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THEIR METHODS.

If It Comes to a Vote the Will of the People to be Thwarted by a Gang of Hirelings.

EDITOR OREGON SCOUT.—

In circulating a remonstrance in Antelope precinct a few days ago, Mr. Jno. Hanson brought to light, by chance, some very valuable county seat information.

When presented to the section hands they all refused to sign. They were shown the benefits to be derived from leaving the county seat where it now is, and that it was to the interest of every man in the county to retain the present situation.

On being brought to the point they admitted, rather thoughtlessly, that they were under special instructions from the company to not sign the remonstrance.

When questioned further in regard to the matter they further stated that the O. R. & N. Co. were only waiting for the legislature to pass the "enabling act" or allow the matter to be submitted to a vote, when they would put 2,500 or 3000 men at work, in ten days, in the northern portion of Union county and the vote would all be cast for La Grande.

By so doing this would be an overwhelming majority for La Grande. It is very likely the report is true. The company are hired or induced, no doubt, by the prospects of some great and imaginary gain at La Grande, to be derived from the business generally done at a county seat.

The citizens of Union county are thus boldly confronted by a giant in dishonest proportions, and in zealous resolution. Nothing more dishonest can be conceived. It is not the vote of our hard-working tax-payer that is to govern the best interests of our people, but the vote of a transient and non-resident class of men who shift and change as often as the winds of Oregon.

Our people should be awake to these underhanded moves and do all in their power to nip the poisonous bud ere it blooms. Should the legislature submit the question to a vote of the people, it is a dead game result if the designs of the railroad company are matured.

Even if the road to Wallowa is not completed, the railroad company would put a force on the work sufficient to carry the vote, and compared with the hordes of gold and silver in the vaults of the company, the amount needed would be nothing.

When a moneyed corporation is allowed to step boldly into the sanctuary of our public welfare and say, by virtue of its capital, and men, what shall be done, and what shall not be done, it is time for all honest, conscientious tax-payers to put their shoulders to the wheel and exercise the right they have by being citizens and not tramps.

We hope to see the fact established that the men who support the government shall say what measures shall be adopted, and what policies pursued. Then only will we be blessed with judicious and wise plans of action.

Men who travel, and tramp from town to town and do not own more than a reckless and passionate disposition, have nothing to do in the questions that involve the interests of the people in certain localities. It is the man who pays the tax to support our county government

who should cast a vote for a measure that will necessitate a more extensive burden of taxation. No transient man who owns no property, who pays no tax, who has no family to support, and whose interest is bought with dollars and cents, is the man to say by the power of ballot what shall be done in a country where, legally, he has not even the right to vote.

If our citizens can be made to see the necessity of exercising their utmost endeavor to prevent this monopolistic action we are all right, but should the matter be put to a vote, and the designs of the railroad company be carried into effect, then it is a bad state of affairs. X. X.

THE SITUATION.

A Prominent Citizen of Cove Gives His Views on the County Seat Question.

Cove, Oregon, Jan. 15, 1889. EDITOR OREGON SCOUT.—

La Grande is to the front once more, with her overloaded "boneshell" of hatred and discord. It seems as though the citizens of La Grande are possessed with a greater combination of cheek and gall than any people on the earth.

They are strongly boasting of their "once" first and second ward notoriety, as possessing more enterprise and "getting up a vim" than all the balance of Union county combined.

Now if this is true, why do they exhibit so much greed as to desire the downfall of other towns in the valley. Why can't they be content with their prosperity and extend a helping hand to their neighbors? This would show enterprise and generosity, with a degree of humanity something above the average of an unenlightened, ignorant, dirty, low down "sivash" as shown by the undertaking of the citizens, of the boasted, would be first and second ward, metropolis city of La Grande, that if they were in possession of the entire earth, they would then want to control heaven and possess hell in order to terrorize the whole business.

Let us for one moment see what they propose, and, at the same time deny: They say in their open letter that they "are misrepresented in this matter." They say they "will execute a good and sufficient bond," etc. Yes,

Mr. Editor, the tax-payers of this county have danced to the music of that good, old, familiar tune, once, and they do not propose to pay the musicians of more handorgans. Promises, for such is the bond they propose, is for effect, never intended to be fulfilled, and you can never make the honest voters and tax-payers of Union county see it in any other light.

A burnt child is afraid of the fire, and as a consequence the tax-payers of this county are in doubt as to the reality of the "good and sufficient bond" that they propose.

If it should be possible for the voters of this county to be "hoodoo'd" to relocate at La Grande, the citizens of said metropolis would, at once, proceed to expend eighty or one hundred thousand dollars for county buildings as an eternal anchor against all future efforts for the removal of the county seat.

In regard to division, etc. I have simply to quote their second proposition and add four words more and you have their whole intent. It reads "as to the matter of division of the county or the organization of a new county, the people of La Grande, like all others, should know of no rule or principle in a republican government where the majority should not rule, and divide the county."

Any sensible person will know that the relocation of the county seat at La Grande, necessitates a division or the setting off of the southern portion of the county. (They say the eastern portion.) They say "we want an enabling act to submit the question" another misrepresentation on their part.

Does not every one in Union county know better? Every person who is familiar with the morbid greed and avarice of a La Grander, knows that he wants the county seat, and their midnight dreams clamor for the county seat.

I believe, Mr. Editor, that a general circulation of La Grande's celebrated open letter, among the voters and tax-payers of this county, would be more convincing proof of this underhanded, low, dirty, cussedness, than any pen can portray.

Allow me to relate a little anecdote that is applicable to the citizens of La Grande: A young miss who was just in her teens said to her mother: "Oh, mother! mother! I would to marry so bad." The mother replied: "Why, my child, how you do talk; don't let me hear you say so again." The child responded: "Oh, mother I must marry now, for the fit is on me."

Just so with the citizens of La Grande: the fit is on them and it is now or never, with them. Reader, you may ask why. The reason is that they have just heard of one G. W. Hunt, who is coming over, or through the Blue mountains, building a railroad as he comes, entering Grand Ronde valley at or near Summerville, thence south, through the entire length of said valley, to Union Oregon. You now perceive the reason.

In conclusion I will just say that when the railroad company disposes of that surplus property they may possess in that beautiful and prosperous city of La Grande, her boom may prove to her a "boomerang."

H. J. GEER.

Change of School Books.

The state board of education has opened the ballots of the county superintendents, and a count reveals the fact—a startling and expensive one—that twenty or more new books are to be introduced in our public schools.

Among these are Barnes new National Readers (five books); Fish's Arithmetic (two books) Pipers "Seat Work"; Robinson's Algebra, Geometry Trigonometry, Bryant & Stratton's Book-keeping, "Short Studies in English," Monson's "Spelling System," Guyot's Physical Geography, Clarke's Grammar, Barnes Primary U. S. History, Tenney's Astronomy, Steed's Geology, Whites Drawing and Bardeen's Sentence Making. Thus it appears that the readers, arithmetic, and in general the books that every child must have are changed.

The county superintendents have voted, the publishers most interested have evidently controlled the vote, and the people must pay the bills. For most of the changes there was no general demand, either by teachers or parents, while all with one or two trifling exceptions, are in the interest of the Iverson & Blakeman and A. S. Barnes combination, two publishing houses that have now practically driven all others out of Oregon, and divided the business between themselves.

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WASHINGTON.

An Interesting Letter From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, Jan. 5, 1889.

EDITOR OREGON SCOUT.—

The proverbial "Cleveland weather," that greeted Mr. Cleveland's inauguration and visited his first New Year reception did not desert him on the first day of this year. The reception was in all respects the most brilliant that has occurred during this administration.

The rush was tremendous. The lines of waiting carriages reached far into adjacent streets. The public on foot were numbered by thousands, and when the doors closed, hundreds had not obtained admission, although introductions were dropped at the end of the first half hour, and people were almost trampled past the President.

Since the inauguration Mr. Cleveland has indulged in touching Mr. Cleveland's hand. All sorts and conditions of people were in the mob. An old colored man, filled with weighty New Year greetings, panted abruptly and could not be moved until he had delivered it, to the infinite disgust of a plaid dade just behind him, who was accompanied in his wrath by Dr. Mary Walker, in a frightfully fitting Prince Albert suit.

The President was seven minutes late, and the cabinet and diplomatic corps were waiting when he appeared, with Miss Bayard, in the Blue Room, and the red coat Marine Band began its program. Among the select assemblage of invited witnesses was the historian Bancroft, merry as a school boy, showing his eighty-nine years in no line of his cheerful face and alert figure.

Needless to say Mrs. Cleveland was the centre of attraction. The hard work of the day had no terrors for her. She has always been a distinguished looking woman; on New Year she was a very beautiful woman, a picture of youth, health, form, intelligence, magnetism. "What more can a woman wish?" A splendid gown. Well, she wore a diaphanous costume of French gray and pale pink, falling in folds from the shoulders. The skirt sides were set in very wide gray panels, opening over a petticoat of rose colored silk, bordered on both sides with Russian sable.

Her throat was encircled with diamonds, and like jewels gleamed in her hair. Further details escaped me.

The diplomats were not so numerous as on former occasions. The corps included the new German minister, Chief Justice Fuller and the associate justices were next in official order, followed in succession by the army and navy officers, the minor departmental officers, the veterans of the Grand Army, and finally the public.

As usual, during the intermissions, there were constantly passing more or less distinguished people who were not obliged to wait in the throng of the unknown.

Congress assembled after the holiday adjournment on Wednesday. The usual quota of senators was present, and the galleries were well filled. Promptly at the close of the morning hour, the tariff debate dragged its slow length into view. And the visitors scattered to the four winds and left the senators alone with their sorrowful duty. The House recovered from the holiday season more slowly, and not over eighty members were present when it reconvened.

When the call for committee reports was made, not a committee responded.

The friends of the international copyright bill seem again doomed to disappointment. They have almost despaired of even securing a day for its consideration during the present session. The opposition they believe is only negative. The committee on rules still refuses to meet. The several chairmen of House committees that have important bills on the calendar are calling unsuccessfully for a meeting of the Rules committee to arrange an order of business.

Messrs. Carlisle and Mills appear afraid of possible legislation, and seem to doubt their ability to control the House if the order is arranged. If they stand out, none but privileged measures will be in order. In the meantime the friends of international copyright will not be the only disappointed people. The authors are poor politicians, and worse lobbyists. They have had the bill within sight of passage in four sessions, and have been defeated.

The sensational reports from Hayti had the effect of crowding the reception rooms of the State Department

with visitors yesterday. The Department, however, kept its news to itself. Minister Preston gives no credence to the story that Legitime has threatened to kill all foreigners who oppose him, and that the American consulate is filled with refugees. As it is, the New York Mail & Express story might carry stronger credence if Lieut. Deering were a less lurid and perchance a more modest writer. J. H. C.

INTERESTING LETTER FROM AN OCCASIONAL CORRESPONDENT.

Holidays passed off very pleasantly so far as we can learn. The chief cause of complaint seems to be that the young men cannot take their best girls out sleighing for lack of snow.

Smoked glass was in requisition New Year's day in Pine as well as all over the coast. The day was clear, giving a fine opportunity to view the frowning face of Luna as she obscured the sun's rays.

The dance at "Bobville," for the school house, was well attended, some 85 numbers being sold. The Eagle band furnished music for the round dances, marches, etc. Quite a number were present from Eagle and Cornucopia.

Quite a number on the sick list, among whom are Mr. Greener, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. R. Lloyd, and Mrs. Henry Oliver who is at present seriously ill with pneumonia, we believe. Mrs. J. A. Denny, who has been laid up with neuralgia for two or three weeks past, is again able to be out.

The literary society in Sunny Dell district discussed the question, Resolved, "That the horse is of more benefit than the cow," at their last meeting. Decision in favor of the negative. Some of the young folks acquitted themselves very creditably in the debate and exercises. Now let others take a hand in helping the society out, or at least encourage those who do help by listening respectfully and conducting themselves in an orderly manner.

"Punkintown Screamer," edited by Mr. Ed. Mills, was a laughable and spicy journal, and its jests seemed to be good naturally received. Question for the next meeting, Resolved, "That the pen is mightier than the sword."

M. E. protracted meetings began on the 9th inst. at Pineburg, or, as it is commonly called, "Bobville," under the auspices of Rev. Yokum, of Eagle, and McCart of Pine valley.

The sun's going to bed.—S. C. I'm expecting every minute to hear the crack of doom.—A. D. Gabriel's going to toot I say.—S. It must be an unlucky year for matrimonial prospects.—J. H. T. Looks rather dark at present, that's a fact.—S. The girl has gone back on me that's all.—C. C. Guess I'll try my luck now.—B. B. Py Shesus Grist cum down mit dot dance; he couldn't go mit dot gal.—F. K. I've a mind to go over to F-y's some time when I think S. C. will come.—G. D.

REPORTER.

TERRIBLE CYCLONE.

A dispatch of Jan. 9th, from Pittsburg Pa. says: A terrific storm of wind and hail, the worst known for years, swept over the city shortly after noon to-day, carrying with it death and destruction. The storm formed with a suddenness that was overwhelming, and as the wind accompanied by hail and torrents of rain, swept along the streets, pedestrians where hurled before it and barely escaped being crushed under vehicles passing along the thoroughfares. Buildings were torn up and many persons were killed. This is the saddest night in the history of Reading. A death like pall hangs upon the city, the result of the most horrible disaster in its history. A hundred households are in mourning as the result of one of the greatest calamities known in Pennsylvania. A cyclone this afternoon swept, and laid waste everything within its reach, and with terrible loss of life, about 100 persons being killed.

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