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The mildness of the climate of the Willamette Valley has been shown to good advantage in this city of late. For instance, there were strawberries shown in town last week fresh from the patches that were certainly beauties. One lot was brought in by C. E. Stewart, and another by G. H. Dyer, and were as large, highly colored and beautiful as those grown in the spring and summer. Mr. Dyer laid eight out in a row which measured over thirteen inches, and Mr. Stewart's were equally as large and fine. Mr. Dyer tells us that his plants have not been properly looked after this year; that next season he expects to thoroughly cultivate his patch, and anticipates berries so large to box in the usual way of handling strawberries, but will sell them by the dozen. It is too bad that we cannot have a lot of them at the Omaha Land Show, at which the Willamette Valley exhibit is attracting much attention, and in its mention of which the Omaha Daily News says:

The Willamette valley, Oregon, exhibit on the west side, is the greatest among the displays for actual diversity of products. Illustrated lectures and travelogues on western Oregon are conducted by Special Commissioner Freeman, assisted by Messrs. Holbrook, Groves, Stephenson and Prof. Schryver. In contrast to other displays, the Willamette valley county's official exhibit (made by the counties commissioners and commercial clubs) makes a point of non-irrigation. This appealing, and somewhat convincing, slogan is placarded: "We raise all that you raise, and all our beautiful fruits besides, in a softer climate and under milder skies." Eugene, Corvallis, Albany, Cottage Grove and Salem are the chief cities in the Willamette valley, surrounded by about 5,000,000 acres of finest agricultural country.

Long Auto Trip.

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journey than ever before in the history of the world by man or beast. The car is equipped for all sorts of weather and road conditions carrying axes, shovel, tent, blankets, cooking utensils and is essentially an American product being equipped with Splittorf magneto and Goodyer tires.

At the completion of the 100,000 miles, the car is to be torn down and subjected to an exhaustive examination by a technical committee of prominent automobile authorities, and it is conceded that both the industry and the Abbott Motor Co. will benefit greatly by what has been accomplished by this \$1500 American automobile.

During the interview accorded us in the evening at the Hotel Oregon we were shown a series of beautiful photos taken by the Doctor all through their Alaskan trip which were very interesting. Many showed the Abbott "Bull Dog" in very precarious positions. At times in mud over the axles and at others on mountain grades that were very dangerous, and occasionally were compelled to make their own roads and bridges, making progress very slow, and the work arduous.

Men's Unreasonableness

is often as great as woman's. But Thos. S. Austin, Mgr. of the "Republican," of Leavenworth, Ind., was not unreasonable, when he refused to allow the doctors to operate on his wife, for female trouble. "Instead," he says, "we concluded to try Electric Bitters. My wife was then so sick, she could hardly leave her bed, and five (5) physicians had failed to relieve her. After taking Electric Bitters, she was perfectly cured, and can now perform all her household duties." Guaranteed by Benson's Pharmacy Price 50c.

Referendum By Cates.

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with John F. Spray as the chief instigator, entered into such a compromise with Eugene parties and there was evidently no intention on its part to submit its action to the people of Cottage Grove. At the eleventh hour Mr. H. O. Thompson and myself, who opposed the proposed compromise on the ground that we were in duty bound to carry out the will of the people, announced our suspicions to O. M. Kem and Dr. Kime, who immediately visited Mr. Spray to ascertain his position in the premises, and were told that the people could go to hell—the committee would do as it saw fit. This resulted in a general informal conference of citizens and the calling of a second mass meeting. At the mass meeting, members of the committee urged the proposed compromise, but citizens refused to listen to the entreaties of John F. Spray and others, whereupon all the members, except Mr. Thompson and myself resigned, John Spray doing so with the remark that he would never again do anything to advance the interests of Cottage Grove. And from all indications thus far he has kept his word.

As regards the 3200 names secured by Parkison, 800 of which were supposed to be forgeries, these names were in my possession when the committee, very rightly, ordered them placed in the First National bank for safekeeping. It did not, however, instruct the secretary to perform this act, but appointed a member of the committee to do so, whereupon feeling that inasmuch as I had faithfully and honestly served the committee in all other matters without being questioned, if I were "turned down" at that time it would be better to resign as secretary. This I promptly did, when the gentleman who made the motion and those who had voted favorably upon it "backed up," apologized for their action and urged me to reconsider the resignation, which, I candidly admit, was tendered in no pleasant mood. I was then instructed to place the petitions in the bank subject to the order of President Veatch and myself, on a majority vote of the committee, which by the way, could never have been had had the old committee not taken its doll and gone home because the people of Cottage Grove would not play to its liking. I am in possession of no inconsiderable information concerning the referendum business, and very few falsehoods like those perpetrated by John F. Spray will provoke its full and complete recital. I am free to admit that I should regret the necessity, but there comes a time when patience ceases to be a virtue; I am under obligations to no living man; I have endeavored to serve the people of Cottage Grove faithfully, honestly, conscientiously and well, and I do not propose to set down with folded arms and permit men of the John F. Spray type to vilify me. My every act in connection with promoting Nesmith county is open to scrutiny, and I defy any individual, no matter from where he may come to successfully establish one charge of unfaithfulness to my constituency or one dishonest act. Opportunity knocked loudly at my door, 'tis true, and I have been characterized as "a fool" for not opening up to it, but a clear conscience is more highly prized than the gold of the Biscarapulus.

I am open at all times to answer the questions of any uninformed inquiries, and as secretary of the Nesmith county committee I am in possession of every motion put and carried by that committee and also hold vouchers for every dollar expended. I care nothing for the mouthings of my accuser, one John F. Spray, for it is the idle prattle of one who would shield himself by pouncing upon another to detract public attention. It is certainly decidedly unbecoming in the Leader's able correspondent to cry graft.

I trust there will be no further controversy over this referendum matter. The public generally is familiar with conditions. But should occasion require, the undersigned is in a position to write a book with some luring testimonials.

LEW A. CATES.

Referendum By Spray.

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ment to be signed up by all interested. Did't we state to the Eugene committee that after they had fulfilled their agreement with us we would put it up to a mass meeting of our people before we filed, or before it was too late to be filed. Now Mr. Cates I have not said anything either in my evidence at Salem or in the LEADER that I would change one word. I don't believe the public is interested in either of us calling one another liars. But as all the trouble arose over the meeting at Eugene and the mass meeting here, I will try to explain the cause and effect of the meeting. First, as soon as our intentions to file the referendum became known all over the state we began to receive letters from friends all over the state imploring us not to file, as it would be looked upon as spite work, some of the most prominent men that were our warmest friends told us to get the best terms out of Eugene that we could, but not to file. This advise was, I believe, given in good faith. Next the Eugene people made overtures to us to settle our differences. We accepted their invitation to a conference with them, we picking the men we were to meet. We got together, all seven of our committee, and about 20 of the men we had chosen to meet with. These men represented nearly all the leading interests of Eugene, and I still believe they came together with us with good intentions as representative men to settle all of our differences, and get together and help to build up our country. This meeting resulted in both parties agreeing to lay down all differences and commence anew. They to secure the signatures of a large number of leading men that they would use their influence to give us a county on the boundary lines laid out that day. Both parties making concessions upon the original issues that had divided the communities.

We were not to file the referendum petition provided they gave us the required assurance of good faith, also provided that a mass meeting of the citizens of Cottage Grove would consent to our not filing the petition.

Said meeting to be called in time to file if the meeting so directed. The committee continued its work of securing names so it could file the petition if the people said to file. Soon after we found Mr. Cates and Mr. Parkison were attempting, as we believed, to get our petitions wholly in their hands, which we would not stand for.

Then Mr. Parkison comes out, charging the committee with being in a deal to sell out, also charging Prof. Campbell with offering him a big bribe. That stirred the people up, or a few of them that were ready to believe anything bad, and this was used by Mr. Cates and associates to influence the bringing together a mass meeting that should be opposed to the action of the committee. It also put a block in the way of the Eugene people doing what they agreed to do. Next the mass meeting was called at a time when the people could not understand why we should not file. Mr. Cates representing to them that Mr. Parkison had names enough to file anyway. Since which time it has turned out that he hadn't.

Now comes the part that should interest the people, our committee had worked faithfully and honestly all the time, had made friends all over the state. Our community had stood back of us all the time and it was admitted by all that we were making a fair fight and would win in the long run. I will say right here, I believe a great big majority of the people in this community understand that by this one overt act of filing, or being a party to the filing, of that petition, tore down more than we had built up in several years. It matters not what becomes of Spray, Cates or Parkison, or who lied the fact still stands as a blot against the community. So in this case the two committeemen overruled the

five but where have they put the people. Of these two committeemen Mr. Cates has sold out his newspaper and the other committeeman is selling out his business and both will probably go some where else to better their condition but this the community can not all do.

The work of the committee was always straightforward without personalities or abuse. If there were any questionable transactions, either of thought or action they were confined to the individual. I have a clear conscience as I did not put myself up for sale and opportunity did not come to my door to knock. Neither have I anything under my hat like Mr. Cates intimates he has. If I had I would tell it and clear my conscience. I don't think that any one of the committee would object to Mr. Cates using his club. Mr. Parkison has charged this committee with being parties to dark deals, Mr. Cates is using the same charge. Let them both demonstrate their own relations to this whole matter. Out with it all as I won't answer you as this ends this controversy with me.

JOHN F. SPRAY.

GOOD POSITIONS

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WHERE TYPESETTING IS WORK

Chinese Compositors Have Million Characters to Set Up.

Although the invention of printing is credited to the Chinese by many and the Peking Gazette is said to be the oldest newspaper in the world, there are only about thirty printing offices in the vast Mongolian empire.

The reason lies not so much in the lack of progressiveness of the Chi-



INTERIOR OF A CHINESE PRINTING OFFICE.

nese, but in the multifarious tricks of memory necessary to a printer who "sticks" type in one of their shops. Setting up type is a very expensive matter, for the cases must contain nearly a million characters. Consequently a compositor must have plenty of room, for his field of operations is large and he is literally surrounded by type.

CALL FOR BIDS, IMPROVEMENT BONDS.

The undersigned will receive sealed bids up to the hour of 6 o'clock p. m. Monday, Dec. 4, 1911, for the purchase of Cottage Grove Improvement Bonds, issue C, amounting to the sum of \$5519.31 to bear date Sept. 18, 1911, and to mature in ten years from date thereof unless redemption shall be made prior to that time as provided in said bond, the same being at option of city of Cottage Grove, at any time after one year at any semi-annual coupon period. Such bonds shall bear interest from date thereof at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, payable semi-annually until redeemed. Principal and interest payable at the office of the city treasurer of Cottage Grove, in gold coin of the United States. Said bonds will not be sold for less than par and accrued interest to the highest responsible bidder. Each bid shall be accompanied with a certified check in amount of \$100.00 which will be immediately returned to the unsuccessful bidders. The Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

C. H. VAN DENBERG, City Recorder.

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