

THE ENTERPRISE.

OREGON CITY, OREGON, MAY 2, 1873.

The Enterprise Strains at a Gnat

"A very palpable piece of canting is that of the *Enterprise*, this week, where it charges the 'Radical' papers with having assisted, by their denunciation of the Peace Policy in relation to the Modocs, to create a bad impression at the east, of the people of Oregon. We believe the 'Radical' papers were not quite alone in the very free denunciation of the Peace Policy, as applied to the Modocs; but we reckon if they had been entirely alone, they could well afford to take the responsibility of it, for their course has been and is most fully and unreservedly approved by the entire people. Beside that, the people of Oregon stand to-day fully vindicated of every charge brought against them by the California correspondents and the canting portion of the eastern press. It is now seen by all the world that we had the correct view of this Indian trouble and advocated the only policy which could secure safety to the frontier settlers. If the *Enterprise* chooses to take the other side of the question, we shall not envy its reputation among the people of Oregon. The effort of the *Enterprise* to create political capital out of this matter is such a specimen of straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel as to be ludicrous and laughable rather than at all vexing."

The above we take from the *Statesman* of last Saturday. It is characteristic of its editor, and seeks to create a false impression as to the tenor of our article. We stated that the Radical press of Oregon had done much to prejudice the people east against our citizens in regard to the Modoc troubles by publishing ridiculous and foolish burlesques against the men who had been designated by the Governor to discharge any given duty. Prior to the first battle, these Radical sheets were full of much nonsense and disgusted every intelligent citizen. After the first battle, this thing was suddenly put a stop to, as it was evident the people of Oregon would condemn such a course, and the matter was becoming too serious to be made a "joke." We repeat, that the Radical press did do this, and so far as its influence extended, had a tendency to create a prejudice against Oregon and in favor of the bloody Modocs. As to the question of the Radical papers denouncing the Peace Policy, all we have to say is, that while they appear to have condemned it, their condemnation does not seem to have had any influence on the Administration, and to this day, it will be observed that the Radical writers never attack the head which should control this matter, but attack the policy in the abstract, and some poor subordinate official who is but carrying out the order of the fools at Washington. We do not propose to take any of the responsibilities of the Peace Policy. We have opposed it from the very start, and so has the Democratic State Administration. While the Radical papers of Oregon have apparently opposed the suicidal course, their Administration has endeavored to carry it out, though it was to "take all summer." The people of Oregon are endorsed, but not through any efforts on the part of the Administration which the *Statesman* and the rest of the Radical papers so heartily support. It is not our purpose to make political capital at the expense of so many lives and so much money; but the people will hold the Administration responsible for its utter neglect of duty, no matter what the course of the Radical press in Oregon has been or may be hereafter. We do not propose to strain "at a gnat," but at this Radical Administration which is responsible for creating a general outbreak among the Indians on this coast by its imbecile policy. If the *Statesman* wishes to designate it as the "gnat" we have no hesitancy in saying that it is our purpose to strain at it until it is swallowed up in oblivion, and thoroughly buried out of sight, so that it may never insult the people of Oregon again with its infamous and disgraceful policy. The *Statesman* must either condemn the fountain head of this policy, or else it must take its share of the odium, no matter how objectionable it is to its highly seasoned sensibilities. It cannot accept its good deeds, (and God knows they are very few) and claim exemption from its evil ones.

QUIXOTIC A. BROOKS.—In the *Bulletin* of last Monday appears a protest to the Governor against the individual who hearkens this article, setting forth sundry charges of bad conduct as Quartermaster of the volunteers who had been called out by the Governor. If the charges are true, and we have little doubt but what they are in the main, the Governor should immediately remove him from the position. Mr. Brooks is a Radical, and an ex-Federal office-holder, and we have reasons to expect nothing better of him than an abuse of any trust committed to him. It is not safe to place a Radical in position, as their failings have become too well known throughout the country. Let investigation of the charges be made, and if found true, let him be removed forthwith.

It is said that Taugent is becoming the depot for Corvallis.

City Matters—A Statement of our Financial Condition.

In order that our citizens may be guided in their choice for officers to conduct the affairs of the city for the ensuing year, we propose here to make a statement of its affairs, and what has been done with the people's money by those who they selected a year ago to transact their business. We do not propose to color this statement in the slightest degree, as we are not aware of a single member of the Council, or the present Mayor desiring the re-election. But we feel it our duty to give this plain statement in order that the people may see that their interests have been faithfully attended to. We can do this duty impartially for the Council was not composed solely of one political party; and here we may state that the beneficial results of having both parties represented in our city matters is very apparent, and we desire to give equal credit to all and therefore the credit of our non-partisan administration during the past year is not mentioned as a party plea for the benefit of our ticket next Monday. It is only a plain statement of facts to govern the people in selecting the best men. A year ago, it was almost impossible to ascertain the amount of indebtedness against the city; but after considerable labor on the part of the Finance Committee, it was ascertained to be about \$3,300. The amount of revenue collected and expended last year was \$3,616 37, as per report published. The amount collected this year is \$3,616 65, or a difference of \$524 62. The entire amount of the receipts last year were exhausted, and notwithstanding the report as published by our predecessors, showed the entire sum was not taken up, the books now show that after the report was made, and between the 6th of May and the 11th, on the day the new Council met, over \$800 in warrants were issued, which should be added to the above amount, which makes it over \$4,300, against the above receipts, and shows the city was indebted at the close of their term of office more than at the commencement. In order that we may not be charged with trying to make capital, we herewith append a report of the Finance Committee, furnished us by Comptroller A. J. Apperson, which is the substance of the report to be submitted to the Council next Monday, which is as follows:

GENERAL FUND.	
Collected in coin as per report of Assessor	\$ 479 04
Collected in script	2,591 29
Do for fines	111 55
Total	3,616 65
Orders drawn on General fund issued during the term	\$2,554 19
Leaving a balance of	455 55
WATER FUND.	
From Licenses	\$965 59
Amount drawn on this fund	759 50
Balance on hand	199 50
ROAD FUND.	
Collected in coin	\$ 986 69
Do labor	546 68
Total	\$1,533 28
Total expended on road, including \$300 paid on contract previously contracted for	1,531 52
Balance in Treasury	1 76

There is also a balance of \$199 50 in the Treasury belonging to the water fund. In the General fund is included the \$419 22 in favor of the Factory, also \$208 for the bridge built near the residence of Mr. C. M. Kester and \$100 paid Mr. Warren for services rendered during the previous year as City Attorney, making in all \$7,272 2, which should properly be deducted from the city expenses of the present year. This would leave the entire expenditures of the city for the present year at \$1,926 88 against about \$4,300 the previous year. The books and accounts of this city have been kept in a manner which readily shows the transaction in each department, and the reports of all officers will be ready to submit to the Council next Monday evening. The indebtedness, including all outstanding orders, of which there are some undoubtedly paid and not marked so on the books, as the orders date back to 1862, is now about \$2,400, while a year ago it was \$3,300. The decrease in the receipts is owing to the property valuation not being as high the present year as it was last, a number of our wealthiest citizens having their means invested in real estate at Portland, and while the P. T. Company formally paid on about \$125,000, this year the same property only paid on \$63,000 being a reduction of nearly one-half. Taking matters as they now stand, we unhesitatingly declare that the present city officers have faithfully discharged the trusts entrusted to them, and turn over the affairs to their successors in a far better condition than our city has been for some time past. It has not been a partisan administration, and we feel proud of the record made by this Council. Let the people take good care that they elect economical and faithful men next Monday.

Lost Tr.—We learn that a certain prominent Radical of this county, who participated in the "peace-power," has given up all hope of being the next Governor of Oregon. Those who took stock in that policy might as well take back seats for the balance of this generation.

Dr. J. R. Bayley is a candidate for City Recorder at Corvallis.

Death of Judge A. J. Thayer.

The sad news of the death of Judge A. J. Thayer, one of the Supreme Judges of our State, was received in this city last Wednesday evening. He died at his residence in Corvallis, on Tuesday evening, of typhoid fever. The intelligence was announced to the Circuit Court in session, and upon motion of Ex-Gov. Gibbs the Court adjourned until Friday morning, in honor of the distinguished dead. Gov. Gibbs made a few appropriate remarks, in which he stated that Judge Thayer had read law in his native city, and he had known him well and intimately; that his nature and habits were such as to be worthy of the emulation of every young student; and that his nature was warm, true and noble. He received the sad tidings of his death with heartfelt sorrow, and said that while Judge Thayer was taken away in the prime of life, it was a warning to us all that we are mortal, and that we should so live as to be prepared to appear before the Bar above. Judge Upton also paid the distinguished dead a very deserved compliment. He said he had not known Judge Thayer until he sat with him on the Supreme Bench; that there was not a Judge on the bench that was held in higher esteem by his fellow-Judges; that he was an industrious, honorable and worthy Judge; while he professed the strongest affections of friendship, his warm and generous nature did not inherit malice or hatred, so common with such warm dispositions. He regretted deeply that he should be called away from the useful position he had been called upon to fill by the people of his District. The Judge then appointed Messrs. A. C. Gibbs, W. C. Johnson and C. E. Warren as a committee to prepare suitable resolutions expressive of the feelings of the Court and Bar.

We feel too sorrowful at this painful announcement to do justice to the memory of Judge Thayer. It has been our good fortune to have known him for over sixteen years, well and intimately. While we have repeatedly differed with the Judge in political matters, we have always had the most pleasant personal relations existing between us, and a strong and warm friendship, and we shall ever miss that cheerful and happy countenance of the Judge when visiting our former home. The State has lost a valuable citizen, a faithful public officer, and his bereaved and heart-stricken family a loving, affectionate and true father and husband. We deeply sympathize with his family in their affliction, and know that they feel most keenly this sad visitation of Providence. His place cannot be filled in their circle upon this earth, and the only thing they will have to cheer them in this hour of desolation is, that he was the purest of husbands, and the best of fathers. He leaves a wife and three children—two girls and one boy—grown, the youngest being the boy about thirteen years of age.

Judge Thayer has always taken a very active part in the political affairs of the State, and has held several prominent positions. He was a member of Congress, but Hon. Geo. K. Shiel having been elected at the regular June election, he was not re-elected to that seat. He has held the position of County Judge and Prosecuting Attorney in his District. We deeply sympathize with his family in their affliction, and know that they feel most keenly this sad visitation of Providence. His place cannot be filled in their circle upon this earth, and the only thing they will have to cheer them in this hour of desolation is, that he was the purest of husbands, and the best of fathers. He leaves a wife and three children—two girls and one boy—grown, the youngest being the boy about thirteen years of age.

Our Views.

Next Monday the voters of Oregon will be called upon to select a Mayor, Recorder, Assessor and Collector, City Attorney, Marshall, Treasurer, and seven Councilmen. While we claim to be a partisan of the strictest kind, we do not believe in the policy heretofore pursued in applying a party test to the candidates selected for city officers. There cannot be any party principles involved in the result of a city election, and men should be elected simply on their worth and upright and faithful citizens, who will guard the interests of the city and administer its affairs economically and honestly. This has been done by the present city officers. Party, as far as we know has had no effect on the action of any member of the present board, and the beneficial results are observable in the city's credit being raised and the indebtedness greatly reduced. It is probably necessary that conventions of respective parties should be held, but in these conventions there should be selected the best men for the respective offices, not for their party services, but for their capacity to perform the duties of the office for which they are selected. If men are selected on this basis, there can be no doubt but what good and honest officers will be elected, and the interests of the city faithfully guarded. We are not now writing as a Democrat, but as one of the citizens of Oregon City. There is no interest which will benefit us as a Democrat in the city affairs, which will not be of equal benefit to every Republican, and all who are in favor of maintaining the interests of the city are equally interested in selecting good men. There is no salary attached to any of the offices in the city with the exception of the Marshal, Recorder, Treasurer, Assessor and Collector, and if the people can secure competent and honest men to take the office, party should be of slight consideration. The main question for the people to consider is, will they carry out honestly and faithfully the trusts confided to them, and this should be made the test of office on our city ticket. These are our views on the matter.

The *Bulletin* claims the credit of dictating Gov. Grover's protest to the Peace Commission. We shall next expect that paper to claim the authorship of the famous veto of the Governor of the Portland subsidy \$300,000 swindle. Nothing would surprise us.

LATEST NEWS FROM THE MODOCS.

IMPORTANT NEWS.

41 MEN KILLED & WOUNDED.

The Red Devils Gain Another Victory.

Special Dispatches to the Enterprise.

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Summary of State News Items.

Horse thieves have broken out again in Eastern Oregon.

In Wasco county much of the fruit buds have been killed by frost.

The Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. of Oregon will meet at Dalles May 19th.

The Oregon Iron Works at Portland has been closed for three months.

Three divorces were granted by the Circuit Court at Eugene City this week.

John Blatner has been sent from Jackson county to the State Insane Asylum.

Fort Stevens is garrisoned now only by a sergeant, a corporal and four men.

Prof. O. S. Fowler, the Pre-noloquist, is in Victoria, and will probably come to Oregon.

The O. S. N. Co.'s new steamer Daisy Ainsworth was launched at the Dalles last Tuesday.

The cost of the Astoria Custom House was \$71,000, three thousand less than the appropriation.

Brig. Gen. Mart. V. Brown is to create the Albany Firemen picketers, May 13th.

A petition is going up for an extension of the West Side mail route from Junction to Corvallis.

A span of fine gray horses, belonging to J. W. Rogers, of Yamhill county, was stolen a few nights ago.

The freighting business between Roseburg and Jacksonville this season, is expected to be lively.

In a few days a force of 150 Chinamen will be set at work on the Albany and Santiam canal.

The *Mercury* says the prospects are good for a large fruit yield in all parts of Marion county this year.

More burglaries reported at Salem. The last raid was on the house of Mr. R. H. Price.

Mrs. Brotherton and three children, survivors of the Modoc massacre, are in Jacksonville.

Several cases of scarlet fever were reported in Benton county last week, but none fatal.

Twelve tolerably good horses were purchased last week in Benton county, for about \$78 apiece.

The Bulletin says: "The Oregon Iron Works will continue in active operation throughout the summer."

The burnt district in Jacksonville is being rapidly built up with good and substantial structures.

Jacksonville should procure a fire engine, now that the fire officers have been somewhat provided for.

Contracts are made in the Umpqua Valley for sheep to be delivered after shearing at \$2 and \$2 50 per head.

James Dixon has purchased the entire interest in the Yuma Stage line, and will put on tri-weekly coaches.

The citizens of Independence, Polk county, have voted to tax themselves \$2,000 to build a new school house.

Jan. C. Oliver, a seaman on board the schooner *Alida* of Coos Bay, was washed overboard and drowned a few days since.

The remains of Hon. F. Weymire, who died in Salem last Monday, were taken to his late residence in Polk county for burial.

A new flouring mill, with a capacity of 75 barrels of flour per day, will be built at Independence during the present season.

On the route from La Grande the epidemic is affecting the stage stock as far as Meadows. Soon it will make a further move westward.

Eleven hundred tons of coal and one hundred thousand feet of lumber was shipped from Coos Bay for the week ending April 22d.

The grain crop in Wasco county is said to be in excellent condition, but much of the fruit has been injured or either killed by the late frosts.

Markham convicted of arson at Lafayette, has been sent to the Penitentiary for ten years. Russell, convicted of larceny, was sent for one year.

Sheriff Palmer of Benton county is turning his attention to cloud-matching. He is the happy father of an invented machine to be used for that purpose.

Dr. D. L. Davis of Missouri, who is to take charge of the paper at Corvallis, has arrived and expects to issue the first number, the first week in May.

A number of strange Indians, whom nobody knows, have been prowling about the Dalles, and through Wasco county, for some days.

The La Grande *Scout* says: The section of country in and around the Wallowa valley will be thoroughly prospected for gold the present season.

A young man employed by David McBe, in Benton county, has rendered his master temporarily unhappy by decamping on one of his favorite steeds.

A colony of about twenty Germans have gone to work on a 4,200 acre tract of good land lying in Santiam Valley, belonging to Captain A. P. Ankeny, of this city.

A cutting scrape occurred at Springfield, Lane county, last week. Jas. Lawler was cutter, and Joseph Cline was cuttee. James was fined \$50 and costs.

Rev. T. S. Wilson, of the New Jersey Conference, has been transferred by Bishop Foster to the Oregon Conference. He is expected here about the first of June.

The *Mountaineer* of last Saturday says: "Mr. Ad. Edgar, who is just in from Canyon City, says that about four hundred of the Snake Indians, who have been fed all winter at Fort Harny, have left that vicinity, and it is supposed to have gone down to join Captain Jack."

Archie A. Williams, late Chief Engineer of the Portland Fire Department, committed suicide last Friday morning, by shooting himself through the head with a pistol.

W. B. Bruce, tried in Yamhill county for an attempt to poison the family of Mr. Torrence last fall, was found guilty and sentenced by Judge Bonham to 10 years in the Penitentiary.

Albany has got a chicken ordinance which forbids chickens straying upon their neighbors' gardens, under the penalty of becoming chicken pie for whomsoever will slay and eat.

It is reported that Ben Drew, formerly well known in Oregon in connection with the Quartermaster's service in the Indian war of 1855-6, is now a clerk in the New Orleans Custom House.

The principal business before the Circuit Court for Lane county this week, was the trial of several suits brought by the Oregon & California Railroad Company to recover subsidy subscriptions.

The State Board of Education having visited Eugene City, viewed the first site selected for the State University, and condemned it as being too low and flat, the Directors met on Monday evening.

New placer mines are reported on Wolf Creek, twenty-five miles from La Grande and twelve miles from the road leading from La Grande to Baker City, and are reported to be about twenty miles in extent.

The city election in Corvallis will take place next Monday, and the political parties seem disposed to divide the vote on the Temperance question. Candidates are cropping out all over the town.

A party of horse-buyers who traveled over Douglas county, have suddenly taken a trip to parts unknown for the health of the horses, and now the farmers are inquiring for their postoffice address.

About eighty Chinamen have started for the Bohemia mines, Douglas county. A new ten-stamp mill will soon be started at the mines by a San Francisco engineer. It will be erected on the claim of Jesse Barker.

The *Mercury* reports several cases of epilepsy in Polk county, among the horses on the farm of Mr. Prather. Six animals were taken down in one day, and Mr. P. is likely to suffer much loss, not being able to get in his spring crops.

The *Journal* says the effort to establish the State University at Eugene, is still going on and it is asserted that the candidates will be brought out in the next general election pledged to the repeal of the tax for support of the institution.

The *Scout* learns that if the Nez Perces Chief Joseph's band make their appearance in the Wallawa valley, no matter what their bearing may be, the settlers intend to open hostilities with a view of making a quick settlement of the dispute.

Thirty-two Chinamen were comfortably lodged in jail at Pendleton, the other day. They were from Walla Walla, were minus tax receipts, and when they handed over the necessary amount due the State of Oregon, etc., they were set free.

The epidemic is reported to have arrived at La Grande, brought there by the Northwestern Stage Company's horses. It is of a much milder type than when it first started in the East, and the Stage Company has not lost a horse by the disease.

The *Mountaineer* learns that a customer for two thousand barrels of lime for the State Capital has been let to the two companies at Roseburg—a thousand barrels to each. Marks & Cooper have the contract for supplying lime for the State University at Eugene City.

The Corvallis *Democrat* says: Complaints are again coming from the people around Yaquina Bay, that the salmon are being taken and constantly prowling around the settlements, committing theft, destroying growing crops, and causing great annoyance to settlers.

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