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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1902.

Umatilla taxpayers would do well to remember that after October 6 a penalty will be attached for making levy on all delinquents.

L. N. Liggett has sold the Primeville Review to William Holder. The new proprietor has already added material to the plant which is showing up well in the paper.

Indian hoppers at Nott Yakima have gone on a strike to the number of 500. Now don't that far you! Talk about the red man advancing in civilization. He is in the front ranks.

The La Grande Daily Chronicle comes out in a new dress and is now a very neat paper. The Chronicle has a good field and a paper that does not succeed at La Grande is at fault somewhere. Success to you neighbor.

It is now reported that "King" Morgan has stepped into the mining strike question and that he will proceed to settle the trouble at once. At least Wall street thinks this way. And Wall street is generally right on these questions.

It is claimed that the St. Louis council received \$57,000 for killing one bill before them. It is safe to say that many city councils have done worse things, for less money. About the only thing in favor of those St. Louis hoodlums is that they were high-priced.

The Kansas City fire chief has been invited to go to London, to assist in organizing a fire department. What that country will not be asking from this country in a few years is only speculation. But then we have been giving them lessons in one way and another ever since 1776.

The prize contest to be offered by the Baker City people at their coming carnival for the best broncho buster is likely to develop into finding talent that will rival the feats of Buffalo Bill's cowboys. Oregon has the material. There are few better riders in the world today than are found in Eastern Oregon.

A sheepman is no better nor worse than a cattleman, or other stockman, and every class is entitled to protection of the law. Everyman who shoots his fellow man down on the range is worse than a murderer and the gallows is none too good for him. Let the officers do their duty or be impeached. These range wars must stop.

England has gotten on the proper step in regard to the settlement of the Boer war affairs. England is willing to forgive and forget. The Boers may forgive, but it will take some time for them to forget. The fellow who was in the wrong is always willing to forgive and forget, but the man who has been grievously wronged requires time to reach this spirit of meekness.

A halt should be called on the range war. It is claimed that the wholesale violations of the law on the range has been one of the prime causes of declaring a timber reserve that is about to prove disastrous to this section of the country. Violations of the law never result in any good for the country, and these violations should be stopped. The officers in the counties where the violations of law occur should run the criminals down, it matters not how prominent they may be as citizens, and if it is

necessary the state militia should be called out to assist them. The state should not be made to suffer from the wanton death-dealing acts of a lot of criminals and murderers.

The strikers have won out in West Virginia, having gained their point on every contention. It may at last be safely stated that the labor organizations are getting on a sensible foundation. As soon as agitators are side-tracked and the real laboring men govern their organizations there is no power on earth to stand in their way when they are in the right. Labor supports the world and it should rule it.

The Clackamas representative to the state legislature says he is in favor of amending or repealing the coyote law. If he is like the most of the newspapers in Western Oregon he would be more in favor of repealing it. He does not say what his amendment is, but it is more than likely that he would amend the law so as to compel Eastern Oregon to pay the bills arising from killing coyotes under the law.

It would be a hard blow to Oregon, Washington and Idaho should the Carey act cause delay in starting irrigation experiments on the part of the government in this country. It has been claimed that the Carey act was originated and passed as a steal, and if this be so it should be repealed at the earliest possible moment. The bill, it is claimed, was originally passed in the interest of certain land grabbers and sharks, whose intention was to steal certain sections of lands, and was afterwards taken advantage of generally. And now upon investigation by the government it is found that so many have taken advantage of the law that nearly every practicable place in the country has been taken, or filed upon so that the government will have to go to the middle west and southwest in order to make its experiments in irrigation.

CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGN.

Reports from New York are to the effect that the democratic congressional campaign committee has been unexpectedly successful in raising money for the canvass. The chairman of the committee, Mr. Griggs, of Georgia, is comparatively unknown to national politics, but he has been shrewd enough to obtain the assistance of some of the strongest democratic capitalists in the East and as a whole the committee is a formidable one. It therefore behooves republicans to take heed of the situation. Despite the divisions in the democratic ranks, the lack of an issue and the lack of a leader, there is danger they may capture the house of representatives.

The present house consists of 337 members, of whom 198 are republicans, 151 are democrats and eight are classified as silverites or populists. The republicans have, therefore, a majority of 42. The next house, whose members are to be elected this fall, will contain 356 members, being an increase of 29. Of the additional members, New York, Illinois and Texas will have three each, Minnesota, New Jersey and Pennsylvania will have two each and Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Kentucky Louisiana, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, North Dakota, Washington and West Virginia will have one each.

Of the new men the democrats are said to be sure of 10, so that there remain 19 to be fought for. Moreover, a good many seats now held by republicans were obtained by slender majorities and they have no sure thing of maintaining their existing strength. If the democrats and silverites, in addition to the 10 new seats given them in the South under the new apportionment, can carry 24 more they will have a majority in the house and thus be able to prevent the enactment of important measures

and seriously hamper the work of the republican administration.

It will be seen that there is nothing in the situation to justify any great amount of optimism on the part of republicans. There are some seats which the party is sure of holding, but in virtually all districts in the North and West there is going to be a hard contest. Democracy will be backed in the fight by the Free Trade League and will not suffer from a lack of money in any district where it has a chance to win.

Some time ago Senator Vest stated that it would profit the democrats nothing to obtain control of the house this year. His argument was that a democratic house could accomplish nothing, since the senate and the administration are in the hands of the republicans, while the fact that it was democratic would enable republicans to throw upon the house the responsibility for the defeat of any legislation the people desire. His conclusion was that it would be good politics for the democrats to make no effort to carry a majority of the seats in the next house, but devote themselves exclusively to the election of strong men in a few districts, so that while remaining in a minority they would be able to profit by republican mistakes and formulate an issue for 1904.

For a time it seemed likely such tactics would be pursued. A change, however, has come over the political situation. The activity of the Free Trade League has brought the tariff issue once more to the front, and under various names of tariff reform, tariff revision and reciprocity the issue has been given a prominence which threatens to make it the chief subject of partisan controversy for the next two years and the point of struggle in 1904. To achieve that result the various factions of tariff tinkers are eager to get control of the house. Hence the success which Chairman Griggs has had in getting money in New York, Boston and Chicago for the congressional campaign.

It is strange that after the recent experience with free trade the democratic party should be willing to again make a presidential fight on that issue, but it is to be borne in mind the party has now neither a leader nor a program. It is natural, therefore, that it should grasp at the plank the Free Trade League holds out. Thus the country is confronted with the menace of another tariff agitation, and if the present house be carried by the democrats hardly anything can prevent the precipitation of that issue.—San Francisco Call.

Magistrate—Now I'll let you off this time, but it should be a lesson for you not to be in bad company again. Prisoner—Gee whizz! It ain't my fault that I'm here; the cops made me come.—Philadelphia Record.

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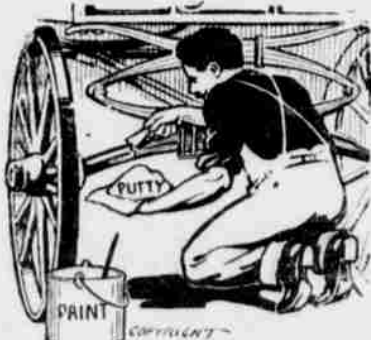
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