for the growth of the county debt. There are several other things that are of interest in this connection, and among them is the reported deficiency of ex-Sheriff Osburn.

Mr. Watters and Mr. Ripley, who, in Mr. Osburn's behalf, examined his books since Jos. Wilson's report, have not made public their findings, but it is understood that their figures practically agree with those of Mr. Wilson. It is estimated that Mr. Osburn owes the county between $8,000 and $10,000.

As the deficiency occurred during the years 1892 and 1893, the statute of limitation bars any criminal proceedings. The county court can commence civil action against the ex-sheriff and his bondsmen to recover the amount due.

It is said that Mr. Osburn insists that a thorough examination will show his accounts to be correct and all moneys properly accounted for, and that the county will not only fail to recover, should it commence suit, but that it will have costs to pay. It is said also that he claims the apparent discrepancy to be only about $2,000 and that he offers to compromise by paying this amount into the treasury.

The county court meets Wednesday when the matter will be considered. Mr. Osburn will doubtless at that time declare his intentions and make a proposition for the court to accept or decline.

Mr. Osburn's sureties on his bond as sheriff for the years involved are John M. Osburn, T. W. B. Smith and Arthur Johnson. The bond is for $10,000.

There is another ugly rumor abroad that concerns the taxpayers. It is stated by people who ought to know, that warrants are out that really have been paid. County warrants to a considerable amount, paid in for taxes, do not appear on the records as cancelled. The sheriff kept their numbers, however, and the county can avoid loss on account of second payment, but there may be innocent purchasers, who will not fare so well.

### Notice of Referee's Sale of Real Property.

Notice is hereby given that under and in pursuance of a decree and order of sale, made by the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Benton County, in a partition suit, wherein Norris P. Newton, G. G. Newton, Mahala K. Bohannon and Cynthia E. Johnson were plaintiffs, and Jasper Newton and C. Stock were defendents, on the 12th day of November, 1896, and on the same day duly entered in the Journal of the said Court; and wherein the Court decreed that the said plaintiffs and the Defendent Jasper Newton were the owners as tenants in common in fee simple and were in the possession of the premises hereinafter described, as such tenants in common—the said G. G. Newton, Mahala K. Bohannon, Cynthia E. Johnson and Jasper Newton each owning an undevided one-seventh part or portion thereof and Norris P. Newton owning the other undivided three-sevenths thereof—and that a partition of the said lands could not be made without great prejudice to the owners thereof, and that it is necessary that the same be sold and a division of the proceeds arising from such sale be made among the said owners according to their respective interests, and appointing me, Peter Rickard, as sole referee to make sale of the said land; and the said parties having caused an order of sale to issue out of the said Court under the seal thereof to me directed and commanding me as such referee to sell the following described real property, in the manner prescribed by law for the sale of real property under execution, to-wit: Beginning at a point 37.30 chains north, and 5.07 chains west of the south east corner of Abiathar and Rachel Newtons donation claim, it being claim No. 42 in Tp. 12 s., r. 5 w. Willamette meridian in Benton county, Oregon, and running thence west 34.88 chains; thence south 14.7 chains; thence west 24.88 chains; thence north 19.32 chains; thence east 59.68 chains; and thence south 4.57 chains to the place of beginning, containing 63.97 acres; and in accordance with the said decree and the said order of sale to me directed and delivered, I, as such referee, will on

**Tuesday the 5th Day of January A. D., 1897**

at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon of the said day, at the Court house door, in the City of Corvallis in Benton county, Oregon, offer for sale and sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand, the above described real property, and all the right, title, interest and estate of the said plaintiffs and the said defendants of in and to the same; the proceeds arising from the said sale to be first applied to the payment of the costs and expenses of such sale and of said suit, and the remainder to be divided among the said plaintiffs and defendants according to the provisions of the said decree.

Dated December 3rd, 1896.

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### Alsea Jottings.

Christmas is over and so is our pretty weather.

Ezra Hammersly, of Five Rivers, made a trip to Corvallis last week. Ezra said that the road was just—well, too bad to tell about.

Jesse Tharp, George Sebrell and Frank Howell arrived in our midst last Wednesday night, tired, hungry and muddy, but happy and glad to see old friends. Welcome home, boys, and may your shadows never grow less!

We had a nice tree at the Church Christmas and we are told that the day was made very pleasant by the parties in charge, and many little hearts beat joyfully, occasioned by Santa Claus and his bountiful gifts.

Ask Jesse Moses how the road is on the mountain, but be sure you are out of reach.

Go to Jesse Moses if you want a good shave and hair cut.

There has been a number of pleasant gatherings in the valley this winter and all are trying to enjoy themselves and they seem to succeed, especially the young people. And why not? People are old a long time and can be young but once.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradly and Miss Madge went to Corvallis last week and spent a few days.

There is not much news this week and, wishing you all a happy New Year and many returns of the same, we are,

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### Summons.

In the circuit court of the state of Oregon for Benton county, Seth W. Taylor, plaintiff, vs. Sarah A. Taylor, defendant, suit for divorce.

To Sarah A. Taylor, defendant, in the above entitled suit:

In the name of the State of Oregon you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before the first day of the next regular term of said court which will be held on the twelfth day of April A. D., 1897, and if you fail to so answer for want thereof the plaintiff will apply to said court for the relief demanded in said complaint which is for a decree dissolving the marriage contract existing between the plaintiff and the defendant, and for costs and disbursements of this suit. This summons is served by publication in the Corvallis GAZETTE. By order of J. C. Fullerton, judge of said court, bearing date the 10th day of November A. D., 1896.

JOHN KELSAY,
Attorney for Plaintiff.

### Assignee's Notice of Final Settlement.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Benton County. In the Matter of the Assignment of Zephin Job and B. R. Job, partners doing business under the firm name of Hamilton, Job & Co., for the benefit of Creditors:

Notice is hereby given to all persons concerned that the undersigned, J. R. Bryson, as Assignee of Hamilton, Job & Co., above named, has filed with the Clerk of the above entitled Court his final account as such Assignee in the above entitled matter, and the said Court has fixed Friday, the 22nd day of January, 1897, at the hour of two o'clock, in the afternoon of said day as the time for hearing any and all objections to the said final account, and for final settlement thereof; and has ordered that all objections thereto, if any there be, must be filed with the Clerk of the said Court by the tenth day of January 1897, and that notice thereof be published in the CORVALLIS GAZETTE for four weeks prior to the said tenth day of January, 1897. And all persons are hereby notified that the Assignee will on the said 22nd day of January 1897, move the Court to approve his said final account and to finally settle the same and that he may be discharged and his bondsmen exhonerated and for such other order as to the Court may seem proper.

J. R. BRYSON,
As Assignee of Hamilton, Job & Co.

### A Call for Warrants.

Notice is hereby given that there is money on hand at the county treasurer's office to pay all orders endorsed and marked "Not paid for want of funds," up to, and including those of Oct 8th, 1892. Interest will be stopped on same from this date.

W. A. BUCHANAN,
Treasurer of Benton County Oregon.
Dated Corvallis, Dec. 15, 1896.

### CORVALLIS MARKET REPORT.

Corrected weekly by Corvallis Commission Company.

Poultry—Hens per dozen, $1.75 to $2.25; young roosters, full grown, per dozen, $1.25 to $2.00; broilers, per dozen, $1.50 to $2.00; ducks, per dozen, $2.00 to 2.50; turkeys, live, 7 to 8 cents, according to condition; geese, per dozen, $4.00.

Eggs—Per dozen, 22½ cts.

Butter, 40 to 50 cents per roll.

Bran, $13.50.

Shorts, $16.00.

Flour, $4.00 per barrel.

Potatoes—Per bushel, 25 to 30 cts.

Oats—Choice white, per bushel, 25 to 30 cts; gray, 23 to 25 cts.

Wheat—Per bushel, 70 cts.

Cascara Bark—$1.25 to $1.50.

Hops—New crop, 12c.

Cheat seed, 1½c per lb.

Hogs, dressed, $3 to $3.50, owing to size.

Sides 7 cents.

Lard, 7½ to 8c.

Cheese, 10 cents.


## The Blue and the Gray.

Both men and women are apt to feel a little blue, when the gray hairs begin to show. It's a very natural feeling. In the normal condition of things gray hairs belong to advanced age. They have no business whitening the head of man or woman, who has not begun to go down the slope of life. As a matter of fact, the hair turns gray regardless of age, or of life's seasons; sometimes it is whitened by sickness, but more often from lack of care. When the hair fades or turns gray, there's no need to resort to hair dyes. The normal color of the hair is restored and retained by the use of

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### Philomath Items.

J. H. Ingle is sick with typhoid pneumonia at Walla Walla.

Dr. F. M. Carter, of Elk City, visited his family here last week.

W. H. Hill has moved into his new residence.

Miss Julia M. Taylor, teacher in the public schools at Albany, is visiting her parents.

The executive board of Philomath College held a session Monday evening.

Major Davis has been promoted to chief clerk at the Henkle logging camp.

Carl Ditmer, of Redding, California, is here visiting relatives.

Miss Belle Gray, teaching in the graded school at McMinnville, is visiting her parents on South Mary's river.

Our schools have all closed until Jan. 1st. A great many of the students have gone home to spend the holidays.

There will be a ball at Wilcox hall New Year's eve.

H. H. Cronise, of Corvallis, was in the city Sunday.

Mrs. S. K. Haines, of Portland, is visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Prof. Gragg.

Agent Buoy has charge temporarily of the railroad office at Yaquina City. In his absence Herbert Boles runs this office.

J. A. Hawkins will soon have the Philomath sawmill in running order. A force has been working day and night.

There was a Christmas tree in the college chapel Thursday evening, and one in Keezel chapel Friday evening. The trees were well laden with presents.

At the masquerade at Whitney's hall Christmas eve, whiskey reigned supreme. Two athletes retired to the field north of town and settled their difficulty a la Corbett. Both were severely punished.

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### Wells Items.

Christmas passed off quietly and everybody had a good time.

The entertainment given by the school here was a success and speaks well for the teacher, Miss Ida Pagenkopf.

Several from here who have been away attending school, are home for the holidays. We hope they will all have a nice time.

Dr. C. B. Cauthorn, of Corvallis, is visiting friends here this week. Come again, Blake.

The few nice days last week started most of the farmers in this section to plowing.

If the roads in other parts of Oregon are as bad as they are in this section, I think every one in the state would be interested in a good roads convention.

WELLS.


# CLOSING OUT AT COST.

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