

PROTECT YOURSELVES.

The question, "What is necessary to make a town or community thrive?" is of vital importance and one often in the minds of the thinking citizens. Many things accrue to the benefit of a people. The most essential thing is a good pay roll. Without this there is no life, and of course without life the town is dead, so to speak. But how to secure a pay roll?

It is patent that the poor man—the laborer—cannot be expected to create a pay roll. So we must look to the rich or fairly well-to-do man for this creation. But there is the sticking point. Such a man is already independent in a sense and is generally discreet enough to try and "make sure" before he invests in any business that will provide means of sustenance for any number of people. He must exercise good judgment in determining what is a proper business in which to engage. Must consider the country, its products, and community needs.

Having determined all this, he next gives attention to the temper of his fellow men. Here his heart may fail him, for few, if any, will "patronize home industry" if the home manufactured article can be secured for a few cents less elsewhere.

Furthermore, large corporations will flood the community wherein is situated this local industry with the wares of his manufacture placed at so low a figure that he will in all probability be ruined. But no sooner will he be driven from the field than this same corporation will raise the price to a much higher figure than the small manufacturer demanded. An illustration of this is furnished every day in some part of the Union—at present in Kansas in the fight between that state and Mr. Rockefeller.

This sort of thing is what is retarding the growth of Oregon, and of all small towns, Corvallis among the rest. And the people are to blame. Never a week passes that orders do not go from this city to some other place for something that could have been secured here. In purchasing at home you may pay out a few cents more for a given thing, but your money is here. Its presence is necessary to the life of the place in which you reside. You look to your home town to supply you a living. The debt is not all on the side of the town—you owe it something. In a degree the possibility of creating a pay roll is in your own hands, be you rich or poor.

FLAT SALARIES.

Our governor is a trained and skillful lawyer. During his administration he has vetoed numerous measures for infringing upon the legislative construction of the constitution of our state. His action will be looked to with much interest in relation to his views concerning this bill which recently passed both houses of the legislature providing large increased flat salaries to state officers over the limit prescribed by the constitution. There cannot be any doubt regarding the proper construction to be given to the constitution upon this subject. When Oregon was admitted as a state we had scarcely population enough to make a respectable sized county. There was much opposition and fear that financial

burdens to great to bear would follow the organization of the state, because of the limited population and the small values of taxable property; hence the constitutional convention which framed the constitution limited the salaries to be paid to the officers of the state so as to confine future generations within certain amounts in order not to involve the small number of people then in the state with expenses too great for them to meet. The constitution has carried us along within safe, conservative lines, and during all of the time there has been abundant official material offered and seeking state positions. Yet for over thirty years many of the tax-eaters have viewed with contempt the sacred provisions of the constitution and sought every opportunity to overstep its conservative financial provisions. If the governor does not veto the bill, suit should be brought to sustain and protect the constitution from infringement.

A dispatch from St. Petersburg, Russia, bearing date of Feb. 10, indicates that Russia must have peace at any cost. Notwithstanding the fact that she is the party suing for peace, Russia proceeds to outline terms that would be agreeable to her, as follows:

"There is a greater probability of peace now than at any previous time. The terms of peace acceptable to Russia would be the recession to China of Manchuria, Liao Tung peninsula and Port Arthur, with permission from China to lease these territories to Japan for 99 years. Russia to evacuate Manchuria but to retain the island of Saghalien, Vladivostok and the province of Ussuri. No indemnity to be paid."

Now, what do you think of that! It seems possible that the Mikado will have a voice in this matter, at least, everything points that way just now. The present willingness (?) of Russia to give up Port Arthur—or the indication of such a possibility—is ridiculous. No indemnity, Eh! Wait and see. This being the second time Japan has reduced Port Arthur it is quite reasonable to suppose she will retain possession.

The papers of Washington county, the home of Dr. James Withycombe, are all in favor of Dr. Withycombe for governor says the Albany Herald, copying the following from the Forest Grove Times: "The politicians at Salem and Portland are all talking about the next republican candidate for governor and mentioning several of their associates, as if they were the people and they had a cinch on the places to be given out. But they should not forget that the new primary law is now in force and that we country people are going to have something to say about who is to be the nominee. And when the farmers and plain people make a choice it is more likely to be Dr. Withycombe, of the State Agricultural Station, than any politician who has yet been mentioned. Just remember that."

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