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FOR RETRENCHMENT.

The Salem Capital Journal, a republican paper, is out with its pruning knife for retrenchment in cost of state government. There is much good in the suggestions made in the following article taken from that paper, but the Press, always a steadfast and consistent friend of the only state institution east of the Cascades, the normal school at Weston, can see little or no fairness in Brother Hopper's scheme to limit normal school appropriations to a sum fixed each year on the number of students attending. Such a procedure would work to the material disadvantage of the Eastern Oregon school, for the reason that it takes time to establish an educational institution as well as institutions of any nature. Consequently, with a restriction in funds placed on the youngest normal school in the state, it would be retarded in growth from the very inception of the cutting down process. The Press for one desires to see the Eastern Oregon institution receive every dollar of state aid necessary to place it on an equal basis with any normal school in the Northwest, and this paper does not take kindly to any move that is made with the purpose of taking away a farthing of its already meagre appropriations made by the state. The article in question follows:

"The Journal called attention to some opportunities for retrenchment, and recommended that the next legislature take up a definite reform program. Among opportunities for improving the financial exchequer of the state was enumerated:

Flat salary law will save yearly, \$50,000
Equalize four normal schools and save, 20,000
Save expense of holding state primary election, 60,000
Cut one-half legislative clerkships 10,000
Abolish domestic animal commission, 5,000
Abolish state biologist, 1,000
Abolish state labor bureau, 5,000

"None of these statements have been challenged, but some attempt has been made to explain them away. It is said the flat salary law would not be a saving, but would simply leave that much more in the treasury. Well, if this is admitted, \$50,000 more in the treasury would certainly leave that much less each year to be raised by taxation.

"The proposition to save \$20,000 a year by equalizing the four normal schools is a very moderate estimate. At the last session of the legislature the following appropriations were made for normal schools:

Drain, \$12,000
Ashland, 22,000
Weston, 24,000
Monmouth, 27,000
Total, \$85,000

"All but the Drain normal school have been equipped with buildings at the expense of the state. No more appropriations for buildings should be made, unless it is at Drain. The four schools should be put under a joint board of regents composed of disinterested citizens of the state. Their course of studies should be confined to professional work. Their appropriations should be limited to a sum fixed each year on the number of students attending. A plan of this kind would save not \$20,000 a year, but \$40,000 a year."

"If you are not going to spend money on necessary international improvements, then I am in favor of tariff revision," is the utterance of Senator Fulton. What the senator wants, then, is a tariff for revenue, and not a tariff for protection. "I don't believe the best interest of the country would justify

wholesale revision," he also says. Doubtless they would not. What is proposed by the revisionists is a correction of the inequalities of the present tariff and a readjustment of some of its schedules. To pretend that the Dingley act cannot be improved as a protective measure, or that any act is perfect under all conditions, is to take a most untenable position; but that is what the "stand-patters" are doing.—Oregonian.

Analysis of the vote in Illinois proves beyond question that the enormous plurality piled up for the Roosevelt electors was, like the narrowly won republican victory in Missouri, due to stay-at-home democratic votes. County after county shows only slight republican gains, but enormous democratic losses. Democratic strongholds were transformed into republican camps through this marked indifference of the democracy. Whole congressional districts fell away from the democratic column, not because the republican ticket attracted thousands of democratic votes, but because thousands of democrats failed to vote at all. An analysis of the vote reveals facts quite as astounding as is the mere sum total of results. Taking as examples the four congressional districts of southern and central Illinois, which have been regarded as homes of the democracy—the twentieth, twenty-first, twenty-third and twenty-fourth—it is discovered that the democratic vote slumped from 97,190 for Bryan in 1900 to 74,281 for Parker; McKinley received 85,515 votes in these districts in 1900, while Roosevelt gets but 86,309 in 1904. The democracy failed this year to poll its strength of 1900 by 22,000 votes, while the republican party gained only 794 votes out of a total of 160,500 by the two parties. Thus was a democratic plurality of 11,675 in 1900 transformed into a republican plurality of 12,028 in 1904.

The president's message afforded food for editorials in about every paper in the land. Some bristled with the logic of conviction that "Teddy" was all O. K.; others contained the reflective vein that the great message was to be taken whole as a matter of fact, and still others had the temerity to "blue pencil" it into shreds. A country press could have passed the message up to their readers, by referring them to the "patent" side of the paper.

For Sale.

A half section of good wheat land six miles from Helix. Address Chas. Betts, Helix, Or.

Disastrous Wreck.

Carelessness is responsible for many a railroad wreck and the same causes are making human wrecks of sufferers from throat and lung troubles. But since the advent of Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds, even the worst cases can be cured, and hopeless resignation is no longer necessary. Mrs. Lois Cragg, of Dorchester, Mass., is one of many whose life was saved by Dr. King's New Discovery for coughs and colds. 50c and \$1 bottles guaranteed by McBride, druggist. Trial bottle free.

Notice.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Athena, Oregon, for the election of directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may lawfully come before it, will be held in its office in Athena, Oregon, on Tuesday, the 10th day of January, 1905, at the hour of 2 o'clock, p. m. December 9, 1904. F. S. LeGrow, Cashier.

Taint no use to sit down and whine, When no fish get on your line; Bait your hook with a bumble bee, And drink Rocky Mountain Tea. Sold at Pioneer drug store.

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Excursion.

The O. R. & N. will run a special train from Walla Walla to Pendleton on Dec. 1, 8, 15, 20 and 23, leaving Athena at 8:50 a. m. Fare for round trip will be \$1.10. M. W. Smith, Local Agent.

A Runaway Bicycle.

Terminated with an ugly cut on the leg of J. B. Orner, Franklin Grove Ill. It developed a stubborn ulcer unyielding to doctors and remedies for four years. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured. It's just as good for burns, scalds, skin eruptions and piles. 25c at Palace drug store.

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Walla Walla Excursion

Wednesday, Dec. 14, 1904
Wednesday, Dec. 21, 1904

Train leaves Pendleton at 7 o'clock a. m. Returning, leaves Walla Walla at 5 o'clock p. m., giving eight solid hours for business or pleasure in the metropolis of the Inland Empire.

TICKETS REBATED.

\$1.50 will be rebated on Adams tickets; \$1.20 will be rebated on Athena tickets and \$1.00 will be rebated on Weston tickets, making net cost to holder in each case only fifty cents, provided tickets are presented to the rebate clerk (room 203, Ransom Building—take elevator) between 9 a. m. and 4 p. m. Come prepared to buy; you'll see things you'll want.

WALLA WALLA EXCURSION COMMITTEE.

THE CHRISTMAS GIFT

One of the perplexing parts of Christmas time is the selection of suitable gifts for our friends. This year there is no need of your worrying about what to get. We have done all the work for you. We have spent much time in the selection of our Holiday goods this year, and invite you to visit our store when you are gift hunting, and we assure you you will find here a complete and acceptable gifts for every member of the family. We combine convenience, comfort and satisfaction—good, durable—goods which are pleasing to look upon, bring back the remembrance of the donor—goods which are a continual source of pleasure. Such goods we consider satisfaction gift goods and just such things are all over our great profusion. The best stock of Holiday goods ever had the pleasure of offering you in the Inland Empire.

Our Christmas catalogue entitled, "Santa Claus Up," is now out of the printer's hands and we would consider it a favor if you would write for one and tell your friends to write. This catalogue contains hundreds of suggestive gift articles and many practical suggestions for practical people. In fact, it will be a great help to you to decide upon your Holiday Gifts.

Special Holiday Offer

As an inducement to do your holiday buying with us we will deliver your goods to your station in Athena Free of Charge on order amounting to \$5 and over, our usual offer being on \$10.

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SAM BOOHER, Proprietor.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Leeper, yesterday from Walla Walla, the Ghoulie home.

Miss Alice Taylor has purchased Charles Sargent residence for consideration, \$1,250.

Mrs. M. L. Leeper went to Pendleton Sunday evening and will remain there during the week.

Mrs. T. J. Ray and daughter, Grace, were in the city yesterday, calling on Athena friends.

Miss Wolff, of Union, was a guest of the home of Rev. and Mrs. Baker at the M. E. parsonage yesterday.

Mrs. Lillie Miller has a fine amount of ladies' fancy collars, made from the east. Call and see.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Whitman, over to Walla Walla yesterday, guests at the Whitman home, city.

The Hub clothing store is preparing several overcoats and suits.

W. H. Bant has been elected director at Helix. Horace Walker, chairman, Pendleton.

Ed Davis, son of W. H. Davis, has been promoted to captain of the R. & N. H. team.