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The Recorder, in times past, has been edited by Republicans, Socialists, Prohibitionists, anti-prohibitionists, independents and non-partisans but the greater share of the time by non-partisans, whose principal object was to travel on or at least follow in the same direction as the Bandon Wagon.

Like many other papers in small country towns, it has at times assumed that it is better to have everybody for a friend, careful not to antagonize any, than take a positive stand for right, if right be unpopular, believing that any other policy in small towns where business is necessarily limited, would curtail the editor's bread and butter supply.

Well, that may be true but we don't believe it. There has been a direct change in policy and the new management believes that the foregoing assumption is absurd. Our first intention is to explode the theory and banish such a policy from our office. Sink or swim, live or die, the Recorder hereby deserts the band wagon and now announces its intention of becoming interested in public matters, pass its judgement thereon to the best of its ability, and declare its honest convictions to the reading public. If wrong it will be an honest mistake which we will correct, as soon as convinced. But we can hardly be wrong always.

We solicit the co-operation of our readers to help us determine the right and, having taken a stand accordingly, to help us back it up. Our entire strength from this on, is pledged to such a policy.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF IT?

The city council now proposes to submit to the voters of the city at the regular election in June, the question of an \$85,000 bond issue, devised to provide for improving the water system, buying a \$9,500 fire engine taking up outstanding warrants, a regular omnibus bill, a catch every thing, catch-all, Lord-knows-what not sort of an affair.

If the city council expects this measure to pass in the hope of bolstering up the city credit, they will be disappointed and lose four and a half months of valuable time.

The measure will contain both good and bad features and should be segregated and submitted in several items that the voters may choose.

The Recorder is not familiar with the conditions of the water system and at this time withholds an opinion. As to the fire engine, its purchase must depend on whether or not the present water system will furnish adequate supplies of water to make it utility in case of fire.

The bonds intended to take up the general warrants, we believe ought not to pass. We favor the curtailment of current expenses, as one of the means whereby to care for outstanding warrants. We think the public generally, opposes this measure, as we do also.

There is yet time for the council to segregate these items and submit them separately, which we think should be done.

We solicit written contributions from Bandon's citizens for publication pro and con.

LINCOLN AND HIS STORIES

President Lincoln was an accomplished story teller and collector of proverbs. Harper's Monthly lately published extracts from the diary of John May, kept while he acted as private secretary to President Lincoln which goes to show that people have sometimes improved on what President Lincoln said. One paragraph of the diary relates:

"The president tonight, December 23rd, 1863 had a dream. He was in a party of plain people and as it became known who he was they began to comment upon his appearance. One of them said, 'He is a very common looking man.' The president replied, 'The Lord prefers common looking people. That is why he made so many of them.'"

Stump orators have amended this and made it to read that "the Lord loves the common people because he made so many of them." This is not what Lincoln said. What he really uttered is given by Mr. Hay and is more in accord with Lincoln's personality and thought than the other.

Lincoln borrowed the expression "You can fool all of the people some of the time and all of the people some of the time but you can't fool all of the people all of the time." from Barham who originated it out of his large experience in the circus business.

Many of the stories told by Lincoln were actual experiences or of actual occurrence. One of the most famous originated as follows: In an early day the settlers of northern Iowa discovered that the water surface of Lake Okemoje was several feet lower than that of Spirit lake though only a few hundred feet away.

So a canal was dug from the one to the other and a mill erected. The fall was little and the volume of water small so that the mill ground very slowly.

Since it was the only mill in that section the patrons were so numerous that they sometimes had to wait the better part of a day for their turn to have their grist ground.

One family had a half-witted boy who was generally sent to the mill.

One day he became very impatient over his long wait and told the miller he could eat the meal as fast as the mill ground it.

"I know," replied the miller, "but how long could you keep it up?"

"'Till I starved," replied the lad.

As Shakespeare took blood and thunder stories and worked them over into classical tragedies, so Lincoln took the rough stories of the back woods—gave them the touch of his humor and language and bequeathed it, a rich heritage to our literature.

ENGINEMAN'S WAGES

A great change has come over railroad magnates and managers since Vanderbilt gave expression to the famous policy so long maintained by the railroads of the country, "The public be damned."

The committee of railroad managers now in conference with the Engineers' and Firemen's unions in Chicago, before the federal arbitration board, over a movement for an increase in the enginemen's wages, take great pains and haste to keep the public informed of all the proceedings. Probably the reason for their eagerness to confide in the dear public arises as much from the fact that they are right in the present controversy as it does from the disciplining they have received late years from the common people.

It looks to outsiders as if enginemen on the railroad service receive rather more than a just wage in comparison with labor in other lines. Strong, aggressive, ably managed unions have already forced these wages up to a high point. Any further increase at the present time is not warranted, neither in justice nor policy.

The railroads are not in a financial condition to grant this increase in wages.

The services performed do not warrant it.

The interests of the general public will be better served if the money the railroad can earn is put into improvements and equipment, instead of in still higher wages to an already well paid class.

When there are so many unemployed, the aim should be to spend money in needed and legitimate ways that will give labor to workers who are now idle.

The engineman's cause is unjust and his demands exorbitant.

The railroads who have complained so bitterly of the public, are now glad to go to them for protection from the demands of their employees.

Says an authority—"An engineman in actual service on one of the mixed trains, now earns \$292.74 per month for working 8 1/2 hours per day on one of these runs. With the demanded increase in enginemen's wages...

ries in effect this man would have earned actually in one month, \$1435. His increase in pay would equal 608 per cent. The fireman on this run actually earned \$119.04 and it was on an oil-burning engine on which no coal was shoveled at all. The fireman would have been paid \$937.79 for this month's work under these rules. His increase would have been 688 per cent.

An appeal to the public from such demands will not be in vain.

LODGE DIRECTORY

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Occidental Chapter, No. 45, O. E. S. meets Friday evenings before and after stated communications of Masonic lodge. Visiting members cordially invited to attend.

L. KATE ROSA, W. M. ROSA BINGAMAN, Secretary.

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