

It is a generally admitted fact that any project that smacks of novelty, no matter how unpractical or chimerical, will find plenty of active and ardent supporters. If it is a financial scheme of the absurd kind, simple, incredulous investors vie with each other in their frantic endeavors to become suddenly wealthy. If it be an industrial question, it is immediately declared to be the only road to the millennium. If it be a proposition for a new educational plan, it is hailed as the acme of national greatness. We do not remember who first suggested the idea of a national university in this country to be managed and supported by the government, but unless some better reasons for the establishment of such an institution than those that have thus far been presented, can be given, the plan must fail to materialize. The first reason given by the advocates of such a university is "that a country so populous, wealthy and great as this should be independent in its educational resources, as well as in other things of Europe, and that its young men should not be obliged to go abroad to the great schools of England and Germany, to complete their education in any branch of science." Pride in one's country is always commendable and particularly if it be a progressive one. Independence is a thrilling word. It is a reminder of the days of '76, and can always be relied upon for arousing exultant enthusiasm in the average citizen of this country, but when it comes to taxing every citizen for the higher education of a very few it behooves the people to do a little sober thinking before they shout for independence. Are the tax payers of this country ready to bear the expense which wealthy men now are under for the education of their sons in Europe? Moreover, we do not imagine that the foreign universities are so very far in advance of some in this country. John Hopkins university in Baltimore was founded on the same plan as those of Germany and probably affords equally good advantages. This opinion will doubtless be scouted by those who can see ability only where it is favored with the foreign accent. Again it is proposed that the instructors shall be those who have become eminent in their several departments in the already existing universities. They are not to sever their connection with their respective schools, but simply "detached" to duty there for a portion of the school year. We cannot understand how such a professor can give better instruction in one place than in another, if he gives his best as he is commonly supposed to do. The location of this institution is to be in Washington, because the supreme court sits there, and there congress assembles. In addition to these, the national museum, the patent office, the government laboratories, the national and congressional libraries are declared to afford unusual advantages for students. We presume that the decisions of the United States supreme court are in all the law schools of this country or can be secured, so we can hardly see any advantage to the student in being able to gaze upon the official robes of this august body. Just what advantages they are expected to gain by being quartered in the same city as the national congress, it is hard to see. If it be eloquence and logic they seek, they may as well attend the sessions of a high school lyceum. We were not aware that there was any patent office connected with the university at Heidelberg or Leipzig, and as to the laboratories and libraries, we venture to say that they do not much excel those of Harvard, Columbia, and Cornell. Aside from these objections there is always the danger that such an institution may become a part of the political "machine," in which case its usefulness would be destroyed. Now if the government is to assist in the education of its citizens, let it reach out a helping hand to those who are struggling in the lower walks of life, and leave the higher education to the numerous efficient institutions already established.

Crazy old Lish Applegate is to be appointed an Indian agent. But, crazy as he is, he is sane enough to serve under an administration which believes in taxing the people into prosperity.—East Oregonian.

The LaGrande Journal has been sold to H Patterson and M D Scott, of Dakota. The Democrat wishes them success in their new enterprise.

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Thus it will be seen that the Tribune, while laboring under the influence of a fit of candor, unwittingly lets the cat out of the bag. While the Mountaineer, Oregonian and other organs are putting forth wearisome, laborious efforts to prove that Harrison is carrying out his and his party's pledges to obey the civil service law, the Tribune candidly admits that the removals are made because its party wants all the offices. Let all organs be thus candid and democrats will "grate" no more.

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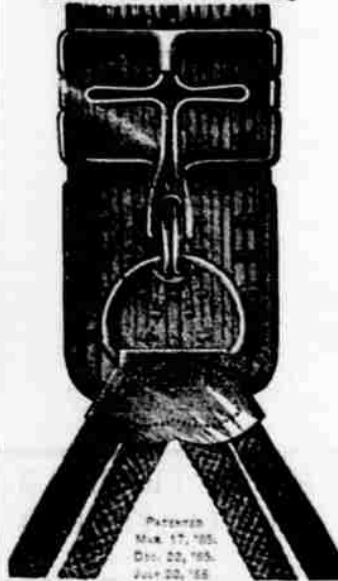
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