

East Oregonian Branch Office.

Branch office of the EAST OREGONIAN has been established in Portland in the Advertiser building, second floor, under the management of Homer H. Blacklock. He will be glad to have residents of Pendleton, and all over Eastern Oregon generally, to make a visit when in Portland. He will gladly render them any service in his power.

BREVITIES.

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A REPLY.

Mr. EMESLEY RIDENOUR, Weston, Or. SIR: In the last issue of the Weston Leader you address to me an "open letter," which you desire me to publish. I have caused to be published, elsewhere in this issue, all that portion of the letter which seems to be particularly pertinent to the issue. The contents of the other portions of the letter will be sufficiently indicated in the following brief remarks. Your letter is in some parts misleading, and in some parts impertinent if not insulting; yet believing that you are far from yet being wholly corrupted by some of your past evil associations, I by no means disdain to reply, in a more fraternal spirit, I hope, than governed your own pen.

You assume too much—doubtless for the benefit of those who read only your version. I do not acknowledge having "committed" any "offense" in publishing the attempted arrangement between yourself, Baker and Bentley, and the anonymous letter. I have not been convinced that my course was not "justifiable." I did make inquiry "as to the truth or falsity" of what was published, and have no reason yet to doubt its verity. I have not written Bentley down an "ass," or "fool," or "knave"—except in the estimation of his enemies, who desire nothing so much as to make him appear so.

You still allude to the "purported anonymous letter." Purported! Repeatedly you have indicated or insinuated that the letter was concocted by Bentley or myself. You can not believe this; why lead your readers to think you believe it? The letter is a fact, and it came from Weston. It appealed to Bentley's conscience. You are, and acknowledge yourself to be, an especial friend and champion of M'Coll. That you, or Mr. Baker, or both of you, in collusion with M'Coll, saw or knew of that letter before it was mailed at Weston, was under these circumstances, but natural to believe. And to this day you have not denied this. I admit that I am an enemy of M'Coll to the extent of preventing his further plunder of Umatilla county people if possible.

Implicating to some extent my friend Baker, is quite good. I always appreciate a little humor. I have said, and until the contrary is proven I will not unsay it—that Baker was a party to the whole transaction, and personally joined in the importunity for money to "support" a man on the opposite ticket from his own.

I have not "retracted" my first opinion concerning the receiving of pay for services rendered an aspirant for office." The difference between honest, open, and voluntary remuneration for honest, conscientious, and voluntary service—or a contract for extra expense incurred—and haggling and dickering to sell to the highest bidder—equally ready to praise or condemn a man, according as a few dollars are given or withheld—is probably apparent to most people, if it is not to yourself and Mr. Baker.

With much assumption of superior virtue, you adjure me to be "honorable." Sir, I am not aware that I have to sit at your feet, nor yet indeed at those of any man—however much else I might learn—to be taught any lessons of honor, so far as performance of public duty is concerned. When I have accepted a bribe for a vote or a word, when I have allowed any man's gold, or any amount of it, to swerve me from the path that I believe to be right, and for the greatest good of the greatest number, when I have sacrificed any interest of my constituency, as I honestly saw that interest to be, for any pecuniary reward or any personal advantage or advancement—then, sir, and not till then, will I submit to be taught by you to be honorable.

And while I am writing this, I will take the liberty of noticing an article published in the Leader—for the publication of which you are perhaps not personally responsible—embodying a letter written by David Coffman to Hugh Fields. Until it appeared elsewhere than it did originally, I would not deign to notice or reply to it. But since the paper of which you are part-proprietor has seen fit to reprint the article—with evident relish and approval, and therefore given it some publicity, which otherwise it would not have had,—or at least a publicity that no man with any manhood in him could stoop to notice—I have a few words to say about it.

The letter was purely and solely Coffman's. I occasionally wrote private letters for him, merely as an amanuensis, and frequently he brought his private letters to me to read, or had them directed to me for him, as he could neither read nor write well. He said he wanted a letter written to Hugh Fields. He thought Fields owed him something, or ought to pay him something. I did not know the nature of the demand until the letter was partly finished. I signed his name to it, and then, to show to any person who might see it that I was in no sense or manner the author of it or responsible for it, I added, over my own signature, the statement that it was written at his dictation and request, and that he authorized his name to be attached to it. I thought so little of the matter that, contrary to my custom, I kept no copy of the letter; and it nor its subject matter never alluded to again by either Coffman or myself. But it naturally fell into the hands of Mr. Fields' attorney, who imagines that he has reason for an endless deadly hatred of me, and he published it. With him, at present, I have no quarrel. Except for the Leader's republication of the letter, it never would have been mentioned by me. I shall not follow your example, and insist on this explanation being published. I leave that to your honorable judgment.

Attention to them—nor shall I—than a locomotive would give to a pismire on its track. If the time ever comes when my merits or errors are a pertinent subject of debate, I may take occasion to smash a few glass windows myself—just for fun. For the present, I am, regardless of those volleys of personal abuse, devoting myself strictly to business, a little portion of which is to assist in the election of our excellent Democratic ticket.

Very Respectfully,  
J. P. WAGER.

All About a Dollar.  
A Boston drummer and a night clerk at the Willard had an altercation last night over the settlement of a bill, and the clerk very indecently drew a revolver on the drummer. The bill was paid by a friend of the drummer. The quarrel was resumed at the train, but was stopped by the drummer causing the arrest of the clerk. When he found he would be compelled to stop over a day in order to prosecute the clerk, he withdrew the charge, and the clerk was released. Mr. Fee, who was present, insisted that the night watchman had no right to arrest the clerk without a warrant, and otherwise aired his ignorance of the town's laws and ordinances. It was no concern of his whether the arrest was made or not. The night watchman prosecuted the arrest in spite of so much free legal advice.

An Explanation.  
With reference to a complaint about a freight charge, recently published, it is learned that a special ruling, adopted by nearly all railroads, to the effect that no shipment, however small, will be taken at less than 100 pounds at second-class rates. If parties who order goods from the East would remember this, much annoyance might be averted. For instance, a person ordering a package of merchandise of the seventh class, weighing thirty or forty pounds, from New York, would be charged 100 pounds at second class, viz., \$4.20, which would bring 170 pounds of seventh-class merchandise.

Chalk & Caviness, Farmers.  
W. W. Caviness has sold a half interest in his farm and stock in Cold Spring to W. T. Chalk, who is already a partner with him in the large farm lately purchased of J. M. Leezer, near Foster. The price paid by Mr. Chalk for the half interest in the Cold Spring property was about seven thousand dollars. Messrs. Caviness and Chalk are now among the most extensive farmers in Umatilla county, and having very fine farms will no doubt be successful.

Catholic Services Yesterday.  
The services in the Catholic church yesterday were largely attended to hear the lectures of Archbishop Gross, who came up to administer the rite of confirmation to about twenty-five converts. Among those who received the rite were John and Joseph Murphy, with their wives, Mrs. A. Strangier, Mrs. W. Futter, Mrs. Louis Reith, Misses Emma Eggarth, Louisa Johnson, Belle and Mina Murphy, Clara Reith, Tillie Daniel, Clara Cramblett and Mary Curran.

The Mikado next Thursday Evening.  
The Juvenile Opera Company left for Baker City last night, where they will play to-night and to-morrow night. They will play at La Grande Wednesday, and will appear in Pendleton Thursday night in the Mikado, through arrangements made by Mr. Fletcher. The little fellows have grown to be great favorites here, and no doubt will be greeted by a large house in this, their best opera.

Gearin's Appointments.  
Mr. Gearin speaks this evening at Heppner and to-morrow evening at Pendleton. He will probably speak at Weston Wednesday, at 10:30 a. m.; at Centerville at 2 p. m., and at Milton at 8 p. m. His appointments were made by Portland parties, who arranged them wretchedly, and omitted Weston, but if possible he will try to speak there.

Rev. W. E. Potwine was called to Weston yesterday morning to conduct the funeral services over the remains of Louis Lafrow, aged 23 years, who died in the Willamette valley a few days ago, and was brought to Weston for interment.

B. W. Thomas, of the postoffice store, made an assignment this morning for the benefit of his creditors, among whom J. K. Gill, of Portland, is the largest. Assets, \$1,112.50; liabilities, \$1,699.22.

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Ed Sharon returned from Portland this morning with Ed Hall, adjuster for the Oregon Fire & Marine Insurance Co., who will adjust Mr. Bushee's loss.

Two freight trains collided Friday near Cheney, almost completely demolishing two engines. Seven persons were injured, but fortunately none fatally.

Mrs. J. B. Kennedy died last Friday near Helix. A child had lately been born to Mrs. Kennedy, which died Tuesday, and the mother soon followed.

The Lakeport stage was robbed near Cloverdale, and Abe Creigler, a constable who pursued the robbers, was shot dead by one of them.

Capt. Scott's new "Telephone," to take the place of the boat of that name destroyed by fire last fall, was launched at Portland Saturday.

Mr. Eells, Indian agent at Puyallup, W. T., is in Washington, having been summoned there to answer charges preferred against him.

Mr. Ward, the temperance evangelist, delivered an address last evening at the Opera House to a large audience.

The prisoners in the Walla Walla penitentiary have commenced brickmaking, 10,000 being turned out Saturday.

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Nye is improving, slowly but surely. H. C. Wright and Son have just finished their new store building. They have been very busy for the last two weeks putting it up, and will soon have on a stock of goods.

It has been raining all night, and is still falling now, at 11 a. m. It was needed very badly, as the grass had commenced to dry and burn considerably. All kinds of grain looks well, and gardens are all up in this vicinity. Everyone smiles since it began to rain, and farmers expect large crops, as they have been very busy, and a large amount of new ground has been broken and put in cultivation this spring.

This neighborhood is settling up very fast. New families are coming in every few days.

John McAfee and J. J. Spear will start with their cattle for the John Day in a few days.

Mr. Smith also intends to take his cattle to John Day and start a dairy ranch for the summer.

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Public Speaking at Alba.  
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Hotel Arrivals.  
VILLARD HOUSE.—W. C. Starr, J. H. Woodruff, N. P. Vallejo, F. L. Richmond, H. W. Shattuck, San Francisco; G. A. Strouder, C. E. Clark, John Burke, J. D. Kennedy, Edward Hall, T. I. Townsend, W. A. Eberly, John M. Gearin, J. Klosterman, Portland; J. J. Shea, Iowa; E. B. Bowen, Boston; Frank Kootz, Dan Harner, Heppner; Mrs. Kolmbach, Miss Roddy, J. K. Romig, C. H. Finn, La Grande; Davis Wilcox, North Powder; Miss E. Sullivan, F. H. Bernard and wife, J. Jones, W. Gleim, Walla Walla; Hank Vaughn, Joseph Depot, Sam Mansfield, T. J. Kirk, N. Bereley, Centerville; D. Good, Nolin; R. A. Good, Kansas; D. Stone, Umatilla; E. Boetcher, Chicago; J. R. Williams, Cal; Chas. McKeynolds and wife, Mrs. F. L. George and child, country; Wm. J. Bickerton, Jas. F. Scarrif, Woodstock, Canada; J. G. C. Lee, U. S. Army; Fred Cairns, City; G. R. Atkinson, Minneapolis; N. S. Chapel, Echo.

GOLDEN RULE.—F. W. Rayburn and wife, Portland; G. A. McGrew, Perrydale; Jim Grove and wife, R. Wild, P. Craig, Cold Spring; J. C. Davis and three sons, Kansas; Albert Wilson, Miss E. Richardson, Centerville; R. Gathergood, Alba; C. W. Osgood and family, Mo; Jacob Lamp, G. W. Hull, city; W. T. Copenhagen, John Porke, F. Davis, Walla Walla; G. D. Richey, Encampment; John Smith, Geo. Smith, Huntington; Rev. J. Mercey, Heppner; Dan Dougherty and wife, Miss Kate Dougherty, Vinson; F. M. Entyre, Cold Spring; F. B. Demars, Adams; Lewis Neace, Montana; W. Brown, S. Lappe, Wm. Barden, Weston; J. M. Cullough, Kansas.

BOWMAN HOUSE.—F. C. Hillands, San Francisco; J. G. Owens, Echo; Mrs. M. E. Clark; D. L. Miller, C. M. Buchanan, Heppner; J. E. Ferry, Butter Creek; H. Michael, Pilot Rock; C. Clifford, Portland; T. Allen, The Dalles; J. N. King, Kansas; C. O. Anderson, Chicago; Ben Kratz and wife, Colorado; A. G. Robinson, Indiana; B. F. Mansfield, Centerville; J. E. Breckbill, San Francisco; M. A. Share, Portland; R. O'cott, Pilot Rock; Charles Kiger, Donald Ross, Vinson; F. C. Krandall, La Grande; W. T. Hoeker, Washington Territory; W. H. Jening, New York; Nat. Hawkins, Boston; Wm. Payne, M. H. Dugg, Colorado; D. T. Fenn and wife, W. H. Decker, Walla Walla; C. E. Stanley, C. E. Herndon, Echo; Elmer Bishop, Walla Walla; J. E. Egan, Weston; D. B. Beers, C. M. Miller, Portland; A. B. Evans, Milton; J. L. Geyer and wife, Missouri; H. C. Dunn, Kamela; M. A. Baker, Weston; W. B. Bell, Portland.

Gov. Alger, of Michigan, is Mrs. Gen. Logan's choice for President.

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