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Make way, make way for the Sunshine Brigade! There comes no gloom where its troops have strayed, For they bear the peace of the fairy delis, And laughter's joy music that ripples and swells To the rhythmic tread of their marching feet, And they love the world, for the world is sweet, And Worry and Trouble creep back, dismayed, When they view the flag of the Sunshine Brigade. —Alfred J. Waterhouse.

**GIVE US BUSINESS.**

There is going to be need for thorough business management of Pendleton's affairs for the next few years, until the debt to be contracted in completing the sewer system and in paying for other substantial improvements, is paid off.

The present council and mayor have conducted the affairs of the city in a very satisfactory manner, and while a floating debt will be charged against them, they will have made ample showing for the expenditure. But now the question is to get out of debt, again, and lay up a surplus.

The excellent sewer system added to the wealth and convenience of the city, will be a lasting monument to the energy of the people. Now that it is installed, and this expense met, there must be retrenchment, collection of poll tax, economy in every department, greater, if possible, than in the past, in order to regain that good financial condition which found at one time this year a surplus of something like \$16,000 in the city treasury.

The personnel of the city council will be largely changed, with the coming election, several of the older members retiring from the service of the people. While those remaining and those now seeking places in the council, are active, thorough, practical business men, and while W. F. Matlock, the only candidate for mayor, is a man used to the management of large property interests, it is essential that the new council make a record for business management, in order to rebuild and strengthen the city finances, after the severe strain of making the costly and needed improvements paid for by the present administration.

The city is growing, and the demand for more street improvement in the outside districts, will largely increase. The residence district must be more thoroughly covered by the sprinkling wagons, next year, and the matter of increased fire protection, must be constantly met.

All these subjects must be considered in the light of necessities, and all city legislation must tend toward adding them to the legitimate progress of the city.

While a small debt is not a frightful thing to consider, it must be the aim of the council to reduce it just as fast as possible, and to that end, every source of revenue must be made to contribute to the expenses of the city, to the fullest extent.

The interest charges are increasing, as the different improvements are made on borrowed capital, and the sources of revenue to the city must be increased. It is impossible to operate a city of 7,000 people on the revenue calculated for half that number. As the demand for public improvements becomes greater, and the expenses of policing and managing the city, become more heavy, some additional means of raising money, should be devised, without resorting to a constant increase in the tax levy.

The sale of a band of stock sheep, for \$130 per head, in Baker county, reported in these columns yesterday, is a sequel to the failure of sheepmen to ship out last spring, at the

solicitations of C. J. Mills, livestock agent for the O. R. & N. Mr. Mills drew a graphic picture of the conditions that would prevail this fall if the congested condition of Eastern Oregon ranges was not relieved while the price was good and the demand brisk. The hay crop was short in many localities this year, and the old supply was cleaned up last year completely, leaving no emergency supply for this winter. The supply of sheep on the ranges was greater last spring than the range could properly support, and now with this year's increase of lambs the herds in some portions of the state are out of all proportion to the amount of hay, and if a long winter ensues, the condition is not promising. It must be brought forcibly to the notice of stockmen, that herds must be cut down to the hay and range supply of the country.

That the warnings sounded against fakirs and peddlers, by the East Oregonian, from time to time, are bearing fruit, is seen in the fact that every county paper and many of the outside papers of Eastern Oregon have published these warnings. The people have but one sure way to learn in advance, of these grafters that impose upon them, and that is through the press. Home merchants and dealers are entitled to the protection of the press, against these foreign, transient peddlers who pay no taxes in the county, and who can "skin" the people unmercifully, because they never expect to make the second trip through the country. It is one principal part of the duty of the newspaper to stand as a sentinel over the interests of its patrons.

Nothing too severe can be said in condemnation of the methods adopted by Sam Parks, the convicted labor leader, to grow rich quick, but what about the methods of Schwab, Morgan & Co., as revealed in the investigation of the bankrupt shipbuilding trust? Parks is in Sing Sing prison, where he belongs.

It is bad enough to steal news and editorial from exchanges, but it is still worse to use readable matter from one paper and credit it to another. Journalism has few enough honors, at least, and no reputable editor will take from the small sum of glory that naturally falls to his fellows.

There appears to be some question whether the new minister from Panama is representing that nation as well as he appears to have represented the Panama Canal Company in this country.

**OPPOSED TO STRIKES.**

I am opposed to strikes as I am opposed to war. As yet, however, the world, with all its progress, has not made war impossible; neither, I fear, considering the nature of men and their institutions, will the strike disappear in many years to come. The state by its laws has fixed the rules of contest, and both parties should rigidly keep the law. If they fail to do so, the government should compel them by the use of all the force necessary. The operators taught us the boycott by first using the blacklist; but that is beside the point. I oppose and shall oppose any illegal boycott carried out by threats or intimidation of any kind. But when a great contest has been forced upon us, I favor recognizing friends as friends and opponents as opponents. —John Mitchell.

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