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CONTRARY to the stand taken two years ago, the influential Milton Eagle runs the republican ticket at the head of its editorial page. It would be amusing enough alone to see the present ticket and the one it supported two years ago, run side by side in type, but the able editor of the Eagle should have spared his friends and patrons the pain of being compelled to read the effusive apology which appeared in his paper last week. The brother's efforts to find an excuse in supporting the republican ticket in full, and present the same in a readable shape to the public, are indeed enough to provoke tears from a crocodile or speed in an army mule. The affable and most distinguished editor of the Milton paper, in his blind endeavor to redress an imaginary wrong to his conscientious political scruples, entirely loses sight of honest, intelligent Dave McDannald and pledges support to the present incumbent of the assessor's office, who charges the county \$4 per day for clerk hire and pockets a part of the salary himself. This, too, in face of the fact that the articles contributed by McDannald's able pen to the Eagle for years past have been the bone and sinew of the paper.

HOLMES' confession shows the man. Some think he must be possessed of a devil. Holmes is no worse than countless murderers whom we know not of. A man who can in cold blood kill a man by slow torture could just as easily kill more. Such men are predestined to be what they are. It is in their make up, and while they may be in some instances educated out of it, the degenerated spirit more often shows up to the horror of more evenly balanced persons. Such men as Holmes have the awful seed of degeneracy in their brain at birth; and in his case the germ of disease was undoubtedly cultivated, and his many crimes have added fuel to the flames until he was a veritable destroying angel, wholly unable to check himself by his will power. The very tone of his confession shows a latent exaltation in his crime, even now that he is so near death. Death has no horrors for him. He is happy only in crime, and now that he realizes that his career is at an end, he is ready to meet the fate he has meted out to so many victims. He will go on the scaffold without a qualm of fear. He may exhort others not to follow his way, but it will not be out of a spirit of repentance. No tear will be shed over his grave. He has caused tears enough. The world will be glad to forget him.

THE Times-Mountaineer does not think Day Bros. entirely responsible for the failure to open the locks at the time specified; but holds our delegation in congress, and Mr. Ellis especially, responsible for the mistake. It says Mr. Ellis neglected to find out the facts concerning the locks and to attend to the duty that should have been his first great care. Mr. Douthitt is not mistaken. He has laid the blame where it should rest. A man of ability should take Mr. Ellis' place.

Nor very much has been said about Judge Riner's decision which was rendered last week, wherein he reversed Judge Edgerton, who held a year ago that a man could not be prosecuted for selling liquor to an Indian who had taken land in severalty and thus become a citizen, says the La Grande Chronicle.

Judge Bellinger, of Portland, also rendered a decision in line with

that of Judge Edgerton, taking the ground that an Indian who had assumed the responsibilities of citizenship was thereby entitled to all the privileges of other citizens, including the right to "fill up" when the occasion presents itself. The decision occurred soon after the Umatilla Indians ceased to be wards of the government, and the decision has brought deep grief to the women of the reservation who recently held an indignation meeting to protest in their feeble way over the dire results. Almost a dozen of the aforementioned brave of the Umatilla land have made a premature exit to the happy hunting grounds through the curse of strong drink.

That Judge Riner should decide as he did is no surprise to anybody who is familiar with Indian character. An Indian is an Indian all the time. When you put liquor into him he is a savage devil. And it makes no difference whether he owns land in severalty, or yet eats raw entrails from a ration beef. They are all the same when their hides become thoroughly saturated with red liquor and the decision of Judge Riner wherein he interprets the law of congress as it was prepared will meet with approval among all classes and particularly those who came in contact with the Indian.

THE Dalles Mountaineer thinks that the Oregonian has evidently had one of its reporters "wined and dined" by somebody in "authority" at the Cascades, for it makes the announcement that "as a matter of fact, the locks, so far as transportation of vessels is concerned, is now completed. Within 24 hours' notice any steamer could pass through the canal and the union between the lower and middle Columbia rivers made complete." It is surprising that a great paper like the Oregonian would allow itself thus imposed upon. As a matter of fact, the locks are not complete, nor has anybody here any idea that they will be until there is sent to congress a representative who will not allow himself to be "buncoed."

IRRESPONSIBLE horse dealers have been working the farmers of the Eastern States. They send a man through the country soliciting consignments. This man goes to the farmers who have the best horses and by showing what fine prices are being received by their firm induces him to send the horses for sale. Men have sent animals that could be sold at home for \$100 and when the "greatly increased returns" arrived there would be the enormous sum of from \$12 to \$20. These fellows have not yet reached the Northwest, but when they do, the best plan is to receive the money for your horses before they leave the rancho, or at least keep them under your own supervision.

"If you want to keep posted on political affairs during the coming campaign take the Eagle. It is the only free and independent paper in Umatilla county."

The above appears weekly in the ably edited, widely circulated and influential Milton Eagle. However, as the word "independent" is somewhat stripped of its proper sense, when one reads the entire republican ticket at the head of the Eagle's editorial page, we mildly suggest to Bro. Hull that he substitute some other word. The manner in which he fools with the word, is liable to make the reader cross-eyed.

It is announced that R. M. Turner, of Pendleton, is to be an independent candidate for circuit judge, now occupied by Judge Lowell, "on a free silver platform." The judiciary should be entirely free from political influences and a man who announces himself as a candidate on any other platform than his own personal worth and integrity, should be left where he belongs—at home, says the Oregon Scout.

WHEN Dave McDannald says he will assess Umatilla for \$2,000 less than it costs to assess it at present, you can bet your last dollar that he will do it if elected on June 1st.

THE soil is thoroughly saturated with moisture. While there was an absence of the usual snowfall during the winter months, yet the spring rains have been timely, and the season opens with excellent soil conditions, and unless there

should be the dry east winds in June there is no reason apparent at present why the season should not be a prosperous one for the farmer.

JUDGE H. H. NORTHRUP, of Portland, has announced that he will be an independent candidate for congress in the second district. Sound money, protection of American industries, restriction of foreign immigration, and the opening of the Columbia river will be his platform. Mr. Northrup is supposed to be a republican.

M'DANNALD'S STATEMENT.

The Assessment Should Not Cost Over \$3500 Annually, Writes a Taxpayer.

G. W. Ingle, a well known man in the East End of this county, writes as follows to the Milton Eagle: Milton, Ore., April 19, 1896.—Will you allow me space in your paper for a few remarks about things as I see them? The conventions are all over and the smoke is clearing away so that even a blind man can see what is taking place. What I wish to notice first is a statement made by D. W. McDannald, candidate for assessor on the democratic ticket—which statement was made before the convention at Pendleton and I am satisfied had he not been full at the time—of enthusiasm—I have never would have made such a statement. He said that he would bind himself to assess this county for \$2000 less than it was assessed by our present assessor and that if he could hire men as deputies for two or two and a half dollars per day, that he would not charge the county a greater sum.

Now this is the first time in the history of the county that the taxpayers have a chance to elect a man to office who doesn't want all the law allows him and more too, and it does seem to me that the taxpayers ought to consider that proposition. I believe it to be a fact, that our present assessment (including taking the census for 1895,—Ed. East Oregonian.) has cost the taxpayers over \$7000, and further, I believe like the old song says, "the half has never yet been told." And now then, that being the case, I will go Mr. McDannald one thousand better. Yes, and I will do better than that—I will bind myself under good and sufficient bonds to assess this county for one-half what the present assessment has cost it, and further, I will bind myself to furnish this county all the men it has money to pay for at two dollars per day, and board themselves, and they shall be taxpayers—men who have a right to reap where they have sown, and not as the game is now, men reaping where they have not sown. Of course Mr. McDannald did not make this statement to further his chances for office, but he knew by experience that the assessment can be made in one-half the time that is taken to make it. Just think of it taking from one to one-half hours to assess a man to the amount of eight or nine hundred dollars, and us taxpayers putting up \$4 for the job! If the county court wants any proof of this they can have it without cost.

An officer is no other than a servant of the people, and should be made to earn at least half what he gets, and should get no more than any laborer. If ever I should have the misfortune to be elected to an office in this county I will see to it that no man gets employment under me and a chance to pull a dollar out of the county when he never was known to put one in it. As I said, they shall be taxpayers—men that have a right to an office.

Now I am aware that some men—smart ones of course—men that are in the habit of bleeding the taxpayers at the rate of four dollars per day—will say that I am "talking through my hat." But if the taxpayers think so just let them put me to the test and they will soon find out. And if the county court wants any more men at two dollars per day just let them hang out their sign and your humble servant will be on the road before breakfast.

G. W. INGLE.

There is more catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., of Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from ten drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. 223-225 Broadway, N. Y.

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For Supreme Judge—
G. H. Burnett, of Marion.
For State Senator—
J. H. Raley, of Umatilla.
For Judge, Sixth District—
T. G. Hailey, of Umatilla.
For District Attorney, Sixth Dist.—
G. W. Rhea, of Morrow.
Member Board of Equalization—
C. P. Davis, of Pendleton.

COUNTY DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

For Representatives—
J. B. Saylor, of Keho.
S. P. Purdy, of Athena.
M. Toner, of Cottonwood.
For County Judge—
Wm. Scott, of Helix.
For Commissioner—
Henry Frazier, of Milton.
For Sheriff—
Wm. Blakeley, of Eastland.
For Treasurer—
Charles Bowling, of Adams.
For Assessor—
D. W. McDannald, of Valley.
For County Clerk—
John Vert, of Pendleton.
For Recorder of Conveyances—
Jas. A. Howard, of Pendleton.
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Land Office at LaGrande, Oregon, April 30, 1896.
Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to commute and make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Register and Receiver, U. S. Land Office at LaGrande, Oregon, on June 8th, 1896, viz:
COLLIN C. FRAZIER,
Homestead entry No. 5088 for 80 1/4, sec. 25, 19 1/2 N., 7 1/2 E., W. 4.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Charles McLain, Frank Berlin, John Berlin, Hugh McLain, all of Athena, Oregon.
Any person who desires to protest against the allowance of such proof, or who knows of any substantial reason, under the law and regulations of the Interior Department, why such proof should not be allowed, will be given an opportunity at the above mentioned time and place to cross-examine the witnesses of said claimant and offer evidence in rebuttal of that submitted by claimant.
B. F. WILSON, Register.

PUBLIC NOTICE.
Notice is hereby given that I will apply to the Mayor and common council of the city of Athena, Oregon, at a meeting thereof to be held on the 10th day of May, 1896, for a license to sell spirituous, malt and vinous liquors in less quantities than one quart, said liquors to be sold only in a building situated on lot 7 in block 5, of said city. W. H. HARDEN.
Dated April 24th, 1896. Applicant.



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