

THE GAZETTE-TIMES

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The Gazette-Times is 39 years old today, counting from the time the Gazette was established, March 30, 1883. The first editor of the paper was J. A. Stine, who moved the plant in and set it up, and the writer has often heard Nels Magnusson remark about bringing it here from the railroad and helping to get things ready for putting out the first issue.

John W. Redington, and after five years of a romantic and precarious existence under his direction, it was sold to Rev. Henry Rasmus, but before the end of a year Rasmus sold out to Otis Patterson. From him the editorship passed to Corleis Merritt, then back to Redington again, the latter disposing of the paper to Warnock and Michell; Warnock later bought the interests of Michell and ran the paper for several years, when he sold it to Vawter Crawford. This was in December, 1910. The Gazette had some competition at various times during its early career.

The first of these, for a short season was maintained and edited by Homer H. Hallock, when Redington was in his prime as a newspaper man in Heppner. The Times was short lived, and the next rival in the field was the Record, which divided honors with the Gazette for a few years and had various editors; this was during the time that Patterson was guiding the destinies of this paper, but when the Cleveland tames struck the country the Record passed over to the plant being moved to Pilot Rock.

The Heppner Times came into being in November, 1897, under the guidance of E. M. Shutt, the first issue appearing on November 18. Mr. Shutt continued at the helm of the Times for a number of years, or until he was elected sheriff in 1902. He sold the paper to A. J. Hicks, who ran it for about ten years, when it was purchased back by Mr. Shutt and by him later sold to Vawter Crawford and the Gazette-Times was the result. The consolidation was made in February, 1912, and the two papers have been under the same management since that time.

There have been many changes in the mechanical department of the paper within the last few years, and little is left to remind one of either of the former plants. The paper has been keeping pace with the city, and we are not boasting when we state that few country papers in the state are better equipped for their work than is the Gazette-Times.

During the years that the present management has been getting out the paper, we have had many discouragements; these have been overcome very largely and there is no complaint to make. The city and county have treated us well; given us all that we deserve, no doubt, and what is better, they are continuing the good treatment. The future holds out better things for the people of this town and county, and as these arrive we shall take on our share.

Periodically religious and racial prejudices are bitterly injected into a political campaign; in fact, they are never entirely absent, but every so often they become acute. The reason is not far to seek, but when a wave of hostility against any denomination or race group sweeps over the land, it creates a worse condition than it desires to cure. For the appeal which is made is to passion and prejudice, and when these are aroused religion is dethroned and riot results.—Estacada News.

Dodd Against County Division

Naturally the question of making a new county out of a portion of the north end of Morrow county and the west side of Umatilla county, will enter into the election this year. This will be especially true with regard to the legislative ticket. People over this way are much interested in this, and will not give their support readily to anyone who favors county division at this time.

E. P. Dodd, of Hermiston, who has concluded to stay in the race for joint representative from Morrow and Umatilla counties, and who resides within the territory proposed to be cut off for the new county, is out with the statement that he does not favor county division at all; is dead against the proposition, and wishes to have this thoroughly understood. This is the word he gives this paper, also. We presume that the other candidates, E. M. Hulden and J. P. Conder, are also against county division, though no public statement has been received from them.

There would seem to be little sentiment in favor of carving up the two old counties at this time among those

who reside within the territory, and the fact that the demand comes from the town of Umatilla would seem to indicate that the scheme is largely local on their part. However, it is well to know how our prospective legislators stand on this question. We do not want to support some one for this place who may throw us down when the division question comes up. The formation of a new county would only mean added taxation for a number of years to come.

It now develops that Congressman Sinnott will have opposition in the republican primaries for renomination. James H. Gwinn of Pendleton has announced himself and thrown his hat into the ring, and there is promise that he will make a warm fight for the place. Mr. Sinnott has announced that he will run again, so we can look for a little excitement over this nomination, at least.

Slats' Diary

By ROSS FARQUHAR

Friday—pa is all ways getting in bad with sum I and he is making ma get gray hedded for she is all ways worrying for fear he is going to make a bad brake whether he does or not. This evening pa and ma including me was out taking a walk and then we dropped in to see Mr and Mrs Benson and they shuk hands and sed how delited they was to see us. And then pa smiled and sed Well we was out seeing the sights so we thot we wood drop in and see you fokes for a little wile.

Saturday—This afternoon ma cum a running in the front door and told me to call the Marshal and tell him that they was two men having a fire out in front of are house. I run to the fone and called central but before the operator dissided to operate I man was licked and the other I was gone.

Sunday—This was Mishunary day at Sunday skool and they ast us kids to put all we cud in to help clothe the poor Rusion children. Blisters puts in a Button witch he sed he new cud be put to a good use as he cud make glue without a plenty of Buttons.

Monday—Had a cold and after skool was out ma sent me to the drug Store to buy some Caster oil. But you cant never tell wether it will do any good so I bot sum lickerish insted. Witch wassent all I got when I cum home. that is the reason I am in my room so early.

Tuesday—Pa brot home a noose-paper man tonite for supper and pa and he was discussing difrent things and etc and he ast pa if he thot it was Possible for a man to love 2 women at the same time and pa replied and sed Not if they new it.

Wednesday—Went to a dinner party tonite and they had a lot of spoons and forks and knives layed out along side of your plate and I gess I figgered rong or else sum body used sum of mine because I run out of tols before they handed out the desert to us. Witch was very embarassing to say the lease.

Thursday—I rote Jane a pome. I sed—The rose is red. The Shamrock's green. Yure the prittiest girl. I ever seen. She grinned and rote back to me—The stuff you rite on paper. Is the wirst I ever herd. And I woodent be surprized to hear. You got caught by a early bird.

Colon R. Eberhard of La Grande made an excellent record during his first term in the senate, just completed. He did not talk on every question that came up, but was one of the senate's most effective debaters when he did speak, as he always fortified himself with facts and made a strong case. Also, he had the courage to take a side that temporarily was unpopular, relying on ultimate vindication in the cooler judgment of an informed public opinion. Eberhard was not taken very seriously when he first entered the senate, in spite of the fact that he had negotiated a place for himself on the Ways and Means committee, quite an achievement for a maiden legislator, but it was not long before his abilities were recognized on the floor and in committee. He is one of the leading lawyers of Eastern Oregon and has been connected with much important legislation. He formerly served Union county as district attorney and made a fine record there, figuring in a number of celebrated cases. This experience undoubtedly has figured in making Eberhard the factor he has proven to be in the senate. On appropriations, as well as in other matters, Senator Eberhard has worked along lines of consistent principle, and has proved to be an intelligent and discriminating voter in Ways and Means committee. Eberhard's district embraces three counties, Union, Umatilla and Morrow. The Umatilla county people are aggressive politically and have a candidate of their own this year, who will give Eberhard a hard run. From the viewpoint of the state at large, however, the defeat of Eberhard would prove a distinct loss, as his abilities have counted for a good deal in the senate.—Oregon Voter.

On County Division

The proposal of the Umatilla commercial club to divide Umatilla and Morrow counties and create a new county in which there will be no "conflicting" interests is not likely to meet with much encouragement. "Such a move under present conditions would be absurd," is the opinion of the East Oregonian and we are inclined to this view. The Pendleton paper sets out its understanding of the county division law, passed in 1913, which requires that 65 per cent of the voters in the proposed new county must vote for the measure and at least 35 per cent of the voters in the old portions of the county or counties affected. The legislature, of course, has the privilege of repealing or amending this law, so the next legislature might see fit to repeal the law and create any new county or counties that it saw fit. At any rate, it will require a lot of work to create the necessary sentiment to carve out a new county from Morrow and Umatilla, and we are quite sure this sentiment does not exist at present.

We believe, also, that ultimately a division of this sort will be made, but there are more important matters that should engage the attention of the residents of both Morrow and Umatilla counties, and which the people of the irrigated districts are vitally interested in. This is pretty well expressed in the following contribution to the Boardman Mirror, appearing in the last issue, and if we were to guess its authorship would say that Sam Boardman is the guilty party, and here is his presentation of the case:

A news item tells of a division of Umatilla and Morrow counties to make a new county comprising the territory from Echo to Boardman. This is the second proposal that we have received in the past two months. Arlington submitted a similar suggestion, cleaving the front stoop from the back porch of Gilliam county, Morrow county likewise. What is there about us that produces the appearance of "hicks"? Just why do these off-side county mavericks submit to us plans of a separate greatness? When the proper time comes, the bell cow will call in these two long horns and a county will be born radiating from Boardman, which in time will become a state. We view these present proposals with suspicion. The form of a "lemon sour" in the form of a delinquent tax list which runs in the eighties. Just why should we mingle our purity with this European "skin sealer." The farming brother to the west now has its dirk aimed at our heart in deliberately pilfering the O. W. high way away from Willow creek to Arlington. And they would call us county brothers. If it ever comes to pass, we plan to wear shirts that spike to the body. These outbursts for new counties come from the smallest of men. You

Arlington, come to us to form a new county because Condon, your county seat is giving you the razz. At this very time you are doing a Siamese with Condon to pull a road away from the very people with whom you have asked to break bread. And Umatilla would gather a dynasty to her county, because a short-sighted county seat persists in fighting a cut-off. In the above you have the answer why Oregon is the "runt" of the west. In your childish way, you individually try to lick the pink from your candy stick. You would create a new county by adding new taxes to your tax wadded body. In your "deep" anger you fail to see that it

will take the concerted effort of all to put over the Umatilla Rapids. You prefer a new county with all its ills in preference to an Electric Empire. Your deep chested democracy may have an egotism of a self constructed powderdam but the haze from your round house blocks the view at your city limits. Umatilla, let Pendleton nurse the county grief. Pendleton, quit trying to whittle the frozen parsnip of a cut-off. Arlington, let the O. W. follow nature's trail of less resistance instead of trying to pull it over mountains for the sake of pelf. Until you do these things, Oregon will remain the hermitage of a dolt ridden race.



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