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### A PAPER WITH CONVICTIONS.

The Examiner realizes that its first duty is to collect and publish facts and occurrences which are of peculiar interest to the people of Lake county whether the facts exist in the county or elsewhere; or the events and happenings are of local origin, or have taken place in other localities. If our social, political, or material interests were to be affected, it has been our constant aim to see that Examiner readers should find in its columns all the news obtainable on such subjects.

How well we have served the people as a news-gatherer, those who have perused our news-columns know. But, in addition to this duty to gather and disseminate news, we have had ideas; convictions on subjects in which we have felt that we had an interest in common with the community, and we have not thought it amiss to frankly declare ourselves on all such subjects; not with the expectation or desire to lead others, but that we might assume our share of responsibility for actions of the community in any matter to be determined by the general sentiment, or opinion of all.

In promulgating our convictions, we have tried to be direct, so that none would be left to guess at our positions, and we have ever done this with due respect for the convictions of others,—who had or declared convictions—and with deference to those of superior knowledge. We have never offered you a wearisome verbiage for thought, nor have we sought any manner of substitute for reason, in discussion of any subject.

There are now, questions pressing themselves upon the attention of the people of Lake County, and especially the people of Lakeview, for solution.

In our belief, problems left to be solved by the force of circumstances without our active intervention to direct and control them, will certainly lead to results very unpleasant for some of us to contemplate, possibly disastrous to some of us. The Examiner does not believe there is any conflict of interests between the different localities of this county. We shall, for that reason, support every measure of development in the county, wherever located.

There is one scheme of development which, in our opinion is near at hand,—the irrigation of arid land on the Chewaucan, near Paisley; and we rejoice to believe it so certain. We have watched with anxiety every step of progress towards the final adoption of this project by the government. Soon we shall see the work begun, and in the future not far distant, six hundred and twenty-five families will be located there, on productive farms, and Paisley will be the metropolis of a valley the population of which will be more than the entire population of the county now. Before the expiration of three years, we expect this to be accomplished, and the picture of reality. There are other things to be done.

The Drews Creek and Cottonwood projects of irrigation MUST receive attention from the people of Lake county. Better and more permanent highways, a public library and reading rooms, a high school, and Court house with sufficient room for County officers and juries, and finally, a railroad to Lakeview, are all subjects which are sooner or later, to receive our support, when our promotion league shall have determined which of them is first to be taken up.

### We do Not Agree.

Judge Stephen A. Lowell of Pendleton, in an address before the Portland society of Daughters of the Revolution, takes strong grounds in favor of suffrage for women.

The judge shall never be allowed to go beyond us in reverence for womanhood, nor in confidence in her purity.

When the great lawyer says "the times need the infusion of a new element," we fully coincide.

But when he adds—"the entry of women into politics," we doubt, and cannot give assent to its wisdom.

The most alarming condition of political corruption found to prevail throughout any state recently, is known to be in Colorado, where women vote. A man who held a seat in the present congress, being clearly elected upon the face of the returns, voluntarily resigned, after seeing the evidence of fraud employed to secure his election, without waiting for a report of the election committee, and it was reported as clearly proven that three women were the responsible, guilty perpetrators of most of it.

Politics remain as impure in that state as in any other, and the weight of the evidence is that a greater number of women have been degraded by the contact with public impurity, in the capacity of voters, than have been elevated to a higher conception of public duty amongst men.

We would give woman any thing she asked for; but we tremble when she goes into politics.

The Examiner does not desire that at once, Lake county shall risk, unadvisedly, upon some public work. We want to see our league organized, with the strongest, safest, citizens of the county as active members. Men of enlightened, conservative progressive views. Then we hope to see, after our various problems of county improvement have been carefully studied, and our resources well considered, a well matured, systematic plan of improvement adopted, and an effort to set in motion a well matured, determined popular movement in favor of the adoption of the plan by the people.

While the children of some upright poor parents in New York go to school without breakfast, Mrs. Ballington Booth is making appeals at Salem in behalf of her work for "desperate vicious criminals, and is receiving large donations to her fund. We have no sympathy with this character of charity.

It is stated that a movement has begun in Yamhill county to get up a sufficient petition to cause the \$1,000,000 appropriation bill of the late legislature to be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection, under the referendum clause of the constitution.

To think of undertaking at once, to do all the public improvement needed in Lake county would be to place the whole subject in "the limbo of the preposterous." To say we can do nothing that things are "well enough," is equally preposterous.

Every person in the mine at Virginia in Alabama, at the time of the explosion that has been resented is dead. Fifty two had been recovered, when last heard from. Five of them were alive when found, but died soon.

Before we begin any work of public improvement we wish to see created a unity of appreciation of them, and thus prepare the way for willing cooperation of all the people.

It costs more to haul by team over our roads, a ton of wool from Lakeview to Amedee, than it does to transport it from San Francisco to New York.

### House Bill No. 237 Passed.

The following is the law passed by the late legislature, providing for the taxation of livestock kept parts of the year in different counties of the state. A study of it will be instructive to many owners of sheep, who reside in Lake county:

All stock must be assessed in the usual manner by assessors, and the owner must deliver to the assessor a written statement, showing a description of the stock, with the brands used; where the stock has been kept and will be kept, within the county, and the owner is liable to his home county for the state, county and other taxes. And the owner shall, unless sufficient real estate ample to secure the same is liable therefor, pay the assessor at the time of such assessment the whole amount of said taxes for the full year at the rate of the last preceding levy, and take his receipt therefor.

It is then provided in the act that, when stock is permitted to range in any county other than its home county, the owner or his agent shall notify the stock inspector of said county of the entry of his stock. The stock inspector must immediately demand a statement of the number of head of stock coming into the county, etc., and evidence that the tax thereon has been paid or secured in the home county. The owner is then liable to the county into which his stock has been taken "for the portion of the taxes thereon for the full length of time that such livestock has been and will be within said county during said year, according to the last preceding rate of levy in said county for all state, county or other purposes, as other property in said county is liable." The owner must pay said taxes to the stock inspector or secure the same.

If the stock remains in the county after the time for which the tax has been paid, the owner must furnish the stock inspector an additional statement and pay a further tax for this time the stock is to remain in the county.

As soon as any such livestock is returned to its home county, or if not returned, then before the expiration of the year, the owner or the person to whom first assessed shall present to his home county the receipts showing the taxes paid to other counties on such stock, whereupon he shall be entitled to receive from the County Treasurer out of the migratory stock fund "that part of the amount of taxes paid on such livestock in said county proportional, as the total periods of time for which taxes have been paid in other counties within the state, as shown by the receipts therefor and presented, is to the whole year."

Taxes are made a lien upon the stock in any county where the tax is due, and upon any real property of the owner in said county, and such taxes may be collected by any proper action or provisional remedy.

Assessors and stock inspectors must make monthly reports showing the stock assessed, the time for which assessed, and the amount collected, which amount must be deposited in the County Treasury, where it shall constitute the migratory stock fund. Where rebate for livestock is made to a person other than the one by whom the tax was originally paid, such payment must be made upon the certificate of the Assessor or stock inspector, which shall show the name of the person entitled thereto, the number and description of livestock, the time for which the rebate is allowed, and the county or counties in which taxes on such livestock have been paid or secured to be paid other than the home county.

At the first regular term of the County Court, after the 1st day of January of each year, the Treasurer of each county shall report to the County Court the amount of taxes on livestock received by him, and the number, description and owner thereof, and the time for which the tax was paid; the amount paid on rebates, and the number and description of the stock, the name of the owner and the time for which the rebate was paid. If the report be found correct, the balance in the migratory fund shall be turned into the general fund. No rebate can be allowed after the Treasurer has made his report for the year.

The provisions of this act do not apply to stock sold by the owners thereof in the home county, upon which the full

taxes have been paid, which said stock shall be driven or transported into other counties and kept in enclosures for the purpose of preparing the same for market.

Persons or corporations owning or having in charge any livestock, who violate the provisions of this act, are liable to a fine of \$25 to \$1000, or imprisonment for 30 days to one year.

The act is general in its nature, and applies to all counties and all livestock subject to assessment and taxation. According to the language of the act, all Assessors must require the specified statement to be made when they assess livestock. Proportionate assessments, however, are only made upon livestock that is "kept, driven or pastured, or is permitted to range or graze in more than one county of the state during the year."

Dr. Olsen if he has proven nothing else, has proven that one man at least, at the age of 56—his own age—has passed his day of usefulness. When a man can say that all men 60 years of age should be "retired or chloroformed, he at least might as well take his medicine.

Geo. Ayres has a pair of scales on which he can weigh one three hundred thousandth part of an ounce. That is pretty fine figures, but he will not be called upon to go to the extreme limits of the instrument in weighing the product of Lake county's mineral resources.

The Japanese have begun to advance upon the Russian lines, circling to the East, with a powerful column, with the evident intention of turning the Russian flank. It is believed a decisive battle is now to be fought. Let us pray.

Governor Chamberlain vetoed twenty bills passed by the legislature. He allowed 252 bills to become law without his formal approval, and honored 55 bills with his approval. 307 new laws are the result of this legislative session.

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