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## MIDWAY WANTS THE LOCAL SYSTEM.

Mr. Gates Says His Company Will Expect to be Treated Fairly by Local People.

PORTLAND, OREGON, April 3, 1902: (To the Editor):—I note in your last issue an article advocating the construction of a central exchange system in the city of Lakeview by the Lake County Telephone Co. One of the inducements influencing myself and associates to build a line from Ashland into Lakeview was a possible exchange system there. We are undertaking to bring your people into communication with the thousands of people over this state and California now using Bell phones. We are building a good line, necessarily at heavy expense; it is through a sparsely settled region, and we must depend on our terminals for support. We have a right to expect generous treatment and cordial welcome from your people. We can arrange an exchange that will place a phone at the elbow of our patrons at home, hotel, or business house, through which they can communicate with any other user of the Bell phone there or outside. No one else has the authority to promise or do this in Lakeview territory. If any other system goes in we will be barred out. No two systems can exist there—one or the other must keep out. Your people must make the choice between a system that connects them with the outside world, and all the ramifications of the longest and greatest service in the world, or a small local affair.

As this choice may effect our construction in that county we hope to hear of some public expression at once. Peaceably we go there, but we will not fight for an opportunity to invest money where there are so many speculative chances to take.

Yours Truly,  
H. V. GATES.

### SILVER LAKE RIPPLES.

SILVER LAKE, OREGON, April 3, 1902: (To the Editor):—It is true a bad penny always returns, so here I come again with a few items, after a long absence. Spring has come and several stockmen have turned their cattle on the desert.

Mr. Wright arrived from the desert Sunday. He reports grass growing nicely.

John Myers is camping on the desert for his health, and is engaged in pumping water for Joe Porter's cattle—just to pass away the time, you know.

Misses Vada Bonham and Isabella Wright two of Silver Lake's young ladies, are teaching school this spring, the former in the Johnson district and the latter at Clover Flat. Tom wishes them all success, while Le extends sympathy to Elim and Sam.

F. M. Chrisman had the misfortune to make a "misluck" while chopping wood, the other day, and struck his right thumb with the ax blade. He says he is "taking a vacation now and somebody else can split wood."

Miss Dovie Blair is visiting at Mrs. Maud Small's.

M. L. Troth is working for T. J. Labrie.

Mr. and Mrs. Cull Hamilton intend to start for Portland in a few days. Little Ishmael and Lina will stay at Mrs. Busick's during the absence of their parents.

Dr. Smith left last Monday on a business trip to Portland.

Several of our stockmen have leased ranches on the Klamath marsh, where they expect to mow an abundance of hay this season. TOM THUMB.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LOCAL 'PHONE COMPANY

Central System For Lakeview—The Same Board of Directors and a New Secretary Elected.

At the annual meeting of the Lake County Telephone Company held at Paisley last Monday, William Harvey was re-elected President of the Company, and Chas. Umbach was elected secretary in place of Y. L. Snelling, who did not seek a second term. The same board of directors, F. M. Chrisman, George Cunn, William Harvey, W. P. Heryford and S. B. Chandler were re-elected.

The stockholders voted to allow the directors to incur an indebtedness not to exceed \$1,500 for the purpose of establishing a local system with central office in Lakeview, and to purchase phones and poles and make necessary repairs on the line. Two dozen phones were ordered for the system and others will be ordered as the business of the local system increases. The work of getting the poles out and putting in the system will begin as soon as possible.

### The Italian Company

The company of Italian gardeners who have leased fifty acres of fine land from John Reid at New Pine Creek, intend to engage in general gardening on an extensive scale. The local gardeners, it is said, are up in arms against the new enterprise inaugurated by the foreign element, as they believe their business will be seriously injured in consequence. However, the Italian company disclaim any intention of injuring the local men, and allege that their business is legitimate, and they propose to conduct it on legitimate plans. The indications are favorable for a merry war when garden truck reaches the market. The Examiner hopes that no man's business will be seriously impaired by the advent of the Italian gardeners, and that there will be room for all. A vegetable war with cut-price in pumpkins and beans and "sich" will redound to the benefit of the consumers, but it is to be hoped that the competition in this line will result in nothing disastrous and that each gardener will receive a fair price for his product—and nothing more.

### Socialists Will Meet

The local branch of a rapidly growing political organization known as the Socialist party will hold a meeting at the court house in Lakeview next Saturday at 1 p. m. for the purpose of perfecting an organization in this county. The meeting will be addressed by W. O. Moses, a gentleman who recently came from New Zealand, a country where Socialism is practiced and its results are apparent. Mr. Moses is well qualified to give an interesting discourse on the subject, and invites people of all political faiths to attend the meeting and hear what he has to say. It is understood that the organizers will place a county ticket in the field to be voted for on the second of June.

Hon. S. P. Moss is in attendance at the Democratic State Convention held at Portland today, as a delegate from Lake. He also carries with him the proxy of H. C. Fleming, the other delegate.

F. Leonard and wife of the X. L. ranch were guests at Hotel Lakeview last Thursday. Mrs. Leonard was formerly Miss Ella Hollingsworth, who lived in Lakeview.



EXPLORER BORCHGREVINK'S QUEST OF THE SOUTH POLE. U. E. Borchgrevink, the Norwegian explorer, who has penetrated more than 500 miles north of the south pole than any of his predecessors, is already preparing for another trip to that mysterious southern continent which supports no mammalian life and produces no representative of the vegetable kingdom save an unimportant lichen. Mr. Borchgrevink will probably again use his old ship, the Southern Cross.

## SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT OF OUR PUBLIC DEBT

Hot Thing For Our Democratic Friends to Use as a Campaign Document!

### IT TELLS THE TRUTH

And Puts the Mark of Falsehood on the Daly Vote-Catcher, the "Increased Debt" Bugaboo.

The Semi-Annual Statement of the county officers presented to the taxpayers of Lake County today by The Examiner is the best argument presentable to refute the statement of the political enemies of the Republican county administration who are trying to make the taxpayers believe that Lake county is gradually going deeper and deeper in debt. The report is a glaring refutation of the statement so assiduously and persistently circulated all over the county as a Dr. Daly vote-catcher. The figures do not lie. The report is sworn to by the Clerk, Sheriff and Treasurer.

It is not The Examiner's purpose to mislead the taxpayers by claiming that all the credit for the excellent financial standing of the county is due to the administration of the present County Court, but this paper would have the public know that the present sheriff, backed up and working under the orders of the County Court of Lake County in the collection of taxes, has made it possible to show this excellent condition of public affairs at this time.

It has been charged, and is still being bruited about, that the County Court, through extravagance of public funds and defective business management, has failed to reduce the public debt, but on the contrary, has continued to run the county deeper and deeper in debt during its incumbency. The facts do not bear out the statement.

When Chas. Tonningsen was elected to the County Judgeship the public debt was \$69,063.00. On the first day of April, 1902, the actual indebtedness was \$45,604.92, and today it scarcely reaches \$45,000. On April 3, three days after the report was made, Treasurer Lee Beall called in county warrants to the amount of \$15,147.53, cutting off further interest on that amount and reducing the debt to about \$45,000. The Treasurer's books show that today the indebtedness of Lake county only runs back two years and four months.

And today, also, Lake county warrants are selling at par.

In two years more, under the present conduct of public affairs, Lake county should be practically out of debt—and will be if the wealthy men of Lake county are compelled to pay their just proportions of taxes, the same as the poor man does.

There has always been a disposition on the part of the wealthier classes in this county to evade the law in paying their taxes, but Assessor John Blair is determined to use every means at his command to compel the wealthy class to give in their sworn statements in a just and equitable proportion. For this reason it is probable that Assessor Blair's re-election will be warmly contested by those who evade their just taxes.

There is also considerable comment on the increase in taxes this year, and the blame, if any is merited, is laid at the door of the County Court. It is a well known fact that the State tax has gradually increased, and the Court must make the levy to meet this increase. In some districts there are special school taxes to be paid, but this cannot be attributed to the County Court.

To sum it all up these matters coming before the people at this time is for campaign thunder to be used by the fellows who are out who want to get in. It is fallacy for any man to make the statement that if Dr. Daly is elected County Judge he will reduce the taxes. He says he will, and it is repeated by his trusted lieutenants, but the statement is absurd. It is claimed that because he has been successful in his own business he would be equally as successful in managing the county business. Managing one's own private business affairs successfully is accomplished by various methods of shrewdness and often by deceit. The shrewd man gets the better of his more credulous neighbor in business matters. In his private affairs he is not compelled to publicly acknowledge his methods of doing business. But, as a conductor of a public business everything must be open and above board—there is no cover under which to hide business methods in public affairs.

The Examiner believes that the present condition of affairs in Lake county, as shown by the semi-annual report, will prove gratifying to the taxpayers who have been misled by the "increased county indebtedness" story circulated in the interest of Dr. Daly, and against County Judge Tonningsen and Commissioner Martin.

## BRYAN DEMOCRAT WANTS PLATFORM

Says So Called Democratic Convention Failed to do its Duty and is "Up Against It!"

Lakeview, Oregon, April 5, 1902—(To the Editor):—Cleveland Democracy, Gold Bagien and Booile Resurrected in Lake county; Populists ignored and Silver Democrats surrendered. That is the condition we are brought face to face with in the local contest now on. The simple Silver men follow, without chart or compass, in the wake of the Lake County Bank.

In looking over the Rustler's account of the Democratic convention it is a most noticeable fact that that party, which always prided itself upon its principles, has failed for the first time, so far as we know, to adopt a platform or endorse the Kansas City Platform, or any other platform.

For years the cry has been in Lake county that the Populists were loyal to the Democrats in their fusions, but that Democrats had often elected themselves by "swapping off" Populists, and the result of the past elections lends color to this statement when viewed by impartial mind.

The so-called Democratic convention of Lake county, having failed to adopt a platform, or to declare for its principles as announced by the last National convention—which must be the party platform until another is put forth—has failed to nominate a Democratic ticket; and unless the candidates declare themselves SILVER MEN, and endorse the National platform they are not entitled to the support of a single Populist, or Silver man of any party.

Endorsing no platform they represent nobody, and are not entitled to have the names of their candidates placed upon the ticket. No one denies that there are two wings to the Democratic party.

The Bryan Democracy is the only organization of Democrats that has had a ticket in the field here in Lake county for years. If this party is intended to represent the so-called "Reorganizers" (Disorganizers) of the party, it has had no previous representation here and it is questionable whether the candidates recently nominated are entitled to be placed on the ticket without it is done by petition.

They have only the name of the Democratic party. If they are Democrats why do they refuse to adopt its platform. If they are Gold Standard Democrats, why not vote with the Republicans, and why bid for Populist votes? If you have no political principles why graft on to another party? Verily, verily, the more one turns the situation over and examines it the worse it will be found from now on to the day of election.

Candidates you will have to have votes to be elected. The people who will cast those votes have a right to know your political principles. Declare your political principles over your own signatures and place yourself on a candidates' footing.

A BRYAN DEMOCRAT.

W. A. Sherlock returned Sunday from his sheep range near Christmas lake. His hands will be headed for the lambing grounds and shearing corrals today. Mr. Sherlock says that Springtime is noticeable in the north, that the new grass is several inches high, and the roads are dry and dusty.