

Lebanon Express.

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HON. G. W. McBRIDE.

At the very last moment of the session, the legislature elected Hon. George W. McBride the successor to Mr. Dolph in the United States senate. Personally Mr. McBride is untarnished by any scandal and in this respect is full worthy his high distinction. Politically, he is a republican and a protectionist and stands on the platform of his party enacted in '94. If he is for free silver, no one has ever heard of it. He is understood to be in favor of limiting the coinage so as not to interfere with the parity between gold and silver. That ought to be good enough for any man, for, on this basis, republicans, democrats and populists can claim the new senator as their own. He is very cautious and has not yet so expressed his views as to enable a voter to really place him. When this is done, we believe he will be found opposed to the extreme free silver sentiment of his party, and that he will lean very decidedly to the views of Mr. Dolph. There was a very pronounced opinion that Dolph is a machine politician. If repeated election to office by the republicans makes their candidate a machine politician, then the new senator is even worse than Dolph, for he has been in office longer and oftener than has Dolph. The people do not know the true inwardness of Mr. McBride's election and they will not know until some one "talks out in meeting."

It matters not what the new senator's views are, and why he was chosen. The Republican party will have to answer for the useless and costly delay in making their choice. They have so manipulated things, in view of this contest, that the most shameful extravagances have been committed. The objectionable and useless commissions have been retained, when their destruction was solemnly promised. The expenses of the Governor's office were largely increased, when these same solons talked themselves hoarse in denouncing Gov. Pennoyer for drawing all the money allowed by law. They have given costly positions to numerous clerks—many of which positions were merely sinecures. Other useless wastes of money too numerous to note were permitted. No Republican paper can conscientiously defend this last legislature. Its sins of omission and of commission are too glaring and too frequent.

Two years more of the burdens that Oregon's people voted to rid themselves of last June. Not one of the useless commissions has been abolished and not a single one of the economical suggestions conveyed by Governor Lord's inaugural message has been adopted. Every measure of relief demanded by the people was ignored in the faction fight that prevented the election of a senator until the last moment. It is a record of which the republican majority can be heartily ashamed.—Telegram.

CHAIRMAN WILSON of the Ways and Means Committee has unanimously reported in favor of a bill providing for the organization of an International Commission to investigate the hunting of seal herds in the north Pacific and Behring Sea, and authorizing the President to arrange a modus vivendi with Great Britain, Japan and Russia pending the report of the Commission.

A CONVERSATION between two rough-looking men, which was overheard near George Gould's country home at Lakewood, has caused a bodyguard to be sent out daily with Gould's little son and daughter, abduction for ransom being feared.

A NOVEL scheme for expelling the Chinese was started in Washington State when Senator Campbell introduced a bill in the State Senate making it unlawful for any male person to wear a queue, and fixing a penalty of \$500 for each offense.

A. B. HUNT, Chief of Fire Department at Seattle, has mysteriously disappeared and no trace of him can be found. He left for Tacoma on Friday last, at least was presumed to have done so, but there is no evidence as to where he went.

LICENSE FROM PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

EDITOR OF THE EXPRESS:—Will you kindly grant me the space in your valuable columns to speak briefly concerning the matter of our city council charging the Public Schools a license for any entertainment their ability to enable them to render as a school. I wish to speak as a citizen, whose interest and only desire, is the permanent welfare, progress, and intellectual and moral development of our city and its schools. Virtually this city has been my home these last six years, and it is with regret that I feel these times demand our notice of such a question as this. You will please understand me, that I do not speak from the stand-point of the Principals of our schools, which position as a servant of the people I have the honor to occupy; but plainly as a citizen whose interests are the interests of us all.

Education is the basis, the pride, the safety of our American Republic. The "Common School" said Horace Mann, is the Republican line of fortifications," and his words have been sounded, echoed and received, from coast to coast, from the Gulf to the British Dominion, until they have become a proverb. In every city, village, and country place, the public school is open and free to all the youth of our land. There they receive the fundamental principles of an education, and drink in draughts of patriotism and devotion to their country beneath the folds of her flag. A free education for a free people.

We must of course meet all the expenses incident to the management of our city; but it should be done by other means than this. The very thought, (much less the act) that the Public School shall pay a license, even on the very day it meets to honor and commemorate the Anniversary of the beloved and immortal Father of our country is a shame and a disgrace. This is not the way to foster education. The entertainments of the Public Schools should be always and forever free from tax of every nature. Let us collect our license from our balls, and the enterprises gotten up for the sole purpose of bringing money profit to their management, but never, never from the efforts of our children, whose achievements and successes are theirs and their country's safety, and our pride.

If our city ordinance contains a single clause which requires the collection of a license from any of our home educational talent it should be at once repealed. Our schools need every advantage and encouragement they can get; from seven to eight months in the year is all the school we have been able to have, and unless this is given under the strongest encouragement, from all directions, how can we expect our children to compare in life's race, when in a few years they stand shoulder to shoulder in the world with the youth receiving from nine to ten months training each year?

If there be any one who would seek a sheltering cloak by saying, that the school should not have charged an admission of 10c., as it did; (which statement I have heard made) let him consider how the expenses of an entertainment are to be met. Besides I will say that all the moneys received above the expenses went into the school library fund, to thus become a permanent profit to the school.

Who remembers a time, or place before, when the exercises of a Public School of this land have paid one cent of license or of tribute? The schools of our city have given entertainments of similar nature before, and under the very same city ordinance we now have. Is our city ordinance to be subject to innumerable constructions? It should not be so. If this is the condition of things, let us have our ordinance changed, encourage the education of our children and our schools, and let their not be another generation grow up to remember the day when Lebanon charged the Public School a license to commemorate the anniversary of Washington.

Very truly,
G. H. WILKES.

It Passed.

The bill to tax all foreign fire, marine and life insurance companies 2 per cent on their gross premiums, introduced in the house by Hoyer of Marion, passed the senate this morning and will become a law. It is the only revenue bill of this session and will increase the income from this source from \$30,000 to \$40,000 a year. Senator Peterson deserves great credit for calling it up out of its regular order and securing it passage and final enactment into law.—Journal. This simply means that the people will have to pay the tax.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder World's Fair Highest Award.

W. R. C.

The Washington entertainment given at Mrs. Miller's hall by the Ladies Relief Corps, February 23, afforded a most enjoyable entertainment to a large and appreciative audience. At an early hour the hall was filled to its full seating capacity, and the entertainment commenced by refreshing music by the Orchestra.

The Hon. C. B. Montague then drew the curtain aside, with the modest apology, that "the conveniences of our stage are hardly the equal of those of the Opera House at Paris." His telling remarks, in a three minute speech in commemoration of the birth of Washington, and the Independence of the Republic, soon stirred every patriotic spirit until the little hall, if only decked, with the stars and stripes bore a symbol more precious than all the gold and gilt of France, herself could give.

The drill, America, by sixteen girls was most becoming and admirably executed. The "rally 'round the flag" brought back the thought "Long may she wave O'er the land of the Free, and the home of the Brave," which was followed by a choice selection of music by the orchestra.

The recitation by Miss Blanch Warner was rendered with unusual grace and eloquence, and followed by a beautiful vocal solo by Miss Ilda Elkins.

Here the audience was suddenly surprised by the startling report that, "George Washington and Party," in costume would honor the occasion by making a short call. In old continental attire they shortly came forward. Everybody seemed to almost recognize the "Father of his country" on sight. The entire party in costume and manner, suggested early times.

The familiar "Star Spangled Banner" was then sung by Miss Ilda Elkins, with a clearness and purity of voice well matched to the words.

The recitation, Our Flag, "by Drak" given by Hon. C. B. Montague, was given with the full meaning and emphasis due that glowing tribute.

The ninth of the evening was brought to its height and overflowing by the "Little Alabama Coon." The squalls of the "infant in distress" were fearful, and virtually the audience felt it had lived ten minutes in the South. It was well rendered.

The closing exercise was a Good Night drill, by the little girls. Their quaint, innocent, appearance, with their white attire, dolls, and muddles, made the closing scene a charming feature.

The announcement of a choice lunch for fifteen cents to be served at the seats was then hailed with welcome looks and feelings. It was announced that the lunch would be passed around and those partaking of it would pay their fifteen cents this way in lieu of of the fifteen cents admission fee which was to have been charged at the door, but was remitted because the city council proposed to exact a license, if the "Corps" should charge any admission fee.

This way of doing seems to us a little peculiar as we understand that the council at first promised they would exact no license fee, but on the day of the entertainment seem to have changed their minds.

The sandwiches made all to feel that they had enjoyed a pleasant evening in every respect and all went home happy. Q. Y.

Sodaville Items.

Rev. C. I. Brown's little girl has been quite sick for a few days.

The Cumberland Presbyterians are talking about building a church here this summer.

Rev. M. M. Bashor has gone below on a tour, to be gone two weeks.

N. P. Payne ex-county clerk who has been drinking the mineral water and also bathing is much improved.

There are preparations being made to start a new hack line, to carry passengers back and forth from Sodaville to Lebanon. An enterprise much needed.

It is reported that the school at the Seminary will close next Friday evening. It has been a very successful school.

Hiram Smith, the army man died before the arrival of his brother from the East. He was buried on his place. The funeral was largely attended.

The smart men of Sodaville are making great preparing for the annual school meeting. They expect to hood-wink the people near by in the county and elect some of their cubs for school directors. Be ware.

Eugene Elm, who formerly lived a few miles below Lebanon but at present with his family in this place, is quite sick. His prospect for recovery is some what doubtful, but as the weather becomes more pleasant his condition may change for the better. REX.

The Suckers.

Feb. 25, '96.
MR. EDITOR.—With your permission, allow me to congratulate "Amorite" on his success in spouting. He caught a good healthy sucker on the Brown end of the spear line. Yours,
Hoggy Perry.

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- Potatoes—30c.
- Apples—Dried, 6c per lb
- Plums—Dried, 6c.
- Onions—2c.
- Beef—Dressed, 3c.
- Veal—4@6c.
- Pork—Dressed, 4.
- Lard—10.
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- Shoulders—8c.
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Dated this 22nd day of January, 1896. Phil Ritter, Administrator. W. M. Brown, Attorney for Administrator.

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