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The situation is exactly similar in The Dalles, if wool be substituted for ore. This city, as the point which handles more wool direct from the producer than any other place in the United States, has no woolen mill. We would rather pay the freight on the raw product to Boston, and pay another charge on woolen goods shipped from the East. Undoubtedly the same fleece returns to our midst after a journey across the continent.

A woolen mill in The Dalles would not benefit the railroads; a good many cars now loaded with wool would be idle, but the benefit to a town situated as this is would be beyond estimation, and the saving in freight bills on the raw material alone would give to the manufacturer a fair margin of profit.

Much of the editorial space in today's issue, is given up to a communication, regarding Mr. Taylor's arrest, from one who does not wish his name made public. The space is given in order that all may have a fair hearing, and state their grievances to suit themselves. The writer claims that injustice has been done by THE CHRONICLE, and yet he does this paper injustice in saying it attempted a justification of Mr. Taylor. No one could draw such a conclusion. As to whether or not the editor of THE CHRONICLE is a confidence man, and for that reason is in sympathy with Mr. Taylor, we will not take the trouble to deny. The whole matter of Taylor's arrest has been fully discussed, and if wrong has been done, as is claimed, the manifesto elsewhere is intended to set it right with the world. Further than wishing to treat all fairly, THE CHRONICLE has no interest in the matter, and will leave Mr. Taylor and his troubles to the courts, the only place where the present complication can be intelligently discussed.

Regarding O. D. Taylor.

EDITOR CHRONICLE:—The account of the arrest of Rev. O. D. Taylor, published in your Monday issue, is somewhat misleading. In fact, outside of stating that an attorney was called in as counsel, and some comments on the conduct of the officer, it was more of justification of Taylor by contrasting him with those he roped in, than an account of what happened. There can be no objection to individual or editorial indorsement of Taylor's transactions; all phases of society have their standard of morals. The confidence man sees nothing wrong in the methods of other confidence men; but as the newspaper enters the homes of all, it is only fair it should state the facts in its news columns, so that readers can form an unbiased opinion, and reserve its comments and opinions for the editorial column. As your issue of Tuesday is misleading again on the same subject, a brief statement of the facts will doubtless be best for all concerned.

Parker Owen, the officer sent here from Michigan, came with three requisitions on the governor of Oregon. The requisitions are in duplicate. To the original is attached the complaint, evidence and exhibits, and from this the governor determines whether he will honor the requisition by issuing a warrant for the arrest of the person charged with crime. If the warrant is issued the duplicate requisition is returned, with the warrant, to the officer, and establishes his complete authority. Parker Owen is a Knight of Pythias, and so is the governor's private secretary, Mr. Danniway. As the business was being closed Mr. Owen asked that he join him in a midnight dinner. In the hurry Mr. Danniway omitted to enclose the duplicate requisitions, and Mr. Owen did not discover the oversight until he presented the papers to Deputy Sheriff Kelly of The Dalles. It was then too late to call a halt, and he decided to run a bluff. The warrants were regular and good, and when he asked Mr. Kelly to make the arrests that official was obliged to act, and he did so. In making the arrest on the warrants and without the requisitions no wrong was done. The papers were good and regular, but simply scattered a little. If objections to their legal form had been raised, Owen realized he could be detained here for a week or more.

Taylor was held in the jail for an hour. Meanwhile an attorney was called as his counsel and asked to examine the papers, and did so. Having pronounced them all right, he informed Mr. Taylor that he didn't see as anything could be done; whereupon Mr. Owen departed, and stayed not on the order of his going. The charge that Owen went to a saloon to brace up with liquor is a mistake; and if it were true, it could not affect the merit of the charge against Taylor. But as a matter of fact Owen is a total abstainer. As to the outrageous treatment in hustling Taylor away, unshorn and unwashed, Owen had but one excuse. Delays were dangerous, and with one gauntlet run, it behooved him to get out of the county by the nearest route. While it is not customary with officers making arrests to give indefinite time to prisoners to perform ablutions, arrange business matters, and to otherwise trump up delays and technicalities to defeat the operations of the law, and while the ordinary transgressor is shoved into the cell without anyone caring how or why, there is no doubt that in the case of Taylor, had circumstances been a little different, Mr. Owen would have given no occasion to complain of neglect of courtesy. As to his being a greenhorn: "He laughs best who laughs last."

In the language of a departed, but respected, pioneer of The Dalles, Col. McArthur (substitution of names excepted):

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