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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1902

### WIDE OPEN TOWNS.

There is a great deal of comment in Pendleton among the sporting element about making Pendleton a closed town. Direful political calamities are threatened against all officers connected with this movement. They say that certain officials will never be able to get elected to the office of dog pelter should they aspire to such a position in the future.

This, of course, is a two-sided question and it will take more than a mere statement to prove it. It is claimed that Pendleton has gradually grown duller since the doors were closed on gambling and that the town looks blue, especially, to a certain element; that the money usually reaped from the harvest season was lost this year, and that the closing of the gambling houses has caused havoc in many instances.

It is cited, with considerable emphasis, that all wide-open towns are prosperous; that only those who indulge in gambling from choice lose or win at such places; that only this element engages in gambling and that it only goes to such towns as are wide open. This class has a mania for gambling; it will gamble, and what it loses and spends must be lost and spent somewhere and it will go to the wide-open towns to do it. It is further claimed that the non-gambling element is not hurt by this, but benefited instead; that it does not think of "bucking" the game, but that when the gambling class spends or loses its money in the town the non-gambling class of the town and county, who is generally the substantial business men and property owners are usually benefited by it; that the money is left in the town and county and all of the substantial citizens are benefited by it.

It is claimed that this is a clear gain, that if there is no wide open town here they will go to one. This class, they say, consists of a large number and wields a strong influence in the general business interests of the county. It will even work to get money to gamble on—work hard at that—then gamble away and spend the money and pass on to another wide-open town.

This is a peculiar problem. No good citizen can publicly endorse gambling, or violations of the law of any kind. Yet, it is admitted as a demonstrated fact by many that wide-open towns and cities are the most prosperous. Close the saloons and gambling houses, many will say, and you kill a city or town. One prosperous and full of life today with saloons and gambling, will tomorrow look like a churchyard if you close down upon these evils, they say. They cite the towns and cities and states that have tried it, and the evidence is strong in their favor.

It is claimed that in the great west there is an element made up of a class that demands different laws and different phases of life to that of the staid old east; that laws that will apply in the east would kill the west.

Whatever may be the correct solution time will determine. But it is safe to say that while it will not do to be too lax it will neither do to be too strict in this country.

It is also proper to state, that upon an average the sporting men and saloon men of Pendleton are as good citizens as are ever found among that class. They are not usually "sure thing" men, but men who pride themselves in being true sports; men who

get their money under the regular rules of that kind of life.

It may also be stated that the moral element is free from the narrowness charged against that class in many places. The people composing this element are trying to do what they consider is best for the community, and if they appear too stringent, they at least are clear of intending to be so.

In any event, it is hoped that Pendleton has not, and will not, suffer on account of the mistakes of either side.

Marconi is being properly honored by his king and his countrymen. Barring our own Edison, he is the inventor of the age, and these men who think and work while others sleep and waste their time should be honored. They are the men who make a progressive world.

No better move could be carried out than the building of a public wagon yard or camping yard. The traffic from the outside is great and courtesies extended the man with the team from the interior is like sowing seed upon good ground.

Train collisions have been frequent, more frequent this year than usual. Modern inventions and achievements should lessen these disasters, and the increase of train wrecks must be charged to carelessness somewhere.

### CHEAP SECTIONAL SARCASM.

The Journal has pleaded for more cordial relations between the eastern and western halves of the state, in matters pertaining to the conduct of the state government. The following prompt another reference to it:

"One of the most amusing incidents in the history of our commonwealth comes from Eastern Oregon. So long as the scalp bounty fund was not gone as was eminently correct, in the eyes of the eastern portion of the state to kill the nasty coyotes, but when that fund was exhausted it was learned by those conversant on the subject that the coyote was the deadly enemy of the jackrabbit, which was more destructive than the coyote. Unfortunately there was no state bounty on the jackrabbit scalp, and Baker county, suddenly seeing light, has abolished the scalp bounty on coyotes. Other Eastern Oregon counties have also been educated and will follow suit. Long live the coyote!—Aurora Borealis."

This is cheap sarcasm, and is not worthy anyone who appreciates the difficulties under which Eastern Oregon stockmen have labored from the beginning of the establishment of their industries. Furthermore, there is a tone of impeachment of the sincerity of the Eastern Oregon people in general that indicates perhaps the character of mind and soul of the writer of the excerpt.

There are in Eastern Oregon the two distinct interests—cattle and sheep. The sheep raisers desire the coyote law, the cattlemen incline to oppose the coyote scalp bounty law. The coyote is harmful to sheep owners because he kills sheep and lambs. He is not harmful to the cattlemen, because if unmolested he kills jackrabbits and prevents them from eating the grasses that gives pasturage for the cattle.

And herein lies the contention of two interests, that is not strange or amusing, but is honest on either side.

The habit has been heretofore for Western Oregon and Eastern Oregon to maintain an attitude of jealousy, like that which children show over the little things of the early life. It has been silly in the extreme. It is puerile, too much so for sensible grown-up people to indulge in.

The Eastern Oregon thought on the bounty law is not clearly defined it is a mere matter of harmonizing the two. But in this situation and because of the conflicting interests, in all others, for the sake of a common state, and in the name of all good sense, let those of us who live west of the Cascades cease to utilize

the cheap weapons of brainless fools in a fight against that part of the state that lies east of the Cascades.—Oregon Daily Journal.

### PLATFORM IDAHO DEMOCRATS.

The democratic party of Idaho in convention assembled has declared the following political principles:

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Government ownership of the railroads and telegraph.

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Legislation that will prevent an abridgment by abuse of the writ of injunction.

The pushing forward of work under the new irrigation law.

An amendment to the state constitution giving the inmates of soldier's homes the right of franchise at the place where their home is located.

The two-mile limit law, and pledges democratic members of the legislature to resist any and all attempts to repeal, amend or nullify the same.

The employers' liability law insuring protection and justice to Idaho workmen and pledges the democratic members of the legislature to vote for such a law.

It pledges the democratic party to favor and pass an act giving married women equal property rights with men.

It favors the passage of a law to prevent the maintenance of any system that directly or indirectly savors of coercion or the blacklist or in any way restricts the right of labor to seek employment.

It favors the investment of school funds in municipal, state or government bonds.

It declares unequivocally for the eight hour law.

It reaffirms allegiance to the Kansas City platform, commends William J. Bryan; condemns the cowardly assassin who shot down President McKinley; is opposed to trusts, trust fostering tariffs and financial monopoly; and, it exposes the Fowler currency bill in the following words:

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