

For my part, I do not think we have any right to think of heaven for others, much less of a heaven for ourselves in the world to come, until we are wholly determined to make this world a heaven for our fellow-men, and are hoping, believing, loving and working for that, and for its realization not in a thousand or a million years, but in a nearer future.—Stopford A. Brooke.

Umatilla county is proud to have an assessor from whose policy the great state of Washington will pattern her assessment of 1904. The Strain pamphlet on assessment has been adopted as the basis of property valuations, and especially railroad valuations in Washington, this year.

Something of the magnitude of the United States, may be imagined by the transfer of the price of the Panama canal to the government of Panama yesterday. The secretary of the treasury made a payment of \$40,000,000 to the trustees of Panama, and the event caused no more stir in government circles than the deposit of a week's wages by a treasury clerk.

It was an unkind cut for the Pilot Rock Record to print a "deadly parallel" today, showing that the Tribune's editorial on "Do We Eat Too Much?" of a couple of days ago, was the leading editorial in the Globe Democrat of four days before. This is especially unkind in the Record after having just taken the land of fee patronage away from the Pendleton paper. The county and city printing is all that is left the Tribune, and this puncture of one of its brightest editorial efforts is peculiarly sad. Cheer up, cheer up, there are other good exchanges from which to get bright ideas, and into which the vulgar eyes of the Record never peer.

The Morning Oregonian says that the salary of Postmaster Bancroft, of Portland, has been "but \$308 per month, scarcely enough to keep him from being tight pressed for money." This is the excuse by which the big Portland paper seeks to justify the actions of the postmaster in "touching" the government fund twice since his appointment to the office. Bancroft has been in office but 13 months and twice the postal inspectors have found crookedness in his office and have recommended his removal. His appointment was made as a result of factional bitterness in Portland, and he is receiving a reward in keeping with the method by which he was appointed. A. B. Crossman, his predecessor, was a favorite with the people and was arbitrarily removed to make a place for Bancroft.

The battle for Hearst is not yet hopeless. The nomination for a democratic candidate for president will be made by the delegates in convention, and not by politicians, beforehand. All the unscrupulous delegates are not against Hearst. Judge Parker, whose name was scarcely known until it was mentioned in connection with the nomination, has no new message for the democracy. Grover Cleveland nor Richard Olney can neither arouse any enthusiasm among Western democrats. The time has come for a radical man and a radical platform and W. R. Hearst, on an anti-trust, government ownership platform would come nearer making a race for Roosevelt than any other combination. Any thing else will mean so little to the advancing democratic hosts that there would be little choice between it and Roosevelt.

One of the great injustices of the present law regulating the liquor traffic is brought out in the situation at College Place, Washington. College Place is almost entirely made up of temperance people and is one of the active school centers of the state of Washington. The people of that community wish to perpetuate the moral surroundings of the community, in order to make it still more attractive as a school center and do not want a saloon there. At present there is no temptation for young men to form bad associations or get into intemperate ways. Families have made it a matter of pride to boast of the peculiarly clear moral tone of the district, and now in order to reap a harvest from the students, some fellow wishes to start a saloon there. The matter of granting the license lies with the three members of the county court, exclusively. The people may petition, which they have, but the court is not compelled to respect the petition and may grant a saloon a license to locate in the midst of that little community against the expressed wishes of the residents. Does it seem to be a fair law? Is it right to place the selection of the moral surroundings of a people in the hands of a distasteful board, no matter how exalted an opinion of good government that board may have? Should not the people who own the homes and pay the taxes in College Place be the ones to decide whether or not a saloon should be thrust in their midst? The East Oregonian hopes that Oregon voters see fit to adopt the local option law at the coming election. It is a just law. It gives the members of every community the right to select the environment for their children. It will do no one an injustice, for no American can complain of the majority rule. Think of it.

POLITICS VERSUS BUSINESS.

Taxpayers and voters of Umatilla county will be interested in knowing that two republican members of the county court, Horace Walker and T. P. Gilliland, yesterday tendered the Morning Tribune \$400 in full payment of a \$616 printing bill, thus admitting that the contract made with the Tribune by those same members of the court was about 35 per cent graft on the taxpayers.

Judge Hartman, a member of the county court, objected to the contract at the time the two commissioners gave it to the Tribune, over the exceptionally low bid of the East Oregonian, and he has today filed a bill of exceptions to the action of the commissioners, and offers the Tribune but \$300 in full payment for its \$616 bill.

How the commissioners are to justify their action before the people remains one of the problems of the campaign. The Tribune bid \$2.60 per inch for printing the delinquent tax list, and the East Oregonian bid 60 cents per inch. Judge Hartman favored giving the contract to the lowest bidder, but the two commissioners decided against him and gave it to the Tribune. The result is a graft of \$400 on the taxpayers in this little item alone.

Two hundred inches of delinquent tax list would have cost the taxpayers but \$120, if published in the East Oregonian at 60 cents per inch; in the Tribune, the same amount is costing the county \$520, at \$2.60 per inch, beside the increase in the cost by the padding of the type by the Tribune, to make one-fifth more matter than there was in the tax list.

Aside from the graft attempted on the people, the additional cost and trouble of a suit against the county to collect the full price, is threatened by the Tribune.

The East Oregonian is not posing as a martyr nor a moralist. It presents these facts to the people as part of the business record of Umatilla county. The business of the county should be conducted on the same lines of honesty that mark any private business. This paper made a fair and square bid for business, at a price that would mean a fair return for the service, from the county.

It promised nothing, threatened nothing, made no demands, used no undue influence, proffered no division of spoils, truckled to no party nor part of a party, but went after business with a fair, business bid, which entitled it to the county printing.

glad of that," said the bishop, shaking the outstretched hand, "and what was it you learned tonight?" "Why, bishop, I found out for the first time in my life that Sodom and Gomorrah weren't felons."

Marshal Oyama, chief of the Japanese general staff, was during his service as judge advocate at Tokio, at a ball one night. He was standing near a doorway at this ball, when a beautiful European woman swept by, and so greatly did her charm impress Judge Oyama, that he exclaimed involuntarily: "What a lovely woman." She overheard him. With a little smile she looked back over her white shoulder and, recognizing him, she said: "What an excellent judge."

When Esther Cleveland was a little girl, her father once telephoned to the White House from Chicago and asked Mrs. Cleveland to bring the child to the phone. Lifting the little one up to the instrument, Mrs. Cleveland watched her expression change from bewilderment to wonder, and then to fear. It was surely her father's voice, yet Esther looked at the telephone incredulously. After examining the tiny opening in the receiver, the little girl suddenly burst into tears. "Oh, mamma," she sobbed, "how can we ever get papa out of that little hole?"

Through the sum and sweep of the countess year. Humbly at many a countless shrine, Men and women have wept their tears. Or quailed to the less communion years.

But never a gleam of glory fell In honor's starry altar stone And never a sound, but the passing bell, Smiting the air with its awful tone.

They have stormed the stars with their passion cry, For hope, or mercy, or justice here, Plead that their dear ones would not die— Plead with many a sob and tear.

Folly! for never an answer came, And never an arrow was turned away, It sped to its work the same, Whether they prayed or scorned to pray.

From cradle to coffin we struggle and seek, Till the fugitive years of our lives are passed, And whether our lot be blessed or bleak, We are tossed, like dogs, to the worms at last.

What is the use of it all, I say, Why are we brought from the dark unknown, To laugh and weep through a little day, That drifts us under a burial stone, Tutulla, April 24.

May 16—Special school election to decide how bonds shall be sold, Pendleton.

May 17—School bond election, Pendleton.

May 26—Farmers' Institute, Pendleton.

May 27-28—Caledonian picnic at Athena.

June 2, 3, 4—Umatilla county pioneers' reunion, at Weston.

June 6—Rubber-tired buggy will be given away by the East Oregonian.

June 6—General election in Oregon.

June 15, 16, 17—Oregon encampment G. A. R., Hood River.

June 23—Thirty-second annual Oregon Pioneers, Portland.

June 23, 24, 25—Northwest Sportsmen's tournament, Pendleton.

August 22-27—American Mining Congress, Portland.

Wool Sales. Pendleton, May 23; Heppner, May 26; Arlington, May 31; Shaniko, June 2; Heppner, June 7; Pendleton, June 10; Shaniko, June 14; Baker City, June 17; Pendleton, June 21; Heppner, June 23; Elgin, June 25; Shaniko, July 1.

stable covered with filth and sores, where he had been locked for seven years. He was a habitual drunkard and had been locked in by his three sisters to cure him.

Small boys of Western New York, stole 194 sticks of dynamite from a sewer. A search was made and 190 sticks were found in their pockets and a house to house canvass was made to find the other four.

Three men were found cut in pieces by railroad trains near Rutland, Vt., last fall. It lately transpires that they had been murdered for money before the dead bodies were put on the track for a blind.

Kid Curry, the Great Northern train robber, who escaped from the Knoxville jail, is thought to be back in his mountain haunts in Choteau county, Montana. Pinkerton detectives are in the vicinity looking for him.

Hainey Anderson, an employe of the Illinois Steel Co., who was in Chicago, fell into a cauldron of molten iron and in a few moments his body was completely consumed. The metal was heated off, but no trace of bone, metallic buttons or anything else could be found.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST NEWS.

The North Yakima strawberry crop has been badly damaged by frost. Both oil and salt prospects have been discovered near Independence. The prune crop of Clarke county, Washington, has been damaged by frost.

The 3-year-old son of R. D. Baker, a wealthy merchant of Seattle, was kidnapped Sunday. Automobiles have been barred from the government barracks at Vancouver, Wash.

The Eastern Oregon division of the G. A. R. will hold the annual encampment at La Grande July 14. The first automobile to run over the Snake River, was the one that made the distance of 80 miles in one day.

Dan McLeod, the Scotch wrestling wonder, defeated John Berg, at Vancouver, B. C., Friday, two in three falls. John McGuire, aged 20, of Roseburg, was killed by being thrown from his horse, while riding to a hall game, Saturday.

Thirty members of the Seattle chain gang, were on a strike Friday because the city refused to give them better food. F. B. Hawk, a Southern Pacific brakeman, was instantly killed in Portland, Friday, by being caught between two cars.

Mrs. Susie McClure, aged 59, died at Seattle Friday morning and four hours after, her daughter, Mrs. Jennie Keene, aged 68, died in the same room. Wm. Miller, recorder of the city of La Grande, has resigned because of a decrease in his salary, and Charles C. Newlin has been elected in his stead.

The Union County Trust Company, composed of J. B. Stoddard, J. H. Leshman and F. S. Ivanhoe, with a capital of \$10,000, has just been formed at La Grande. The dairy and food commissioner is now busy testing large shipments of California pickles, olive oil, jellies and fruits sent into Portland from the various states.

The Commercial Travelers' Association of Oregon and Washington, will meet at Portland in June, 1905. The association has just closed a meeting at Tacoma. Pool room proprietors of Seattle will evade the law by opening up rooms in the suburban villages, where the sporting element can reach them easily by street cars.

State Senator J. E. Hunt, of Multnomah county, is spoken of as a probable candidate for postmaster at Portland, in case Bancroft is removed for his irregularities. A. Michaels, a workman in the Willamette Iron Works at Portland, was drowned Friday in a shallow tub. It is thought he fainted and fell head first into the tub.

Presser Frank A. Blackstone, of Garfield, aged 68, an eccentric piano player who married a 17-year-old waitress at Palouse City, on a wager \$ year ago, has been divorced. S. B. Claypool, formerly manager of the Independent Telephone Company, of Seattle, committed suicide Thursday, by shooting himself. Drink and despondency were the causes.

A postmortem examination of a three-week-old infant, that died at Orting, Wash., Thursday, shows that the child was starved to death. Mr. and Mrs. Wes Nichols, its parents, are under arrest for the crime. Seamen at Victoria, B. C., say the sealing schooners, Triumph and Ubrina, cruising in the Queen Charlotte Islands, Alaska, are both lost with all on board. Pieces of wreckage from both vessels have been found.

While Sheriff Shackelford, of Walla Walla county, was seeking reinforcement to catch the robbers who held the Innaha postoffice, which he had surrounded on Sheep creek, the robbers escaped and all trace of them has been lost.

The Secret of Long Life and How to Overcome Waste. To "know thyself" is to take advantage of life's secrets and equip one's self with an armor which will successfully resist the attack of disease in the battle of life.

The Marquis of Anglesey got in hard lines recently and sold at public auction in London 122 precious stones which brought \$119,940. One drop pearl brought \$20,000.

W. F. Dasha, formerly jailer and deputy sheriff at San Francisco, was last December sentenced to the pen for Chinese substitution frauds. He is nearly dead with heart trouble.

Strenuous efforts are being made to induce the Canadian government to impose the same tariff upon lumber from the United States as is imposed on lumber going the other way.

Mrs. Daly, in New York, seized a pistol and took a burglar by surprise. She cornered him until help came. Jewelry valued at \$2,000, and papers valued at \$2,000 were found upon him.

Christian Peterson, of Redding, Cal., nearly decapitated "Jimmie, the blacksmith," who attacked him with a board. Both men are over 60 years of age and had lived together for some time. A Vienna man was found lying in

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