

The Times-Herald comes out this week a seven-column folio, all home news. We mean by the latter clause, that the whole of it is set up and printed in the Times-Herald office; not a patent outside of state matter put up in Portland or some other place to save work and attention at the home office.

The Times-Herald in the future, as it has in the past, will endeavor to conscientiously serve its patrons, politically and on all other lines.

Democratic in its views, but emphatically not in subordination to any party, and especially in local politics, we hold to the theory of the man, not the party.

In our county and state politics, as well as national, it is pretty hard for any of the existing parties to endeavor to cast a stigma upon the actions of those who differ from it, because his own pot is black, and it gets the dirt right back in short order.

Every intelligent reader cannot help agreeing with the Times-Herald when it makes the assertion that the political situation of our government to-day, regardless of party, is anything but promising. In congress, it's dog eat dog over the tariff bill, and it is hard to tell which one of the parties will come out of it with the most disgrace attached to it for a prolongation of trifling debates, involving the expenditure of millions of dollars of the taxpayers' money; also, the terrible effect on the minds of the people, in loss of confidence in our leaders and believing them either incapable or too dishonest to legislate for the general benefit of the people.

Our State Legislature of last winter, is another example of misplaced confidence, and all we have to do is to study and observe the workings of our political leaders to be convinced the whole thing is a farce, and will, unless speedily changed bring, what should be the greatest government on earth, to bitter grief and either end in a monarchy or kingdom.

Party and party prejudice has had a great deal to do to bring about the present political condition, but money and self-interest, fathered by selfishness and greed, are the main spokes in the wheel to crush an independent form of government, and we are likely to continue in this channel until money and selfishness reign supreme, and then the collapse.

Is this town ever going to organize a fire company?

The engine bought at a cost of probably \$1,200, is resting easy in its house, and worth about as much to the town as town warrants at the merchant's counter. Is our city authorities to blame for this negligence, or are we all to blame who live within the town limits?

The glorious Fourth will soon be here and the boy with his fire-cracker, which will be thrown everywhere and in all directions, the boy not thinking of the danger of fire, but only of the fun he is getting out of the privileges given him on such occasions.

That engine, under present conditions, is worth thousands to this town, we guess, as three-fourths of the place would be destroyed by fire before getting it out of its "little old log cabin in the lane."

"Prof. Arthropath of the Corcha observatory," says the Boise Statesman, "asserts that the moon is not a satellite of the earth, but a planet." It takes these high priced "professors" a devil of a long to make a discovery.

Senator Tillman's definition of democracy: "Equality—equality of rights and equality of opportunity."

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES.

Showing, as by law required, the amount of claims presented, filed and recorded against the County of Harney, State of Oregon, and the amount allowed at the May term of the County Court, 1897:

Table with columns: CLAIMANTS, FOR WHAT CLAIMED, AM'T CLAIM'D, AM'T ALL'WD. Includes entries for I M Davis, A J McKinnon, T D Lahey, J F Malon, etc.

Schedule of expenditures, showing, as by law required, the amount of claims presented, filed and recorded against the County of Harney, State of Oregon, and the amount allowed on June 3d, at the adjourned May term of the County Court, 1897:

Table with columns: CLAIMANTS, FOR WHAT CLAIMED, AM'T CLAIM'D, AM'T ALL'WD. Includes entries for I M Davis, J F Malon, Next Livingston, etc.

By C. A. GILMAN, Deputy. H. KELLEY, County Clerk.

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