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We originate—others imitate.

All the unsold ceded lands of the Grande Ronde Indian reservation is now offered for sale at not less than 1.25 per acre, and at as much more as purchaser may feel like bidding. The sale is by sealed bids and must be accompanied by a cash deposit with bid. Forms for bids and description of unsold tracts may be obtained from the Portland U. S. Land Office.

The Rainier Bank will commence to arrange the interior of their institution for occupancy just as soon as they can find a suitable building for the purpose, this Mr. Evers says is very hard to find as there are so many things to be considered. Some public spirited citizen would do well to make arrangements for the erection of a building for this purpose and rent same to the bank people with the privilege or purchasing whenever they so desire. By doing this it will show a marked improvement in the business outlook and be an inducement and prestige for others to look toward locating at Rainier. A town is looked upon from a business standpoint, from the business it does, and Rainier from its favorable location and distance from Portland and Astoria has a wonderful bright future. Let this fact be made known and Rainier will have many new settlers.

The electric light ordinance of Rainier should be vetoed by the president. It is the worst ever. The time, thirty years is too long. The town is not protected as it should be. The wording of the ordinance has been done by a very clever lawyer, and is so cunning that while it appears to be fair it leaves out all those express conditions that would protect the rights of the people. The ordinance should be made not exclusive, and should provide that when the town has reached a certain size, or after a certain period, say five years, or when the plant begins to pay a certain per cent. on the investment, then the company as a payment for their franchise, shall furnish a certain number of street lights free. Then again the setting of poles is not guarded as it should be, and a price or method by which the town, if it desires, could purchase the plant, should also be provided. If this company can make it pay, why cannot the town with equal care do the same? Some time in the near future the town will have to put in water, and the same plant could, perhaps be made to furnish lights. This is the wrong time to give away franchises. Cities and towns all over the United States are trying their best to find some way to recover valuable franchises that have in the past been given recklessly away. With reports of these efforts staring us in the face from the page of every newspaper, is it not something terrible that the town council should now give away the birthright of our people to strangers who have no interest in the town at all.

RAINIER SALOON QUESTION.

BY A RAINIERITE.

Further details of the midnight (or thereabouts) meeting of our town council a week ago last Monday continue to crop out. We are told that our Marshal was requested to resign, which he refused to do, and when we think of the appointment that the council would probably have made, had the resignation been handed in and accepted, it

"Makes us rather bear the ills we have,
Than to fly to others that we know not of."

The saloons were all open again last Sunday in violation of the laws of the State of Oregon, and this was probably true of every saloon in the county. This is known to every one, (man, woman and child) except to the officers whose duty it is to see that the laws regulating the sale of liquors are enforced. If saloons sold goods that benefited the buyer or his family, there would be some excuse for their running on Sunday. But just the contrary is true, the more a man buys in a saloon the less he has, the less his family has, and the less capable he is of doing his next day's work. Numbers of men here and elsewhere in the county work like slaves for weeks and months and take a lay-off to come in and pass their hard earned money over the bar to some loud mouthed saloon keeper. Such men do not work for themselves and their families, but

for the saloon keeper and his family; and the consequence is that the saloonkeeper can wear a plug hat, standup collar, dress in tailor made broadcloth, have a starched shirt with diamond studs, his family lives on the best, have the finest furniture, dress in silk, and live in the best houses; while the poor devil who provides the money for all these luxuries is lucky if he has a pair of good overalls, and credit enough at the store to get a week's provisions, and his wife buys her own cloths by doing drudgery that should never be thrown on her shoulders, or goes without. NO INSTITUTION IN THE WORLD HAS SO LITTLE EXCUSE FOR AN EXISTENCE AS THE SALOON. NO SALOON IS GOOD, ALL ARE BAD, AND THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IN SALOONS IS, THAT SOME ARE WORSE THAN OTHERS. NO MAN REALLY GOOD AT HEART CAN FOLLOW SUCH A NEFARIOUS BUSINESS LONG.

THE BOOK OF MORMON.

Editor Columbia Register:

There was a young man of good appearance called at my house recently and handed me what is called an "Epitome of the Doctrine of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints." To this pamphlet I would like to submit a few thoughts or a little criticism through your valuable paper; for I for one cannot accept their claims to sainthood, or infallibility.

We read on the 8th page of this tract that the Book of Mormon does not take the place of the Bible, but is auxiliary to it and corroborates and supports it, to this assumption to this claim I make a most emphatic denial, instead of supporting the Bible and corroborating it—it supplants the Bible and undermines it so if we accept Joseph Smith and his so-called revelations and his monstrous claims and absurdities—we have no need of the old Bible. We might as well shelve it first as last, for it will certainly come to that in the end.

Now for the proof. Look at their article of faith on page 15 of this little booklet, which is scattered like autumn leaves among the good people of Houlton, by these Mormon Elders, for proselyting, to catch the unwary and bring them into the fold of Mormonism.

The 8th article reads:—"We believe the Bible to be the word of God as far as it is correctly translated; we also believe the Book of Mormon to be the word of God." There you have it in a nutshell. The Bible is thrown in doubt, dependent upon a correct translation, while the book of Mormon has not a shadow between pure and simple according to Joseph Smith the word of God, endorsed by Chas. W. Penrose of the Council of Twelve Apostles.

I had the privilege a few years ago of reading some Mormon literature handed to me by Mormon Elders, and among the books was that of the Book of Mormon—now I will say for that book, the Mormon bible with out any hesitation on my part: it is the most monstrous absurdity that I ever did read. It should be classed with such books as the Arabian Nights or Tom Gulliver's Travels. It is no more entitled to credit than these works. On the 8th page of this little tract we are referred to two races. The first springing from a colony brought upon this land the time of the dispersion from the Tower of Babel, I read the account of that as given in the Book of Mormon. Now what I write I shall have to take from memory as I have not the book before me, but the facts are these. They were instructed by the Lord to migrate, and these colonists started on their journey and came to a great expanse of waters and then the leaders were directed to build barges and these barges were to be constructed to go on the water, or under water and row over and over first one side up then the other and the light they had was from white stone in the end of the barges. And I almost forget how they got air. But they got air in some way by holes and plugs and they got blown across the expanse of waters without helm or compass, and they peopled this continent and after they became a great multitude, they became very wicked and their transgressions could be no longer endured, and the Lord determined to destroy them from off the face of the earth, or let them destroy themselves. The result was they set themselves in battle array army against army day after day until there wasn't a soul left. To tell the truth, worse than the two Killkeney cats in their last battle, they did have their tails left, but these colonists were completely annihilated. And again according to the Book of Mormon in the days of Hezekiah king of Judeah 600 years before the Christian era there was colonists left Jerusalem and came to America so here is the origin of the red man, the American Indian. The Jews should be proud of them. So much for the Book of Mormon.

A. CROUSE.

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