

**Lebanon Express.**

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**COUNTY DIVISION.**

Every two years, the old threadbare idea of dividing the county bobs up serenely. This year it comes from two different quarters, our neighbor on the southwest—Brownsville—and our neighbor on the northeast—Scio—each believing that the world should revolve with their respective corporations as the center, are straining every nerve to have the county divided, but they can not agree on the lines of division. Neither proposed division can furnish enough taxes to run even a little county and each would be sorry we did it, in twelve months. With courthouse to build and furnish and a suitable site to buy, with officers to pay and taxes to raise, what would become of our secession friends. They would be like the unfortunate soul who was dissatisfied with the accommodations of the lower regions, and who with a little piece of real estate and a lot of brimstone, went out and made a hell of his own. These divisionists are dissatisfied with the accommodations offered by old Linn, so they are going to set up a county of their own. When one man kicks now about his taxes, ten will have a righteous kick when his land is doubly taxed to pay for the glory of Scio or Brownsville. Some of them think it a hardship to have to go so far as Albany to attend court, but that they could easily tramp to Scio or Brownsville. They forget that there is a railroad running very near these places, and when once at either place they can then take the train for Albany at little cost. The trouble all comes in getting to Scio or Brownsville. But possibly the new counties will build railroads and run excursion trains into the backwoods to bring witnesses, jurors and litigants to court. Some again kick at the hotel expenses at Albany. Do these new counties propose to furnish meals and lodgings free to attendants upon court?

It is claimed that there is very little litigation in the new Brownsville county. If that be true, the fees collected will not begin to pay the salaries of the officers. And in case the officers are to be paid by fees, the income from fees being so small, competent officers cannot be induced to serve for so little pay.

Brownsville claims that they would have very few creeks and rivers to bridge. This may be true, but she will not have enough money to bridge those she will have.

Brownsville claims that enterprising citizens will furnish the money to erect buildings etc. This is merely a supposition. There is not enough idle money in and about Brownsville to build even a second class court-house and equip it.

Our esteemed Brownsville neighbor, after juggling with facts and figures, grows eloquent on the future of the new county. He thinks our financial and social conditions would receive an impetus. We had always believed Brownsville social condition was excellent and are sorry to hear that a new court house there would be necessary to give it an impetus what ever that means.

He thinks unproductive labor, that is now wasted in going to court could be saved. Possibly it could, but can Brownsville furnish this labor any better way than ten cents a mile each way and \$2 per diem? The result would be to increase the number of unemployed men, if any result should follow.

He thinks that land would increase in value, likewise farming products, by attracting immigration to the new county. We did not know that making a new county with Brownsville for the center, would raise the price of

**Chicago and of cattle at St. Louis.**

Emigrants are not likely to flock in numbers to the new county—if indeed they would ever hear of it—when the taxable property therein contained is not sufficient to support the county.

The beautiful dream of a new county with Brownsville as the center, may be attractive to Brownsville's merchants, hotels and newspapers, but the poor farmers who would have to pay the piper while these men danced, would think it a night-mare instead. No, we don't want any division, we can't afford it, Linn county is good enough for us.

**SCIO COUNTY DIVISION.**

Petitions are being circulated, asking the legislature to create a new county out of Linn with the Santiam as the line. This is another revival of an old fad, and is instigated rather by personal interests than by a desire for the general welfare of the people.

We have not yet heard the arguments presented and we can conceive of no sound reason for this division. On the contrary, every motive of economy is against the idea; though strange to say, economy is probably the argument used.

Linn county is one of the most prosperous and economically governed counties in the state. There is no destitution or want here. Times are hard but our citizens are not over-burdened by taxes, while other counties are suffering from over taxation. This cannot be denied. Then why should our people, prospering thus, seek a change that would inevitably involve them with oppressive burdens? Our county is large, but we have to pay only one sheriff, one clerk, treasurer and recorder and the fees earned to the county go a long way toward paying their salaries. If we divide into three counties, we will have three each of these officers to pay and they can only be paid by taxes wrung from our citizens, for no one will claim that the fees collected would pay any considerable portion of these expenses. New court houses will have to be built and equipped. New records will have to be made at the cost of many thousands of dollars. Unlimited confusion will occur in titles. Officers will have to be paid and their pay can be but little less than the pay of the present incumbents. The territory that now supports one set of officers, will then have to support three sets of officers and three court houses, thus making each of the three proposed counties bear alone the burdens now born by all together. Is there any economy in this? You divide your resources and increase your liabilities. The inevitable result will be bankruptcy. These reasons apply with peculiar force to our neighbors across the Santiam. In addition to all the expenses incident upon a division, our Scio friends will have taken upon themselves burdens that they have never dreamed of. It is a fact that at least one half the bridges, drains and bad roads of the counties will be in the Scio county. If division is made, the taxpayers of that section will have to keep up these roads and bridges without the assistance of the people on this side. Any tax-paying farmer who thinks of this fact will never favor division, for he would thus double his taxes. There are more farmers in that section than business men and the farmers should not let themselves be made a ost-paw to pull chestnuts out of the fire for a few interested persons. Scio might reap a temporary blessing, but the costs would fall upon the country people. Scio merchants, hotels, livery stables, bar-rooms and real estate owners would get a temporary boom, but alas! the poor farmers would have the bill

SECRETARY MORTON of the agricultural department at Washington believes that the free distribution of seeds by the government should be stopped, but as the custom is to continue during the coming season he thinks that such seeds as are sent out gratis should be given to those farmers in the Western states who have recently suffered from drought. This may not be a pleasing arrangement to the Eastern congressmen who have been able to maintain a cheap popularity among the agriculturists of their home districts by a judicious distribution of seed packages in the past, but it will certainly commend itself to the general public.—Ex.

The astounding decree lately issued by the Italian Government suppressing by a stroke of the pen all labor associations, benefit societies and even co-operative societies that are deemed to Socialistic ideas is merely part and parcel of the policy of reaction which Anarchist outrages of last winter and spring have had the effect of bringing into force in nearly every country in Europe. By a strange anomaly, it is in Russia alone that one perceives the dawn of a more enlightened and progressive era, the new Czar being apparently imbued with liberal intentions and views.

The two new counties to be sliced off old Linn are named respectively, the Santiam, with the forks of the Santiam, where the democratic majorities were so great that they could only be estimated, but where now only the wail of the Podulist is heard in the land, and Tumalum, with Brownsville for a center and with the line running within six miles of Lebanon. Will the people stand it? We say no.

This is a time when every chronic grumbler comes to the surface and makes himself obnoxious to others. It makes no difference what may be proposed in the line of common sense, some chronic is ready to make a howl about it.

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