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The city of Pendleton is in debt today over \$200,000, divided as follows: General bonds, \$75,000; Levee bonds, \$40,000; water bonds, \$45,000; sewer bonds, \$30,000 and a floating warrant indebtedness of over \$10,000. The partisan administration, which has just taken charge of the affairs of the city, instead of conducting the business of the city on economical lines to get out of debt, has raised the salary of the city recorder \$25. per month, making an increase of \$300 per year, created the useless office of sewer inspector, at a salary of \$40 per month, or \$480 per year, and today gave the city advertising to the highest bidder—the Morning Tribune, which bid 6 cents per inch, against 5 cents an inch bid by the East Oregonian. One of the councilmen before going into office announced that no democrat would be allowed to hold office as long as he was in the council, and two more of them signed a resolution as councilmen, asking that the Morning Tribune be made city official paper, without soliciting bids, to get work done as cheaply as possible, for the city. This is the kind of "business administration" now in charge of Pendleton.

UNQUALIFIED GRAFT.

Last evening two members of the ways and means committee of the city council, B. F. Renn and J. M. Ferguson, awarded the city advertising to the Morning Tribune, at 6 cents per inch, over a bid of 5 cents per inch from the East Oregonian. It is a plain, coarse, bungling inexcusable "job" to rob the taxpayers and reward a groveling partisan who has appealed to the lowest instincts of the voters for the past year, in an effort to make the city government a grab bag for the politicians.

In the first place, B. F. Renn signed a petition to the council two weeks ago, asking that body to give the city printing to the Tribune without the formality of asking for bids. He was willing to give that paper full sway, without restriction as to the price or quality of the work.

He prostituted his office of councilman to drag a vile political prejudice into the business of the city, and showed an utter lack of practical business sense or management. Defeated in this by the intelligent men in the council, he then ignored the bid made by this paper, so determined was he to do the bidding of a partisan "heeler," and consented to rob the taxpayers by giving the work to the paper bidding highest, instead of to the lowest bidder, as instructed by the council.

T. W. Swearingen, the third member of the ways and means committee refused to have anything to do with this coarse deal, so plain was his dishonesty and grafting. He asked Ferguson and Renn to allow the matter to lay over to another council meeting, as there was nothing

definite about the first bid of the Morning Tribune which read "at ordinance rates." Instead of laying the matter over, Ferguson and Renn went to the Tribune and told it what to bid, when it submitted a second bid of 6 cents per inch, still a cent an inch higher than the first and only bid of this paper.

These two fossilized partisans have shown the most woeful lack of common business principles in this deal that has ever been exhibited in this city. After asking for bids, in the discharge of their duties as public servants, they dishonestly ignore the lowest bid, in their determination to reward a sheet that exists only because it is a partisan tool, and willfully pilfer the city treasury on a plain business proposition which they made to all papers alike, on the understanding that the lowest bid would be awarded the work.

If this is the result of politics in the city elections, the people will soon get enough of it. If the public funds are to be parcelled out to partisans without regard to the interest of the taxpayer, the sooner the people know it, the better.

This paper has maintained an independent position on all questions, defending the public interest against the grafting of any ring, no matter what the politics, and stands today for the interests of the city, in every matter of expenditure.

Had the opposition paper submitted a lower bid for the advertising, not one word of complaint would have been uttered. If the people would have saved money by accepting the bid of the Tribune, not one word of censure would have been justified by the action of these councilmen.

But the job is so coarse and glaring, the dishonesty so apparent, that it will not be allowed to rest until the citizens know how they are being robbed and hoodwinked by these political tricksters who sit in the council like wooden men and vote "yes" or "no" as they are told.

Instead of cutting down expenses, and practicing economy, in the city government, these narrow partisans willfully defraud the people by rewarding a tool of the politicians, who has threatened to close up gaudling if the city advertising was not awarded to him regardless of the bid. The council should repudiate the action of this committee and show its willingness to defend the interests of the city by doing business on a business basis.

The band wagon is coming.

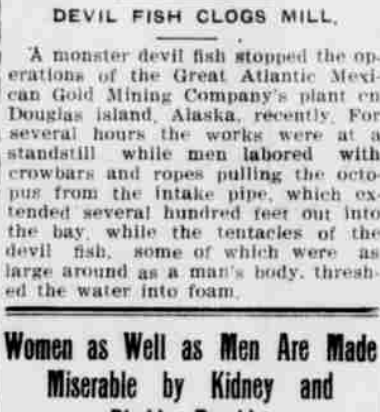
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Of General Gordon, who died at Khartoum, Lord Wolsey says: "A deeply religious man in whom danger apparently excited neither pleasure nor repugnance, he seemed only to distinguish between a safe position or an extremely perilous one as he would notice any slight change in the weather of a fine sunny day. He knew how infectious courage was and how much an exhibition of contempt for personal danger braced the nerves and steadied the hands of those less gifted with masculine daring than he was. He was a man in a hundred. During a lull in our siege operations one sailor was sailing overheard saying to another in the battery: 'I haven't seen old Gordon here lately.' 'No,' answered his shipmate, 'the fire ain't hot enough for that old beggar just now.'"

DEVIL FISH CLOGS MILL.

A monster devil fish stopped the operations of the Great Atlantic Mexican Gold Mining Company's plant on Douglas Island, Alaska, recently. For several hours the works were at a standstill while men labored with crowbars and ropes pulling the octopus from the intake pipe, which extended several hundred feet out into the bay, while the tentacles of the devil fish, some of which were as large around as a man's body, thrashed the water into foam.

Women as Well as Men Are Made Miserable by Kidney and Bladder Trouble.



Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased. Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be born afflicted with weak kidneys. If the child urinates too often, if the urine scalds the flesh, or if, when the child reaches an age when it should be able to control the passage, it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend upon it, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs. This unpleasant trouble is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as most people suppose.

Women as well as men are made miserable with kidney and bladder trouble, and both need the same great remedy. The mild and the immediate effect of **Swamp-Root** is soon realized. It is sold by druggists, in fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles. You may have a sample bottle by mail free, also a Home of Swamp-Root pamphlet telling all about Swamp-Root, including many of the thousands of testimonial letters received from sufferers cured. In writing Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., be sure and mention this paper. Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

Is it any wonder alfalfa land in Umatilla county is worth \$100 per acre or that wheat land is not for sale at any price? On Wednesday afternoon, January 26, while horses and cattle were freezing to death in their barns in Southern Michigan, the thermometer stood at 70 degrees above zero in this city, and the doors were all opened to catch the sunshine. While 10 feet of snow was piled over the frozen stretches of that state, the fall wheat in Umatilla county was smiling in the warm sunshine of a growing spring day. Is it any wonder the Harriman system brought 40,000 homeseekers into the state last year? If the number does not double in 1904 it will be because the roads cannot handle them. People in moderate circumstances can get a start quicker and add to it faster in Oregon than in any other state in the Union.

When it is remembered that the livery drivers of Chicago receive but \$12 per week of seven days of 12 hours each, that they must go at all times of day or night, in all kinds of weather and that the undertakers' trust has raised the price of coffins and embalming fees 20 per cent this winter, it does not seem so horrible,

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after all, for the poor drivers to tie up funerals with a strike for shorter hours.

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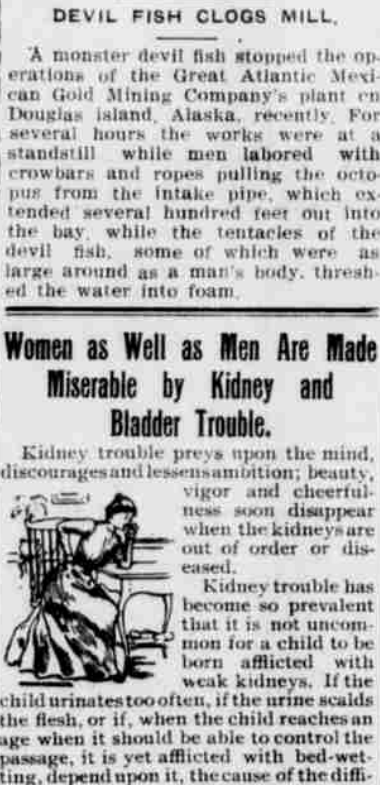
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And when he says that there are equally good chances for young men in the future, he must be presuming on the future capability of the people and the senility of congress being equal to the past, and even at that, it is doubtful if Uncle Sam has much more gifts of that kind in his grasp. And let it be known, too, that such wealth as Hill, Morgan, Rockefeller, Carnegie, etc., have, is not real money, but stocks, bonds and mortgages, representing their power to levy tribute on the future earnings of society. But when that society shall learn how to tax the source of that tribute taking power—special privileges—that wealth will dissolve and flow back to where it belongs—the people.—The Commonwealth.

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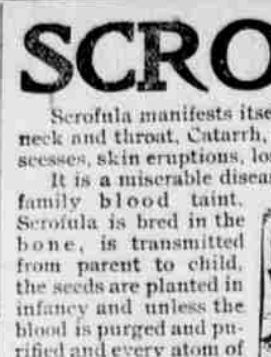
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