

THE ITEMS

COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER

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Now for the Fourth.

Thirty-four votes at \$5 apiece, \$170.—From a Burns heeler's memorandum.

What grinds the defeated candidate most, is to know that professional friends and associates were the cause of his defeat.

The fine new manual training school erected at Washington, D. C. has been named in honor of President McKinley, who took an interest in the technical education of the country.

It is said that every man has his price. We will not dispute the truth of the assertion, but some men come very cheap. For instance thirty-four votes were bought in this precinct Monday at prices ranging from \$2 to \$15, the average price being \$5.

The democratic papers which again raise the cry of "truculent sycophancy" anent the gift of a statue by Emperor William should come to their senses and realize that European friendliness to this country is more likely to mean the spread of republican principles than the decay of them.

The Republicans have won the entire county ticket with the exception of County Clerk. The mass of the Republican voters of this county will wonder why it was not made straight. For Clerk they had a man nominated, against whom no one could utter with truth a single objection; a man of unblemished record, for truth, honesty and integrity; a man far superior to his opponent intellectually or morally, and a man of the people, yet he was defeated, and all his associates on the same ticket elected by fair majorities. We ask, Why?

Senator Mitchell has secured from the Interior Department a favorable report on his bill for the relief of the Sherman County settlers, and on this it is expected the Senate committee will report the bill to the Senate. The bill is intended to benefit settlers who entered upon and improved land within the grant to The Dalles Military Wagon Road Company, which lands are also within the withdrawal for the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, and comprise that portion of its grant which was forfeited because of nonconstruction. Representative Moody is pushing a like bill in the House which he will probably get through.

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LETTER FROM CHAS. BECKER

Editor Harney Valley Items

Dear Sir—I received a copy of your paper May 24th for which accept thanks. In it I read the text of a new bill for the leasing of the open ranges. From the conditions set forth in the proposed bill one would suppose it was introduced by others than large corporations, for it discriminates strongly against corporations, when in Sec. 5 it proposes to bar out all corporations from leasing any of the open range country. Now supposing such a bill could be passed which is very doubtful, how quickly the large live stock corporations would take an appeal before the Supreme Court of the United States, where they usually win their cases and where it most likely would be decided as unconstitutional, for it surely would be to deny members of a corporation rights which other citizens are granted by law. The people of this country had a fair example of this when Congress passed an Income Tax Law several years ago. Corporations never fail to get what is due them in the way of privileges and generally they get much more. I can't see any merits whatever in the bill herein proposed. First, it does not in any way provide for the protection and improving of our depleted open ranges, a matter of the greatest importance to the people of the whole country. At the rate our native grasses are being tramped out by great herds of migratory sheep, raising beef animals on the open ranges will soon be a thing of the past. Then what will the price of beef be on the block. None but the very rich will be able to buy it. Second, as this bill provides nothing in this law shall prevent a person or a "corporation" from grazing their stock on the public domain not yet leased. Who would want to pay as high as six cents per acre? A price entirely prohibitory which every stock raiser well knows when he can use the range for nothing, as he has done heretofore, a condition which ought never to be changed. Third, what could a person or corporation do in the way of raising stock if limited to an area of 3200 acres, only think of that and see the absurdity and impracticability of such a law. Some Eastern Representative must have concocted that bill who knows nothing of the conditions pertaining to raising stock on the open ranges, when it takes about 100 acres of average outside range to keep one cow. Very little could be accomplished under such a law and it would prove to be a dead letter. As it appears to me this bill now proposed is not worthy of any consideration by the committee on public lands, and I doubt believe it will get any further than that. What the interests of the open ranges need is government control and supervision of our grazing sections with proper regulations and restrictions, limiting the number of stock to what every district will support without deteriorating so as to kill out our native grasses, also division of the ranges between cattle and sheep. This will not only preserve our now fast disappearing native forage plants, but will put a stop to all further disputes over grazing grounds. We want no lease law no matter how it may be framed, government control will settle the "range problem" for all time to come, and leave the public domain open as it should be for all future settlement.

Very truly yours,
Charles Becker.
Westfall, Or., June 3, 1902.

Chile has adopted a new liquor law that is attracting world-wide attention. Saloon licenses are sold every three years to the highest bidder. Liquor cannot be sold within 200 yards of a church, school barracks, place of amusement or railway station, nor on trains; nor to minors; nor between the hours of midnight and 6 a. m. No one in any way interested in a liquor license is eligible to public office and every distillery has a government chemist to insure the purity of the product,

OHIO'S NEW TAX LAW.

The Ohio legislature has just passed a new tax law which provides that all quasi public corporations shall pay into the public treasury a tax equal to one per cent of their incomes, and that all private corporations, formed for the purpose of profit, must pay into the treasury equal to one-tenth of one per cent of their capital stock. It is estimated that the two bills will add something over \$2,000,000 a year to the revenue of the state, but they have even greater importance than this for they are simply steps in Governor Nash's taxation plan, which will, when fully carried out, result in an entirely new organization of the tax system of Ohio. A feature of Governor Nash's plan is that as soon as possible and as soon as practicable, direct property taxation as a source of revenue for the state government shall be entirely abandoned, thus forcing all of the expense of conducting the state government and the state institutions upon the corporations.

Governor Nash, who has been a student of the question of taxes for many years, and has given especial thought to conditions as they exist in Ohio, explains that when the corporations are paying the expenses of the state, property taxes, both real and personal, will be left to the city and county governments exclusively, thus doing away with a state board of equalization, and giving to each city and county all of the taxes raised in that city and county. He points out that still another feature of his plan is to levy a tax of two and one-half per cent on all premiums paid to foreign insurance companies thus encouraging the home companies, and bringing a revenue of \$800,000 for the state from outside sources. The plans of Governor Nash are quite radical, and it will be interesting to note just how the new system accomplishes results.—Ex.

Dr. Edward Everett Hale says that the three duties of humanity during the present century are: 1, the building of railroads, one from Labrador to Patagonia, the "Cape to Cairo" road, and one from the Atlantic to the Pacific across Europe and Asia; 2, to determine the rights in the race question between whites, negroes and Orientals; and, 3, to bring about universal peace.

The democrats are saying that if they get a sound platform and then have all the divisions of the party vote for it they may win at the next national election. This is like the Irish doctor who remarked that if his patient lived until morning he might pull through; but if he did not there was no hope for him.

The emancipation of Cuba, conceived and carried out under republican regime will stand as an enduring monument to the party and the bold and generous experiment in international history-making which elicits commendation for this country from the peoples of the world.

Mr. Patterson of Colorado has spoken on the floor of the Senate over 650 times in the past five months. He is a "howling example" of what is commonly known as "legislation by the mouth" so prevalent among democratic statesmen during the present session.

BOERS SIGN PEACE TREATY.

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The Transvaal and Orange River Colony, where the parents desire it, and will be allowed in the courts of law, for the better and more effectual administration of business.

Sixth—Possession of rifles will be allowed in the Transvaal and Orange River Colony to persons requiring them for their protection, on taking out a license, according to law.

Seventh—The military administration of the Transvaal and Orange River Colony will, at the earliest possible date, be succeeded by a civil government, and, so soon as circumstances permit, representative institutions leading up

to self government will be introduced.

Eighth—The question of granting the franchise to natives will not be decided until after the introduction of self government.

Ninth—No special tax will be imposed on land property in the Transvaal or Orange River Colony to defray the expenses of the war.

Tenth—As soon as the conditions permit it, a committee on which the local inhabitants will be represented in each district of the Transvaal and Orange River Colony, under the supervision of a magistrate or otherwise for the purpose of assisting people to their homes, and for those who are not able to provide for themselves, etc., indispensable to the resumption of their normal occupations. His Majesty's government will place at the disposal of these commissions the sum of £3,000,000 sterling and will allow the notes issued under the law of 1900 of the South African Republic, and all receipts given up to officers in the field of the late republics, or under their orders, to be presented to a judicial commission, which will be appointed by the government, and if such notes and receipts are found by this commission to have been duly issued in return for valuable considerations, they will be received by the first named commissions as evidences of war losses suffered by the persons to which they were, originally given. In addition to the above named free grant of £3,000,000 sterling, His Majesty's government will be prepared to make advances on loans for the same purpose, free of interest for two years, and afterwards repayable, over a period of years, with 3 per cent interest. No foreigner or rebel will be entitled to benefit under this clause.

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