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## THE OREGONIAN GROWING LITTLE.

H Oswald wearch withg and carefully the record of the Oregonian and its feeble echoes are striving to make a campaign scandal out of the fact that Mr. West col lected mileage money to which he was entitled from th government, paid himas a witness, and turned over his sal ary, because he considered it belonged

The action was employe.
But his puitanial. Mr. West could have kept the him to, and now these assembly organs are censuring him because he was conscientious enough to return it to his employer. A candidate with these commendable stric ideals is a rarity in politics, and no wonder ise pie-coure
politicians cannot understand it. If this is graft, give more of it.
This campaign is demonstrating how little a big pape like the Oregonian can become, how meanly it can disto
and color trifles, how unfair and contemptible it gro in its selfish effort to foist its own assembly candidate and system upon the people.
The Oregonian has all the meanness, spite and unfairness it ever had, but it is litt
the master pen is missing.

## "ALL THE TRAFFIC WILL BEAR

I. WAS a pathetic plea that Attorney W. D. Fenton made tion ceremonies old Southern Pacific at the depot dedicaroad is still some six or eight millions "in the red." Yet the outlook is not altogether black; this aurora borealis
of hope exists-if railroad rates are let alone, ent prosperous conditions continue, and the development of the state proceeds, in some eight or ten years this ancient deficit will be wiped out. So eloquent was the speaker that one almost felt called upon to pass the hat to keep Of course, reords show that the Southem Pacific charges the highest tariffs and pays the biggest dividends all water, is worth, in the present depreciated market, only 120. Its entire line has been rebuilt and modernized out of the earnings, leaving in addition enough for fat divi-
dends. It holds, bottled up, millions of acres of land, including vast forests, valuable mining prospects, fertile valleys, farms and fruit land, which it refuses to sell or develop on any terms, despite the agreement under which the grant was received from the government for development and colonization purposes. The sale of these lands would more than take the railroad out of the red, but they are "for future generations," as the late Mr. Harriman once said, and if the debt was wiped out there would be no excuse for exorbitant tariffs.
Medford appreciates her new depot very much, and is glad that the Southern Pacific made a virtue out of a necessity and built it. All too frequently public service corporations show so little consideration for their patrons,
pack them in old cars like sardines and let them stand pack them in old cars like sardines and let them stand
for hours in mere sheds, called by custom, depots for hours in mere sheds, called by custom, depots. So
when a railroad supplies a long felt want, even though it when a railroad supplies a long fett want, even though il
is for its own interest, the occasion calls for a public celis for its
ebration.
It is hard to criticise the Southern Pacific. The officials are all so obliging and courteous. Surely no railroad
ever had a finer set of officials than the Southern Pacific ever had a finer set of officials than the Southern Pacific to accommodate. Yet their authority is limited. They only govern the surface. Masters of Wall street are the
real rulers, and Wall street only thinks of dividends, only of increased profits to push the sale of inflated securities. Wall street has ever followed the late Collis P. Hunt ington's policy of charging "all the traffic will bear," only when forced to, of contesting in courts every reduc-
tion ordered no matter how just and reasonable. Hen tion ordered, no matter how just and reasonable. Hence
we have the Southern Pacific, boasting of its friendship for southern Oregon, demonstrating this friendship by en-
joining in the federal courts the order of the state railroad joining in the federal courts the order of the state railroad
commission written by Orsald West, ordering a very rea sonable reduction and more equitable schedule of freight
rates in southern Oregon, the principal thing needed to rates in southern Oregon, the principal thing needed to
develop this section. Thelop this section.
There is no justion
There is no justice in forcing the people of southern Oregon to pay higher rates than the people of eastern
Oregon pay, than the people of Washington or other sec Oregon pay, than the people of Washington or other see
tions pay for the same service. Yet that is what we have tions pay for the same service. Yet that is what we have
had to pay, and what the railroad is trving to force us to continue to pay. The excess profits in Medford alone hav paid for many a depot.

At best the Southern Pacific can but delay the encalities, the railroade revision ordered. Through techniand continue its extortionate prices, but not for long. The legal phases of the matter were determined by the suit over the reductions ordered on the $\mathbf{O}$. R. \& N. by the state with the result that the railroad commission was fully sustained and the reduced tariffs placed in effect. It will be the same with the reductions ordered on the Southern Pa -
cific. cific. Southern Pacific attorneys claim that the cut in rates
proposed wilh cause them a loss of $\$ 300,000$ a year. They proposed will cause them a loss of $\$ 300,000$ a year. They
declare that the Southern Pacific is not making any money deciare that the southery They assert that the enforcement of the reduced tariffs will be equivalent to confiscation, and question the validity of the act creating the railroad commission.

All of which is clap-trap, for no city in the land is paying higher rates than Medford-rates that are inequitable The railroad is entitled to a square deal-but so are the people; and the people of southern Oregon are not get-
ting it under the present freight rates.
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airman of meeting
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3-Overture, "Auld Lang Syne".......... Muet
Louis N. Ritzan and James Garrod.
5-Fantasia, "Hungarian", .........
Muller
'. Davis
Tobani
Luders
Morning of battle-Infantry approaching - Cavalry in the distance coming nearer and nearer-Charge upon the enemy-Defeat of the enemy-Cavalry pursuing in the distance.
Comic
8-Popular medley, "Sunnbonnot................. Wiegand Finale, "Dill Pickles" Rag

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