

EDITORIAL NOTES.

REPRESENTATIVE ROE introduced a bill in the legislature a few days ago relieving Union county from payment of \$8,660.12, State taxes due upon assessed property upon which no taxes can be collected.

If newspaper readers would select and read that which is suited to them in place of condemning the papers because they see an article that was published for the edification of some one else they would be better off.

The report put in circulation by the La Granders that the court house is in an unsafe condition is as contemptible a lie as was ever uttered. The court house is as safe now as it was the day it was built, and will answer all county purposes for twenty-five years to come.

An exchange gently intimates that more than one town dies from want of confidence on the part of some men and lack of public spirit than from rivalry of neighboring towns or adverse surroundings. When a man in search of a home or business location goes to a town and finds the people brimfull of hope and enthusiasm over the prospects of the place and earnestly at work to build up the town he soon becomes imbued with the same spirit.

The great railway companies had a meeting in New York in connection with bank presidents, recently, in which they resolved themselves into a monster clearing house association. During the meeting it was resolved to support the government railway commission, and to aid in the laws. The bankers agreed to refuse to furnish funds for building parallel lines of railway or any other lines of railway unless approved by their commission formed to investigate the utility of proposed roads.

The Gazette says: "The Republican enthusiastically describes how Hunt's railroad will make a 'bold sweep toward the Cove.' It will have to make a couple of million dollars worth of bold sweeps before it gets to the Cove. In the demand of \$180,000 subsidy Mr. Hunt appears to have some appreciation of the price of bold sweeps."

The Gazette is greatly opposed to a sweep of any kind being made unless it is toward La Grande. Nevertheless if the people of the Cove will come up with their part of the subsidy to the amount of about \$25,000, that "bold sweep" will be made, all the same, and probably more than two million dollars worth of taxable property will be scattered through the valley on the line of "the sweep."

Week before last the editor of the La Grande Gazette, thinking there was nothing in the rumor of the Hunt railroad, said: "There is no doubt in the world that a competing line of railroad in this valley would be the best thing that could happen, and the Gazette will be pleased to carefully note the progress made."

Last week after Hunt had visited Union and Summerville and laid his proposition before the people in person, and subscriptions were being made on the subsidy, the Gazette man changes its tune, and concludes that a competing line wouldn't be as good as he thought it would, and exhorts his little brain in trying to advance a few idiotic ideas which he imagines will have a tendency to retard the enterprise.

A tree is known by its fruit, and a dampfool is known by the manner in which he talks.

The La Grande Gazette is fighting the Hunt railroad proposition with all its power. Well, nothing else could have been expected from such a source. With a silliness unparalleled, in view of the facts that have been forced upon it, it affects to believe that the Hunt railroad proposition is a false issue, gotten up for county seat purposes, and one of its arguments to prove this is that the remonstrance to the county seat move is still being pushed. Every man in the county is able at this time to inform the Gazette that the Hunt proposition is a joyful reality. We can also inform the Gazette that any vote on the county seat question at this time will be vigorously opposed for the reason that we don't want to be bothered any more with such nonsense, and because the people of this county will have other matters of greater importance to attend to when Hunt's road is built than listening to the baby cry of La Grande for the county seat.

AN UNREALIZED DANGER.

It is not fully realized by a great majority of our people, but it is none the less a fact, that never since the darkest days of the revolution has their liberties and the free institutions of this country been in greater jeopardy than they are to-day. It is not on account of complications with other nations, the agitation of tariff measures, or the antagonism of capital and labor, but the systematic and persistent efforts which are being made by hundreds of thousands of people banded together in various churches, associations and societies throughout our land to secure religious legislation in this country, and it should arouse every liberty-loving citizen to a sense of danger, and set him to work to enlighten others in regard to National Reform, designs and practices.

The "National Reform Association" is an organization composed of representative men of all "evangelical" denominations, and its object is to secure an amendment to the National Constitution, making christianity the national religion. Any one at all familiar with history must know how dangerous such a move is to our national life, and when we say that a bill known as the "Blair Sunday Bill" has been introduced in the United States Senate, whose provisions will unite Church and State, and put in force throughout the entire nation a code of laws very similar to the famous Connecticut "Blue Laws," and that this bill is backed up by a petition of several millions of names, asking its enactment, that it has passed two readings in that body without a dissenting voice, they must wake up to the fact that the danger is imminent.

Senator Blair may be a "harmless crank," but there are many thousands afflicted with the same religious-legislation mania, and there is a dangerous method in their madness. We cannot afford to settle down in fancied security when such measures are being seriously proposed in the Senate of the United States.

One section of the bill declares that no person shall do any work, "nor engage in any play, game, or amusement, or recreation, to the disturbance of others, on the first day of the week, commonly known as the Lord's day, or during any part thereof." This leaves it entirely with the other man or with judge or jury, to say whether that which has been done was a disturbance; and that is only to make every man's action on Sunday subject to the whim of caprice of his neighbor. But "any condition of the law which allows the test of criminality to depend on the whim or caprice of judge or juror, savors of tyranny." The doctrine embodied in this section of the Blair Bill is subversive of liberty. It attacks not only the inherent rights, but the constitutional rights, of every American citizen.

The American Sentinel publishes the entire bill, and we regret very much that its length precludes its publication in THE SCOUT.

Section five reads thus: Sec. 5. That it shall be unlawful to pay or to receive payment or wages in any manner for services rendered or for labor performed or for the transportation of persons or property in violation of the provisions of this act, nor shall any action lie for the recovery thereof, and when so paid, whether in advance or otherwise, the same may be recovered back by whoever shall first sue for the same."

The Sentinel, alluding to this section, says:

This section provides that if any person works for any other person on Sunday, and receives payment for it at any time, then any person in the wide world, except the parties concerned, can enter suit and recover the money so paid. If you work for me on Sunday, and I ever pay you for it, then the first man that finds it out can sue you and get the money. That is what the bill says. The bill says that when wages are paid for Sunday work, whether in advance or otherwise, the same may be recovered back by whoever shall first sue for the same. "Whoever," is a universal term. Therefore, this bill deliberately proposes that when any man who is subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States, receives payment for work done on Sunday, except of necessity or mercy, he may be sued for that money by whoever first learns that he has received it, and that person shall get the money.

To think that any such legislation as is embodied in this section should ever be thought of by any sane person, is sufficiently astounding; but that it should not only have been thought of, but should have been thought of and embodied in a bill, and introduced in the United States Senate by a United States Senator, and that it should have passed two readings in that body without a dissenting voice, is simply astounding; it almost surpasses belief. But here are the facts which demonstrate that such things have been done in this land of liberty, in the National Legislature, in this year of the nineteenth century. When United States Senators will employ their time in such legislation as that, then whose liberties are safe? Senator Blair is a Prohibitionist of national reputation. He may justly be considered a representative Prohibitionist, and the legislation proposed in this bill, and in this section of the bill, may justly be considered a representative piece of Prohibitionist legislation.

But if that be so, then the fewer Prohibitionists who ever, as such, secure legislative power, the better will it be for the people. And when such legislation as here proposed can be introduced, and read twice in the United States Senate, without a dissenting voice, then it is high time that the American people were awaking to that eternal vigilance which only is the price of liberty.

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

Governor Penoyer has our thanks for a copy of his biennial message to the Legislative Assembly. It is an able document, plain and straightforward, showing in every sentence the characteristics of the man who wrote it. His action in removing the Railroad Commissioners was a surprise, but in full consonance with his views expressed regarding the unconstitutionality of the commissioners' existence. He also favors the passage of a maximum freight law as the best means of regulating railroad rates. He makes the following recommendations to the Legislature:

First—The levying of a one-mill tax for two years, for the building of a State postage railroad between the Dalles and Celilo.

Second—A change in the laws relating to assessment and taxation, by which no deduction for indebtedness shall be allowed, and by which large incomes will be subject to taxation.

Third—The abolishment of the railroad commission and the passage of a just maximum rate freight law.

Fourth—A law fixing maximum rates to be charged for Columbia river bar towage of all vessels bound to or from Oregon ports.

Fifth—A general law empowering the legislative bodies of all incorporated cities to fix maximum rates to be charged by gas, water, electric light or telephone companies.

Sixth—The establishment of maximum rates to be charged by the railroad bridge at Portland, and by telegraph companies within the State.

Seventh—The repeal of the law creating the fish commission, and the passage of a law preventing the use of fish traps and fish wheels.

Eighth—The levying of no tax upon the people for the support of any other institutions of learning than our common schools.

Ninth—The passage of a law authorizing the Governor, in violation of State laws, to employ a person to commence prosecution in the courts for the punishment of the offender.

Tenth—A registration act applicable to cities of 5000 inhabitants and over.

Eleventh—The enactment of a law similar to a provision of the Rhode Island constitution, requiring judges of the Supreme Court to give their written opinion upon any question of constitutional law, when required to do so either by the Legislature or the Governor.

Twelfth—A change in the laws of the State by which all county officers shall have fixed salaries, and providing that all fees collected by them under the law shall be paid into the county treasury.

Thirteenth—An addition to our lien laws, giving to laborers employed by corporations of any and every character, a first lien for their wages upon whatever property of such corporations they may have labored.

Fourteenth—A change in our laws, by which the punishment for vote buying at our elections will be rendered more certain.

NORTH POWDER.

Paragraphs Record of the Happenings of the Week.

January 29, 1889.

Henry Washington has opened out in the barber business on Main street.

The new drug store building is more commodious and in a good location.

Mr. J. D. Wilcox, of Haines, came down a few days ago. North Powder still has attractions.

M. Levy will try his fortunes in the Crocker creek mines in the spring.

Mr. Daniel Starbird has gone on a two week's tour to the Willamette valley.

Mr. Burton, manager of Stoddard's lumber yard, is now in Utah on business.

Mr. Jos. Gilkinson, Jr., has had an attack of passive congestion of the brain, recently.

Dr. Dodson, of Baker, was called here in consultation one day during the past week.

Mr. Joe Carrall has decided to fit up his blacksmith building into a public hall, erect an addition and otherwise improve it as demanded for the purpose. A good move and in the right direction.

Considerable excitement at Haines over the assays recently made of gold quartz taken from the mines at that place.

Mr. Henry Gorham will commence hauling lumber to be utilized in the construction of the stone store building and hall, soon.

Mr. Julius Lach, of Baker, came down on Friday's train. Mr. L. is favorably impressed with Baker's future and will remain there.

Born.—To the wife of J. W. Childers, of Clover creek, on the 22nd inst., a son. J. W. has not fully recovered to date.

Does every politician in Oregon want an office, is the question? Only twenty-five applications for U. S. Marshal of Oregon. Next.

Preparations are being made for a grand ball at Wingville on the 8th of next month. A string band from Baker will furnish music, and together with other attractions will no doubt make a success of it.

A Valentine's ball, given by "K" Company, in conjunction with "H" Company of La Grande, at this place, on February 14th, is being arranged. Nothing definite as yet has been determined, but a conclusion will be reached at an early date.

Numerous cases of pneumonia, tonsillitis, etc., prevailing at present on account of climatic changes during the winter season.

Died.—At the family residence, in this place, on Thursday morning, after a brief illness of a week, Artie, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Williams, aged three years.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

In the County court of the State of Oregon, for Union county. Notice is hereby given that the administrator of the estate of O. D. Andrews, deceased, has presented for final settlement, and filed in the above named court, his final account in said estate, and that Tuesday, the 5th day of March, 1889, at 10 o'clock A. M. has been appointed by the court as the time for finally settling said estate and for hearing objections to the same.

JOHN A. CHILDRERS, Administrator.

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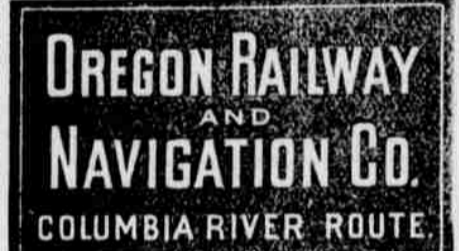
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