

Perhaps one of the most onerous duties of an editor is to criticize the actions and motives of a community, and we well know that when anything is said against churches that all the bigots will be up in arms, so we will for the present treat them kindly and fairly. In the little town of Pendleton are three churches, either one of which is large enough to accommodate its audience. These churches have cost the people of this place something like six thousand dollars, are used one day in 7 or 14 as the case may be. Six thousand dollars of capital lying idle at least six days of the week if we except the protracted meetings during the bad weather of the winter. This may be all right, but it seems to us that when so much money can be expended for churches in such a little town as this, that we ought to have something done toward building a school house worthy the place, where school can be kept six days in the week. When we look around the town and see so many little boys growing up in ignorance and vice and look at the church steeples and look in vain for a school house, we can't help but think that the Lord could better get along with two houses in town than that the children can get along without any.

Weston has pursued a different and to our mind a more praiseworthy course. They have as fine a school house as is in the State. Sensible, considering that the first thing for the good of children in this world is a good education, coupled with good manners, both of which are obtained at a good school. Our school house was always a poor one and to make the matter worse several children sickened and died in it with that great scourge, diphtheria, and no one now feels as though it would be safe to have a school taught in it the coming winter. Will not some one move in the matter and see if our next school house cannot be speedily built and of such dimensions that it will accommodate all.

We clip from San Francisco Examiner the opinions of H. W. Beecher upon schools, and it is done so well that we clip the following:

The education obtained at the schools is the great discipline which enables men to acquire the knowledge which is power. It is the discipline which does not so much give him the knowledge as the power to assimilate it afterwards. It is the duty and interest of every State to maintain free education and make it compulsory, so that the whole body of its citizens dwell in the crystal level of knowledge. It is the interest of good government, for intelligence produces taxable property. It is always safe to trust the common people. Good government and good order spring from education. Ignorance is unreasonable. It knows not how to aim, and may kill the doctor or the patient instead of the disease. The public common schools should be free and unsectarian. This prevents the growth of an aristocracy by creating a perfect unity of liberty and a common feeling of humanity. The common school is the great democratic mill in which all are ground. More important is this to our land, as this is the graft into which all streams of the races of the world run. Other nations benefit us, but they cannot tell us how to engineer liberty or to build up a commonwealth, the best of which spring from the seed corn of Great Britain. Make your public schools so good that private schools cannot be better. There must be no sectarianism in mortality. The Golden Rule and Ten Commandments are taught in all religions.

Editor E. O.—The following appeared in the last issue of the Pendleton Independent:— "We are informed Maj. Throckmorton does not lend his aid to Sheriff Sperry as promised."

I pronounce the above unqualifiedly false. I have never promised Sheriff Sperry or any one else to aid in the wholesale arrests of Indians on this reservation. But I did promise him, to aid him in endeavoring to find evidence against those Indians who had committed offenses against the State of Oregon, and was engaged in this when I held the council with the Indians, and obtained the names of all who joined the hostiles. At the Sheriff's request I gave him that list of names; as soon as he received it he informed me he intended to arrest all on it. I asked him upon whose charge, and was informed upon that of being accessory to the murder of Geo. Cogan. I asked what Indians he had, and he said none except the first, that they were with the Snakes. I endeavored to persuade him not to do so, but to collect evidence against them, and only arrest the guilty, as many of these Indians were on the reservation at the time the murder was committed, and to make these arrests would only result in great expense to the county, all for nothing as unless he had sufficient evidence to convict, they must be released. He informed me he was advised to act in the way he proposed. I then told him to go on, as I had nothing to do with it, and only advised him, as I did, to collect the tax payers of the county to defray the expense. Under the act of the Legislature I cannot assist the Sheriff in any way. But I did point out to him in my presence, that these Indians by directions of whom he was to arrest, were in the

other time and under any other circumstances I would let this matter pass in silence, but as I am about to be released from duty here, I desire to preserve the good will of the citizens of this community whom I have met with, as well as of those with whom I have been associated in the trying times of the last two months.

A Little Scrap of History.

On, or about the 4th of July, Major Throckmorton with his company camped near the town of Pendleton. Capt. Sperry and his company of volunteers were nearly ready to go to the front to meet the Indians. They met, they saw, but did not conquer. At this time the town was full of refugees. Women were crying on nearly every corner. Major Throckmorton went among them and reassured them till quietness reigned supreme, impressing on their minds that he would defend the town and that he would do it. Sperry went to Willow Springs and got bottled up. News came that he and his men were in a corral and in imminent danger of the whole company being massacred. In less than a half hour from receiving the news, Major and his men were on the way to the scene of action—this was in the evening. No extra baggage, no extra men were taken, the main effort seemed to be to relieve the beleaguered men. I was thankful for one, for I had a well beloved son there, and between hopes and fears I was well nigh sick. The Major made a forced march and met the volunteers weary and worn, wounded and foot sore. He placed the worn out in wagons, the wounded in spring wagons, and brought them out and everyone said "Well done thou good and faithful servant." He comes to town where had council was prevailing; some wishing to surrender and all Indians who came in sight. He made a speech—all approved of his sentiments and I though naturally distrustful, walked forward and saying, that what he had said was the only sense I had heard since the Indian scare. I still say so, and I believe that in all his actions he has done for the best, and I for one believe him to be worthy the highest honor and besting gratitude of the people of Pendleton and vicinity.

Editorial Correspondence.

SALEM, Sept. 7, 1878. Today we arrived in the "hub," feeling considerably worse of ware. We arrived at Umatilla City on Tuesday the 23d at about 1 o'clock p. m.

The stage was crowded but we managed to make it through in good shape. We took dinner after "smelling" with our old friend Theodore, after which we repaired to Andy Jack's and took a smoke and at once set out on a visit to our patrons. For liberality, big heartedness and promptness, give us the people of Umatilla. Every man we saw had the money ready to pay his share and had the state of our finances very much augmented. All were ready to meet us, all paid cheerfully and all expressed themselves satisfied, and of course this made us altogether happy. We put up with our genial friend Dave Horn, who understands full well his business. Dave "knows how to keep hotel."

Next morning early we found ourselves on board the boat on our way to the Dalles, where we arrived about 4 p. m. on the 4th. In company with us was the Hon. I. D. Haines, C. G. Chandler, J. H. Slater, Joseph Shain, M. Jasper, from across the blue mountains, and Jo. Odville from Ft. Oppenheimer. We repaired to Snyder's and ordered supper, and right here we must say to our friends, when you go to the Dalles go to Snyder's for your grub, for he sets the best public table we have found on the coast. After supper we went down to the boat and secured a bunk for the night. Thursday morning found us on our way to Portland on board the steamer Idaho. We arrived at the Upper Cascades in good time, but here we had to wait and wait, and wait for a transfer of freight from the boat to the cars. Finding all was on board, away we sped for the Lower Cascades where we soon arrived and were again compelled to wait for a transfer of freight from the cars to the boat. This time the delay was so great that everybody became worn out and edgily. Finally, however, we were again off, and all became reconciled. Upon arriving at Vancouver we found the democratic delegates to the territorial convention in waiting to take passage to Portland. Here we met Hon. N. T. Cates, who had just been nominated for delegate to congress; Col. Nash and Frank Clark of the clam country and M. H. Abbott of the Dayton News. The democrats of Washington Territory have done well both in their platform of principals and in the selection of their standard bearer. We predict for Mr. Cates a rousing majority. We arrived at Portland at about 5 o'clock p. m. and took up our quarters at the Clarendon where we remained till next morning when we moved up to the Occidental and remained until this morning. Portland, we found quite a busy place. Improvements are going on on every hand. A large brick building has been erected on the site of the old Cosmopolitan and is occupied by Hodge, Davis & Co. as a drug store. Another large brick is going up on the ground formerly occupied by the American Exchange. Portland is improving and is a future.

Senatorial aspirants are numerous. The fight, from present indications is between Slater and Bush with chances in favor of the former. Judge Strahan of Albany is here with Linn solid for him, as Linn is always solid for a Linn County man and solid for nothing else. Gov. Chadwick has some strength, and it is said that Hewitson has not been idle. The members are getting in and from appearances the Third House will have a full membership on the first day. Some are here solely to defeat Slater, some to defeat Chadwick and some after Bush's scalp. It is said that those that have money will be inclined to use a little of it to pay men's expenses. The feeling is growing warm, bitter—yes, hot. Salem

of course is entitled to all the offices and of course should have all. She has always been modest in her demands, but whether the rest of the State will consent to this arrangement we are not prepared to say. We don't believe it.

Who shall be U. S. Senator is the all engrossing question. This paper has advocated always an Eastern Oregon man, and formerly noticed the claims of two distinguished citizens in that connection. Judge McArthur and J. H. Slater, either of whom is well posted in regard to the wants of Eastern Oregon. Now if from personal bias or political action, neither of them can be made available; it will become the members from Eastern Oregon to give the matter up and allow to be wrong in an O. S. N. Co. man or what is still worse, a man who thinks that Portland is the hub of the universe. We have suffered a plenty from that kind of man. It has come to be the belief of many persons that come but lawyers are able to represent us in congress. Times and opinions have somewhat changed since honest Jo. Law represented the State in the halls of congress, and though he made no profession as a lawyer, he made as good a mark for himself and those he represented that he was thought to be worthy the office of vice president, by the old time democrats. A late instance where honesty has met its reward is Blue Jean Williams of Indiana. We have many of the above stripe of men in Eastern Oregon, who could fitly attend to our interests. A good honest man—a good democrat—a good business man, in all that is needed. Of course he must be a worker, and as nearly all the business in congress is done by committees, it makes but little difference whether he be an orator or not. Representatives of Eastern Oregon, hunt you a good man from among your own tribe, and then stay by him till you see he is elected. We are good on the vote at general elections—now don't throw off on us and yourselves at the same time. Get your man and he can do us good. No trade no compromise, but Eastern Oregon first, last and all the time.

Our enterprising citizen, Bill Switzer has bought over 500 head of horses from Indians since the first of July, and has sold a great portion of them. He leaves all about Cayuse. Those in want of good ponies give him a call.

NEW TO-DAY.

Financial Exhibit. Of the receipts and expenditures of Umatilla County for the year ending July 31st 1878.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes County tax on the amount, State tax, and various other financial entries.

Gen. Howard. Has left THE COUNTRY. Thirty Braves Refuse to be Delivered up. "BIT" SWITZLER. Immense stock of Dry Goods and Groceries at Cost prices.

W. S. BYERS & Co. All these included to me by note or book account must come forward and settle.

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