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FIGURES SOMETIMES STUTTER.

The sensational and vociferous editor of the Laidlaw Chronicle evidently came into Central Oregon with a chip on his shoulder. As no one appeared to have any desire to knock it off, he determined to make someone take notice of his bluster and consequently last week devoted two columns to a puerile and hot-headed attempt to prove that the resurrected Chronicle, under his most brilliant management, is the only real paper that Central Oregon ever saw, and that The Bulletin—which the poor, benighted people have read and praised for the past five years—isn't worth a whoop; no ladies, it isn't even fit to put on your pantry shelves.

The Bulletin has been wondering why all this nervous excitement in the part of the "red-headed Chronicle." We were not aware that we had offended. True, we had made brief mention of the fact that The Bulletin had scooped—am-scoped, badly—every other paper in the county in giving the primary election returns. And kind reader, just notice that the blatant Chronicle, with all the smoke it raised, could not obscure the fact that The Bulletin had scooped it to a fare ye well. Just keep that in mind and here is another memory jog—perhaps this scoop is what has led our neighbor to the north.

Bro. Seabury seems to take umbrage also because The Bulletin had an account of the boy falling into the river at Laidlaw and had a few other notes from that place. He seems to think this paper is putting forth special efforts to outdo the new Chronicle, hence the Laidlaw correspondence. Oh! tut, tut, my little man! The Bulletin, if so engaged, would have an easy task, and then you should know that this paper had a correspondent at Laidlaw long before you tramped into Central Oregon.

We are thankful for one concession from the Chronicle, namely, that The Bulletin "covers" Bend better than does our esteemed contemporary. It admits that evident fact and then labors valiantly to prove that The Bulletin does not "cover" Laidlaw as well as the Chronicle. Well, now, perhaps it does not. At least not quite as well.

Finally the Chronicle gets down to figures, saying that figures never lie. Perhaps they don't, but the Chronicle man can make them do some awful stunts. He compares The Bulletin and the Chronicle of our issue of May 1, and makes several misstatements. Deliberate? Well, perhaps not. For the good of his soul, we hope not. He credits the Chronicle with 1014 news lines to The Bulletin's 913, when in fact The Bulletin had 980 or only 34 lines less than the Chronicle's own figures. Furthermore, these figures for The Bulletin do not take into consideration 105 lines of what the Chronicle calls "boiler plate"—in this instance three articles of interest and value to dairymen and stockmen. Yes, and we'll wager these three articles contained more of interest for the farmer than the four Chronicle editorials which Bro. Seabury modestly calls "live ones." Adding these 105 lines, gives The Bulletin 1085 lines of good live stuff compared to 1014 in the Chronicle. The Bulletin freely admits that our issue of May 1 was not one of our best. If the Chronicle is so anxious to compare why did it not take our issue of April 24 when The Bulletin had 1322 lines in addition to a large table giving the complete official count of the primary election returns? Something like 1500 lines to the Chronicle's 1014. Or again, our issue of May 8 when we had 1194 lines to the Chronicle's 1160. Perhaps figures don't lie, but they sometimes can be made to tutter badly, and the Chronicle man must be an adept figure manipulator.

Again, he credits The Bulletin with eight "local news articles." A true count gives nine. He gives us

six "miscellaneous news items." These were correspondence from six different localities and contained just an even 52 separate and distinct items of news. But you bet yet life the Chronicle man didn't mention that. An adept juggler? Yes, indeed.

The Chronicle then honors us by copying several "readers" which The Bulletin always has handy with which to fill up when a column is a line or two short. Every "make-up" man on a newspaper has these as they are great time savers. The Bulletin believes in advertising, and hence these ads. of ours called attention to the value of this paper as a NEWSpaper. The Chronicle man condemns these as too much self-praise and yet his entire editorial of nearly two columns was given to praising the Chronicle under his brilliant management. "Consistency, thou art a jewel." If the Chronicle doubts our statement that "The Bulletin is the best paper in Crook county," we can show it quite a bunch of letters from appreciative subscribers that we have on file making that and similar statements.

But let's move on. We faintly would withhold our pen from what is to follow and would save our brother from the inevitable humiliation, but since he has thrown the gauntlet down, we needs must press on. It becomes our duty to make a few disclosures. Two weeks ago the Chronicle had an item which old of the finding of a flow of water at Powell Buttes in the "Elmer" Niswonger well. (It should have been "Moses" Niswonger.) The Chronicle got so excited as to call it artesian water. Now, what are the facts? A small amount of seepage had been found and one night's accumulation amounted to two barrels. Oh! My, My! Isn't that a magnificent artesian well! But that's the sort of "double-your-money's-worth" news you get in the Chronicle. It remained for The Bulletin to report the news correctly, as it has been doing ever since drilling started on the well.

Then again the Chronicle said the loss from the recent Bend fire amounted to \$5,000. Lordy! The C. O. D. Co. states that the building is fully covered by \$1200 insurance and consequently there is no loss. A loss of \$5,000 on a \$1,200 building!! But that's the sort of news you get in the Chronicle.

The Chronicle again says, "48 teams are being employed by the D. I. & P. Co. in creating a new townsite at Powell Buttes," stating that this work was started as soon as that magnificent flow of artesian water was known to be there. As a matter of fact the D. I. & P. Co. hasn't got a single team at work on a Powell Buttes townsite and hasn't the slightest thing to do with it. True, there is a townsite platted there, but it has been laid out for several months. Those 28 teams (not 48) are at work for the D. I. & P. Co. excavating a canal, and have been working all winter. But, then you know, that's the kind of news you get in the Chronicle.

Some more of that "live news" you get in the Chronicle is to the effect that the John Day and Columbia rivers are rising, and that a bachelor in Washington has plastered his house. Good local news, isn't it? Thus facts easily refute Chronicle figures. We do not know why the Chronicle singled out The Bulletin for its "hot as coke" tirade unless it is that the Chronicle recognizes in The Bulletin the competitor that will give it the hardest rub. Thus its verbose attack on this paper is a tacit admission of the truth of The Bulletin's contention—that it is the best paper in Crook county.

A CITY OF THE DEAD.

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The roadside was the old aqueduct cut through the rock for many miles up the valley. In those days they depended on gravity flow so where the aqueduct pierces the hill at the fortress it is 150 feet below the surface.

Out here we saw the remains of the walls which Dionysius built on learning that the Carthaginians were coming to besiege the city. He put 60,000 men on the work, and in three months completed the outer wall 20 feet high, 12 feet thick, and 22 miles in length, as well as enlarging the fortress. This was the Gibraltar of its time and shows great engineering ability. It was honeycombed with tunnels and galleries so ingeniously cut that the assailants, in small numbers were forced to approach a superior force of defenders, who, from the way the rocks were sloped, could wield spears and axes while the assailants could not. During the Roman siege, the fortifications were equipped with engines of war designed by Archimedes, and successfully resisted the siege for three years,

until the fatal night of the feast of Diana, when the Romans sealed the walls and surprised the garrison in drunken revel. The view from the fortress is the finest around Syracuse. On the outer point of Ortygia was another fortress, which was rebuilt by Charles V of Germany and Charles III of Naples, both of whom despoiled the old theatres and public buildings for handy materials. This fortress though powerful in its day, is now antiquated when compared to modern methods. What a change there would have been in the political aspect of today, had Syracuse possessed a single ship like even the third class English cruiser we saw in the bay! On Ortygia is the celebrated Fountain of Arethusa, which has been mentioned by ancient writers ever since the dawn of literature. This spring of pure water doubtless induced the original settlement here by the Greeks. They believed it to be the spot where their lost river Alpheus reappeared, and the fabled bathing pool of the nymph Arethusa. It is a beautiful spot only a few yards from the salt water protected with walls and railings, the clear water being overhung by papyrus and other water foliage. Here Nelson watered his fleet just before the Battle of the Nile, asserting it would bring good fortune.

The cathedral at Syracuse is the oldest structure in the world devoted to worship. It was originally built as a temple of Diana 600 B. C., and about 1000 years later was converted into a Christian church by filling up the spaces between the columns. Four hundred years later the Saracens converted it into a mosque and after some two hundred years more, it again became a church, and has so continued for almost another thousand years. Those ancients certainly did enduring work, while that done only four hundred years ago is now undergoing repairs.

Opposite the cathedral stands the Museum, which, as one might imagine, is exceeding interesting in a field so fertile with antiquities. The coin collection is fascinating for those of Syracuse were the finest ever minted, and make modern coins look like cromos. Here is preserved the Venus Landolina (sent over from Greece as a present to the city several hundred years B. C.) and many other fine statues. We saw jewelry and necklaces of beautiful workmanship, also brass mirrors, hair ornaments and toilet articles, showing that the ladies of olden days had the same tastes as those of modern times. There are old sarcophagi with their contents preserved exactly as found. Among them was one of a little girl, whose playthings were buried with her, including of course a doll. The old carvings, engravings in metal, and reliefs on vases and pottery show clearly the manner of dress. But there was to much too admit of detail. The people of Syracuse have, decidedly Grecian features and their natures seem cold and distant in comparison with Italians. Even from the children we seldom got a responsive smile, the people generally seeming gloomy and in good keeping with the aspect of the place. During our stay in Syracuse we could not free ourselves from a feeling akin to visiting a cemetery—a mighty cemetery itself in process of decay—the cemetery of a city for hundreds of years the mistress of the world, which when it fell, fell like Lucifer, never to rise again.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Will Be Held at Laidlaw on Sunday, May 17.

The Sunday school workers of the county have completed arrangements for a convention to be held at Laidlaw on Sunday, May 17, at which the Sunday schools of Western Crook county will be represented. An interesting and helpful program will be given as follows:

- 8:00-9:00 P. M. Session
- 8:00 General Song—'I'll Stand by My Sunday School'
- 8:15 Prayer by Rev. C. L. Lowther
- 8:30 Organization and Election of Officers
- 8:45 What is the Value of a Sunday School Convention?—J. B. Shipp
- 9:00 Song by Laidlaw Sunday School
- 9:15 How to Attract New Scholars
- 9:30 How to Keep Scholars in the Sunday School—Mrs. G. W. Hall
- 9:45 Discussion of both Topics
- 10:00 Quartette by Redmond
- 10:15 Primary Work—Mrs. J. G. McGuffee
- 10:30 Discussion
- 10:45 Better Methods of Teaching
- 11:00 Discussion—Prof. J. Alton Thompson
- 11:15 Song by Girl Sunday School
- 11:30 AFTERNOON SESSION
- 11:45 Quartette by Bend
- 12:00 Prayer by Rev. Lilly
- 12:15 Work among Juniors and Seniors
- 12:30 What Arrangements are Harmful to Our Sunday Schools?—E. B. James
- 1:00 Discussion
- 1:15 Solo from Clara Falls—Mrs. Little
- 1:30 Should the Object of Teaching Be a Practical or Spiritual Nature?—Rev. Lilly
- 1:45 What is the Worst Prevailing Habit in Our Sunday Schools?—Mrs. Len Fulligan
- 2:00 Discussion
- 2:15 Solo by Pleasant Ridge
- 2:30 Question Box—Rev. C. L. Lowther
- 2:45 Song—God Be With You till We Meet Again
- 3:00 Benediction
- 3:15 EVENING SESSION
- 3:30 Duet—Mrs. Billie Miss West
- 3:45 Address—Rev. C. A. House

As the different Sunday schools are in no condition to hire rigs for

conveyance to and from Laidlaw, it is desired that those who can will donate the use of teams for the occasion. Several from Bend are planning to go and a means of conveyance must be provided. This work—that of the Sunday school—is a noble one. Help it along.

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