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THAT PREACHER AGAIN.

We made mention in these columns a couple of weeks ago that a pugnacious preacher by the name of Driver dents there who have anything to lose had heaped a lot of personal abuse are wise in acting cautiously in the upon the editor of this paper without matter. Real estate in a town saddled any cause or provocation whatever, as with a hopeless debt is not desirable we had never, in the elightest degree, property. made reference to him or his work, prior to that time. We then gave him a bit of good advice which, it seems, he was not wise enough to heed, but has continued a tirade of abuse and Oregonian would have an opportunity blackguardism that is disgusting to to air its ghoulish proclivities upon the sensible people. To reason with such news of the death of Jefferson Davis. a bigot would only be to throw away It seems that wonders will never cease. precious time. In fact the reasoning We see by several of our exchanges would all be on one side. Any of the that the Oregonian has this to say; children in the public school could "The south is in tears say our disprecation consigning them all to the war, and there are few of its homes this man no sooner comes into the has been vacant since the terrible batcommunity than he at once attempts the ended in equality of military virtue does.

sess a certain social standing, however undeserved, which we think will warrant us in condescending to administer ultimately result in benefiting him.

abate the nuisance.

It is said the best way is to fight the devil with fire and to never tackle a skunk unless you are armed with a few questions, and shall, in the interests of a law abiding and moral community, demand truthful answers to the same.

Finally, brethren, with these few remarks we will close by saying that as we have been forced to engage in the "skinning business," we shall do the job up thoroughly and in an artistic manner. Look out for the band bion and war against the union were wagon. It's coming.

THE LA GRANDE WATER BONDS.

It seems that our friends over at La Grande are divided into several factions and are at each other's throats over the bonds issued by the town for water works. The papers there have been abusing C. H. Finn, because, as attorney for the responsible citizens of the place, he has seen fit to oppose the issue of the bonds. Mr. Finn has issued a circular to the people, and if what he says is true, a peculiar state of affairs exists in La Grande, and what few tax-payers there are in the place are liable to be greatly damaged. It seems that the McConnell Bros. have invested eight or ten thousand dollars in a system of water works which answer the purpose very well, and as they pay taxes in the city to the amount of \$120.00 may justly be considered interested in the place. It appears that several self-constituted leaders in local affairs have bonded the city in the sum of \$20,000 for water works, to which the tax-payers object. It will render the property of the McConnell Bros. valueless while they will have to pay, by reason of taxation, more than anyone else and be forced, virtually, to cut their own throats, in a financial she is basking in the sunshine of her way. Mr. Finn says:

doubtedly be based on said assessment, thought that her neighbors are enjoy-(the school assessment) and the roll ing a like prosperity.

THE OREGON SCOUT. shows that, upon a one per cent school tax levy this year, Snodgrass paid three dollars and one-half, Blum nothing individually, Wildey seventy-seven cents and Jim Romig eighty-nine cents. I suppose these are the principal taxpayers by the noise they make. About how long will it take them to pay \$20,-000 bonds?

Mr. Finn and the tax-payers of La Grande are undoubtedly right. The prospect for any further growth of the town is extremely dark and the resi-

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

It was thought that the Portland

propound questions of science to him patches. Well, why not? No manly that it would be impossible for him to man will sneer at this, for the south answer or reconcile with his ideas of is kindled by the death of Davis into a theology. We think the only answer flood of memories that cannot but any of them could get would be a come home to the business and bosom swelling of his beefy neck, a baleful of all its men. The losses of the houseglare of his bullet-like eyes and an im- holds of the south were frightful during eternal hell for their impiety. Yet that do not include some chair that to assume temporal and spiritual con- | for both sides. Cheap men like Lamar eryone who does not believe as he colossal figure of his time," will not lack imitators at this time. These are Mr. Driver will find that his tactics the men who bluster in speech, as did will not work in this enlightened com- United States Senator Butler and Genmunity, and that his nonsense will not erol T. Johnson the other day, and be tolerated by this paper. We make they will be sure to press to the front it a rule not to enter into a controver- as blatant mourners; but these ramsy with any man who is mentally pant, unreconstructed, demagogue weak; who is not financially responsi- braggarts are not the real representable for what he says, or who has no so- tives of the tears of the south to-day. cial standing. Rev. Driver would es- The real, sincere tears of the south tocape us on the two first propositions, day are represented by plain people, but as pastor of a church he does pos- humble folk, who sent their sons to the great battle, and to continue to sit listening for the sound of the footsteps of their unreturning brave. These a series of flagellations with a view of are the folk in whose heart the death teaching him his proper place in the of Davis awaken memories that cause community, and which, we hope, will | their tears to start. The tears are not so much for Davis personally, as they As we said before it would be useless are for him as the representative of to reason with such a man, conse- that tremendous Flodden by whose quently the drubbing we propose ad- withering blast "the flowers of their ministering to him from time to time forest, the tallest and foremost were during his stay among us will be en- all wede away." The devont Catholic tirely of a personal nature. For the cannot see the picture of the Madonna members and the church over which without being moved by the thought he has charge, we have the kindest of the sufferings of her sanctified imfeeling. If the interests of the church | mortal son; and so the death of Davis here are injured, the members will brings to the front the memory of the know what the cause was and how to hour when the flower of the south died gallantly under Davis for the Confederacy. There is dignity in death, whether it be for truth or error so long as the dead man did not live and die long pole. We think the weapons a dastard; from this point of moving needed by us are easily obtainable, memories it would be a disgrace to the and when investigations which we now human nature of the south, if the have under way in the Willamette val- death of Davis the gallant youth of ley and the state of Washington are the south spent their bloodlike water consumated, we shall ask Mr. Driver a for error, but they spent it with a sincerity that was heroic. The south could not do otherwise than give its tears to Davis, without casting a stone at their own dead, and to drop a pelble on his cairn to-day is but the instinctive impulse of all manly southern | Camdies, hearts. No southern man of feeling could do less, even if he had to-day became satisfied that secession, rebel-

> were a chance of success." ATTORNEYS SHELTON & CARROLL

> bloody and costly blunders he would

not to-day consent to repeat if there

have succeeded in getting a relate of one hundred dollars from the O. R. & N. Co., for John Dobbins, on the specificated cial train chartered by him a few weeks ago. Shelton & Carroll are the attorneys for the O. R. &. N. Co., and the uniformly fair adjustment of the Tonsorial Parlors heavy losses sustained by our citizens on account of the fires on the line of the road this fall, speaks well for the fairness of the adjusting agent, J. E. Shaving, Hair-cutting and Sham-Ingersell and the company's attorneys. If the O. R. & N. Co. would only change the line of their road from the Swamp and snow drift along the Shop two doors worth of Centennial hotel foot hills, to the center of the valley, by way of Union, and on the sunny side of the canyon out of these swamps and snow drifts, all our grievances will vanish, and with such men to present. our cause to them we have no fears that all will be done that can be for to Promptly and for Moderate Fees, the interest of the company and this

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