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REPLY TO F. W. WOOLLEY.

Under the head of "Will Reply in the Courts," in Thursday evening's Review appeared an article in which F. W. Woolley cast some unjust insinuations against the Plaindealer editor, in reply to which we wish to make the following statement:

In a recent issue of the Plaindealer a citizen of Roseburg commenced a discussion of Roseburg's special school tax levy over the name, "Taxpayer." F. W. Woolley personally accepted the challenge, as it were, issued by this correspondent and assayed to reply to the article over his own name, however, concluding his article with a sarcastic insinuation that "Taxpayer" was a jackass in a lion's skin. In reply to this "Taxpayer" also became sarcastic and directed some caustic insinuations at Mr. Woolley, whereupon, Mr. Woolley also became offended and demanded that we reveal the real name of "Taxpayer." Since Mr. Woolley had personally taken up the gauntlet thrown down by a fellow townsman under an assumed name, we felt under no obligation to comply with his request and did not do so. Country newspapers are largely made up of matter supplied by correspondents or contributors, the truth or falsity of which matter the editor is not in a position to judge from the fact that he cannot keep in touch with the local events and conditions in the various communities and must therefore trust to the integrity of such contributors, none of whom by general custom are required to sign other than a nom de plume to their contributions, the real name being withheld from publication as well as from the curious public, another custom as old as the printer's trade. Therefore, if Mr. Woolley feels that we have displayed bad faith in refusing to reveal a correspondent's name to him, he should make a similar demand of the Portland Journal or Oregonian regarding their Roseburg correspondents, or as far as that is concerned, of any other newspaper editor or publisher, and he will ascertain that we have followed only an old established rule in refusing to grant his request. Personally we regret that these two correspondents have engaged in an exchange of personalities through the Plaindealer, which has so aggravated them, but we had no personal knowledge of the matter under discussion and therefore were not, nor are we in a position to judge the merits or demerits of the case, and as is stated in a note at the head of the Plaindealer editorial column, we will positively assume no responsibility for the assertions or utterances of correspondents, the truthfulness of whose statements it is absolutely impossible for us to pass judgment on from our lack of knowledge of the matters under discussion and the absence of the facts in the case.

Since writing the above Mr. Woolley has filed a civil action for damages against the Plaindealer in the circuit court.

W. C. CONNER.

Ex-Governor Geer's paper the Salem Statesman says: S. A. D. Puter, the chief convicted conspirator in the land fraud cases, had an interview in the Evening Telegram recently in which he strung himself out to the length of over a column in telling that he paid Senator Mitchell two \$1000 bills for his work in getting the 7-11 cases through. Puter declares positively that he paid the \$2000, and that he did it with the two \$1000 bills. If this is all the evidence the prosecution has—if there is not corroborating evidence, and a lot of it—the case of the government will fall down; and in that case Washington will be a warm place for Mr. Hitchcock. It is almost inconceivable that the indictment should have been brought with no stronger evidence than this. Any way, Puter has made a fool of himself in his interview; as though he were defending his "honor." If Puter is the chief reliance of the prosecution, it will very soon turn in the minds of the public, to persecution. Mr. Heney if he is relying on Puter, should put a muzzle on him, and make it a good strong one.

Oregon has been the unenviable focus of the national gaze, for some months past, on account of the land frauds unearthed here, but this state is no longer to be alone the only state subjected to scrutiny and investigation on this account. According to reports from Washington, Idaho and Montana are both the scenes of land frauds similar to those practiced in Oregon, and possibly of even greater extent. It is also known, popularly if not officially, that like frauds have been perpetrated in California, Colorado, and other states, all of which, it may be expected, will receive the attention of the government when it can get around to them.

Who says the Plaindealer is not becoming metropolitan and up-to-date. It has a \$10,000 damage suit filed against it.

The great and only John R. McLean announces that he is no longer a Democrat.

Musings.

\$10,000, when!
Now if they'll only indict spring poets.
Mr. Woolley has over-estimated our pile.
Oh, well we haven't been indicted yet.
The subscription price of the Plaindealer will not be increased.
Now Mr. Timber Speculator we know how you feel. We feel too!
A draft of \$10,000 would make our bank account look like 30 cents.
Say, couldn't you cut off the three ciphers and make it even \$10, brother Woolley?
And to complete the circle, why not have the grand jurors indict one another.
Question of the hour—what were you indicted for? It seems to be in the atmosphere.
And marriage license continue to issue despite the fact that leap year is a thing of the past.

ABOUT THE POLITICAL PARTIES

An ardent reader asks a brief explanation of the meanings of Republicanism, Democracy and Socialism.

Republicanism and Democracy, in essence, mean much the same, viz., a government "of the people, by the people and for the people," but as used in the United States they have a party significance. A leading tenet of Democracy has always been, tariff for revenue only. Republicanism stands for a tariff for protection of American industry. Minor party issues have arisen from time to time, but the tariff issue alone has been permanent. In the 1904 campaign various questions were debated, but the two parties had come close together in actual policy, even in their views on the tariff.

Socialism is a doctrine which has existed in some form for many centuries, being based on the doctrine of ownership of all things by the people as a whole, doing away with unequal division among individuals. Formerly a social, of late years it has become a political, question taking several forms, chief among them being that of nationalism. This means that all things—land, railroads, factories, etc.—shall be owned by the nation as a whole, individual capital being replaced by national capital. It does not maintain the doctrine of communism—equal division of products among all workers—but favors the view of reward for labor according to merit.

Stockman County is likely to be added to the list of Oregon's 33 counties by the coming Legislature. It was strongly urged before the Legislature of 1903, but was defeated largely for political reasons. It is to be taken from Wasco, Crook and Sherman Counties, mainly from the two former. Wasco seems willing, Crook is in a yielding mood and Sherman's geographical loss will be so small that it is indifferent. As long as the territory most concerned seems favorable to the project, the Legislature is likely to pass the Stockman County bill with Antelope as the county seat.

Editor L. C. McKenney has sold the Glendale News, lot and building to Wm. E. Homme of that city, formerly of Wisconsin. The News is a first-class piece of property that has been a success in every sense under its former owner, and it will doubtless continue the same good record under the control of Mr. Homme, who is an inexperienced and capable newspaper man. The Plaindealer wishes both the retiring and present publisher of the News success.

Senor Quesada, the Cuban Minister to the United States gives a very encouraging report of condition in islands. He says there has been only one sporadic case of yellow fever since the war in Havana. The government of the country is also improved. The day is past when a policeman could carry on a business of burglarizing by night the houses he had guarded by day.

A FEARLESS, FREE AND UNTRAMMELED PRESS IS THE PEOPLE'S GREATEST SAFEGUARD AGAINST BOODLING, GRAFTING AND ALL MANNERS OF OFFICIAL CORRUPTION AND THE DAY IS FAR DISTANT WHEN IT WILL BE MUZZLED UPON EVERY FLIMSY PRETEXT BY THE COURTS OF THESE UNITED STATES.

The citizens of Loran, Lane county have met and passed some good resolutions on the road question. They favor a plan for allowing each district to bond itself for road improvement, the bonds to be taken up by the state school fund. Other important features are discussed in the resolutions.

It was quite proper that no bond be asked of Mayor George H. Williams, pending his trial. Mayor Williams will not run away, for he has nothing to fear, and should be tried, will be acquitted.—Telegram.

It is in order for "Taxpayer" to file a counter suit for libel against F. W. Woolley of the Roseburg school board for \$10,000,000. It is a base insult to be called a quadrupled with big ears.

Just before the big World's Fair at St. Louis all the politicians in the state were indicted, and now, Oregon is doing the same. Nothing like advertising, says the Albany Democrat.

Douglas county crop prospects are better than the average.

Will some one please loan us \$10,000 for a few days?

The North Bend Post will resume publication.

High School Defeats Public School.

The power to indict, try, convict and sentence a man has not yet been lodged in Mr. Heney.
Mr. Bryan advises Democrats to do more thinking. But why make them more miserable than they are?
An Idaho man has had the hiccoughs incessantly for three months. No other argument in favor of prohibition.
Dowie paid all the debts he owed last summer. But he still owes the money he borrowed to pay the debts with.
A young woman entered a drug store recently and asked the clerk for a sponge bath. Then she blushed and said she meant a bath sponge.
Don't believe it is worth it. We insist upon an inventory. The price seems exorbitant. (We have bail ready if we are indicted for this.—Ed.)
A New York farmhand has married his employer, a widow with millions. If this doesn't encourage young men to hire out on farms, nothing will.
A Seattle man left his widow \$400,000 worth of property, as long as she did not marry again; if she does, it all goes to her children. This very condition will arouse in her a desire to marry, of course, and so the will will render her life burdensome and no divorce court can help her. A man has no business to make his wife miserable after his death.

BRIDGES AND BOOTH ARE

TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

As Register and Receiver of the Roseburg Land Office Pending a Full Investigation

Mr. T. B. Neuhausen, agent in charge of the General Land Office, special agent in Oregon, has been assigned by the commissioner, with the approval of Secretary Hitchcock, to take immediate and exclusive charge of the Roseburg Land Office. The clerks in the office are acting under his directions, and all books, papers, documents and records are in his possession and are under his control. Mr. Neuhausen has received no instructions other than those implied in the foregoing, the Plaindealer is kindly informed by this gentleman.

This, it is presumed, is the preliminary to the long promised full and complete investigation of the affairs of the Roseburg Land Office, which Messrs. Bridges and Booth have stated publicly at various times, they freely courted, since the Oregon land fraud investigations and prosecutions began, and which as a matter of course, involved indirectly at least, some of the Oregon Land Offices. However, while Messrs. Bridges and Booth remain temporarily suspended pending these investigations, they feel assured that they will be vindicated of any serious irregularities during their long and busy term of office, their first administration having covered that period of the great timberland boom in this government land district, when their offices and forces were taxed to their utmost to attend to the business promptly coming before them.

PLAINDEALER DEFENDANT IN

A \$10,000 DAMAGE SUIT

F. W. Woolley Engages in a Controversy With a Correspondent, Gets the Hot End of It and then Squeals

On Monday Dec. 26, 1904, there appeared a brief communication in the Plaindealer, over the signature of "Taxpayer" justifying the action of the Roseburg school board for voting, what he termed an exorbitant 12 mills special school tax. He also proceeded to ask the board several pertinent questions, being a permanent citizen, taxpayer and school patron, feeling assured that he would be given the information he sought through our columns by the school board. The information he was seeking would have been of personal interest to every taxpayer of the district and his desire that the board make a statement was only just and right. However, F. W. Woolley, chairman of the school board, as assumed the responsibility of taking the matter entirely into his own hands and facetiously replied to "Taxpayer," simply denying some of his statements and giving little or no light on the affairs of the district and seemed to evade the answering of legitimate questions propounded by taxpayer, and concluding his article with the caustic insinuation that "Taxpayer" was a long eared quadrupel.

In the next issue of the Plaindealer "Taxpayer," who was not a little disappointed in Mr. Woolley's disposition to evade the real issue, and somewhat incensed at his evident intent to engage personalities and sarcasm, reference to his queries, which he addressed in a rather blunt, but plain, simple and gentlemanly manner, he proceeded to take up Mr. Woolley's method of carrying on a newspaper correspondence, and also indulged in some personalities. This greatly aggravated Mr. Woolley and despite the invitation extended to him by the Plaindealer, to answer through its columns the charges preferred against him by "Taxpayer," and if innocent, proceed to exonerate himself, he abruptly broke off the correspondence, demanded the real name of "Taxpayer," which under the heat of the controversy we declined to reveal to him, whereupon Saturday he filed the following civil suit for damages against the Plaindealer.

THE COMPLAINT
In the Circuit Court of the state of Oregon for Douglas County.
F. W. Woolley, Plaintiff, vs. The Plaindealer Publishing Company a corporation, W. C. Conner and F. H. Rogers, defendants.

Plaintiff for cause of action against the defendants complains and alleges: That during all the times hereinafter mentioned the plaintiff was, and still is a member of the Board of Directors of School District Number 4 in Douglas County, Oregon.

That the defendant The Plaindealer Publishing Company is a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the state of Oregon.

That the defendant said corporation is the publisher of a newspaper, the Plaindealer, a newspaper of general circulation in said School District Number 4, and in Douglas County, Oregon, of which said newspaper the defendant corporation is the proprietor.

That on the 26th day of January, 1905, the said defendants at Roseburg, Oregon, published the said newspaper and therein the following words all concerning the plaintiff, to wit:

"More About the Tax Levy" [Here the communication signed "Taxpayer" was reproduced.]

That the said publication was false and defamatory and was published by said defendants maliciously and with the intent thereby to injure the good name and reputation of the plaintiff and his business.

That by means of said false and defamatory publication plaintiff was injured in his business and reputation to the amount of the sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000) Dollars.

WHEREFORE plaintiff demands judgment against the defendants for the full sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000) Dollars, and his costs and disbursements therein to be taxed.

COSHOW & RICE,
Attorneys for Plaintiff.

We regret very much that the Plaindealer after granting the free use of its columns to two of Roseburg's citizens in which to carry on a supposed good natured controversy, is drawn into the matter and its injury attempted by one whom it thus favored.

As we state elsewhere we know nothing of the merits or demerits of the matter under discussion by these two aggressive correspondents, therefore paid little attention to it. Yet through a mad desire to seek vindication from charges or rather insinuations brought against him through his own indiscreetness, Mr. Woolley seeks to destroy if possible, the very medium through which he was generously given permission to conduct his part of the unfortunate controversy and through which he was later given a special invitation to fully exonerate himself, if innocent, of every charge preferred against him.

In this legal proceeding he further seeks to wreck and ruin financially persons whom he knows to be absolutely innocent of any participation whatsoever in the controversy which so aggravated him. This is a fitting demonstration of man's inhumanity and ingratitude to man.

A Strenuous Grand Jury.

Portland, Jan. 7.—After fifty days of continuous session the county grand jury finished its work today. Its report sharply criticizes the city and county officials, including District Attorney Manning, for permitting criminal cases to remain undisposed of, censuring the city council for slackness in the matter of letting contracts, censuring the police department for failure to prosecute gamblers, recommending the dismissal of J. F. Johnson, guard, for cruelty to prisoners on the rock pile and condemning other county officials.

LEGISLATURE IS READY FOR BUSINESS

Kuykendall Elected President of the Senate. Mill Speaker of the House.

SALEM, Jan. 9.—(Special)—The Oregon legislature met in its regular biennial session this morning and effected organization without incident, further than a sharp skirmish for the preferred positions. Senator Wm. Kuykendall, of Eugene, was elected president of the Senate, and Representative Mills, of Multnomah county, was chosen speaker of the House. Both branches settled down to business promptly, and there is an indication that this is to be a business like session.

Simon Caro went to Salem Saturday night where he is promised an important clerkship during the legislative session which convened to day.

DIED

BROWN.—At his home, West of Roseburg, Oregon, on Friday, January 6, 1905, John Brown, aged 88 years, 9 months, 22 days.
The funeral was held from the Catholic Church at 2 o'clock p. m. today, with services conducted by Rev. T. O'Carroll. Interment in Catholic cemetery.

The report comes from Northern California that Chas. Comstock, a painter formerly of this city, has been convicted of larceny.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Road Machinery Proposition and Appropriation for Portland Exhibit Under Advisement.

Saturday a committee composed of Hon. D. S. K. Buick, F. G. Nicoli and C. S. Jackson, representing the Roseburg Commercial Club, appeared before the county court and presented the resolution recently adopted by the club favoring a county appropriation to provide a county exhibit at the Lewis and Clark fair, and arguments were presented in behalf of such an order on the part of the court. The court has taken the matter under advisement, but insists that petitions for such an order be circulated in the various precincts of the county and if freely signed and returned to the court favorable action will then be taken, the court being willing to issue such an order providing it is sustained by the taxpayers of the county and its hands upheld in providing such an appropriation. The same requirement is demanded before definite action is taken in the road machinery order, and petitions will at once be circulated for signatures on both propositions.

DRAIN CLUB'S RESOLUTIONS.

Drain's Commercial club has passed strong resolutions concerning in the action of the Roseburg club in resolving against the annexation of the Bolenia mines by Lane county.

RESOLUTION FAVORING COUNTY EXHIBIT

Drain, Ore., Jan. 7, '05.
To the Honorable County Court of Douglas County, Oregon:

Resolved, that the Commercial Club of Drain, Oregon, would favor your Honorable body, appropriating one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) for exhibits at the Lewis and Clark Centennial for Douglas county, Oregon.

DRAIN COMMERCIAL CLUB.
ORDERS.

The petition of H. J. Wilson and others praying for the appointment of Wm. R. Stock as Justice of the Peace to fill an unexpired term at Canyonville, is granted.

The Riverside road is ordered opened at the expense of the petitioners, the \$100 damages assessed having been paid by interested parties.

Much time has been occupied in the changing of road district boundaries, and auditing claims of road supervisors, which is still occupying the attention of the court, together with the drawing of a jury list.

Father Brains His Son.

EVERETT, Jan. 6.—While splitting wood, Frederick W. Sloper brained his four-year-old son John. The child was swinging about a post near where the man was working. The boy's arm slipped and he fell forward striking his face on the chopping block as the axe was brought down with a heavy swing. The blade sunk deep into the boy's head, sawing off the skull. He died in three hours. The father is crazed with grief.

Killed By Falling Tree.

EGGERS, Jan. 6.—Word has been received in Eugene that Mrs. Lillie Warner, wife of Clifford Warner, was killed at Blackley, in the western end of Lane county, by being struck by a falling tree. A tree was being felled near the Warner house, and Mrs. Warner was watching the work. Suddenly the tree split open and fell, without warning, crushing her. She died within a few hours.

Mrs. Warner was aged over 41 years, and was married to Clifford Warner May 10, 1904. She leaves a child by a former husband.

Nogi to Return.

TOKIO, Jan. 5.—It is stated that General Nogi will return to Tokio at the request of the emperor, in which case he will receive a tremendous ovation.

Foreign attaches entered Port Arthur yesterday. It is impossible to move a majority of the sick and wounded, who will be nursed at Port Arthur. The work of clearing away the mines from the harbor has commenced, with the aid of charles provided by the Russian. The gates to the drydocks were destroyed.

Oregon Notes

A Corvallis poultry-raiser has sold a considerable number of fowls at \$10 each.

Baker county mills have contracted 3,000,000 feet of shop lumber to a large Milwaukee firm.

A company with capital stock of \$90,000 has been incorporated to build a sanatorium at the hot springs near Haines.

Nearly all Oregon towns improved more during 1904 than any previous year, and expects to beat last year's record in 1905.

Irrigation on a big scale is about all the talk in Klamath county. Great development is sure to take place there in the near future.

Ashland women are happy because a long-felt want has been supplied in that city by a women hair dressing establishment.

A charivari in Columbia county 12 pounds of dynamite were exploded, and next day the party had to replace the windows in the newly married couple's house, all of them being shattered. About 30 days in jail also would have been good medicine for them.

MRS. H. EASTON

is prepared to wait upon old and new customers and friends with a full and complete stock of

GROCERIES
All fresh and of the very best quality. Teas and coffee are specialties. Your patronage solicited.

205 Jackson St., Roseburg

Frank E. Alley, the well known actor, returned home this morning from a brief business visit to the state's metropolis.

FARMERS' NEEDS

GRASS SEED

Now is the time to sow your field seeds. I have just received a large supply of Alsike, Red and White Clover, Alfalfa, Timothy, Orchard, Blue Grass, Etc.

HARROWS

Buffalo Pitts, Pan American, Spike, Spring and Disc Harrows, and Syracuse and Steel Chilled Plows.

SAWS AXES SLEDGES

Simmons, Webfoot, Chinook, Eclipse, Hoo Hoo and Pacific Coast pattern Saws; Keen Kutter, U. S. A. and Phoenix Axes

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Light Prices
Light Place

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GREETINGS OF THE NEW YEAR

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