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EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE placing of an indebtedness of some fifteen or twenty thousand dollars upon the taxpayers of this city is a matter of considerable importance. Will the council submit the matter to a vote of the people, or will they prosecute the work regardless of what the people may think? A very few weeks will tell.

If you throw a bootjack out of the window in the dead hours of night and some dog sets up a howl, you may safely consider that that canine has been hit. If a number of them howl you may conclude that a number of them have been hit, or think they have, which amounts to the same thing.

A CORRESPONDENT writing to the La Grande Gazette last week from this city, gives his opinion pretty freely on our local affairs. We are really sorry that he did so. While he no doubt feels aggrieved, and "twitted on facts" in a rather unpleasant manner, we think it did no good, and that the people of Union are yet capable of righting the wrongs that exist among them without outside help or interference.

WHEN a man or a half dozen men, unable to answer the arguments of an opponent, get mad, rave around, want to fight and boycott their opponent, it is clearly evident that the pins have been knocked completely from under them. Personal abuse is not argument. We are perfectly willing to let our enemies make use of falsehood and scurrility, while we adhere to truth, reason and decency. The people will decide.

AN irate individual asked us this week: "Are you the editor, and did you write that article?" He got the desired information, and for the benefit of others like him, we will say that "our" name appears at the head of these columns, and we write every article that appears on this page that is not credited. While we do not feel like boasting of our literary ability, we intend to do our best to keep the paper up to the standard it has always maintained. Many friends assure us we are doing very well.

E. S. McCOMAS, in the last issue of the Chronicle, in speaking of S. B. Davis of the Republican, among other things says:

"We, in a fatherly way, took the young man and laid him gently across our editorial knee, so to speak, and in as mild a manner as possible tried to larrup the few scattering brains that the faculty of the college at Eugene suspected were rambling around, running wild, as it were, some where in his anatomy, up into the end on which he wears his hat."

This dislocation of his brains probably accounts for the silly nonsense set forth by the young man for the past few weeks, and we are glad if Mac has succeeded in jolting them (if he has any) to where they belong.

EX-PRESIDENT CLEVELAND has written a letter to the Indiana tariff reform league expressing regret at his inability to be present at their annual meeting, in which he says in part: "The theories and practices which tariff reform antagonize are responsible for many, if not all, of the evils which affect our people. If there is a scarcity of the circulating medium, is not the experiment worth trying, as a remedy, of leaving the money in the hands of the people, and for their use, which is needlessly taken from them under the pretext of necessary taxation. If the farmer's lot is hard, is one in his discouraging struggle for better rewards of his toil and prices for his products to be improved by a policy which hampers trade in its best markets and invites the competition of dangerous rivals? Whether other means of relief may appear necessary to relieve the present hardships, I believe the principle of tariff reform promises the most important, and in their satisfaction, and that continued and earnest advocacy of this principle is essential to the lightening of the burden of our countrymen."

MUNICIPAL MATTERS.

Our article last week in regard to municipal affairs served the purpose for which it was intended, and the howl that was set up by some five or six individuals, shows exactly who was in range of our gattling gun, and furnished considerable amusement for the populace. We are quite sure, also, that it opened the eyes of many to the true situation of affairs. And it is time their eyes were opened. The policy of the city council and its squirt gun, known as the Republican, that "Silence is best," still holds good so far as the public press is concerned, but they rattle their jaws on the street corners to beat the deuce, and the amount they don't let the people know in this way is amazing. Still they let out a little of the truth occasionally. The people "catch on" and everything is moving along just about right.

In an interview, invited by Mayor Wright, this week, he denies any connection whatever with the proposed flour mill, further than acting as an agent in securing the water right for the company. In regard to the city printing he acknowledged that the council had not acted right, but gave as an excuse that he thought they were governed by the article recently published in these columns by "Citizen" in which was asked of the council a few questions in regard to city matters, and that he was not to blame for their actions. As to the proposed expenditure on Catherine creek, Mr. Wright said nothing had been done further than he was instructed to write to civil engineers for estimates of the cost of the work, and thought it was the intention of the council to bond the city for an amount sufficient to carry out their plans.

We are thankful for what little information was given us by Mayor Wright, and are also pleased to know that he disclaims any responsibility in the outrage perpetrated on this paper, and the people of Union, in the city printing business. The excuse given is a very flimsy one indeed for men who are sworn to perform duties for the best interests of the public. If they did not desire THE SCOUT to compete for the printing why did they invite our bid? It would have looked far better had the council never advertised for bids in the first place and given the work to the Republican at its own price.

That Mr. Wright is not connected with the proposed flour mill matters not, and does not alter the condition of affairs in regard to its relation to the public. THE SCOUT has no objections to anybody erecting a flouring mill in this city if they see fit. On the contrary we would be pleased to see them do so, but it does object to money being appropriated out of the city treasury for the purpose of improving and making more valuable the water power for any private corporation, in order that they may more successfully and profitably carry on their business. Another thing that appears strange is that on one or two occasions our citizens have taken means to ascertain the price of this identical mill site for the purpose of procuring it, if possible, for a proposed woolen mill. Every time it was reported that the property could not be bought, if at all, for less than \$10,000 or \$15,000. Now when there is a prospect of its being more valuable than it ever was by reason of the reservoir, it is bought for \$5,000, for the purpose of erecting a flour mill thereon. It is no fault of ours that one "citizen" or many cannot reconcile these things with unselfishness or the spirit of progress.

The frantic effort of the Republican to have the reservoir matter pushed, and the relationship between it and the parties owning the water-right, must be associated together in the public mind. A reservoir at the head of Catherine creek, by which a larger amount of water could be let down during the dry season, would be a good thing for the parties who own the mill sites, but how much would it benefit anybody else? Would the owners of those mill sites sell them for any less to proposed manufacturers, or would they ask more? Would any citizen of Union be permitted to take one inch of water out of the creek without payment to the owners thereof? There is only one condition on which we would be in favor of the city expending any amount of money in a reservoir at the head of Catherine creek, and that would be—after it had been figured by competent surveyors that the cost would be within reason—for the owners of the mill sites to enter into a written agreement with the city not to withhold the sale or lease of the water, to the exclusion of proposed incoming manufacturers or the detriment of the city, when a reasonable price has been offered. The reservoir is absolutely unnecessary so far as the construction

of water works are concerned, for there is ample water always in the stream for that purpose. However, the new charter gives the council the right to expend any amount of money up to \$20,000, in the building of this reservoir; but, inasmuch as the charter was passed without many of our citizens being aware of its provisions, the council should have enough regard for public sentiment to put the matter to a vote of the people, and act according as the result may be. That would settle the matter so far as THE SCOUT is concerned, and it would rest satisfied. The voice of the majority should always rule.

A GREAT DRAWBACK.

That the failure of the completion of the Grande Ronde extension of the O. & W. T. railroad to this valley is a great drawback to Union county and especially the farmers of the Sandridge and lower end of the valley, is becoming more evident every day. We have conversed with a number of the prominent farmers of that section lately, and it is the opinion of all that they are in need of railroad competition. The exorbitant prices charged by the Elgin branch of the Union Pacific for hauling grain and flour to La Grande has caused a number to entirely withdraw their freight business with the company, and they have been hauling with teams. They say they can do this cheaper than the railroad company will transfer their freight. As an example of the charges being made by this branch road, one farmer says he paid three cents per bushel to have his grain hauled from Alicel to La Grande a distance of about twelve miles.

It is no wonder the farmers are beginning to kick. The Elgin extension has been of no benefit to them; on the contrary it has been a damage, and we are not surprised at the cry for the Hunt road. They can now, more plainly than ever, see the benefits that would have been derived had Hunt fulfilled his contract.

One of the prominent farmers, and a subscriber to the Hunt subsidy, informed us a few days ago that he would willingly extend his subscription if Mr. Hunt would yet come here and complete the road, and that he thought a majority of the subscribers in his section would gladly do the same. That a large amount of the subsidy pledged for the building of this road could yet be renewed, provided Mr. Hunt would build the line within a reasonable time, is clearly evident. It is true a great many have become disgusted at the manner in which affairs have been conducted in regard to the Grande Ronde extension, yet they can see the benefits to be derived by a competing line of railroad, and would again subscribe to a subsidy. We only speak of this matter in order to show the sentiment of the people, yet under the provisions of the sale of the Hunt system to C. B. Wright there is nothing to prevent Mr. Hunt extending any of his proposed lines, as he will have control of the system until January, 1892. He is under obligations to build 42 miles of new road, extending from the terminus of the road on Eureka Flat to Riparia and the Pomeroy section.

That the Grande Ronde extension would be of vast importance to the O. & W. T. system there is no doubt, and it is only the matter of a short time when it will be completed. If, as a great many think, the O. & W. T. system is to go into the hands of the Northern Pacific, through the purchase, Mr. Wright, who is a heavy stockholder, they will no doubt complete the road to this valley. It would be a great feeder to the Northern Pacific and would receive two-thirds of all the freight and traffic of this section. It is an old story and has often been repeated, but nevertheless true, that wheat has always been worth from 2 to 5 cents more on the bushel at the depots on the line of the O. & W. T. railroad and Northern Pacific than on the Union Pacific. This fact alone has been a great drawback to the farmers of this section. We need railroad competition, and until it is secured we will have to pay for being without it.

ACCORDING to the latest statistics our foreign immigration last year was 491,000. Of this amount 62,000 came from Italy; 20,000 from Poland; Austria, Hungary and Bohemia aggregated 76,000; from Germany came 96,000; and from Scandinavian countries, over 50,000; Russia swelled to nearly 40,000—the largest immigration ever known from that empire into the United States. From England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, the number was below the figures of past years, and the English were in excess of the Irish. In these increasing figures of non-English-speaking immigrants thoughtful American citizens, native and naturalized, will find much on which to ponder.

State Horticultural Society.

The quarterly meeting of this society will be held at Salem on Tuesday, April 14, 1891, in the senate chamber.

FORENOON SESSION.

The Lessons of 1890—R. D. Allen, Silverton.

The Strawberry and its Culture—E. Hofer, Salem.

Pruning and Training the Peach—M. Scheidecker, Fulton.

Notes from Newberg—C. E. Hoskins, Newberg.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

What I Know About Drainage—J. F. Beatty, Chemawa.

What Shall the Harvest Be, from an horticultural standpoint, Rev. A. Rogers, Forest Grove.

Other papers are promised, but not having titles, we are obliged to make an apparently short programme.

It is hoped that a good attendance may be had at this meeting, as business of considerable importance is to come up before the society for discussion. One important matter will be the adoption of a scheme for the exhibits and premiums thereon; the standing committee, a most important matter neglected by your secretary, will be announced at this meeting.

Trusting that all members, not able to attend, having questions to be brought before the society for discussion will send them in to the secretary at an early date, I remain,

Very respectfully,
E. R. LAKE, Sec.

Letter List.

List of letters remaining uncalled for at the postoffice at Union, Oregon, for the month ending March 31, 1891:

Ayles S. B.	Armstrong F. C.
Crim Chas.	Coges J. H.
Carrow E. G.	Delano A. M.
Fitzgerald R. G.	Gover W. L. (2)
Gray Miss Sallie	Hastlet Jos.
Jones Thomas	Merrill Frank
Mitchell J. M.	Mitchell J. M.
Price Joseph	Plowman R. P.
Risor Wesley	Starkey Jessie (2)
Tonstle S.	Taylor Mrs. C. B.

Persons calling for any of the above letters, will please say "advertised."

Mrs. E. A. ALGER, P. M.

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