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CITY GOVERNMENT.

Now that Moro has donned the
habilliments of a city, it may not
be out of place to outline in a gen-
eral way what ought to be the
policy of the common council,
with a view to insure the welfare
and good government of the com-
munity. What we have to say in
this connection is not dictated by
any other spirit, nor prompted by
any other desire than that which
should animate every citizen who
is interested in the material
growth and prosperity of the city.

As it is with human life so with
cities—the first period of exist-
ence is a critical one.

A false step at the outset is cer-
tain to be attended with bad re-
sults. A careless, indifferent, or
extravagant administration of mu-
nicipal affairs is equally sure to
bring evil in its train. The initial
step, is the selection of a fit and
competent citizen for the office of
mayor. The executive of our city
should be a man who is identified
with its best interests. He should
be possessed of sound business
judgment, not given to radical or
extreme measures, neither inclined
to a parsimonious or extravagant
policy, but one who, while looking
to the growth and improvement of
our city, will at the same time
have due regard for the pockets of
the citizens and taxpayers. Of
equal importance is the personnel
of our city council. A wise pro-
vision in our charter is that which
renders a citizen ineligible to the
office of councilman who is not a
freholder within the city limits to
the extent of \$250. It might have
been wiser to have put the figures
at \$500. Those who are given the
sovereign power of legislating for
the people of a municipality are
clothed with a responsibility which
should not be lightly estimated.
Upon them devolves the duty of
enacting those laws by which the
rights and liabilities of our citi-
zens are to be determined. It is
therefore of paramount importance
that the first legislative steps
taken by our city authorities should
be such as come within the proper
scope of the police powers of mu-
nicipalities situated like ours. In
the first place, we need and must
have good order within our city
limits. Whosoever ordinances
should at once be passed, repress-
ing disorderly conduct of every
kind, and providing a proper
penalty therefor. Provision should
also be made, without unnecessary
delay, for the proper grading of
our streets, the building of side-
walks and other much-needed im-
provements within the city limits.
Proper steps should be taken to se-
cure for the inhabitants of the city
an abundance of good pure water,
not only for domestic use, but for
the purpose of fighting fire.

While we already have well-
organized and well-equipped water
and fire companies, yet it must be
admitted that with the increasing
demand incident to the recent
rapid growth of our city and its
population, the resources of these
two organizations are taxed to
their utmost capacity, and even
now are almost inadequate to the
present needs.

The approaching spring—that
period which makes our hearts beat
in sympathy with the gladdening
freshness which the season sheds
around us—suggests the idea that
in our city there are several beau-
tiful yards and gardens, whose
trees, plants and shrubbery must
be protected from the ravages of
the town cow. Swine and poultry
too should be included within the
comprehensive grasp of a city ordi-
nance. It must be borne in mind
that laws to be effective should be
strictly and impartially enforced.
Better no laws at all than to allow
such as we have to become a dead
letter. Enact good and salutary
ordinances, and then enforce them
against all citizens alike.

THE OVERLAP CASE.

The following will be of interest
to many of our readers in Sher-
man county:

"The numerous persons inter-
ested in the case (now in the United
States supreme court) of the
United States vs. the Oregon &
California Railroad Company, gen-
erally known as the 'overlap case',
involving the title to a large
amount of land in Multnomah,
Clackamas and Marion counties,
will probably be surprised to learn
that the case has not been set for
trial. C. J. Schnabel has received
a note from the clerk of the United
States supreme court informing
him that the case was called
October 10, at the opening of the
fall term of the court, but no coun-
sel appearing or being in the court-
room, the setting of the case for
trial was passed. The calendar for
the purpose of setting cases for
trial will be called again about
February 20. On behalf of several
of the settlers interested in the out-
come of the case, Mr. Schnabel has
written to the attorney-general at
Washington to see that some one
is present in the courtroom when
the trial docket is again called, to
have the case set for hearing at the
earliest possible date. As there are
cases before the circuit court of ap-
peals involving the same questions
as this overlap case, the hearing of
which has been put off from time
to time, awaiting the decision of
the supreme court in that case, it
is strange that the case was allowed
to be passed in October last, but
who is responsible for this is not
known."

LATER.

Judge George H. Williams, in
speaking of the case of the United
States vs. the Oregon & California
Railroad Company, says he has
a letter from the solicitor-general,
in which it is stated: "The case,
when reached on the calendar, was
passed at the request of opposing
counsel, and has not since been
taken up, owing to the absence
from the bench of Mr. Justice
Brewer. It is now expected that it
will be taken up during the latter
part of the present month."

While we wish the new county
of Wheeler all prosperity, we are
not in sympathy with the dismem-
berment of Gilliam county. Look-
ing from the foothills in the north-
ern part of the new county over
the mammoth grain fields stretch-
ing away to the Columbia river,
can it be wondered at that we think
the dwellers in the southern por-
tion of what was Gilliam county
have lost more than they gained
by the change. The inhabitants
of what remains of Gilliam county
need have no fears of their future
prosperity. Their interests and
pursuits are identical with those of
Sherman, which is to-day one of
the most substantial counties in the
state so far as its financial condi-
tion is concerned.

There is no use talking, the
American soldier, whether a vol-
unteer or regular, is a fighter from
way back. In spite of embalm-
ed beef, inefficient commissariat, and
all the rest of it, he makes himself
most disagreeable to the enemy,
and gets there every time. In all
probability what it would take the
Spaniards years to accomplish in
the Philippines can be done with
a handful of American troops in
a few days. Aguinaldo, who is
a shrewd fellow, sees pretty plainly
that he runs against a stump when
he marshals his ragged army
against our boys in the Philippines.
He will find out that an Anglo
Saxon and Spaniard have been
cast in a different mold.

Sunday last was the birthday of
President Lincoln, one of America's
purest, ablest and best presidents.

And now a Chinese woman has
commenced proceedings for a di-
vorce.

The following, taken from the
Stockholder, is a very concise edi-
torial on the wheat situation, and
speaks words of encouragement to
the man who now has wheat on
hand or expects to continue its
production:

It has been pointed out in these
columns on several occasions that
the determining factor in the wheat
situation is the truth or falsity of
European estimates of the world's
yield. Circumstances developing
daily strengthen the belief that
there has been a concerted move-
ment on the other side of the At-
lantic to exaggerate the total out-
put, with a view to getting cheap
wheat. The wheat year is not yet
over, and the Stockholder is not
ready to abandon its opinion that
higher prices will prevail in the
near future. It is increasingly evi-
dent that the surplus wheat-grow-
ing countries outside of the United
States are not coming up to predic-
tions. Russia expected to make a
record-breaking yield, but is show-
ing up considerably behind its nor-
mal output. Always first to dis-
pose of its exportable surplus, Rus-
sia this year has sold to foreign
countries somewhat less than one
bushel for every five thus disposed
of by the United States. Existing
conditions in Argentina are such
as to render that country a minor
factor. The foreign takings of
wheat from these shores in them-
selves demonstrate that the world
must have our wheat, and must
have a good deal more of it. The
two cities of Duluth and Minneap-
olis have received during the cur-
rent crop season 20,000,000 bushels
more than in the same time last
year, yet at the present time their
combined stocks are less than 5,000,
000 bushels, and their requirements
for home grinding alone, before
the new crop is available, are at
least 60,000,000 bushels. The
moral of this is apparent. Wheat
cannot decline; its price is likely
to go higher.

It is to be noted that the boys of
the Washington volunteers were
hotly engaged in the late battles
round Manila, and have, in every
way, upheld the fighting qualities
of the West. This is not to be won-
dered at, as the children of the rug-
ged West have not to wait for the
drill sergeant to teach them how
to handle a gun, but are "to the
manner born." The dwellers in a
pioneer country invariably make
the best irregular soldiers. Rest-
less and discontented at the re-
straint of camp routine, they will
when brought face to face with the
enemy, carry all before them, with
a bravery and dash that may well
be envied by trained veteran troops.

We read in the Times-Moun-
taineer of the queer proceeding of a
man named Charles Wise of Port-
land, who filed an application for
a homestead on the present site of
the greater part of the west end of
The Dalles. Mr. J. P. Lucas, of
the Land Office, looked into the
matter, and as there appeared to be
a clear title to the land, rejected
the application. Mr. Wise, how-
ever, may be wiser than he appears
to be at present, and there may be
some screw loose in the title deeds.

From the Oregonian we learn
that Elliott Roberts, son of Repre-
sentative Roberts, of Sherman and
Wasco counties, fell over the ban-
isters of the stairs leading from the
second to the ground floor of the
state house, landing on his back.
We congratulate Mr. Roberts on his
boy's escape from serious injury.

Advice to country editors: Keep
the scissors going.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

The following is a reliable report
of the wool market from Henry F.
Allen, wool commission merchant,
San Francisco:

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 6, 1899.
MR. M. FITZMAURICE, Moro,
Oregon—Dear Sir: I beg to hand
you herewith a report of the wool
market for the last year or eight-
een months, and the causes of the
depression.

Shortly after the passage of the
tariff bill in 1897, wool advanced
rapidly, reaching 75 per cent. ad-
vance over the lowest point under
the Wilson bill. This was brought
about by anticipation of the tariff
preventing the importation of wool
and woolen goods in large quanti-
ties, and heavy speculations on the
part of not alone those interested
in the wool business, but outsiders
also.

On January 1, 1898, the stock of
wool reported on hand, and woolen
goods, was comparatively small for
the demands of the United States,
but it was soon realized that these
figures were utterly inadequate to
cover a large amount of importa-
tions of woolen goods and wool.
From England alone 40,000,000
yards of woolen goods were brought
into the United States in 1897, be-
fore the passage of the tariff bill,
and the importations of wool
reached over 100,000,000 pounds.

To this had to be added the clip of
the United States, amounting to
266,000,000 last year.

On the 1st of January, 1898, the
wool manufacturers of the country
had orders sufficient to last them
until the end of August. The war
coming on caused very large can-
celsations of these orders by cloth-
iers, thus leaving the manufacturer
not alone with some goods, but
with the raw material which he
had purchased to make them.

Formerly goods made in the
United States contained mostly
wool, and very little shoddy or cot-
ton. Under the Wilson bill people
became educated to cheap goods;
and now, owing to the duty, the im-
portations of shoddy not being pos-
sible, manufacturers have substituted
large amounts of cotton in the
manufacture of many kinds of
goods. This has been almost uni-
versal, with the exception of the
very finer goods.

The entire sales in Boston for
1898 were about 179,000,000
pounds, as against 350,000,000
pounds in 1897, which shows how
well supplied with stock the manu-
facturers were. There is no doubt
but that considerable of this sur-
plus stock has been used up by this
time.

The heavy weight woolen goods,
which opened at from 5 to 10 per
cent. below last year's prices, have
grown firmer, and in some lines
prices have advanced. Cross-bred
wools, which declined during 1898,
have advanced from two to three
cents per pound in Boston, and 20
per cent. at the last London sales
just closed. The indications favor
a better demand for wool. Any
advance in price will depend largely
upon the sale of manufactured
goods, and the character of the
goods demanded by the people. I
look for a demand in the next 30
to 60 days, with possibly a little
more firmness in price.

Yours, truly,
HENRY F. ALLEN.

Jackson in the Shenandoah.
When the federal forces took
possession of the bridge over the
Shenandoah, Jackson and his staff
were on the south side, his army
being on the north side. It is said
that "he rode toward the bridge,
and rising in his stirrups, called
sternly to the federal officer com-
manding the artillery placed to
sweep it: 'Who ordered you to post
that gun there, sir? Bring it over
here.' The bewildered officer bowed,
limbered up his piece and prepared
to move. Jackson and his staff
seized the lucky moment and
dashed across the bridge before the
gun could be brought to bear upon
them."

LOST.
A light sorrel gelding, 5 years old;
two white hind feet; weight 900 lbs;
lost about month of Thirty-Mile. Please
notify C. A. Watson, of Fossil, Or., or
office of this paper.

SHERIFF'S SALE.
Notice is hereby given that an execu-
tion and order of sale was issued out of
the circuit court of the State of Oregon
for Sherman county, on the 19th day
of January, 1899, upon a judgment ren-
dered thereon on the 14th day of Janu-
ary, 1899, in favor of W. H. Moore and
H. A. Moore, co-partners, doing busi-
ness under the firm name and style of
Moore Brothers, plaintiffs, and against
The Moro Haul Company, a corporation,
defendants, which said execution and
order of sale is to me directed, and com-
manding me to sell the real estate here-
inafter mentioned, for the purpose of
satisfying the judgment of the plaintiff
in said cause for the sum of \$15 costs and
the further sum of \$15 costs and
for costs and accruing costs. Therefore
in compliance with said execution and
order of sale, I will offer at public auc-
tion, Saturday, March 4th, 1899,
at the hour of 1 o'clock p. m., at the
court house door in Moro, in Sherman
county, Oregon, sell at public auction to
the highest bidder, for cash in hand, for
the purpose of satisfying the judgment
of the plaintiff in said cause, the follow-
ing described land, to-wit: Lot 2 in Block 1,
in the town of Moro, Sherman county,
State of Oregon, together with all the
tenements, hereditaments and appur-
tenances thereunto belonging or in any-
wise appertaining.

Witness my hand at Moro, Oregon,
this 20th day of January, 1899.
Wm. Holden,
Sheriff Sherman County.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

Notice is hereby given that an execu-
tion and order of sale was issued out of
the circuit court of the State of Oregon
for Sherman county, on the 14th day
of December, 1898, upon a decree rendered
therein on the 14th day of March, 1898,
in favor of Louis Schladewitz as admin-
istrator of the estate of John Kinick,
deceased plaintiff, and against Philip
M. Ruggles, Lucy S. Ruggles, his wife;
the J. L. Case Threshing Machine Com-
pany, a corporation, and S. A. Staver,
defendants, which said execution and
order of sale is to me directed, and com-
manding me to sell the real estate here-
inafter mentioned, for the purpose of
satisfying the judgment of the plaintiff
in said cause for the sum of \$2023.50-100,
plus interest thereon at 10 per cent. per
annum from the 14th day of March, 1898,
and the further sum of \$150 attorney's
fees, and the cost of the suit, and the
further sum of \$74.47 taxes paid by said plaintiff on the
herinbefore described land, and the costs
and disbursements of said suit, taxed at
\$17, and for costs and accruing costs.
Therefore in compliance with said exe-
cution and order of sale, I will on Sat-
urday, February 25th, 1899, at the hour
of 1 o'clock p. m., at the court house
door in Moro, in Sherman county, Ore-
gon, sell at public auction to the highest
bidder, for cash in hand, for the pur-
pose of satisfying the judgment and de-
cree above mentioned, the following de-
scribed lands and premises, to-wit: (1)
Township 33 North, Range 12 East, Sec-
tion 17, in the county of Sherman and
State of Oregon, together with all and
singular the tenements, hereditaments
and appurtenances thereunto belong-
ing or in anywise appertaining.

Witness my hand at Moro, Oregon,
this 9th day of January, 1899.
Wm. Holden,
Sheriff of Sherman County, Oregon.

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gonian and LEADER—for the small
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NOTICE.

In the County Court of the State of
Oregon for Sherman County.
In the matter of the estate of Michael
King deceased.
To all whom it may concern:
Notice is hereby given that the under-
signed executrix of the estate of Michael
King, deceased, will apply to the
Hon. County Court in and for the county
of Sherman and State of Oregon, and to
the judge thereof, on Tuesday, the 4th
day of April, 1899, the same being the
regular April 1899 term of said court,
at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. of said
day, at the county court room in Moro,
said county and state, for leave to re-
sign her trust as such executrix; that
the undersigned has filed with the clerk
of said county court her final report and
account of her administration of said
estate, and that by an order of said
court, duly made and entered on the
4th day of January, 1899, it was directed
that Tuesday, the 4th day of April, 1899,
the same being the regular April 1899
term of said court, at the hour of 10
o'clock A. M., at the county court room
in Moro, said county and state, be and
in Moro, said county and state, and place
for the settlement of said final account, for
the hearing and determination of ob-
jections thereto, if any there be, and
there to, to the allowance of the appli-
cation of said executrix to resign her
said trust.

Dated at Moro, Sherman County, Ore-
gon, this 9th day of January, 1899.
Executrix of the estate of Michael
King, deceased.

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