

THE ASHLAND TIDINGS.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 26, 1886

EDITORIAL NOTES AND NEWS.

Henry Watson's condition is improving.

Oregon will be the first State to elect a representative to the next Congress.

The Morrow anti-Chinese bill will probably be favorably reported to the House.

Political gossip suggests that Thurman may succeed Bayard as Secretary of State.

It is believed at Washington that J. W. Mackay will enter the Senatorial race in Nevada.

It is said to be practically settled that Howard and Terry will get the vacant Major-Generalships.

A delegation of Utes have gone to Washington to try and sell their reservation to the Government.

The Portland Daily Standard has suspended publication. The World says ungenerously caused its demise.

The Secretary of the Treasury has issued a call for \$10,000,000 of 3 per cent bonds, which will be paid April 1st.

The Republican Senators propose to question Cleveland's right to arbitrarily remove United States Judges in the Territories.

Seattle was released from martial law Monday evening, by proclamation of the governor. It was under military rule for two weeks.

McCarthy, the defaulting clerk of the supreme court of California, who fled to Honolulu, has been brought back to San Francisco for trial.

On Friday seventy-five Mormon converts from the South left Chattanooga, Tenn., for Utah. There are now nearly 100 elders at work in the Southern States.

Kennard Philip, aged 40 years, an Englishman by birth, who was charged with forging the famous Morey letter in 1880, died at his residence in Brooklyn, N. Y., last Tuesday.

In the breach-of-promise suit of Miss Perkins vs. Lucky Baldwin at Los Angeles, Cal., the jury awarded plaintiff \$75,000 damages last Friday. Baldwin has transferred his real property to others, hoping to evade payment.

On the 17th of the present month the Portland board of trade held a meeting at which a memorial was adopted asking congress to pass the bill now pending in regard to the Crater Lake park. This memorial was forwarded the same day to Washington.

Another complication has arisen in the telephone matter. J. Harris Rogers, the Pan Electric inventor, forbids Garland from giving away his stock. He claims the right to forbid this, because the stock was a gift, conditional on the performance of certain things.

John B. Gough, the eloquent apostle of temperance, who was stricken with apoplexy while in the midst of a lecture in Philadelphia on Monday night of last week, died at 10 o'clock last Thursday afternoon. It is recalled that the last words uttered by him, just before he fell, were: "Young man, make your record clean." He was buried in one of the beautiful cemeteries of the Quaker City, the funeral being private, at the request of his wife.

Congressman Hermann was asked by a Washington news reporter last Saturday whether he would seek re-nomination at the next election for his present position. He replied that he would do nothing to influence the action of the convention, as his work here so fully occupies his time that he could not go campaigning for re-nomination. He said if his work thus far did not rally his friends to his support he would have to suffer the consequences of being away from the scene of action when nominations are made.

A Maine man writes to the State Immigration Board that a colony of seventy-five to one hundred families will leave that State for Oregon this year. The letter received by the Board says: "When I tell you that we feed stock seven months in the year in stables to keep them alive, it shows you that there is not much profit left. We are not rich, but we are industrious and economical." A letter to the Board from St. Johns, New Brunswick, promises an addition of ten families to the population of Oregon before the close of the present year.

The new edition of the school laws, comprising 2,500 copies, has been arranged, annotated, and compiled by Supt. McElroy, and is now printed and ready for distribution. This edition of the laws will afford one copy to each school district in the state, and a sufficient number will at once be sent to each county superintendent to supply each school clerk with one copy for the use of the district. This edition is a great improvement on the first one, containing not only the amendments made at the special session, but, in addition to this, all of the subsequent decisions by the superintendent of public instruction, since July 1st, 1885. Also a brief but exceedingly useful and practical chapter on school architecture.

THE RAILROAD WAR.

The transcendent railway pool, which has heretofore maintained a uniform rate upon all the great overland lines, has at last gone to pieces, and the traveling public is delighted by a genuine, old-fashioned war of rates which will enable a person to make a trip across the continent at a comparatively trifling expense. The reductions affect both freight and passenger rates, and traffic will no doubt be stimulated to great activity during the continuance of the war. Rates on freight have been cut down by a much heavier discount. First-class passenger fare from Chicago to San Francisco has been \$99.50, but the last report stated that tickets were selling at \$30, limited as to time, and \$40 unlimited, while second and third-class tickets have been cut in somewhat lesser proportion.

Third-class, or emigrant, tickets have been sold for the trip from San Francisco to New York at \$27, and the end is not yet. Now is the time to travel.

THE COUNTY DEBT.

A short time ago the Tidings stated that the debt of Jackson county was estimated at nearly a hundred thousand dollars. A study of the financial status of the county with the semi-annual statement of the county clerk (published last week) as a basis, shows that estimate to have been more nearly correct than many supposed at the time. This statement of the county clerk may be in established form for such "exhibits," but to common people who want to know just how the county stands it seems very incomplete, to say the least, and in some of its aspects it is positively misleading. In the first place, no mention whatever is made of the large amount of accrued interest upon the outstanding scrip. In the next place, the income from the whole of the present year's tax (exclusive of the state's general and school portion) is figured in as assets on Jan. 1st, 1886, whereas no mention whatever is made of the expense of the latter half of the fiscal year, which will probably amount to more than those of the former half, exclusive of the outlay for bridge building. To pursue this plan of exhibit we might easily wipe out the county debt entirely, on paper, by figuring in as assets the tax income for two or three years ahead, and saying nothing about the trifling matter of expenses to be met in the same time by this same income. Inasmuch as the expenses of the county have been running ahead of the income every year for sometime, however, it would be more correct to figure the balance of the future as liabilities than it is to draw "assets" from this source. Above all things, the people want clearness and plain, straightforward statement in these matters. Something we can all understand at a glance, as a man understands his own business affairs. If there is interest to be counted in as a part of the debt, why not say so? If the county debt has actually increased some \$12,000 or \$15,000 within six months, is it honest to give the increase at \$1,088.15 in the "exhibit"? As to the motive of this, the Tidings has nothing to say at present. Possibly someone who knows may explain the matter, but as the public is interested in the county finances, let us make an attempt with what data we have, to approximate the actual condition of affairs.

According to the Clerk's "exhibit," the debt on July 9, 1885, amounted to \$62,190.50. The disbursements since that time to Jan. 1, 1886, aggregate \$29,644.24, making a total of \$91,834.83. This all bears interest at the rate of eight per cent per annum, and the accumulated interest must be added to the heavy principal. Without a thorough and laborious examination of the records and accounts of both the clerk and treasurer it would be impossible to determine exactly how much this interest aggregates, but, to be reasonable, let us compute it as equal on Jan. 1, 1886, to two years' interest upon the whole sum, or, in round numbers, \$12,000. By this computation the debt with interest foots up \$106,000.

Against this debt the clerk places \$36,000 "assets"—which consists, he explains, of cash and cancelled warrants in the treasury, the county assessment levy and amounts due from all other sources. The cash and cancelled warrants, whatever their amount may be, must, of course, be deducted from the sum of indebtedness as shown, but it can hardly be correct to deduct from present indebtedness the amount due the county between the present time and the end of the current fiscal year, when a large proportion of this amount will be needed to meet the current expenses of the county during that period. For the first six months of the current year the expenses of the county, exclusive of expenditures under the head of "permanent improvements," were \$13,751.02. During this period there was but one term of circuit court, while in the half year between Jan. 1st and July 1st, 1886, two terms of court will have been held. It is reasonable to suppose, then, that the county expenses during the latter half-year will be greater than \$13,751.02. Let us say the issuance of scrip from Jan. 1 to July 1, provided no permanent improvements are required, will reach \$15,000. Add to this another half year's interest on the debt, to July 1st, and we have \$19,000 to deduct from the \$36,000 "assets." This leaves us only \$17,000 to subtract from the \$106,000 debt, and we have the "augmented sum" of \$89,000 left as a balance on the wrong side of the county ledger. This is most likely short of the true figures, but we prefer to err on that side, rather than to exaggerate the debt.

The Tidings has no other interest in this matter than that of the public welfare. It is proper that the people of the county should know exactly the condition of their financial affairs and it is an important part of the duty of a public journal to furnish such information. Unfortunately, the county is deeply in debt. In spite of the heavy annual tax of two per cent, upon the property of the county, the debt has continued to increase. How to remedy the trouble is a matter which should receive the fullest discussion and consideration at this time.

Prohibition State Committee.

The Prohibition State Central Committee met at Eugene City Feb. 18, Chairman W. W. Dinnick, Marion, presiding, and J. E. Houston, of Jackson, acting as secretary. Sixteen counties were represented by members of the committee or their proxies.

It was ordered that the State Convention be held at Salem, on Wednesday, March 31st. It was, on motion, recommended that the County Conventions be held on Thursday, March 25th, and the Primary meetings on Saturday, March 20th.

The Secretary was instructed to telegraph to the National Lecture Bureau, to see if any funds could be given towards organizing the State Prohibition Party.

It was voted that a volunteer Lecture Bureau be opened under the supervision of J. L. Johnson, of Portland, and immediately a large number of addresses were volunteered.

The whole number of delegates fixed for the state convention is 139, of which Jackson county is given 8; Josephine, 2; Klamath, 1; Lake, 1, and Douglas, 8.

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The "Medford Monitor" stated some time ago that thirty tons of tailings from the old quartz mill on Wagner creek yielded \$1200 at the reduction works. By the proprietors of the mine, the Tidings was informed that this statement was erroneous, and it said so—simply that and nothing more. The engineer of the "Monitor," evidently suffering with a sore head or a disordered imagination, takes this as an insult, and in about a half-column of froth and "swash" charges the Tidings with slandering the Medford quartz mill, "belittling Medford as an enterprising center," and calling him a liar. It is surprising that, while the fit was upon him, he didn't convict the Tidings of high treason against the United States of America, and sentence it to annihilation at once. From the ridiculous he descends to contemptibility when he hints darkly that "it is rather dangerous to tell a brother editor that he lies knowingly and willfully." Possibly it might be serious in his case. If he is wrought into such a fever by simply being told that he has made an "erroneous" statement, the chances are that if someone should call him a liar it would throw him into convulsions that might prove fatal. Nevertheless, should occasion require it, the Tidings will not hesitate to perform this "dangerous" duty.

The yield of the rock in question is a matter of some public interest in this neighborhood, and the report that it was about \$40 a ton naturally excited much comment. When Messrs. Walsh & Bragdon found that it did not reach one-tenth that figure, the public was entitled to know it, and the idea that the simple statement in the Tidings was intended to injure any enterprise, any place or any man is too preposterous for anyone of ordinary common sense to conceive. The facts are simply these. The manager of the reduction works tested a small quantity of the reduced ore before Mr. Walsh at the mill, and the result pointed to a yield of from \$35 to \$40 per ton. The Monitor man was informed of this and figured out that thirty tons would yield \$1200. He stated that thirty tons had yielded that sum. The fact is, the quantity of rock was less than twenty tons, and the returns received by Walsh & Bragdon were less per ton than one-tenth what the Monitor stated. The Tidings is not disposed to be misrepresented even by the Monitor, and if that paper, or any other moving spirit behind it, wishes to nurse this matter further, we have a good stock of facts in store which may be pertinently used.

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