

"Joseph Jinks" Sends Us a Welcome Letter From the Town of Orchard and Strawberry.

To the Editor of the East Oregonian. Noticing that considerable space in the EAST OREGONIAN is devoted to correspondence from various portions of the county and failing to find Milton represented, I will endeavor to furnish an occasional news letter containing matter of interest to your subscribers.

Since winter has fairly commenced, Milton is comparatively dull, although improvements to property, especially in the north end, continue to be made. The welcome news that a large grain elevator would be constructed near the railroad depot during the coming spring caused a rather lively deal in real estate this week, four tracts of land being sold in the immediate vicinity thereof.

There is considerable talk of woolen mills being established here during the summer. There is now something over \$600, mill site and water power subscribed by such men as Nathan Pierce, J. C. Long, A. M. Elam, J. N. Stone, J. M. P. Snyder and other leading citizens of the town, and it seems that although Milton's pet scheme, division, has been relegated to the shades of demerolite, her people continue to have faith that nature's advantages will at least aid them in making it the metropolis of Eastern Umatilla.

And speaking of division, it was a useful sight on Friday morning last, when the news came that the measure had been "indefinitely postponed," to view the downcast countenances of those who were so hopeful but a few weeks ago. Small knots of men congregated upon the street corners or in the stores, endeavoring each with the other, and asking the why and wherefore; and the general sentiment seemed to be (though not openly expressed) that the fault, from inception to the sad ending, was with ourselves.

Among the few well-merited improvements in Milton is the handsome residence of Mrs. J. L. Williamson, a lady who has done much in a financial way to build up the town. It is probably the most handsome and costly residence in the Walla Walla valley outside of the metropolis. Another substantial improvement is the residence of Ran-on Wells, in North Mill n, just completed; also the new college building, of which I will speak more fully in another letter.

There is only one thing which is a detriment to Milton; and, plainly speaking, that is a continual strife and ill-feeling among its citizens over certain personal matters or sectional jealousies, arising from a dread that one end of the town will take a step in advance of the other. The prohibition question—although I believe it to be morally, and should be legally, right—has heretofore and will hereafter cause differences of opinion which tend to make enemies and to a certain extent cripple business. But with a steady growth and more progressive population, these defects will disappear.

It is learned here to-day that Hunt, of the O. & W. T., has ordered a survey made from Walla Walla along Mill creek and over what is known as the Mill creek pass into Indian valley, Union county. It had been hoped by our citizens, and may yet transpire, that the proposed route into the Grande Ronde valley would intersect Milton and Weston, and connect at Pendleton or Centerville with a road into Union county. Should the Mill creek pass be selected, it may be years before the gap between Walla Walla and Centerville is closed.

Dr. S. C. Stone, who has been attending a series of medical lectures in New York city for four months past, arrived home on Saturday.

Many of our leading citizens are attending court at Pendleton, among them being George DeHaven, W. S. Brown, Sr., Oscar Hull, J. E. Kirkland and E. C. Walker. Treat the latter two gentlemen in a kind and indulgent manner, for they are but recently returned from the "third house" at Salem, and are sore unto death.

An incident occurred here last evening, which may serve as a warning to those unacquainted in the duties of a law-abiding citizen. Deputy Sheriff Hull received instructions to sub. vena James Dyke as a witness in the case of the State vs. J. M. P. Snyder. Seeing Mr. Dyke from afar off, Hull advanced and began the process of subpoenaing in due form, but before he had fairly got started Mr. Dyke suddenly turned and ran at full speed in the direction of the underbrush along the river. The deputy sheriff started in pursuit, but being of a rather phlegmatic constitution, lost his man. That night Mr. Hull was awakened from his sound slumbers by a tap on his cheek, and there stood Dyke, in a supplicating attitude, asking the deputy to finish reading the subpoena. He had discovered by conversation with several friends that he had unintentionally committed a criminal offense, and didn't desire to carry the "joke" any further.

Our citizens await with interest the result of the grand jury's decision in the case of the State vs. J. M. P. Snyder. Mr. Snyder is a highly respected citizen, and his statement that self defense was only intended is generally believed.

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The Cost of the Depot Grounds Will Reach \$50,000.

The committee on "right of way and depot grounds" for Hunt's road, consisting of S. P. Sturgis, J. M. Watson, W. F. Matlock and C. S. Jackson, have about completed their work in regard to ascertaining the cost of the depot grounds; here is an itemized estimate furnished by them:

Block 73—Lots 1 and 2, City of Pendleton. Block 74—Lots 1, Wm Sparks, \$1800, estimated; 2 and 3, J P Medernach, \$2100, asks; 4, Mrs Long, \$1500, estimated; 5 and 6, Arnold & Schmeer, \$2000, contract; 7, Jacob Wagenblast, \$900, contract; 8, Joseph Bayer, \$1000, asks.

Block 75—Lots 1, 2 and 3, Mrs Lowery, \$4000, asks; 4, Mary Jane Ward, \$600, estimated; 5 and 6, Ritner, \$2,000, estimated; 7 and 8, H Kopitzke & Co, \$2050, contract.

Block 76—Lots 1 and 2, Mrs Lee, \$1350, contract; 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Benjamin DeSpain, \$4050, contract.

Block 77—Lots 1, 2, and 3, Ladd Estate, \$1000, estimated; 3, 11 and 12, Henry Thompson, \$1800, asks; 4, August Stangler, \$1600, asks; 5 and 10, Mrs Kuykendall, \$3,500, estimated; 6, 7, 8 and 9, Mrs Armstrong, \$3000, asked; 13 and 14, Geo Armstrong, \$2500, asks.

Block 78—Lots 1 and 14, Henry Scales, \$1500, contract; 2, 3, 4 and 5, George Armstrong, \$4000, asks; 6 and 7, Mrs Armstrong, \$3000, asks; 8 and 9, E J Horton, \$1400, contract; 10 and 11, T F Howard, \$1600, contract; 12 and 13, J M Bentley, \$1250, contract.

Block 79—Lots 1 and 2, J H Turner, \$1200, contract; 3 and 4, Pend. Imp. Co., \$300, contract; 1, 5, 9 and 10, Kearney, \$200, asks; 7, J E Bean, \$400, contract; 8, John Doe, \$300, estimated; 11 and 12, Pend. Imp. Co., \$200, contract; 13 and 14, G A Smith, \$280, contract.

Block 80—Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, P. Kine, \$3300, contract; 5 and 6, J P Cox, \$1000, contract; 7 and 8, C Bronson, \$1000, contract; 9, John Doe, \$250, estimated.

Block 81—Lots 1 to 14, inclusive, Pend. Imp. Co, \$1450. Block 82—Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 11, 12, 13, 14, Pend. Imp. Co., \$375. Block 83—Lots 1, 2, 3, 14, Pend. Imp. Co., \$30.

REMARKS. In most cases these prices cover the improvements on the lots named, which amount to a considerable sum and can be disposed of for cash at reasonably fair prices. This, taken with the chances of securing reductions from the figures quoted in no less than twelve instances, leads one to believe that a total reduction of probably \$13,553 can be secured from the gross estimate herewith stated, making the NET COST OF PROPERTY FOR DEPOT PURPOSES \$50,000. This amount does not cover the cost of "right of way" from the present end of the track to Pendleton and down Webb street to the grounds. The "right of way" will probably cost \$5,000. From this it can be seen that the total cost of securing Hunt's road to Pendleton will be \$55,000.

THE NEW BANK.

Its Officers and Its Prospects—Only two banks in a County of 15,000 Population.

The Pendleton Savings bank is now ready for business, occupying the handsome quarters of the late Pendleton National bank in the Association block. Its officers are: L. L. McArthur president, R. G. Thompson vice-president, and James H. Raley secretary and treasurer; directors, L. L. McArthur, H. B. Dickson, R. G. Thompson, J. H. Raley, D. P. Thompson, W. F. Matlock, R. Alexander, Robert Sargent and Henry Failing. The bank starts out with bright prospects and being in the hands of good managers and having an abundance of capital, it will achieve great success. A town of 4000 people and a county of 15,000 population certainly ought to give two banks a liberal support and make them very prosperous institutions.

A QUEER CASE OF LAUGHING.

Medical Science Halted. The physicians of Baker City are considerably excited over a peculiar case of laughing, which they can find no way of stopping, as yet. The party who is peculiarly affected is a healthy, robust married lady, twenty-five years of age. She goes to bed laughing, wakes up in the middle of the night laughing and arises in the morning laughing. The fact of the matter is, she won first prize over her mother-in-law at the Robertson Carnival given in that city three months ago. It is whispered that several young married ladies of Pendleton will try to have a laugh coming to-morrow night at the opera house.

The Cruel War Over.

The cruel war is over "for sure," James Redpath, the friend of John Brown and the life-long friend of Wendell Phillips, Charles Sumner, and other famous champions of freedom, told a writer in the New York Star that he recently paid a visit to Jefferson Davis at his home in Mississippi. He was a guest of Mr. Davis for four days and enjoyed his visit immensely. He describes the old President of the Confederate States as "the most refined and charming old gentleman whom he had ever met among the public men of America—as the very opposite of the character he is supposed to be in the North—as refined in his manners and speech as Ralph Waldo Emerson, or Longfellow, or Wendell Phillips, who were the most perfect types of high breeding and noble nature I ever met in the North. Mr. Davis is over eighty years old now, but is in good health and full mental vigor, giving every promise of living to see the twentieth century. Using the phrase in its true, and not in its cant sense," continued the old abolitionist, "I can conscientiously describe Beauvoir House as an ideal home. Mr. Davis is the finest type of Southern manhood—and Mrs. Davis is quite as notable a personage—a great woman, both in character and intellect."

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LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

What the Session Will Cost and What Has Been and Will be Accomplished. In the Senate to-day Watts offered a bill appropriating \$42,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the expenses of the session. It was read three times and passed in short order.

The present session of the Legislature will cost the State \$30,000, or about a thousand dollars a day. That was the estimate of Secretary of State McBride in his biennial report.

Senator Wager has introduced a bill requiring county warrants to be cancelled seven years after issuance; read twice and referred to the committee on claims.

A bill has been introduced, and stands a chance of becoming a law, fixing the compensation of county clerks and sheriff's in Umatilla, Wasco and Crook counties and repealing the act allowing them 33 1/2 per cent of the receipts as fees.

The Senate commerce committee has reported favorably on Hamilton's bill to appropriate \$10,000 to build a wagon road from Heppner, Morrow county, to Monument, Grant county; ordered engrossed. The bill has already passed the House.

The bill introduced in the Senate by Senator Wager "to more fully secure the independence of electors and secrecy of the ballot" has passed the second reading and gone to the committee on elections.

Senator Veatch has introduced a bill which has passed the second reading, making the legal rate of interest six per cent per annum.

Carson's bill to establish a State board of equalization, and to appropriate \$50,000 to maintain it until March 1, 1891, was brought before the Senate. Wager offered an amendment providing that not to exceed three of the five commissioners shall be of the same political party. The bill and amendments were referred to the ways and means committee.

A bill introduced by Stanley to appropriate \$25,000 to aid Jackson county to build a railroad from Jacksonville to Medford has been indefinitely postponed. The committee on agriculture has made a report providing for the appointment of stock inspectors and fixing their duties. A bill has been introduced embodying the suggestions of the committee.

Norval, of Union county, has introduced a bill in the Legislature granting to the Oregon & Washington Territory Railroad Company a right of way fifty feet wide through lands of the State, and depot grounds for stations, depots, tracks and water stations.

Good Recommendations. A gentleman once advertised for a boy to assist in his office. Nearly fifty applied for the place. Out of the whole number he in a short time chose one, and sent the others away.

"I should like to know," said a friend, "on what ground you choose that boy. He had not a single recommendation with him."

"You are mistaken," said the gentleman. "He had a great many. He wiped his feet when he came in, and closed the door after him; showing that he was orderly and tidy.

"He gave up his seat instantly to the lame old man who entered; showing that he was kind and thoughtful.

"He took off his hat when he came in and answered my questions promptly and respectfully; showing that he was polite.

"He lifted up the book which I had purposely laid on the floor and placed it on the table, while all the rest had stepped over it or pushed it aside; showing that he was careful.

"And he waited patiently for his turn, instead of pushing the others aside; showing that he was modest.

"When I talked to him I noticed that his clothes were carefully brushed, his hair in nice order, and his teeth as white as milk.

"When he wrote his name I observed that his finger nails were clean, instead of being tipped with jet like the handsome little fellow's in the blue jacket.

"Don't you call these things letters of recommendation? I do; and what I can tell about a boy by using my eyes ten minutes is worth more than all the fine letters he can bring me."

The Work of Ninety Men. One-half of the fifteenth biennial session of the Oregon Legislature is past, and it is now easy enough to see that not one-fourth of the measures which have been introduced in the two branches will be disposed of within the allotted forty days. However, the appropriation for wagon roads and other internal improvements will be quite extensive, and when the people come to foot the bills they will be quite well satisfied that the session lasted no longer and no more bills were passed.

There have been introduced in the House in all 210 bills. Four of these were duplicates of those introduced by other members, and have been withdrawn. Twenty-eight have been passed, twenty of them during the last week. Only three of these have passed the Senate. Twelve bills passed by the Senate have been received in the House; four of them have been passed, and the others are still in the hands of committees. So the combined labors of ninety men for three weeks have resulted in the enactment of seven laws, provided the governor does not veto any of them, but this he is sure to do in the case of one—the Portland water bill.

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