# ORIGINAL DEFECTIVE

Weston Weekly Leader.

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THE system of trial by jury is deservedly falling into disrepute. It has apparently outlived its period of usefulness. A great deal of the inefficiency of our present system is found in the grand jury. Its besetting sin is lack of originality. Each grand jury moves along in the beaten path of its predecessors. It is a very polite body. It is lavish of compliments and fearful of giving offense. It always extols the county clerk, the jail, the prosecuting attorney, the poor farm, the judge and the grand jury. It is afraid of offending saloon keepers and gamblers. It lamentably lacks originality,—therefore its stereotyped platitudes attract no more attention than the patent outside of a newspaper. Its reports savor of the same thrilling interest as the romances issued by the patent office. Its suggestions are virtuous and die young. We would like to see a change. Truth is stranger than fiction, and a startling report from a grand jury would be a pleasant break in the awful monotony of its useless existence. Just for a change, how would it do to say that, owing to lack of time and necessary knowledge, we are unable to say that the county records are correctly kept; that, owing to the wicked connivance of the prosecuting attorney, important evidence was suppressed, which, if given in, would have resulted in finding quite a number of true bills; that in order to save the county from expense and ourselves from trouble, several clear cases were smothered; that in order to screen an old and respected citizen, we disregarded convincing testimony respecting his violation of law, &c., &c. These samples are sufficient. A grand jury of genuine originality can improve and extend these suggestions so as to make a report that would be of great interest; and perhaps the deviation from the old routine would be productive of good.

WE live in a progressive age, that ill brooks the staid opinions of ancient wisdom. We are a liberty loving people, that fret under the restraints of time-worn counsel. What Solomon may have said about sparing the rod and spoiling the child has little or no weight in moulding public opinion of school discipline. Severe corporal punishment is recognized in all its brutality. The present generation are rushing to the other extreme. This is such an exceedingly free country that it seems like a piece of foreign policy to restrain even the children. It resembles despotic tyranny to whip them for ordinary or even extraordinary offenses. Parents will not whip their own children nor allow any one else to take such a liberty with them. Instead of a judicious application of a smarting rod that would make a striking impression upon the tender feelings of a wayward youth we expel him from the school to take his chances in idleness and mischief. A little temporary tingling upon the sensitive portion of a boy's anatomy may turn him from a course that will ultimately lead him to ruin. Suspension from school may lead to a suspension from hemp. It is better that as a boy "he should dance at the end of a switch than as a man dangle at the end of a rope." Even in this excellent age "he that spareth his rod hateth his son."

WAR or no war, it now seems probable that wheat will bring a good price. It is of course too early to figure closely upon the yield of spring-sown grain, but as winter wheat constitutes about nine-tenths of the entire acreage, it is not difficult to estimate approximately the total yield. All reports agree that in the great wheat-growing States of the West much of the crop has been seriously injured by frost. California is suffering from drought. Oregon alone promises more than an average yield. These facts, and not the character of the war news, have given to wheat an upward tendency. At present there is every indication that fair prices will be paid for our principal product.

SINCE our last there has been no great change in the aspect of Anglo-Russian affairs. The war party in England is, however, daily becoming more clamorous. If war can be averted without loss to national honor, the Gladstone government will endeavor to decide the difficulty by arbitration or some other peaceful method. But the war spirit is rampant throughout England, and it is perhaps probable that on some question of war supplies the liberal or peace party may be defeated to give place to a Tory administration that would carry out the wishes of the war element of the Empire.

### THE CASCADE LOCKS.

For some reason the people of Eastern Oregon are under the impression that the people of Portland have never been particularly zealous in improving the navigation of the Columbia, which they regard as of most vital importance in developing the vast country which is drained by it and its tributaries. How this impression was made in the first instance and how it has since been deepened into conviction, is useless discussion at this time. The *News* is fully assured that at the present time there is not a rational business man in the city who is familiar with the country watered by the Columbia, and the character of the obstructions to its successful navigation, that is not heartily in favor of the removal of the latter.

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Had the people of this city taken the same interest in the removal of obstructions in the Columbia that the people of Galveston have in securing appropriations for the improvement of their harbor, the obstructions at both the Cascades and The Dalles would probably have been obviated before this time. But there has been too much apathy and indifference heretofore which must now be supplanted by the liveliest interest and most energetic and aggressive action.

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The above extracts, though somewhat incompatible, are from one article in the Portland *News* of May 11th. Whatever doubts the *News* man may have on the subject, the people of Eastern Oregon are quite clear as to their reason for supposing that Portland was not only not particularly zealous for improving the navigation of the Columbia but that it was actually opposed to the completion of the work at the Cascades. The principal newspaper of Portland has not hesitated to say time and again that it was a sheer waste of money to expend it on the Cascade locks, and while it and the Board of Trade have been bending all their energies for the improvement of the lower Columbia, the completion of the work that would be beneficial to Eastern Oregon has been either ignored or discountenanced. The apathy and indifference and opposition of Portland to the improvement of the Cascades have been too marked to be either mistaken or concealed. During the reign of Villard when Portland was favored by the railroad influence and Eastern Oregon was powerless to resist the exactions of Portland's greed, that commission town did not even attempt to conceal its contemptuous indifference to the interests of Eastern Oregon. The *News* man who is a comparatively recent arrival may not realize the force of all this, but the people of Eastern Oregon are amply able to give a reason for their distrust of Portland. That a change would come over that proud city's dreams the LEADER takes no credit in having foretold. The indications were so plain that the business man, even though a Portlander, could not fail to see them. Our railroad connection with the East, the contemplated completion of the Cascade branch of the N. P., and the partial withdrawal of railroad favor from Portland compel that city to do something conciliatory to retain the trade of Eastern Oregon. Its purely selfish motive it is impossible to disguise, and it would be just as well to have that thoroughly understood and acknowledged on both sides. The completion of the work at the Cascades is now a matter of mutual benefit and we are pleased to see the *News* enlisted in its favor; but if work on the Cascade branch of the N. P. was to be suspended and that company was to gain control of the lines of the O. R. & N. Co. we fancy the *News* would feel quite lonesome on the question of Cascade locks. But these things are not likely to happen, and the people of Eastern Oregon will be pleased to have the hearty co-operation of Portland in securing a free and open highway to the sea.

### UMATILLA AND MORROW.

**Wheat Prospects. County Seat Question, &c.**

Thinking a few notes from Morrow county would interest your readers, I shall make an attempt to describe a trip through the greatest part of the old Umatilla and also through the heart of Morrow counties. A fleet team of one of your many and well equipped livery stables, brought the writer to the county seat of old Umatilla, where the evening was spent in conversing about the farmers of this county, the crop prospects and other topics. Next morning early, after having refreshed the inner man, the same team whirled the writer and his friend toward Echo. Wheat fields on both sides of the road show how much work has been expended in converting the bunch-grass and sage brush lands into a paradise. If old Jupiter Pluvius had only done his part of the work what a fine crop of wheat would have been the result, but wheat between Pendleton and Echo looks sad, rain might still help it in some instances, but generally speaking, a very light harvest will be the share of the husbandman in that region. At Echo mine host Koontz took good care of the weary travellers, who, after a short delay, pushed on toward Butter creek. The land between Echo and Butter creek is very light, though it will raise wheat if the season is favorable, which is hardly the case this spring. After crossing butter creek the wheat looks better, although not as forward as in your favored northeastern corner of Umatilla. It has a healthy appearance and a sufficient quantity of rain will make 25 bushels to the acre.

Towards evening the travelers bethought themselves of shelter, and the Rev. Mr. Worthington's house could not be far off, so toward his domain the horses' heads were turned, but night overtook the hungry, weary travelers, and all of a sudden the thought began to dawn upon them that, as the roads change every day in that region, they might have taken the wrong one, so a halt was made and a signboard was found with the following: "This road is closed up. Go west two miles, then turn south." (No place designated.) On they went, darkness went faster, a few miles further despair seized upon them, as nothing could be seen but bunch grass, Do you know the feeling of one lost in an ocean of bunch grass?

Down went one on his knees, but not to pray, but to feel for the road, which was either very crooked or else very straight. Darkness prevented the travellers from seeing anything. At last who should they come upon in all their darkness and distress? The wagon and very well known voice of Mr. Watts; this was really balm for their sorrow. Mr. Watts directed the ignorant travellers, who had gone over a similar road, at least a dozen times, and on they went into the darkness. A light soon made its appearance and a few questions brought out the fact that one of the party had struck the corner of the fence on his own land. By the direction of his neighbor, he and fellow traveller soon found themselves comfortably behind a smoking summer. It's well enough to tantalize the boys about losing the road; they were on the right road all the time, but didn't know it.

Mr. Worthington not being home, the travellers took possession of the ranch and next morning went into the pasture, caught up some of the best horses, hitched them up to their vehicle, while leaving their own behind and set out for the coming county seat of Merrow county, Lexington, where a convention of delegates of the different precincts was being held, the proceedings of which were about as follows: After the chairman, Mr. J. W. Redford, had stated the object of the meeting, which was that the citizens of Morrow county having heard that the new officers of Morrow county are about to expend too much money for erection of county buildings, the people of the county were taking steps to restrain them from doing so. Mr. Croul was elected secretary. The chairman called for minutes of precinct meetings, which were held May 2nd, several precincts had no minutes, all these were referred to the committee on credentials, which consisted of the following: Hamer, Lena, Uncle Henry Hale, Lower Willow creek, Frank Cook, Wells Springs.

After considerable talk Heppner, although not having held a precinct meeting, nor elected representatives, was allowed to be represented by five votes.

There were 22 delegates attending the convention: Heppner 5, Wells Springs 3, Lena 2, Lower Willow creek 2, Eight Mile 4, Dairyville 2, Scotts 3, Castle Rock 1.

The feelings of the people outside of Heppner were strong against the erection of any county buildings at any place, until the county seat had been definitely settled by the June election, 1886, which took shape in the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That we are opposed to building a court house in the town of Heppner or any other place, until the county seat is permanently located. That we are also opposed to any unnecessary expense, resolved further that the convention designate one member from each precinct, with authority to act in case of immergency, to prevent the erection of any county buildings. The following are the members of the standing committee: H. A. Glesson, Scotts; J. W. Redford, Lower Willow creek; A. S. Haines, Eight Mile; G. H. Allen, Heppner; J. M. Hamer, Lena; C. B. Croul, Wells Springs; B. W. Chapan, Dairyville; J. H. Forsoght, Castle Rock. The chairman selected three of the above committee to address the county court to stay proceedings.

Lexington is a go-ahead place, a blacksmith shop is in full blast, more work than can be attended to, a hardware store, hotel and postoffice are up, a planing mill will soon be built and everybody seems to be sure that Lexington will be the future county seat of Morrow county. The writer was struck with the absence of a saloon, which business is generally the first to be erected in a new place. The writer was soon on his way westward, toward Eight Mile, where he arrived early enough to procure a good supper and bed with Mr. McBean, who keeps the postoffice at the above place and whose hospitality is too well known to be commented upon. In this locality wheat looks well and people are very hopeful of an abundant crop if rain will only favor them.

The rest of the trip was made back in two days. The first day leading the writer through the Cold Spring country, where he was treated with diligent nights, some grain fields looking finely, others looking yellow and seemed to have suffered some from frost and drought. It seems to be the rule this year that all grain sowed before the rains last fall look worse than those sowed later. A.

### STATE NEWS.

Eugene is putting up quite a number of new buildings.

There is some talk of establishing a pulp mill at Albany.

The new water works at Fort Canby, built at an expense of about $4,000, is about completed.

A Portland man named Isaac Thompson sued for $210 and recovered $105 for nursing his wife.

The Morrow county Coolers arrived in Alkali last Tuesday. They weigh 20,000 pounds and the freight, laid down in Heppner will amount to over $500 to be paid by the builders.

Astorian: The outgoing steamer took 500 cases of salmon yesterday afternoon. One hundred and twenty-five sacks of fat oysters from Shoalwater bay also went to feed the San Franciscans.

Oregon's Commissioner, writing from New Orleans, says the Oregon exhibit there is a stunner, and is calling forth the commendation of the Commissioners of other States. The show is little in comparison, but Oh my. He would like to have some cherries, strawberries, etc., just to paralyze the Southerners.

The Astorian of the 7th says: "A large whale came in from the sea yesterday, and after cruising around for awhile brought up near the spit below Sand Island where his antics attracted universal attention. After having an hour's circus all to himself, the great ocean mammal shot out towards the west, and with a sort of farewell Father Watkins wave of his tail, swung out to the shoreless depths of the heaving Pacific."

Astorian, 7th: A tremendous splashing in one of the fish traps near Ilwaco attracted the attention of men along the shore last Tuesday evening. Hastening to the trap they found one of the biggest sea lions ever seen in the Columbia river. Procuring rifles they fired at him The first shot enraged the monster and he started in killing all the big salmon in the trap. So enraged was the the phoca that he tore the fishes to pieces, and not till seven balls had pierced him did the shaggy monster give up the ghost. He was landed on the Argonaut and on the arrival of that vessel at Astoria yesterday morning he attracted considerable attention as he weighed between 800 and 900 pounds, and was "nearly as big as a cow."

On Monday of last week, says the Canyon city paper, "Sol" Warren, road superintendent, left John Day for the purpose of repairing the road on Berch creek. He was intoxicated when he left town, and was on a protracted spree. He had a supply of liquor with him when he left. He arrived safely at his destination and remained there until the 22d when his whiskey gave out and he started to return home. He was last seen alive by Arthur Mosier. On Friday the body of the unfortunate man was found about seven miles from where he was last seen. Justice Kelly of John Day summonded a jury and held an inquest. The verdict was that he came to his death from alcoholism and exposure.

### GENERAL NEWS.

The ice blockade at Quebec still continues.

The losses by the Vincennes, Ind., fire aggregate $150,000.

The charter elections in Indiana this month very generally resulted in the success of the Republicans.

Reports of the skirmishing between Riel's rebels and Middleton's forces cause the greatest excitement in Canada.

There are 923,325 Odd Fellows in Great Britain, a gain of 38,337 during last year. The number of deaths in 1884 was 7,078.

The Royal Mail Steamship Humber, which left New York February 15th has not since been heard from and is supposed to be lost.

Some idea of the lake commerce of the country may be had when it is stated that 25,000 vessels pass in and out of the harbor of Chicago yearly.

The citizens of Northern Idaho are bitterly opposed to the return of Chief Joseph and the Nez Perce Indians to the Lapwai reservation, and resolutions to this effect have been sent to the Secretary of the Interior.

Connecticut's new law concerning obscene and immoral publications prohibits the sale, gift, etc, not only of indecent and obscene books and papers, but also such as are devoted wholly or principally to the publication of criminal news or pictures and stories of deeds of bloodshed, lust and crime.

THERE was no city in Europe with a million inhabitants at the beginning of the present century, the most populous being London, with 895,000 persons. There are now five European cities with upwards of a million inhabitants, and the first two of which contain in the aggregate 7,000,000 persons. In America, at the beginning of the century, there were no cities that would now be regarded as more than fourth-class towns; the population of New York was about 60,000. At the last census there were twenty-six in the United States which exceeded that figure.

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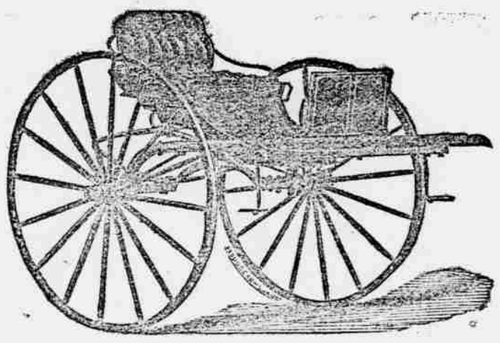

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