

THAT PREACHER AGAIN.

We made mention in these columns a couple of weeks ago that a pugnacious preacher by the name of Driver had heaped a lot of personal abuse upon the editor of this paper without any cause or provocation whatever...

Mr. Driver will find that his tactics will not work in this enlightened community, and that his nonsense will not be tolerated by this paper.

As we said before it would be useless to reason with such a man, consequently the drubbing we propose administering to him from time to time during his stay among us will be entirely of a personal nature.

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 long pole.

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.

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 proposed bonded tax will, undoubtedly be based on said assessment, (the school assessment) and the roll

shows that, upon a one per cent school tax levy this year, Snodgrass paid three dollars and one-half, Blum nothing individually, Wilkey seventy-seven cents and Jim Romig eighty-nine cents.

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 residents there who have anything to lose are wise in acting cautiously in the matter.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

It was thought that the Portland Oregonian would have an opportunity to air its ghoulish proclivities upon the news of the death of Jefferson Davis.

"The south is in tears say our dispatches. Well, why not? No manly man will sneer at this, for the south is kindled by the death of Davis into a flood of memories that cannot but come home to the business and bosom of all its men.

The real, sincere tears of the south today are represented by plain people, 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.

There is dignity in death, whether it be for truth or error so long as the dead man did not live and die a dastard; from this point of moving memories it would be a disgrace to the human nature of the south, if the death of Davis the gallant youth of the south spent their bloodlike water for error, but they spent it with a sincerity that was heroic.

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