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THOSE CONTEST CASES.

What has become of those election are questions that are agitating the county; frauds, which, if not exposed city can never prosper until a thorough and corrected, will not only deprive change is brought about. honest men of the official position to which they are entitled, but strike at the very foundation of our political rights-the purity and sacredness of the ballot box-and establish a precedent and give license for the perpetration of similar offenses which are dangerous in the extreme. To correct these evils, right these wrongs, expose and punish the guilty parties who perpetrated them and to discourage such practices in the future, it was thought best for the candidates who were counted out by reason thereof to enter contest suits, as no doubt existed that ample evidence could be procured to establish every point. The candidates employed attorneys and commenced action in good faith, believing that justice would prevail. The people throughout the county looked forward to the convening of the circuit court, anxious to know how these suits would terminate, as it was a matter that affected each and every one of them. Circuit court has convened and adjourned and the only information we have been able to obtain is to the effect that the cases were "dismissed at the cost of the defendants." Why they were dismissed we have been unable to find out. Being dismissed at the cost of the defendants implies that a compromise of some kind was effected. If this is true the people would like very much to know just what kind of a compromise it was and the "true inwardness" of the whole business. The attorneys employed in the case owe to the people at large, if not to their clients, a full explanation. The columns of the people's paper-THE SCOUT-are open to them,

the facts known. If the people think vote of one man-Wilson-aided by they can stand it, we believe that we | Mayor Kennedy. We will venture to can worry along with the rest.

We were in hopes that an era of with the exception of Wilson, will say prosperity had dawned on our beauti- that the move was just and right. Had ful town. Having vanquished outside enemies, our people, we thought, would we should have demanded a reconsid-

be united in building up the town, and eration of the matter as we certainly work unselfishly and harmoniously to had a right to do. As it was we took contest cases? What is the reason that end. We hoped to see improve- no part in the blooming farce and we they have not been prosecuted? These ments and enterprises of benefit to the presume the records will show that we whole city inaugurated and carried out | were not present. minds of a great many people just at by the wise action of the council. We this time and it appears to be a matter | ought to have a system of water works, | citizen, we have not the slightest interthat requires some explanation. We and a better apparatus for fighting fire; est, but in Councilman Wilson we do believe it will not be denied by any we need factories of different kinds have, for his actions affect us as they fair minded man that at the recent and many things that we could have do every other taxpayer. In this latter election the most flagrant and undis- by proper action, but these seem to be guised frauds were perpetrated in sev- forgotten in little petty schemes for he is a big man and a law unto himeral of the election precincts of the self aggrandizement and profit. The self. We admit that when he takes

THE CREDIT SYSTEM.

The credit system seems to be pretty generally practiced throughout the western states, although, perhaps, to a greater extent in some localities than others. While this system cannot be said to prevail to an alarming extent in Union county, it is practiced entirely too much and is detrimental to both the merchant and his patrons. No community can prosper as it ought under the credit system. Let us look at the facts. You go to Mr. B. and buy a bill of dry goods and groceries amounting to \$100 and ask credit. Mr B. mentally sizes you up and says all right, It may take him an hour to "charge" the items of your bill. Ten such bills would require the services of an extra clerk at \$50 per month, and this bill must be carried through all the intricacies of the day book, journal and ledger by a book-keeper at a salary of \$75 per month at least. Then there are the forty quire folios and the fire proof safe in which to store them, and the "bad debts" that can never be collected. The merchant must make enough per centum on this \$100 to meet all these expenditures and leave him interest on his money plus a fair remuneration for his labor. To sum all these up, ten per cent. for profit. ten per cent. for the cost of selling the goods, ten per cent. for bad debts and every time. ten per cent, for interest on investment equals forty per cent.

Mr. A. who buys on credit gets \$60 worth of goods for the \$100 which stands against him on the merchant's Looks.

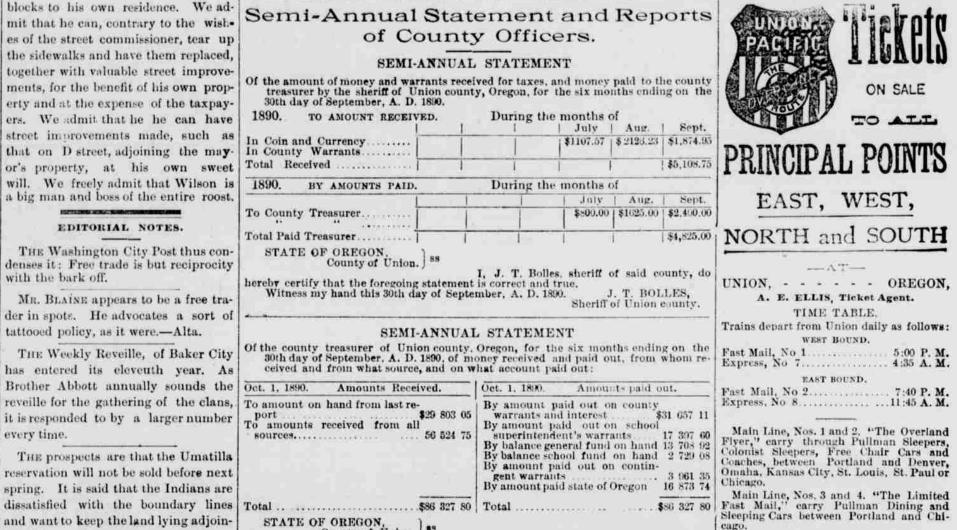
Let us look at the other side: ten

Frank Bro's. Implement Co., as a newspaper man when we make and this measure was carried by the LA GRANDE and ISLAND CITY. say that not one of the councilmen,

> RUSHFORD and FISH . HAVANA PRESS DRILLS BRO'S. WAGONS, GANG, SULKY and HACKS, CARRIAGES WALKING PLOWS, and BUGGIES, STODDARD HARROWS. "ELI" SULKY PLOWS, snuff several of the councilmen feel it The "ELI" Sulky Plow 💥 Gets There Every Time.

hasn't taken any snuff they-well, they All late improved farm implements and machinery, barb wire and don't sneeze. We admit that he can locate street lights on his own side of feed mills. Every implement warranted, and the street and extend them as far out prices to suit the times. or's residence, for instance. We admit

CALL ON US OR OUR AGENTS BEFORE PURCHASING.



THE PLAIN FACTS,

Our contemporary, the Republican, in its issue last week, says in reference to our report of the proceedings of the council:

The premises upon which the unjust and unwarranted charges were made in the article are untrue, and we frankly admit that we do not comprehend the motives that prompted the writing of the article

We do not know what the Republican means by the "premises" and suppose no one else does. What we censured in the council, and what we said, was substantially as follows :

FIRST-That the mayor issued a call for a special meeting, at which important business was transacted, without stating the object of the meeting in the call.

SECOND-That two councilmen refused to vote on a matter of vital importance to the taxpayers.

THIRD-That the mayor decided ballot when but two councilmen had voted and five councilmen were present.

FOURTH-That expensive street improvements that should be made at the expense of the property owners adjacent, were ordered made at the expense of the city, contrary to law and iustice.

This was the substance of our complaint and we think that any fairminded man will say that it is sufficient cause for a number of complaints. he says that we were asked to vote on Never before, that we know of, has our the question. Late in the evening we veracity been questioned. If the Republican says the above statements are untrue in any word, line, sentence or | tant business, at which we were eninference, it premeditately and wilfully lies. Its inability to "comprehend the found that the matter of street immotives" that actuated us is probably natural. Some might think that a paper is foolish to act fearlessly and honorably when its advantage lies in acting the other way. We don't think ling discussion then took place, in-

most in every move for the benefit of not asked to vote and upon someone the council, but the public welfare de-

per cent. profit on goods, and five per cent. cost of selling them (book-keeper discharged) equals fifteen per cent. With the cash system Mr. A. would

get \$85 for his \$100. He could well afford to go to the bank and borrow money (which the merchant does for him in the first instance), since he saves fifteen per cent, by so doing.

When people understand that this is no visionary matter they will demand the cash system. There is a strong

sentiment in this part of the county toward this much desired condition of trade.

WILSON'S WARBLE.

We have waded through Councilman Wilson's three columns of rot in the Republican and find nothing in it of consequence. He tacitly admits everything we charged, but makes no reasonable excuse. The best excuse he gives for any of the acts criticized was in regard to the mayor calling a special meeting without the object being stated. Of this he says: "Is anybody killed or injured by reason thereof?" Crushing rejoinder! Excellent argument! Satisfying to the taxpayers, indeed! Mr. Wilson makes one false statement in regard to us, which it may be well enough to explain, when got an inkling of what was going on at the council chamber, and left imporgaged, to go up and see about it. We provement had been taken up, and were informed that a vote had been taken, and as it was a tie the mayor was about to decide the matter. A wrangdulged in principally by Wilson, on THE Scout has always been fore- the subject of "mossbacks." We were

however, we deem our duty performed 'seen that five councilmen were present | ment. That is all.

THE Australian ballot law places all men an an equal footing of intelligence and independence. It will throw each voter on his own responsibility, and abolish the dangers of undue influence at the polls. The new law will be welcomed in Oregon.

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In this man, Wilson, as a private

capacity we are willing to admit that

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

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THE spiciest and most welcome budget of news that comes to our table is the Weekly Budget published in Lexington, Morrow county. It is now in its third year. May the Budget annually increase in size and lose none of its rare qualities.

IF ex-Assistant Postmaster General Clarkson is the good business man his friends credit him with being, he will take advantage of the immense amont of free advertising he is getting by launching a new patent medicine bearing his name on the public, or organizing a grand Clarkson circus and menagerie.

HAVE you an idea of applying for a patent? Or do you wish to know anything about patents, a subject in which everybody is interested? Messrs. C. A. Snow & Co., 710 Sth St. N. W., Washington, D. C. will obtain your patent or answer your questions. We know then to be entirely trustworthy. Read their advertisement in another column.

THE doctors have discovered that the erysipelas microbe will exterminate the diphtheria microbe, and vice versa, so that when the patient is ill with one dissease they inoculate him with the virus of the other and bring him out well. Now, if we could only set the tariff microbe and the bogus pension bacillus by the ears, how soon Uncle Sam would recover from his financial consumption .- Ex.

A PARAGRAPH is going the rounds of the press that a number of marriages that have taken place in Union county within past years are found to be void the city, and always will be. We re- suggesting that the mayor proceed to because no certificate was filed with gretted to have to bring to the public cast his ballot, being disgusted with the the county clerk within the time prenotice the wrong and illegal actions of illegality and utter absurdity of the scribed by law, by the person who perwhole business and not once suspect- formed the ceremony. This is an ermanded it and we did not hesitate in ing but that all four of the councilmen ror, the marriages are not rendered the matter. We honestly believe that present had voted, we did say that the void on that account. The fact that if a most vigorous protest is not made mayor could decide it so far as we the person who performs the marriage and a stop put to such proceedings, cared. He did decide it and seemed ceremony does not file his certificate that within a short time the city will willing to do so. After the meeting within the time prescribed by statute be involved in difficulties and law suits adjourned we found, to our surprise, does not render the marriage void, or from which it cannot extricate itself that Elliott and Corbin had not voted even voidable. The person thus failfor years. As we said in our last issue, on the question at all. Thus it will be ing renders himself liable to punish-

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STATE OF OREGON, County of Union,] 85 cago. OCEAN DIVISION. Brainard, do hereby certify that the forem ing is a true and correct statement of the amounts received, paid out and remaining on hand, in the county treasury of said county for the six months ending on the 30th day of September, A. D. 1890. Witness my hand this Ist day of October, A. D. 1890. E. C. BRAINABD. County Treasurer. FROM PORTLAND. At 10 p.m. Jregon. SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT Jolumbia. State Of the county clerk of Union county, state of Oregon, showing the amount of claims allowed by the county court of said county, for what allowed, amount of warrants drawn, and amount of warrants outstanding and unpaid, from the 1st day of April Oregon Jolumbia State .. 1890, to the 30th day of September, 1890, both inclusive: Oregon. Amt, of Outstanding On what account Amount. Principal Warrants unpaid allowed Outstanding unpaid county war-Roads and bridges\$11 652 83 rants on the 30th day of Sep-tember, 1890 O. P. Goodall 300 00 Pauper account. A. T. Neili 1 234 27 \$77 814 73 Estimated inter't accrued thereon 8 905 83 .. 3 514 74 Outstanding unpaid contingent County commissioners 98 91 A. N Hamilton 221 76 warrants 41 05 lircuit court 702 00 lustice Peace court. E. C. Brainard 249 9 755 5 Expenses tationery and printing 391 99 District attorney Coroner's Inquest. $20 \ 00$ 103 25 insane account 24 50 Institute and teachers examination stock inspector 421 80 Attorney fees. Elections Public property 732 24 L. Carter. D. Guild. 410 16 800.0T. Bolles 483 09 412 27 **Furner** Oliver 150 00 1. N. Sanders Total amount of unpaid county \$ 86 942 32 Total amount claims allowed and \$21 499 21 STATE OF OREGON. County of Union.] se I, Turner Oliver county clerk of the county of Union. state of Oregon, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of the amount of claims allowed by the county court of said county. for the six months ending on the 30th day of September, 1890, on what account the same were allowed, and the amount of warrants drawn, and the amount of warrants outstanding and unpaid as the same appear upon the records of my office and in my official custody. Witness my hand and the seal of the county court of said county this 1st day of October, A. D. 1890. TURNER OLIVER, County Clerk. [SEAL.] SEMI-ANNUAL SUMMARY STATEMENT Of the financial condition of the county of Union, in the state of Oregon, on the 1s day of October. A. D. 1890. Liabilities. Amount. Resources. Amount Sept. 30. Sept. 30. By funds in hands of the county To warrants drawn on the county treasurer applicable to the pay-ment of county warrants and treasurer, and outstanding and unpaid \$77 814 73 \$16 438 0 school vouchers To estimated amount of interest By estimated unpaid current tax-es applicable to the payment of accrued thereon To contingent warrants outst'd'g. To amount due state of Oregon... To amount due school fund 8 905 83 221 76 4 506 24 county warrants. 57 600 0 By estimated unpaid delinquent taxes of year 1880 applicable to 2 729 08 the payment of county warrants 5 163 90 By estimated delinquent taxes of 2 788 13 former years. Total resources \$81 990 65 \$12 187 59 By balance..... Total liabilities \$ 94 177 64 \$94 177 64 Oct. 1, 1890. To Balance \$12 187 59 NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS. EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL. IN whom it may concern, that Lavinia Outhouse, Executrix of the estate of John T. Outhouse, deceased, has filed in the county court of Eulon county, Oregon, her final account as such administratrix, and the said court has set Tuesday, Nov. 4, 1880, at one o'clock p. m. for the hearing of said court of said report, LAVINIA OUTHOUSE. Executrix.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE 1 taxpayers of Union county, Oregon, that the Board of Equalization of Assess-ments will meet on the 29th day of September, 1890, at the court house in Union, Un-ton county, Oregon. All parties feeling themselves agrieved, will appear before said board with their grievances, otherwise all assessments will be collected for the year 1800, J. D. GUILD, 5-28 Assessor for Union County, Or.

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