

THE WASCO NEWS.

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Everyone get ready for the district fair. Sherman county can certainly show up with a full hand this fall.

Did you ever hear the man who is getting rich off of three or four sections of fine wheat land argue the advantages of a small farm.

Wasco is the best little town in Oregon, does more business, is the home of more wealthy bachelors and fewer old maids—matrimonial papers please copy.

The Jimtown show is a failure, they say, financially and every other way; yet, the Second Eastern Oregon District Fair Association is in no way discouraged.

Oregon takes the lead in its number of aged yet able editors. All our profession needs is an exalted degree to be known as the Grand Mutual Admiration Society.

Where is that railroad commission? Someone said that if John Fulton were elected as a member of the commission we would have fair freight rates. Let's elect him—even if he is a democrat.

A special Oregon edition which commemorates the fifth anniversary of the Oregon Journal was issued last Sunday advertising by description and photograph the limitless resources of this state. No state invites more elaborate description than Oregon and no concern could have handled the subject better than the Journal.

The Blue Mountain Eagle stoops to condemn Walter Moore and other officials of the Oregon Trust and Savings Bank. Condemns them unqualifiedly and without investigating the circumstances. Such a course is far from the one to be pursued by a self-respecting journal. But having led its readers thus astray the course of simple honor would demand that he retract.

One of the most singular occurrences in Multnomah county recently was the death last week of a fine driving horse, owned by James Dixon, who lives on the Section Line road. The horse, which was a high strung, nervous animal, dropped dead from excitement and fright when an automobile came up suddenly behind it. The horse seemed to be in the very best of condition and was being driven by Mr. Dixon every day. He considered the horse perfectly safe and true, but nervous as any thoroughbred animal usually is. The horse could not learn to endure the sight or sound of an automobile. When the machine came up behind him he seemed paralyzed as by an electric shock of 1000 volts, and dropped in his tracks—Oregonian.

The railroad commission has come and gone. They had business, let it be supposed at Shaniko, which called them through Wasco on the 10th and back on the 11th. The gentlemen arrived in Wasco at 11 o'clock Wednesday, on their return to Salem. An easy matter it would have been to have stopped at this place and if they did not think a regular hearing justified, made investigations of the case laid filed with them. Then at some time in the near future, had a hearing of the peoples' claims. The time will soon be at hand when these people, or some of their tribe, will find leisure to court the favor of the Eastern Oregon grain shippers. That will be next Spring, just before election. Farmers will be sowing their crops then, may be they will not have time to visit the

The question of county roads comes near being of first importance in all farming communities. It is necessary to have able and honest men to fill all the different county offices. But in a county like ours that of road master should come in second only to the county judge. No one is anxious to pay taxes for the support of any cause, however necessary, if he can not see the direct result. When he can see the result and benefit it is different. Few people would be so foolish as to complain about county money being judiciously spent for improvement of the county roads. Good roads greatly lighten the burden of hauling off the crops and getting to town to purchase supplies. We feel sure that the large majority of tax payers would be most glad to have a greater per cent of county funds appropriated for improvements of this nature—for the hire of efficient and honest men both to oversee and to do the work. Much good work has been done in this direction, but there is room for plenty more.

This Eastern Oregon

The chief difference between Seattle and Portland is that Seattle is engaged in trade and Portland in commerce. The article of trade in Seattle is city property and the chief business real-estate. But enough of Seattle. Let her continue to judge herself and let us turn to Portland. Portland is at the junction point between the inland-empire railroads and the sea carriers. Portland is the place where all the grain, wool, timber and a hundred other products should be converted from the raw material to the finished product. Such a city can develop only as the country tributary develops.

Now this inland empire is a great country and the people are great people, but there are certain things they can not do for themselves. These things Portland must do for them. There is no capital in Crook county to build their much needed railroad. But there is in Portland. And it is to Portland's shame that "Seattle capital" is furnishing the Oregon Trunk road and that "Seattle capital" built the road from The Dalles to Dufur.

The people of Eastern Oregon look to Portland, not as a sister or a helper, but as the greatest part of the same great state. Let us make that there is a great Oregon east of the mountains.

The Next Farmers

The farmer feeds the world. In addition he furnishes substance for half the commerce and pays the freight on the other half. Filling this important place, it would be expected of him to be the most influential and respected man in society. Indeed he is respected by every person. But influence? He wields none. Why? Because he does not choose to. He sows and reaps and turns his product over to the grain juggler to make profit off of while he plows and sows and reaps again. The farmer is in position to be the happiest man in the world and maybe he is, but he is not the richest man.

The advise of a contemporary is "If your boy is bright, shows an inclination to study and learn, give him a professional education, send him to the city and give him a chance."

We would differ with the contemporary. Educate the boy—certainly. If he is especially bright and not overburdened with conceit, in which event he is almost hopeless, send him to high school and college, let him store up all the good things his mind will contain and return home to the farm, impressed with the importance of life—not his own life—but life in general. But previous to all this, while he is growing up and before he prepares for college, point out to him the advantages and desirabilities of a farm life. The father and mother can make a farmer of the boy while he is growing up and he will be happier for their having done it. Yes, make the boy a farmer, yet educate him to defend his rights and stand in his true position.

WERE HE EDITOR

Satan Would Do "Same Thing Over Again"

Would sell Columns to Criminals, and Politicians, Would have Comic Section, Sunday Edition, Still Oppose all Change for Good

Not what Christ would do if should come to Chicago, but "In his Steps, or What Satan Would Do If He Were an Editor?" was the topic elucidated by Dr. Shaffer of the First United Brethren Church of Portland Sunday night. This topic, however, is not altogether foreign in substance, considering the fact that the "devil" frequently develops into an editor, but we predict a large attendance at the church on Fifteenth and Morrison next Sunday evening, at which time the reverend gentleman will answer the question: "What Would Satan Do If He Were A Preacher." In last Sunday evening's discourse he said in part:

"Both experience and Revelation teach that there is an evil power in the world, and Revelation informs us that this power is a personality. His self-chosen task is to deceive the intellect and enslave the will. He uses human instruments to accomplish his purpose. It is generally acknowledged that the press wields a great influence. It is not strange if Satan seeks to capture the press, for it would greatly aid his work.

What would Satan do, if he were an editor? What would be his policy if he controlled the editor of some journal?

First.—The general policy would be to give the people what they want, rather than what they need. The aim would be to place a paper before the people that would sell. And in order to sell a paper we are told that it is necessary to print a large amount of the records or criminal proceedings of our courts, a full report of all the viciousness of the world, and extended accounts of the weaknesses of men and women, especially the latter. The devil would doubtless continue the present plans in this respect, giving all the frightful details of crime and vice in large headlines on the first page, sometimes in red ink, in order, of course, to appeal to that large class of persons who are naturally too sluggish to think without the aid of the crude coloring of crude peoples.

Second.—If Satan were an editor he would sell his columns as many Texas editors did a few years ago to the saloon element, or any other criminal, who would pay the price. My judgment is that much of the matter for the re-establishment of the canteen, which appears on the same page as the editorials of many of our papers, is paid for by the liquor element. I was told by a candidate for office during our last state election that nearly all the papers in this state charged for notice of a candidate's candidacy, and that for a price one would be permitted to write editorials concerning himself. If this is true, our primary law takes the power out of one set of bosses and makes the editors the political bosses, and furthermore makes it practically impossible for a poor man to seek office.

Third.—The devil would have a comic supplement. It would be prized by the children. Some issues would be immoral, all would be distorted, and unworthy of the name of art. I hereby announce that no more issues with comic supplement shall ever enter my home.

Fourth.—The devil would have a Sunday edition. Many editions would be larger than the whole of the New Testament. He would get ministers and churchmen to write for it. Missions would be a favorite topic. Canada has no Sunday newspapers. They are unnecessary.

Fifth.—The advertisements would be diversified. The Christian man would demand that his magazines be free from patent medicine and liquor ads, but he would swallow them whole in his daily.

Sixth.—The editorials would favor

machine politics, oppose all efforts at reform, speak approvingly of Jesus as a good man, but in the next paragraph make him out a liar, because claimed to be God's son. Satan's method would be not to oppose openly Christ and the church, but to gradually undermine the system of Christianity by destroying the faith of the readers in the teachings, persons, life, vicarious death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ. In my humble judgment the devil will not assume the editorial chair in this country for he is to well represented there to care for any change, so far as reform measures and religious teaching are concerned.

The question which I am debating is, "Shall I dispense with the daily altogether, and depend upon the weekly, or shall I wait a little longer for a change in the papers of today?" In fact there are many persons who are seriously considering the bad results of the papers of the day without their being absolutely controlled by His Satanic Majesty. It would be unfair to say that all papers are equally guilty, but of a daily that meets the ethical requirements of a Christian home the speaker has no knowledge."

Of Sherman County

In its write up of the counties of Oregon the magnificent picturesque and elaborate "Fifth Anniversary Edition" of the Oregon Journal makes the following reference to Sherman county:

"Sherman is the smallest of the Eastern Oregon counties, it containing 736 square miles. This county was formerly thought to be fit only for stock-raising, but it is now second among the wheat growing counties. In 1906 more than 100,000 acres of wheat were harvested, averaging 25 bushels to the acre. One year the county produced 3,000,000 bushels. Stock and sheep-raising is still carried on to a considerable extent. The wool clip amounts to 300,000 pounds annually, and the value of its livestock is \$500,000. The favorite breeds of horses are Clydesdale and Percherons and the principal strains among cattle Durhams and Herfords. The soil of the county is deep and fertile and apples, peaches, pears and all sorts of berries thrive well. The Columbia Southern railway runs through the county connecting the various towns. The price of land runs from \$15 to \$40 per acre. There are 47,000 acres of government land open to settlement and the amount of school land is given at 2,300. More is the county seat with a population of nearly 1,000. Wasco is an important and growing point. There are probably not more than 5,000 people in the county, but it could readily support ten times that number. The county is well supplied with schools and has no debt.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

Notice is hereby given that an execution and order of sale was issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, Columbia county, on the 2nd day of August, 1907, on a judgment therein rendered, on the 8th day of June, 1907, in favor of Russell & Company (a corporation), plaintiff, and W. L. Landern, defendant when said execution and order of sale is to me directed and commanding me to sell the property hereinafter described for the purpose of satisfying a judgment of the plaintiff in said cause, for the sum of seven hundred and thirty-nine and fifty-two one-hundredths dollars (\$739.52), with interest thereon at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from the 8th day of June, 1907, and the further sum of seventy five dollars (\$75.00) attorneys fees and one hundred and five and ten one-hundredths dollars (\$105.10) costs and disbursements.

Therefore, in compliance with said execution and order of sale, I will, on Saturday, the 21st day of September, 1907, at the hour of 9 o'clock a. m., at the Court House door, in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand for the purpose of satisfying the judgment and decree above mentioned, the following described property, to-wit: One seventh interest in and to the northeast quarter (1/4) of section twenty-one (21) township one (1) north of range seventeen (17) east of the Willamette meridian, in Sherman County, Oregon. Dated this 14th day of August, 1907. W. B. McCoy, Sheriff Sherman County, Oregon, Stark & Pepper Att'y's for plaintiff, The Dalles, Oregon.

SOCIETY DIRECTORY.



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