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The County to be at No Expense for Office Rent or Jail for Ten Years.

The contract found below in full has been filed in the county clerk's office for record. It will speak for itself to the taxpayers of Wallowa county. The signatures to the contract are resident taxpayers of Joseph, and the document is a bona fide instrument, meaning just what it says. If the county seat remains at Joseph, Wallowa county will be at no expense for court room, county offices, vault for records, or county jail, for a period of ten years from the 15th day of next September. The offer is a liberal one, and will commend itself to the people. Consider the matter carefully.

THE CONTRACT.

This contract entered into the 11th day of May, 1888, by and between E. J. Forsythe, Will Wurzweller, W. A. Leslie, Geo. W. Hulery, T. L. Fine, F. D. McCully, A. A. Hall, M. V. Knight, J. W. Hayes, Samuel Amey, W. H. McCully, W. W. Briggs, and A. W. Gowan, parties of the first part and Wallowa County, Oregon, party of the second part, witnesseth: That in and for the sole consideration of the continuance of the county seat of said Wallowa county, Oregon, at Joseph in said county, the said parties of the first part hereby agree and hold themselves separately and severally bound to furnish said county for a period of ten years from and after the 15th day of September, 1888, free of all rent, interest, tax or other expenses whatever to said county, one room for county Clerk's office, one room for Sheriff's office, and one room for county Judge's office and jury room, one vault for use in keeping the county records secure, and one jail, together with one hall to be used for all circuit and other court purposes, said offices, vault, jail and hall to be at all times during all of said ten years aforesaid subject to the exclusive control of said county for the purposes herein specified, and said offices, vault and hall to be constructed of brick, plaster-finished, commodious and convenient. That said Wallowa county, Oregon, agrees to accept and receive said buildings so agreed to be furnished at the time and in the condition here in mentioned; Provided always, That if at any time during said ten years aforesaid the county seat of Wallowa county, Oregon, ceases to be and remain at Joseph, in said county, then this contract to be void; otherwise, in full force and effect.

E. J. FORSYTHE, F. D. McCULLY,
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Correspondence.

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Democracy and Free Trade.

LOSTINE, May 19, 1888.

To the Editor of the CHIEFTAIN: I notice that the editor of the Signal, the democratic nominee for representative, is making his campaign on the main issue between the two parties, viz.: Free Trade. Now, without any malice or ill will toward Mr. Ownbey, I oppose his election because of his opposition to the protective tariff system, and with your permission, I would like to have a few words upon the subject.

The policy of the republican party is to maintain a protective tariff, carefully adjusted so that it will just offer protection enough against cheap labor and foreign capital to enable such of our industries which could not compete with these conditions (cheap labor and foreign capital) to thrive. The policy of the democratic party is, to abolish this tariff system for the sake of cheapening certain manufactured articles so that living expenses may be reduced in this country.

As the necessity of protection is not always acknowledged by democrats, let us first consider this phase of the subject. Europe and America are separated by 3000 miles of water. In Europe there are thousands upon thousands of pauper laborers, and as a result wages are very low. The enormous wealth of the aristocracy is constantly seeking investment, and the result is, that the current rates of interest are also low. Combine these two causes, and we find that Europe can manufacture much cheaper than we can here in America, where wages and interest are much higher.

The Atlantic offers a certain amount of protection, and in the early days of our history might have been considered protection enough. But in this progressive age when supplies for a whole state can be brought from Liverpool by a dozen men in six or seven days, the republican party considers the people of all classes in America need more protection than the fraction of a cent per pound freight charges across the Atlantic.

The democratic argument is, that with the exception of those engaged in sheep husbandry farmers have no benefits from protection; that their products are sold upon the markets of the world, and that they are forced to expend the results of their labors for the necessities of life in a market where prices are held in mid air by the

tariff system; that the tariff enhances the prices of their necessities without a corresponding advancement in the prices of their products. This is the whole story to let a democratic editor tell it, and it is a trap adroitly set for farmers' votes. The argument, however, is only "skin deep," and for the purpose of showing its weakness, let us suppose that we have absolute free trade, and then see what the effect will be, not only upon the farmer, but upon all classes.

Without a tariff we shall be offered goods of foreign manufacture at just about one-half the price of those manufactured in our own country. Under such circumstances our goods could not be sold of course until they could be manufactured cheaper. The first emergency to meet then would be one between manufacturers and employees. The first named would be compelled to ask the latter to work for the same wages paid in Europe plus the cost of freight charges across the Atlantic. This demand would never be acceded to, and the result would be the complete destruction of a great many of our manufacturing industries, and the throwing of those engaged in them into agricultural pursuits.

Thus would the system of free trade destroy our manufactories and our home market at one and the same time, and the only results for the farming classes would be the loss of a home market and increased competition in their own branches of business. The entire country would be panic stricken through the loss of our manufacturing industry and the business of our country would be simply to furnish supplies for pauper Europe, while they manufactured for us.

At the present time, our friend Ownbey gives utterance to his waitings because we cannot patronize European labor, and figures our losses without apparently one thought for the results which would follow.

As a republican, I am free to say that I believe the tariff needs readjusting occasionally, but we should ask for free trade and the importation of cheap Chinese labor at one and the same time, and so would Mr. Ownbey to be consistent.

REPUBLICAN.

The Wallowa CHIEFTAIN completed its fourth year with its last issue. Mr. McCully has made an excellent paper and from the looks of the CHIEFTAIN's advertising columns is receiving his reward. The Wallowa country is one of the richest in the west and will not be long in becoming developed. The CHIEFTAIN is doing splendid work in advertising the vast mining and agricultural resources of its section and those people who have already invested their money there can not be too liberal in their support of such a paper.—[Milton Eagle.

No republican can afford, if he is a republican, to vote against Mr. Hunter. He is a man of conscientious convictions in all matters, and has lived too long, in this country, not to have enemies. No man of character and ability ever lived without both warm friends and bitter foes. Mr. Hunter has always been loyal to his friends and just to his enemies, and commands the respect of all. When at Salem, he will command the respect of democrats and the admiration of republican workers.

A. NOLTNER, a veteran democratic editor of this State, has been appointed postoffice inspector. It sometimes happens that even an editor receives reward for his labors here on earth.

County Seat Letter.

PRAIRIE CREEK, May 18, 1888.

To the Editor of the CHIEFTAIN:

With your permission I would like to say a few words to the readers of the CHIEFTAIN, and especially to the residents of the upper end of the county, upon the county seat question. I notice that this mode of addressing the people of particular localities has been used in the CHIEFTAIN quite frequently, so I will imitate the example already sit by some of your correspondents.

After having given the county seat question careful study, having considered the matter from every different stand point, I have satisfied myself that the interests of the Upper valley demand that we unanimously support the town of Joseph for county seat.

Although this decision involves a change of sentiment upon my part, I consider that it now becomes my duty to assume the position which I now consider to my own interest as well as of those around me.

The reasons for the change on my part are as follows: I have lately learned that Lostine has a much stronger following than I had hitherto supposed. I also find that Lostine really has a campaign committee, and that it is composed of four of the best men in that locality. I further find that this committee has a campaign fund, and that they have purposely delayed their campaign work till three weeks before election.

I am also informed that at their last meeting they selected a canvassing agent, and have instructed him to make a complete canvass of Lostine and Wallowa precincts. In fact that Lostine is making the best campaign of any town in the valley, and that there is scarcely a doubt but that she will poll the vote of the Lower end of the valley very nearly solid and that in any case it will be a matter of moral impossibility for Enterprise to get a majority over both Joseph and Lostine, with every probability that she will be cut out of the second election.

Much as I should liked to have seen the county seat centrally located at Enterprise, I must confess that Joseph is even more convenient for us of the upper country, and that, as it has here to fore been stated, the difference of a few miles is a very trifling affair, especially when we consider that it is in our favor.

Enterprise is subjected to opposition from above and below, and in my opinion if we ever get the county seat in the Upper valley, we shall have to unite on Joseph, for truly the rivalry existing between our towns is sure to work against Enterprise. If Joseph should be cut out of the second election there is little doubt, that she will work against the Flat and try to put it at Lostine, where her business men are now interested to quite an extent. We can come nearer uniting upon Joseph than Enterprise, and it is even more convenient for us.

So far as Lostine is concerned with indisputable evidence of their strength now being used; with the system and determination which they are now using, their can be little doubt but that she will get what she is after,—her own vote, and worse than that, two years hence they will fight us even.

A. B. C.

It is generally acknowledged that Thos. Veasy, as judge, and Messrs. Tully and Imbler, as commissioners will form an economical and judicious county court. Their election will insure a satisfactory county government.

PARAGRAPHS.

It takes experience to make a complete and satisfactory assessment of a county. R. M. Downey's first effort indicates that he is a faithful and zealous officer. It will be safe to re-elect him.

ALL republicans should see that the names of Mr. Norval and Mr. Hunter are on their legislative tickets. Let no petty considerations dim the importance that the election of these gentlemen is to your party.

Our people ought to agitate the building of a wagon road from Joseph to Cornucopia. Wallowa can get the bulk of trade from that section if the road is built. It is an important matter to our county, and the road will be built sooner or later. Let's begin to talk it up right now.

EVERY stroke of the pick, every foot of depth on our ledges, proves the assertion that we have a fine mineral belt adjacent to this place. The doubters are becoming convinced, and all will soon come to know that the mines are one of the best features of this magnificent country.

Now why not vote for Rand for prosecuting attorney? He is a lawyer of fine talent, and as honest as the day is long. He is entitled to the support of all honest and conscientious citizens. It is not a political office, and the integrity and ability of the candidate are the great and cardinal requisites for the office.

THE Republican convention resolved to elect their ticket, and let the county seat take care of itself. In accepting and approving the ticket, the CHIEFTAIN also accepted the resolution referred to. We sincerely hope the republicans in Wallowa county will abide by the decisions and resolutions of their convention.

A VOTE for Hermann is a vote to preserve, in tact, the dignity of labor and bequeath, to all time, the priceless legacy of a civilization that has no parallel in the annals of the world. It will do more. It will open your Columbia river, the natural outlet for Eastern Oregon's products; it will multiply the local industries, it will make it possible for the farmer to own unmortgaged or encumbered his homes, it will make labor respected and respectable, independent and intelligent.

UNLIKE his opponent, James A. Fee, republican nominee for judge, has deemed the Wallowa county voters of sufficient importance to visit our valley. A finer specimen of western manhood is seldom met with than we find in the person of the republican nominee for judge. He is, in appearance, of medium height, dark complexion, of thoughtful and quiet manner, has given the law his entire attention for the last eight years and when he assumes judicial duties and responsibilities, he'll not labor to make the public believe that he knows more than the bar. He will be brief and to the point—not so prolix and meandering that no man can tell whether he is passing on a question of law or making a democratic speech. He is old enough to be U. S. Senator and almost old enough to be president. But, possibly, the people want to foist upon the district an imported relic of another age, from whose mind you could pluck moss and from whose brain you could blow the dust of the middle ages. But we think not. Our people know a good man when they see him, and Fee's opponent may be acting wisely by staying at home.