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They have seen this more and more clearly since that blackest day in American history when the assassin's hand poised the brain and stifled the heart of Abraham Lincoln.

There has been much talk and conjecture on the subject of a depot site and the question now appears to be no nearer settlement than it was six months ago.

Two splendid offers of a free site, one at Alderbrook and the other at Smith's Point, have been made and the committee having in charge the whole question, has reported that it is unable to submit a definite proposition as to the central location at Scow Bay.

The latter location is the one which most interests Astorians. This is an old city which has been on conservative lines, has been self-supporting and is not seeking what is popularly termed a boom.

The growth and enlargement of natural resources, warranted by its magnificent harbor, where soon will be handled much of the shipping of the world.

But Astoria will not grow so rapidly as to justify the locating of its main passenger and freight station away out of town.

Looking at the matter purely from the disinterested standpoint of the most good for the majority, the depot cannot be better located than at the proposed Scow Bay site.

To place it elsewhere means the unsetting of values in the central or main portion of the present city, and the building of a practically new town elsewhere.

In the immediate vicinity of a railway station property is always of little value for residence purposes, but is valuable as warehouse and manufacturing sites.

At Scow Bay, for many blocks in either direction, depot or no depot, there is now and never will be any business residence property.

If our citizens do not go to sleep over the matter they will not permit anything to interfere with the securing of the depot at this point.

A writer in Harper's Weekly states that Cripple Creek, Col., embraces an area with a radius of not more than three miles. It contains, all told, perhaps eight or ten square miles of ground.

This at the outside would yield six or seven hundred full claims. On these there would be a possibility of finding veins rich enough to bear the cost of working.

There are in the district so far, some two or three thousand claims, located in which one may judge of the probable value of most of them.

Of these two thousand claims of course the many are merely fractional. About thirteen hundred are patented, and have title shipping ore.

In other words, there are ten thousand old claims in the district that so far as developed, are practically worthless at all.

A Complete Answer to Senator Mitchell's Free Silver Speech.

The Oregonian.

The new school of political economy which teaches that the price of our exportable products in the world's market can be raised by domestic legislation has porpoached everywhere.

While the old school is enlightening the voter by letters in the newspapers, Senator Mitchell is evangelizing the senate by speeches on the floor.

His remedy for the growing debt to Europe which drains out of the country more gold every year than we mine is two-fold: "First, our shipping laws must be amended so that our merchant marine must be encouraged and built up, and we must become our own carriers; and, second, we must legislate to increase the value of our export commodities so as to enable us to meet and reduce and, if possible, to wipe out the debt which today makes the people of this country virtually slaves to the money-lenders of Great Britain."

When the Republican party returns to power, it doubtless will endeavor to apply the first of these remedies. But in its attempt to strangle the debtor, it is likely to strangle itself in Washington.

In the price of wheat, cotton, petroleum and dressed meat in London, Hamburg and Paris. The context of Mitchell's speech indicates that he believes this economical thaumaturgy can be wrought by free coinage of silver.

It is a curious thing that, while Senator Mitchell seems to think adoption of the silver standard and destruction of half the purchasing power of our dollar would increase the price of our exports in countries not affected by our legislation, he seems to believe that the price of labor and products at home would be advanced by it.

Pointing to the supposed analogy of India, China and Japan, he seems to argue that we could pay for labor and raw material at old prices in depreciated currency, and sell abroad for new prices in gold currency and make an enormous profit.

He says: "The silver yen of Japan and the tael of China go out as far in paying wages, in tilling the ground, in the manufacture of and in operating machinery, in herding sheep, in growing cattle, in manufacturing cloth, as ever they did at any time in their history."

Whereas gold in the single gold-standard gold-using countries has appreciated, as measured in silver, 100 per cent.

If this is true, and the statement is often repeated unchallenged, it means simply that laborers and producers of raw material on their own land are paid just half as much value as formerly by the middleman or manufacturer, who sells the product of their labor for full value abroad and pockets the difference.

It is well known that some such condition exists in Mexico, where peons and workmen in fact starve on silver wages, while planters and manufacturers grow rich on gold prices for their exported products.

Probably they are found in Asia also. But if Senator Mitchell supposes that these conditions would be accepted and endured by the farmers and workmen of the United States, he makes a strange mistake for so shrewd a politician.

THE PEDESTRIAN'S JOY.

Though winter brings us snow and thaw, There's much we can be thankful for. When comes the early ice, Then goes away the bicycle.

Don't invite disappointment by experimenting. Depend upon One Minute Cough Cure and you'll be satisfied.

It is a woman's lot in life to have such a candidate, in almost the perfect flower of realization, and

STATE NEWS. Interesting Items Culled From Oregon's Leading Newspapers.

Last year's product of corn was 15,475 bushels.

The official figures of the Harney county assessment are \$1,242,985.

May is worth \$10 per ton around Mitchell and there is very little for sale at that price.

A freight train numbering fifty cars, containing wheat, was shipped from near Pendleton last week.

All persons who are sent to the Dalles jail hereafter for minor offenses will be put to work on the rock pile.

Members of the new militia company at Le Grande are figuring on buying a new armory at a cost of about \$2,500.

Jointly City is to have an electric light plant, the council having granted a 20-year franchise to Robert Clew and his associates.

The construction work on the Cascade locks is so nearly completed that the contractors have discontinued with the services of 150 men.

William Murray, a laborer at Cascade locks, was found Tuesday evening by a huge boulder rolling down the embankment and crushing him. He was unmarried and 28 years old.

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Jackson county people may not be expected to urge the next legislature to action in the matter of re-apportionment, as they will be apt to lose one representative.

The county assessor's census shows a population of 15,000, which would entitle them, according to the new census, to a less representation.

The little scheme inaugurated by a few admirers of ex-Governor Penney, says the Times-Mountainian, to place him on the Populist ticket as a nominee for congress, with the hope that he would draw sufficient votes from Democrats to secure his election, has met with such a cool reception that the ex-governor will hardly cut much figure in state politics this year.

But it is not unlikely that he will be a candidate on an independent ticket for the office of mayor of Portland.

A good-sized ledge of high-grade carbonate of copper and black oxide of copper near Waldport. Because of the quantity and quality of the ore the company will at once erect its smelter, so that within six weeks two smelters will be running in Josephine county.

The development work in the copper mines consists of a tunnel on the south side of the eight-five-foot in depth and two tunnels and a shaft a short distance to the southwest and about 900 feet above the creek.

What is still on the up grade in the valley near Waldport today is in Portland it rose to 90 cents. It is still quoted at 35 cents at the Salem flouring mills. This makes 11 cents difference between here and Portland.

It appears to be too great a difference, considering that it only cost 5 cents per bushel to lay down Salem wheat in Portland and it is selling for 11 cents here.

The demand which has sent Pacific coast wheat to 12 cents, while above the same figures rule in Chicago, comes from Australia and China.

Colonel B. F. Alley, well known in this city, intends to locate in Baker City, as the following from the last issue of his paper, the Florence West, would indicate: "So a man and his family go to Baker City and if this paper is not disposed of to parties who will retain it here, there is nothing more certain than that it will be removed to another town, and the web will not be many before the plant is packed and shipped. If not now, the people will be brought to a realization of the value of the newspapers when they are without one."

Did you ever try Electric Bids as a remedy for your rheumatism? If not, get a bottle now and get relief. This medicine has been found to be a most reliable remedy for rheumatism, sciatica, neuralgia, headache, falling spells, or any nervous, sleepless, excitable, melancholy or troubled with dizzy spells, electric bids is the medicine you need. Health and strength are guaranteed by its use. Large bottles only 50 cents at Chas. Rogers' drug stores.

HIS PARTICULAR FRIEND.

"Isn't you me perticular frind, Casey, my boy?" "Doubtless, me good man, an' if I was perticular OI wouldn't be yure frind!"

It is not only so, it must be so, one Minute Cough Cure acts quickly, and that's what makes it case, Chas. Rogers.

INCREASING PROFICIENCY.

Chas. Mr. Saffery paid me a great compliment the other day. He said I grew more beautiful every day.

Maudie—Well, practice makes perfect, you know.

KARL'S CLOVER ROOT will purify your blood, clear your complexion, regulate your bowels, and make you clear as a bell. 25 cts., 50 cts., and \$1.00. Sold by J. W. Conn.

FILMED THE BILL.

A young man who burned lime in a kiln loved a maiden who lived at the mill: "Will you be my dear bride?" And she blushing answered, "I will."

It is a fixed and immutable law that to have good, sound health one must have pure, rich and abundant blood. There is no shorter nor surer route than by a course of DeWitt's Sarsaparilla. Chas. Rogers, Druggist.

SO LEAP YEAR COMES.

Detroit News-Tribune. "I am tired," said Love. "Of loving," said Hate.

"Then come with me." And foolish Love went and wasted a quarter of a day that year trying not to love. He has had to take an extra day every four years to "get even."

The U. S. Gov't Reports show Royal Baking Powder superior to all others.

THE PEDESTRIAN'S JOY. Though winter brings us snow and thaw, There's much we can be thankful for. When comes the early ice, Then goes away the bicycle.

LAUNDRIES. Ordinary, special rate or by meter. Steam, special rate or by meter, in addition to engine.

Lawn Fountains. With one-sixteenth inch nozzle, special rate.

With one-eighth inch nozzle, special rate.

Machinery. Pumps, Wash and Door Factories. In addition to engine and force... 1.00 Or by special rate.

Specified. Special rate. Meter Rates—1. Meters for pipes more than one inch in diameter will be allowed only by special agreement with the applicant.

2. The right is reserved to set meters where necessary, and in such places only, as may be deemed best. All meters shall be and remain the property of the city, and may be removed whenever the committee or superintendent may direct to do so.

3. In the event of a meter getting out of order and failing to register, the committee shall be charged at the average daily consumption as shown by the meter when in order.

4. For water delivered by meter, for use in case of emergency, to buildings in which the city water is not used, the minimum charge will be \$3 per month payable in advance.

5. With this exception, the minimum charge for the meter shall be 10 cents per month.

6. Meters will be used without notice, for detection and prevention of waste, and the excess of the meter above the schedule rate for any month will be charged, in addition to the schedule rate payable in advance for the succeeding month.

7. The rates for water supplied by meter, except for elevators, shall be as follows: For quantities up to 10,000 gallons in any one month at the rate of 20 cents for each 1,000 gallons.

8. For the quantity so used in any one month exceeding 10,000 gallons, and up to 15,000 gallons, at the rate of 30 cents for each 1,000 gallons.

9. For the quantity so used in any one month exceeding 15,000 gallons, and up to 20,000 gallons, at the rate of 40 cents for each 1,000 gallons.

10. For the quantity so used in any one month exceeding 20,000 gallons, and up to 30,000 gallons, at the rate of 50 cents for each 1,000 gallons.

11. For the quantity so used in any one month exceeding 30,000 gallons, and up to 40,000 gallons, at the rate of 60 cents for each 1,000 gallons.

12. For the quantity so used in any one month exceeding 40,000 gallons, and up to 50,000 gallons, at the rate of 70 cents for each 1,000 gallons.

13. For the quantity so used in any one month exceeding 50,000 gallons, and up to 60,000 gallons, at the rate of 80 cents for each 1,000 gallons.

14. For the quantity so used in any one month exceeding 60,000 gallons, and up to 70,000 gallons, at the rate of 90 cents for each 1,000 gallons.

15. For the quantity so used in any one month exceeding 70,000 gallons, and up to 80,000 gallons, at the rate of 100 cents for each 1,000 gallons.

16. For the quantity so used in any one month exceeding 80,000 gallons, and up to 90,000 gallons, at the rate of 110 cents for each 1,000 gallons.

17. For the quantity so used in any one month exceeding 90,000 gallons, and up to 100,000 gallons, at the rate of 120 cents for each 1,000 gallons.

18. For the quantity so used in any one month exceeding 100,000 gallons, at the rate of 130 cents for each 1,000 gallons.

19. For the quantity so used in any one month exceeding 110,000 gallons, at the rate of 140 cents for each 1,000 gallons.

20. For the quantity so used in any one month exceeding 120,000 gallons, at the rate of 150 cents for each 1,000 gallons.

21. For the quantity so used in any one month exceeding 130,000 gallons, at the rate of 160 cents for each 1,000 gallons.

22. For the quantity so used in any one month exceeding 140,000 gallons, at the rate of 170 cents for each 1,000 gallons.

23. For the quantity so used in any one month exceeding 150,000 gallons, at the rate of 180 cents for each 1,000 gallons.

24. For the quantity so used in any one month exceeding 160,000 gallons, at the rate of 190 cents for each 1,000 gallons.

25. For the quantity so used in any one month exceeding 170,000 gallons, at the rate of 200 cents for each 1,000 gallons.

26. For the quantity so used in any one month exceeding 180,000 gallons, at the rate of 210 cents for each 1,000 gallons.

27. For the quantity so used in any one month exceeding 190,000 gallons, at the rate of 220 cents for each 1,000 gallons.

28. For the quantity so used in any one month exceeding 200,000 gallons, at the rate of 230 cents for each 1,000 gallons.

29. For the quantity so used in any one month exceeding 210,000 gallons, at the rate of 240 cents for each 1,000 gallons.

30. For the quantity so used in any one month exceeding 220,000 gallons, at the rate of 250 cents for each 1,000 gallons.

31. For the quantity so used in any one month exceeding 230,000 gallons, at the rate of 260 cents for each 1,000 gallons.

32. For the quantity so used in any one month exceeding 240,000 gallons, at the rate of 270 cents for each 1,000 gallons.

33. For the quantity so used in any one month exceeding 250,000 gallons, at the rate of 280 cents for each 1,000 gallons.

34. For the quantity so used in any one month exceeding 260,000 gallons, at the rate of 290 cents for each 1,000 gallons.

MONTHLY WATER RATES. The water rates will be due and payable in advance at the office of the city clerk on the first day of each month, except for elevators or by meters.

Each month except for elevators or by meters, which are payable on the first day of the succeeding month, and if not paid within that ten days the water will be shut off from the premises, as provided in sections 29 and 30.

It is understood that none of the following water closets charges for baths, water closets, urinals and hose:

Bathrooms—No rate less than... \$1.00 For each barrel of flour used per day... \$0.10

Barber shops (each barrel of flour used per day) \$0.10 First chair... \$1.00 Each additional chair... \$0.25

Bath Tub... \$1.00 First tub, private... \$0.50 First tub in hotels, boarding and lodging houses, public buildings and blocks... \$1.00

Butcher shops and lathing houses, each tub... \$1.00 Beer Pumps... \$0.50

Brecker's Shop... \$1.00 Each additional forge... \$0.25 Bookbinderies and Printing Offices... \$1.50

Butcher Shops... \$1.00 Special rate. Building Purposes—For each 1,000 brick laid, including water for time or for cement... \$0.25

Wetting each barrel of lime for plastering, or any other purpose... \$0.25 Brick... \$0.25

Wiring each foot of cement... \$0.25 Stone work, per perch... \$1.00 Butcher Shops and Fish Markets... \$1.00

Chinese Wash Houses... \$1.00 First six persons... \$0.50 Each additional person... \$0.15

County Buildings... \$5 to \$25 Special rate. City Buildings, etc... \$1.00

Dye Works... \$1.00 Family Rates... \$1.50

Each additional person... \$0.15 Filling Cisterns (Private)—For each 1,000 gallons, special rate... \$1.00

Foundries... \$1.00 Each, in addition to engine and boiler... \$1 to \$50

Gas Companies... \$1.00 to \$25.00 Government Buildings... Special rate. Heat—For irrigation, including space occupied by building—Each lot of ground (100 feet or less)... \$1.00

All persons intending to use hose for irrigation during the present year must make application at this office before connecting to use the water, whether they have paid for the use of the hose during the past year or not.

To persons agreeing to pay for hose for irrigation during the months of June, July, August and September, no charge will be made during the remainder of the year.

Persons not so agreeing must pay from the time the water is turned on until notice is given at this office that it will no longer be required, and that the hose be detached from the pipe. For sidewalk sprinkling—Each 25 feet front or less including building windows and doors... \$1.00

Building windows and doors... \$1.00 Within the limits of the front of the premises for which payment has been made, and not extended to the adjoining street.

No use of the hose for sprinkling streets is forbidden under any circumstances.

Hose bids will not be allowed on the premises excepting where hose rates are paid.

Houses, Boarding and Lodging Houses—In addition to family rate, each room... \$10 Or by special rate. Hydraulic Elevators... \$5 to \$100

Cream and Oyster Saloons... \$5 to \$100 Livery and Carriages, etc... \$1 to \$100

Lodging Establishments, Visiting Parties and Packing Houses... \$1 to \$100

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Many Remarkable Cures

The objections urged against Indio in the past by the large numbers who otherwise would have been glad to take advantage of its beneficial climate have been a lack of suitable accommodations. The Southern Pacific Company, takes pleasure in announcing that several

Commodious and Comfortable Cottages

have just been erected at Indio station, that will be ready to accommodate at reasonable rates. They are furnished with modern conveniences, supplied with pure artesian water, and situated in a most beautiful climate. Advantages to be derived from a more or less protected residence in this delightful climate.

(From the San Francisco Argonaut.) "In the heart of the great desert of the Colorado—where the Southern Pacific line traverses—there is an oasis called Indio, which, in our opinion, is the sanitarium of the earth. We have, from personal investigation, that for certain invalids, there is no spot of this planet so favorable."

G. T. Stewart, M. D., writes: "The purity of the air, and the eternal sun shining, fill one with wonder and delight. Nature has accomplished what man much that remains but little for man to do. As to its possibilities as a health resort,—here is the most perfect sunshine, with a temperature always pleasant, a perfectly dry soil for rain is an unknown factor; pure oxygen, dense atmosphere and pure water. What more can be desired? It is the place, above all others, for lung trouble, and a paradise for rheumatism. Considering the number of sufferers who have been cured, I have no hesitancy in recommending this great oasis as the haven of the afflicted."

Indio, Cal. Special rate. Public Buildings and Blocks—Each room without faucet... \$1.00

Each room with faucet... \$1.50 Public Halls and Theaters... \$1.50 to \$5.00 Restaurants, Coffee Houses and Lunch Counters... \$3.00 to \$5.00

Saloons... \$2.50 to \$5.00 Schools (Public and Private)—Special rate. Sewer Work—Settling earth, special rate. Sleeping Rooms—Each room with faucet... \$1.00

Each room without faucet... \$1.50 Soda Fountains—Each fountain... \$1.00

Each set... \$1.00 Stables (Private)—Each horse or cow... \$0.50

Each additional horse or cow... \$0.25 Gas engine... \$2.00

Stambats, Ships, Tugs, etc.—Special rate. Steam Engines and Boilers—Each horse power (ten hours each day) per month... \$5.00

Each from ten to twenty horse power... \$4.00

Each from twenty to thirty horse power... \$3.00

Each from thirty to forty horse power... \$2.00

For boilers for heating purposes, according to size of building \$2.00 Gas engines... \$1.00