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REVISION OF THE CHARTER.

The question of revising the charter should now concern the people of Heppner. A session of the legislature is near at hand, and our senator and representative should be made acquainted with the needs and demands of the people, so that they may amend the charter advisedly.

In the first place, there is an almost universal demand for the election of the marshal by the people. As it is now, he is appointed by the council which shoulders more responsibility upon their shoulders than anyone should care to assume. If that officer proves unworthy upon trial, in case our town should decide to elect instead of appoint, why then they would have no one to blame but themselves. The Gazette thinks this is the sentiment of the people on this subject, and their wishes certainly ought to be respected.

Nearly all are satisfied that it is unnecessary to amend that part of the charter calling for bonded indebtedness. That was urged at one time; principally, because it was thought to be needed in the construction of waterworks, but now that we are getting that with an expense of but \$20,000 in all, \$15,000 of this amount being in the shape of a loan to the present waterworks company, there is no immediate demand for a larger bonded indebtedness. In after years, should the town desire to put in a sewerage system, or to provide money for the purchase of the waterworks, according to the terms of the contract, then it is time enough to do this. Though an amendment to the charter, allowing a larger bonded indebtedness, has nothing to do whatever with making the debt larger, our people will hardly permit that near an approach to an increase. Leo Heppner has time to catch his breath over what it has done, before it goes any deeper.

The matter of an increased rate of taxation, may be more evenly divided in the public mind, yet as the present charter provides for a necessary increase may be made, it would hardly seem necessary to make any amendments in this direction. It is pretty generally conceded that at the present rate of income, Heppner can meet all demands. If we cannot, the charter provides how such items as interest may be met, and thus holding our bonds can force payment. Heppner's taxes are high enough.

The loose manner of voting and conducting elections needs attention. Whether the charter is at fault or not, many outsiders seem to enjoy as many privileges in the matter of franchise as our own people. This should be changed or the present charter construed into such language that even an everyday election board will understand immediately who have a right to vote and who have not. That our elections should reach the highest moral plane, and also should be just and lawful, all concede.

These are the Gazette's impressions on the subject of charter amendments, as far as it has investigated, but there are many more points that should be considered. It would be well for the proposed amendments to be submitted to a convention of our citizens before legislative action is taken. It will be more satisfactory, and our legislators will then know that they are voicing the sentiments of the citizens when they pass the amendments to the charter. Besides, it will prevent any general dissatisfaction following the adoption or rejection of the same.

HALF THE TRUTH.

The Portland Telegram in commenting on the remark of Senator Stewart that the president's message is an overdrawn picture of the prosperity of the country, it says: "By comparison we are more prosperous than a good many other nations. Yet our degree of prosperity is far below that it would have been if our tariff and financial legislation had been in the interest of the masses instead of in the interest of the classes. McKinley has been a blight upon our country since from which it will take the country a long time to recover. The demoralization of silver inflicted an almost irreparable injury upon all business departments except money-lending. With a reduced tariff and the reorganization of silver, our country, with its wonderful recuperative powers, will be able to recover the ground that has been lost; but it will require time and patience to accomplish it. It cannot be done in a day nor in a year."

A policy that leaves more money in the country than it takes out, is sure to bring prosperity. Though pledged to sweeping reforms, the monetary party will be well to let "McKinleyism" alone. The "reduced tariff" is a new thing since the election. Most all of the democratic party want it increased again: \$10,000,000 per year—most of it to come off those things we do not produce. Re-organization of silver is desirable. Even the money-lenders, who want their interest to have the greatest purchasing power, see that unless it comes, ruin will result. But last winter, when the senate passed a free coinage bill, why didn't the democratic house sustain it, if it was such a good thing, from a democratic standpoint?

BEFORE the end of the silver conference across the sea, we think that you folks members from India and Great Britain will get a taste of something that will make them more tractable. We think that our delegates, headed by the great Senator Jones, of Nevada, will promise them a speedy repeal of both the Sherman and Bland laws, if they don't come to terms otherwise. This will make times hard on this side for a few months, but it is worth the cost. Great Britain's India, with her 3,000,000,000 ounces of silver, will then be the party most concerned. Instead of assuming a defiant attitude and an abusive policy, she will be the one who will most clamorously urge international recognition of silver to save

her from ruin. England is far removed from being the financial center of the world, as she arrogantly supposes herself, and when Jones has finished his little talk, a great nation will have taken a tumble unto herself. The people are beginning to feel that there is some hope of international recognition of silver, which all will agree is an easier road to free coinage in America than by wholly independent action. Let the world return to the financial policy previous to that of 1873, and we will have fewer mortgaged farms and more money to meet them when they become due.

The subject of free coinage of silver is agitating the people everywhere, and while it is not a subject that should be dragged in the mud by political parties, it will rain the party so soon to succeed to power, if they do not take some action to restore silver from its unnatural place as a commodity to where it was previous to 1873—good and lawful money. As between Harrison and Cleveland, the former is much the better friend to silver, and the Western states may have cause to regret an action which virtually was a half-way going over to the enemy. The country demands tariff tinkering, when in reality the evil is not there at all, but in an appreciated currency, and of not sufficient volume to do the business of the country.

There's a scrap going on up in Montana for the control of the legislature, which means the election of an United States senator. Whoever side gets away with the contest, the other will say "it was stolen." It has stammered down to this with some partisans, that very man's a thief that don't agree with him, and everything thievish that don't go their way.

There's Gov. Peenoy's opinion of the migration question: "If the United States are to be restricted to a narrow gold basis instead of the broad bimetallic coinage basis of the constitution, then, in order to have sufficient money for our people, it will not only be necessary to restrict immigration, but also to expatriate some of our citizens."

The South at silver convention, recently in session at El Paso, Texas, organized a Pan-American Bi-Metallic Association, with A. C. Frick, of Colorado, president. The Association are not "stack" on either Sherman or Cleveland.

COTTON is going lower every day, and it has been thought that the crisis would be reached by January, but this will be delayed largely upon the world's action on silver. If favorable, wheat and cotton will command better prices.

The official vote of Massachusetts shows the highest republican vote for senator was 202,914; the highest democratic vote, 176,833. Governor Russell, plurality over Lieutenant-Governor Hall was 2534.

The Clevelandites will oppose Speaker Crisp's re-election in the house. It is not the fight of the faithful, but for a Southern democracy, they can't find a better subject than the present incumbent.

The mayor of our town should have more responsibility. He should be vested with the veto power, for one thing. Our committee on amendments to the charter should not forget this.

Two brave girls stopped a S. P. R. R. train near Grant's Pass, last Wednesday in time to avoid an accident. The passengers made up a purse to buy each a Christmas present.

The democratic "steering committee" conferred with Whitney a few days ago. They fear that the political complexion of some of the states will be changed against them.

Now that we are assured of waterworks, all good citizens should unite for re-embodiment. We need no more bonded indebtedness now, and taxes should not be increased.

GARIBOLDI, Dr. Parkhurst's agent in the fight against sin in New York, has two indictments pending against him, both for extorting money.

The Long Creek Eagle has entered upon its seventh year. The patrons of the Eagle say it is the best weekly of the interior.

The populists get away with the elections up in North Dakota, with pluralities, respectively, 15, 59 and 88. Close shave.

F. McF. ATTAN, who recently died at Salem, was prominently connected with High Masonry.

WYOMING elects a democratic representative, governor and justice of the supreme court.

The equal suffragists, of Kansas, have endorsed Mrs. Lease for the senate.

WALLULA was visited by a fire Sunday night. Damage, unknown.

The Gazette favors the election of its marshal by the people.

It is reported to have some diamond fields.

THE CONFERENCE. From the Salt Lake Tribune. The disputable are a little confused, but they carry the idea that the British commissioners in the international conference were sent there for no other purpose than to tempt the conference. If that result is brought around, then we shall be heartily in favor of having congress, in one day, repeal both the Sherman and Bland acts. At present, the United States is buying 4,500,000 ounces of silver monthly, at the same time, England is selling, monthly, \$7,000,000 worth of India council bills, which are payable in silver. India has been receiving silver since the days of Julius Caesar, and absorbing it. It is estimated that that country has between 2,000,000,000 and 3,000,000,000 ounces of

silver; it is the money of that country. With our own country drawing out of the silver market, and making no provision for the use of silver as money, England would have to face the responsibility of seeing the silver of India maintained by direct interposition of the government, or see such a panic as would shake her strongest financial houses to the base. It would make hard times here, for, perhaps, ninety days, not longer; and this is apparent, that we believe the real intention of the British delegates, in that conference, is to hold up some plan like Rothchild's, and bluff the conference with the threat that, unless that shall be accepted, or something equivalent, they will withdraw. We think their plan is understood by the American delegates, and that, if the thing comes to a test, some one of those delegates will defy them to withdraw, without some settlement of the question, and tell them, in very plain English—although it may be translated into French—that they have no more at stake than the United States, that if they please to withdraw, all right.

The truth is, in all such arrangements, Great Britain for sixty years has gone into business with two objects; first to have her own way, and second, to have the lion's share. That is what she will try this time. She is liable to fail, because when it comes to a trade, although the bankers of Great Britain who are represented by the British delegates are audacious enough and determined to carry their point, still when it comes down to a question of trade they are wonderfully cautious, and especially as their chief commissioner has already confessed, unless some adjustment shall be made it will mean universal panic. With that alternative over their heads, if they are opposed resolutely enough, in the end they will weaken. It is exactly such a case as a larger scale as is seen every day in a clothing store on Chatham street, New York, where the merchant declares he will take \$6 for a coat and that he would not sell it for one penny less to his own brother, and still before the customer goes out he gets the coat for \$3.

We have perfect confidence that the men representing the United States in that conference will neither be bluffed or bullied; that the only spot upon which they can be reached will be which the radical silver men of this country will think it too much of a sacrifice, but if they do that it will have to be by an approach upon them not in the form of a bluff or a dare, but in respect to terms, asking that the interests of the whole world should be considered.

TO FILL UP. From the Salt Lake Tribune. For want of something else, probably, to fill their columns, there is not a petty arguement democratic sheet in the country that is not telling how much money Mr. Cleveland left in the treasury, and that now the treasury is bankrupt. The republicans controlled the government from 1861 to 1865, and they left a little surplus of over \$400,000,000 for Mr. Cleveland's administration to begin to distribute. The democrats controlled the government most of the time prior to 1861 for sixty years. During the last two years that they were in power, more money in pure gold was poured into the nation's lap than the nation had accumulated during all its previous history. Still when that party went out of power the treasury was not only bankrupt, but the last administration, to make up its deficit, had been borrowing money at 12 per cent interest, and giving a premium to those who took the bonds of 6 per cent more; that is, the credit of the government was down to the level of Egypt and Turkey, and other degraded nations of the old world. It strikes us that with that history before them, those newspapers ought to pipe low about a present deficit, especially when it is considered that the present administration, in addition to meeting the annual expenses of the government, has paid \$281,000,000 on account of the national debt. It is a bad thing for a man who has been guilty, when given a piece of trout, of stealing everything in sight until it became an absolute necessity to kick him out—it is a bad thing, we say, for him to find fault with the next superintendent of the establishment because he has not followed its former example.

SOME ENGLAIS. From the Long Creek Paper. Potatoes are marketed in Morrow county at 1 1/2 cents per pound. In Long Creek they demand readily 2 and 2 1/2 cents per pound. The Heppner and Canyon City stage line is the best line in Oregon, if it is so properly. The new change will prove beneficial to the line. W. L. McGinnis has returned from Sumpter, where he met his family, and was located for the winter at Heppner, Oregon. Mr. McGinnis will turn his attention to mining in the future. Prof. Bannan informed the Eagle that he has 127 pupils enrolled in the schools of this county, and yet many are a follow. Long Creek has the largest school in the county. Prairie City second and Canyon City third. The Eagle has been lately informed that the heavy side of last week's outcome resulting seriously to several buildings in Fox, moving McGirr school-house and the hall building several inches from their foundations. Jack Wainwright, of Fox, brought this week's published news foundry a large eagle last Monday which he had killed in the neighboring valley the day previous. We will have the same mounted and will enter in one corner of our assembly.

The Black Butte Tunnel company has a force of two men at work on their possession in Fox valley. They will remain in the employ of the company until next May. During that time they expect to drive about 300 feet of tunnel. The heavy wild that has prevailed in Grant county for the past two weeks has done more damage to fences and hay ricks than any one for years. The Eagle has received reports that hay ricks in many parts of the county were completely torn down.

Surveyor Osborn informs the Eagle that he has surveyed ten acres of land below John Day, and also the water-ditch on the north side of the river, for a company, and that in the early future John Day will have a saw mill. The log will be floated down from the head of waters of the John Day.

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SPLENDIDLY ENTERTAINED. Pendleton Royal Arch Masons Visit La Grande to Witness Degree Work. From the E. O. On board this forenoon's train from La Grande were Henry Blackman, statesman from Morrow county; Otis Patterson, editor of the Heppner Gazette; R. Alexander, R. G. Thompson, W. D. Hanford, Jerry Barnhart, J. P. Bushe, W. M. Beagle, Robert Foster, J. A. Wood, of Pendleton.

These gentlemen have been to La Grande in attendance upon a Chapter meeting of the Royal Arch Masons there, three candidates having received the R. A. M. degree. There were besides large delegations from Union and Baker City. The Pendleton visitors can hardly express their appreciation of the splendid entertainment given them by the La Grande brethren. "We had one of the best times we ever enjoyed in our lives," is their universal verdict.

There were more than seventy members present at the banquet, and they were regaled with a truly royal feast. The tables were beautifully decorated, and loaded with a vast variety of tempting eatables.

LOCAL MARKET REPORT. Wheat, bu. 60 Flour, bl. 4.50 Beeswax, cwt. 1.75 Hogs, dressed, 12 @ 14 Horses, slow sale, 75 Eggs, doz. 30 @ 35 Chickens, doz. 1.00 @ 1.50 Turkeys, 1.00 @ 1.50

CALIFORNIA MARKET. Wheat, cwt. \$1.25 @ 1.30 Flour, bl. 3.00 @ 3.50 Beeswax, cwt. 1.75 @ 2.25 Muttons, cwt. 6.00 @ 7.00 Hogs, cwt. 4.50 @ 5.25 Wool—Eastern Oregon, 12 @ 16 Butter, lb. 20 @ 30 Eggs, doz. 30 @ 35 Chickens, doz. 4.00 @ 6.00 Turkeys, lb. 15 @ 17

PORTLAND MARKET. Wheat, cwt. \$1.15 @ 1.20 Flour, bl. 3.00 @ 3.50 Beeswax, cwt. 1.75 @ 2.25 Muttons, live sheared, 3.50 @ 3.60 Hogs, on foot, 4.50 @ 5.00 Hogs, dressed, 6.00 @ 6.25 Wool—Eastern Oregon, 10 @ 15 Butter, 15 @ 25 Eggs, doz. 30 @ 40 Chickens, doz. 2.50 @ 6.00 Turkeys lb. 15 @ 15

ADDITIONAL LOCALS. Look out for Fell Bro's sale of remnants—bargains in everything. Smith, the furniture man, is prepared to sell fine goods at low figures. Fall line of undertaking goods on hand. M. Lubenthal & Co. have a fine lot of water wear, including ladies' winter shoes, overshoes, rubber boots, etc. Drop in.

Borg, the jeweler, is the man to fix up your watch or clock. He keeps a full stock of everything pertaining to his business.

Don't overlook T. W. Ayers, Jr., the leading druggist. Cheapest perfumes, patent drugs and the finest toilet articles always on hand.

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Gilliam & Ribbes, the hardware and tinware merchants, carry everything pertaining to their line, even agricultural implements. Don't you need a plow this fall?

Don't overlook Kirk & Rosman's bargains. They have purchased the business of J. W. Mattick & Co. but will soon remove to the Mallory corner, opposite the Palace hotel.

Dr. Grant's Chloa, the great dyspepsia conquerer, will positively cure dyspepsia and all its kindred ailments. Every hot and cold will be a positive guarantee to effect a cure by its use. Refunded. See ad in this issue.

The general merchandise establishment formerly owned by C. Olin & McCaffland, has lately changed hands, now being under the control and management of The McCaffland Mercantile Company, which carries on business at the old stand with a larger stock than ever.

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