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It is seldom the penalty of evil follows directly in the footsteps of the deed, but the boomerang result that followed the mess of newspaper misstatements, distortions, and exaggerations, which appeared in the Oregon City papers last week, has been more than satisfying to the Cascade County adherents and equally mortifying to the promoters of the opposition.

By either intentional or unintentional misrepresentation of the exact boundary lines, the Live Wires opposition wasted much money paid to hirelings in the soliciting of remonstrance signatures on the wrong side of the boundary lines and the Live Wires committee, including Chairman Eby, who called and successfully conducted a remonstrance meeting on the wrong side of the line, has been the laughing stock of those on the inside.

The basic principles of the Oregon State Editorial Association, of which E. E. Brodie of the Morning Enterprise is president, are "truth and honesty in the handling of news"—but like other lofty precepts; they have been overlooked in the desire to peddle red-hot-county-division-opposition news.

For instance and possibly due to the use of an unauthentic county map, the county seat papers unduly agitated the good people of Clarks, Old Colton, the Highland Hog-Back country, Lower Logan and others, into believing that their lands were to be included in the proposed Cascade County.

Likewise the Bull Run power plant was included in the seceding territory, according to the gabble emanating from the Oregon City Courier and to cap the climax, Sunday's Enterprise states that a remonstrance petition containing over 200 signatures from Eagle Creek had been received, when everyone knows that not even the biggest booster in Eagle Creek itself ever claimed any place near that number of votes and the election returns show much less.

The statement that Estacada representatives had made first advances in the way of a compromise, as heralded in the Enterprise, is an untruth, the original advances having come from Oregon City men.

As usual, this form of opposi-

tion does no harm to a righteous movement, but it is not often that it acts as a boomerang immediately.

One of the most soul satisfying results of the present division movement is the united stand with with all people, factions and cliques of this community are working shoulder to shoulder for the accomplishment of an end for the common good.

If Cascade County is not created by the present legislature—if no other relief is given the eastern part of Clackamas County by the present legislature—ultimately, a division of Clackamas County is as sure to come, as the sun rises and sets.

The people of eastern Clackamas want a smaller county unit of their own, knowing they are able to govern themselves more economically than under the present administration, from a distant county seat.

It will be remembered that about four years ago, when the formation of Cascade County was placed before a vote of the people the opposition, which by the way consists only of the Oregon City Commercial club, succeeded in obtaining a large sum of money from the general fund of Clackamas County, to finance their fight.

It is not likely that such an insult will be perpetrated during this campaign, although a thorough investigation will be made of the subject, for when it comes to fighting US with OUR own money—it is rubbing it in too much.

Did you ever stop to consider the class of men who make up the Oregon City Commercial Club said men representing not only the opposition to the division movement, but also representing the governing power of the present county. That club is not made up of farmers, excepting a few non-resident, ex-officio members, but comprises the merchants, the manufacturers, the politicians and the lawyers of Oregon City proper, with the latter element predominating.

It is not only another insult to the taxpaying farmers of Eastern Clackamas County to have to be ruled by a bunch of merchants and lawyers, whose interests to some extent are predatory and selfish, but to send such men out to talk to the farmers against county division, is an evidence of poor judgement on the part of the opposition.

We must at least give them credit for hiring farmers to peddle their remonstrances, but probably farmers will work for less than lawyers, and they carry more weight too.

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