

REFORM DEMANDED.

As the time is fast approaching for an election of members to the next biennial legislature the PLAINDEALER feels called on as a duty it owes to the people—the over-burdened taxpayer—to sound the alarm by calling their attention to the wasteful manner in which the legislatures have been lavishing money upon eleemosynary institutions ever since the organization and admission of the state into the Union. No party that has had control of the state government can claim an exception, democrat or republican; they are each alike guilty as to the practice. There may have been differences as to the amounts unjustly diverted to those purposes. Every legislature since the state was admitted to the Union has appropriated money from the general fund of the treasury to support institutions, which, in justice, ought not to have been done. We mean for high schools, seminaries, colleges, normal schools, state fairs and some private or local charitable institutions controlled exclusively by private or corporate individuals. All appropriations to the above named institutions, from their nature and location, practically insured to the benefit of but a few, and that few, as a rule, were better able to pay for those privileges than were a very large number of the taxpayers, a portion of which went to the benefit of the few. The legislatures in the superabundance of their liberality, but false philanthropy, appropriated money from the common treasury to support these institutions for the benefit of only a few.

We claim that the legislature has no right to appropriate money derived from a general tax, to any institution whatever that cannot be equally enjoyed by every taxpayer in the state, no matter by what name it may be known. Taxation for the public school system is just, because the law which provides for raising the tax not only carries the object of the tax—the school—to the taxpayer but it also takes the tax money with it to pay for it. So the taxpayer practically keeps his school tax at home and enjoys its benefits. Not so when he is taxed to support a normal school, a college or university. The poor man by reason of his poverty cannot avail himself of college privileges. He is practically barred out because he cannot afford the incidental expenses of sending his son or daughter from home, 50, 60 or 100 miles, to avail himself of a \$16 to \$25 tuition fee per term. It is a fact that cannot be disputed that the above state-aided institutions are chiefly for the well to do in life, and they principally enjoy them. It is true, and we do not attempt to deny it, a few poor boys and girls who live near the localities of these state-aided schools, are benefitted by them. They are but few, however, thus so situated, while thousands of the taxpayers' sons and daughters are shut out by conditions they cannot afford to comply with in order to derive any good from them.

The same objections apply to several other state-aided institutions. We trust the people will consider this question and bring it before their candidates for the legislature. Because a custom or practice has been long in use is no argument for its continuance, if, in fact, those practices and customs prove to be had or of a pernicious tendency. A hoary headed evil is an evil as much as a new born one. The evil here complained of is no exception to the rule. In the future we propose to give facts and figures that will show this evil in its true light for our readers contemplation before going to the polls.

Cleveland, it is pretty well understood, has determined to issue and sell another \$100,000,000 worth of bonds and allow a New York syndicate to handle them, and, of course, make a profit on the negotiation. That is bad policy. If the government must sell bonds to keep up the reserve, let the people have a chance to take them and have the benefit, and not some rich syndicate. But great is the mystery of Cleveland-Carlisle finances. It is past finding out, except when the bonds are to be paid; then we can perceive where the money goes.

President Cleveland's second administration will go down in history as the greatest national debt contracting era in America since the civil war. Another \$100,000,000 will soon be added to our national debt. Another term of Cleveland and our government will be bankrupt.

Venezuela can rest easy for some time. England will have all it can do to straighten out that little affair in the Transvaal.—Telegram.

Postal Service.

Following is the new schedule in the Star mail routes from Canyonville to Riddle and to Perdue:
Route 63,256, Canyonville to Riddle—From April 1 to September 30—Leave Canyonville Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 5:30 p. m., and Wednesdays and Saturdays after arrival of mail from Perdue, arrive at Riddle in two hours; leave Riddle daily, except Sunday, immediately after the arrival of the mail train from Portland, arrive at Canyonville in two hours. From October 1 to March 31—Leave Canyonville Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 4 p. m., and Wednesdays and Saturdays after arrival of mail from Perdue, arrive at Riddle in two hours; leaves Riddle daily, except Sunday, immediately after arrival of mail train from Portland, arrive at Canyonville in two hours.
Route 73,927, Canyonville to Perdue—Leave Canyonville Wednesdays and Saturdays immediately after arrival of mail from Riddle, but not later than 9:30 a. m., arrive at Perdue in five hours; leave Perdue Wednesdays and Saturdays 30 minutes after arrival from Canyonville, arrive at Canyonville in five hours.

LITTLE LOCALS.

From Friday's Daily.
Hugh Winn, S. Inglerode and Geo. P. Carson of Portland are registered at the Van Houten.
J. F. Smith of Ashland is upon our streets today, admiring our city and its environment.
J. Brooks returned last night from a trip to California. They are having fine weather there at present.
James Denning of Looking Glass, G. A. Spooner and A. M. Werum of Oakland are registered at the Van Houten.
L. G. Dumbleton of Winchester, S. G. Long of Yoncalla, and N. E. Britt of Newburg are registered at the McClallen.

I. F. Rice is having his show windows decorated with the Great Northern Railroad's card for the sale of tickets to all parts east.
Fred McCracken of Gardiner is in the city today. He reports Al Reed the coming man for state senator. Gardiner is for him strong.

James Lyle, of Johnson City, Tenn., a nephew of Mrs. D. F. Allison, arrived New Year's morning and will be a citizen of Roseburg for awhile.
Chas. Hubbard of Rice Creek was trading in the city today. He reports general good health and reasonable prosperity in his neighborhood.

No tidings of Sam Brown, the escaped convict, have been heard. There are several specials out scouring the country to discover, if possible, some trace of him.
At the senate Billiard Parlors may be found the best cigars and all kinds of temperance drinks, as well as fine billiard and pool tables. See new add in another column.

Dr. J. W. Frazee yesterday morning while descending the hill on his way from his residence to his office, slipped and fell inflicting severe cuts and bruises that has laid him up for repairs.

Three men from Yakalama were in town last night. They report plenty of money in circulation there at this time, and times were flourishing. They left for Portland on the overland this morning.

Our reporter was the recipient of a handsome present from Geo. M. Brown this week, for which hearty thanks are extended, and best wishes for his enjoyment of a prosperous and happy New Year.

Mr. A. W. Hart of Drain, an old veteran, who lost a leg before Petersburg, came up yesterday to attend the installation of officers of the Reno Post, made a pleasant business call on the PLAINDEALER today.

In last Monday's issue in the notice of the death and burial of Guy Gay, a dead chianamen, by an oversight we said he would be buried in the Odd Fellow's cemetery. It should have read, in the old Odd Fellow's cemetery.

Patterson & Kew, the ornamental sign painters are putting the legend, "The Great Northern Ticket Office," on I. F. Rice & Co.'s real estate office in the Taylor and Wilson block, corner of Main and Washington street.

This morning at 9:30 the clouds rolled by and Old Sol came out in all his splendor till 12:30, when the clouds again rolled up from the northwest and with them the chilly winds from Alaskan seas came down upon us causing the pedestrians to button up their overcoats.

Uncle Aaron Rose was lamenting the loss of his old turkey gobbler this morning. Some one not having had a square meal for months appropriated the old gobbler to his own use stealthily walking off with it last night. We hope it will cause him to gobbler until he confesses the theft.

We call the attention of our readers to the telegraphic dispatches from the seat of war in Cuba and other telegrams in the daily PLAINDEALER. We give these interesting items of news from one to three days earlier than does our contemporary, notwithstanding its boasted enterprise; and our local columns contain all the daily happenings.

The "greatest" came out yesterday with its holiday issue as heralded for the last two months. Its cuts of some of Roseburg's prominent citizens reminds one of those in a detective's office. It is evident, notwithstanding all the Review's blowing about its enterprise, that the cuts were executed in a cheap job establishment. As quite a number of the cuts are of republican candidates for office it is thought by some to be a put up job of the Review to make them appear as repulsive as possible as an electioneering scheme.

A restaurant keeper in Nassau street, New York, recently announced that his waitresses must wear bloomers, and had one dressed in that style as a sample. The other waitresses refused to take part in the innovation and went on a strike. As a result, the street in front of the place was crowded, and for a day the restaurant did a great trade. The proprietor received columns upon columns of newspaper advertising in the daily papers, all in choice position, and inserted as pure reading matter, without costing him a cent—But a week later the bloomer costume had disappeared.—Printers' Ink.

A Bicycle For Snow.

Since the advent of the cold weather, with its accompanying rain and snow, bicyclists have moped about the streets on foot or horseback, says the La Grande Chronicle. All of this has been overcome by the invention of Jay Van Buren of La Grande, who now has a bicycle that will run on snow as well as the best cutter. Retaining the rear wheel and frame of his bicycle, he removed the front wheel and in its place he has a runner properly shaped and shod, and can ride as though there was no snow and the usual good roads prevailed. He was out the other day trying the machine, and

several local wheelmen took a turn with it, all of whom pronounce a great success.

A. P. A. COLUMN.

Principles of the A. P. A.

An idea of the principles of the A. P. A. will doubtless be a matter of interest to a large body of American citizens at present unacquainted with them. Briefly, the A. P. A. desires to urge every true American, whether foreign or native born, to take an energetic and active part in politics, believing that those who do the voting should have a voice in selecting those they vote for.

1. Nationality is no bar to membership. No man is asked where he was born.
2. The A. P. A. is opposed to any religious denomination, as a body, controlling the politics of the country. Church and state must be kept separate.
3. Members of all religious sects should have equal rights, but one should not have greater privileges than others; and when the members of any church, representing only 15 per cent of the total population of the United States, hold over 60 per cent of the offices of trust and profit, and even more in the large cities, we protest.

4. We believe that the public schools established by the people, should be free from all sectarian influence. It is the proper place to educate children of all classes, and we shall oppose the appropriation of money from the public treasury for the use of any denominational school, believing that the children of the enemies of the public school should be educated at the expense of their parents, if educated at all, and should not be an additional burden on the public.
5. The fundamental principle of the A. P. A. is loyalty to the flag that protects us all.
6. We look upon that person as an enemy to American institutions who forbids the admission into his church of the Stars and Stripes, and its war worn defenders when wearing their distinctive badge.

7. We are in favor of laws taxing all church property.
8. We are utterly opposed to the wholesale importation of foreign papers and criminals especially those brought from "darkest Europe" and Asia at the rate of \$30,000 annually. Labor as well as capital must be protected.
9. We believe there should be an educational qualification to the election franchise that will require every "American citizen" to become Americanized.

10. We believe it unwise and unsafe to appoint or elect to civil political or military office in this country, men who owe supreme allegiance to any foreign king, potentate or ecclesiastical power and who are sworn to obey such power.
11. We firmly believe that all convents, nunneries and other places where individuals are confined should be at all times open to public inspection. In the light which history sheds on these institutions it is imperatively demanded.

12. We interfere with no man's partisan politics.
13. We are in favor of putting into office honest and true patriots who are best qualified to fill the position regardless of political parties.

14. Our mission is to awaken the people of free America from their lethargy indifference and over-confidence. "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." Yet the protestants of this country have ceased to be vigilant and in conscious strength are either intently chasing the mighty dollar or quietly dozing while we swiftly drift toward a more tremendous and terrible crisis than this country has ever known.
15. We are willing to be governed by these principles in our future political action. We believe this platform broad enough for all true Americans to stand on regardless of their political bias. Outside the principals laid down no attempt is made to control the vote of any member. If these cannot be subscribed to and voted for by any individual, we do not want him.

A Race After Brown.
One of the special deputy sheriffs now on the alert for Sam Brown saw Mr. Pickthorn running along the railroad track for exercise, early Friday morning and mistook him for Brown, the escaped murderer and called out to him to stop. Mr. Pickthorn, however, kept on the even tenor of his way, except to increase his pace, fearing that his pursuer might catch and relieve him of his valuables. So in a moment each was coming down the track at a 2:40 pace, the special last gaining on Mr. Pickthorn, and calling out at every jump, "stop, or I'll shoot!" But Mr. Pickthorn made the depot and bolted in through the door before the special came up, all breathless with excitement and fear of a hold up. The truth now dawned upon the special's mind that he had not found Brown for whom he was looking, and visions of the \$300 reward vanished into thin air.

Seriously Hurt.
Albert Lawrence, a member of the Oregon Soldiers' Home, while splitting wood near this institution had the misfortune to meet with a very serious hurt. He had opened a cut with an iron wedge and then loosed the wedge with a wooden one, much larger than the first, called a "glut." As the iron wedge was loose he poked his hand in to pull the wedge out, when the "glut" suddenly flew out and the log closed and caught his hand. The pain was so great that he fainted, but soon revived and called loudly for help. No one hearing him he finally pried himself loose, but not until his hand was badly lacerated. Er. Miller was called and dressed the wounds and left him quite comfortable. The worst of the matter is that the old gentleman is badly crippled in the other hand, and this leaves him in a bad condition indeed.

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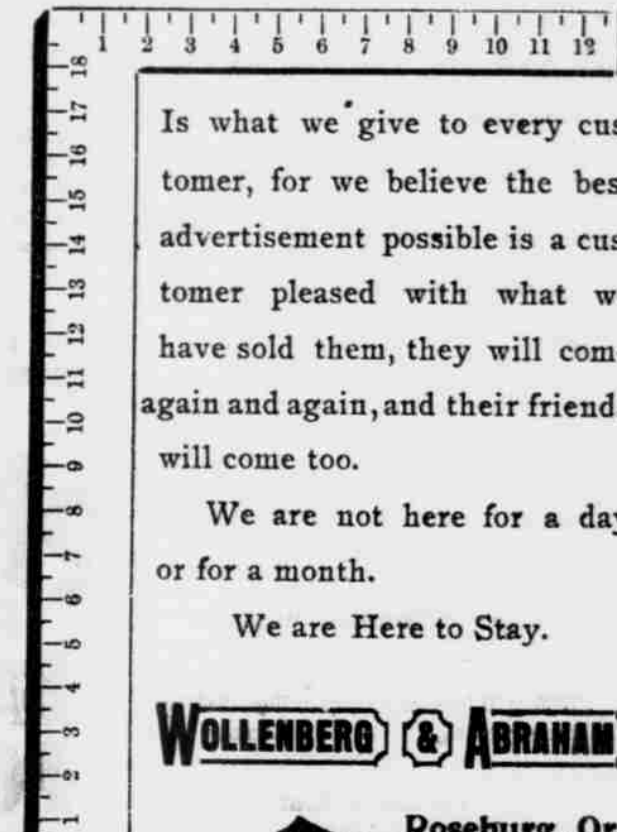
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