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No doubt the President was very much interested in Mr. Stanley's luncheon stories of shady Africa. They have no office-seekers down there.

"War am de use fo' foolin' and fussin' away so much of all the time over dis yar McKinley bill," said an old darkey the other day. "Why in the wuld don't de government pay it, and not waste de time follin' aroun?"

We trust that some of our long-winded correspondents be a little easy on us. Talk to the point and cut it off before you weary us, if you want your articles printed. We are desirous of having a little space left in which to speak our own piece.

About the 20th of December a ten per cent. advance will be made on all through freight business, both east and west bound. This will be about sufficient to extinguish the last ray of hope that some of our saw millers have of sending lumber to the eastern markets.—Ex.

It is an indisputable fact that Washington is a facinating city. Hardly a man visits the Capitol who does not want to live there. "Prospectors" are almost as numerous in Washington as they were in the California gold fields in the halcyon days of '49 and thereabouts, and now that Congress is again in session they are in greater numbers than ever.

A trick that deserves to be patented was played on a firm in Wheeling, W. V., by a farmer who it seems had two large trees on his farm, one a black walnut and the other a black oak. The walnut he sold first, after entirely stripping off the bark. He next cut the oak and after taking off the bark he carefully tacked on the bark he had taken off the walnut and then sold it to the same party for walnut. The trick, however, was discovered, but not until the logs had been drawn ten or twelve miles and the saw set to work on them. After considerable trouble the farmer was at last obliged to return his ill gotten money.—Sawmill Gazeteer.

DIFFERENT HERE.

The mill whistles which regulate the time for so many in early morning will soon be heard no more.—Marinette (Wis.) Eagle.

The above clipping makes us think of old times and causes us to feel a little chilly, as it indicates that winter is at hand and the quietness of death will reign around the sawmills for nearly six months to come. Were it not for such suggestive reminders as this we would be apt to forget that winter was coming on, as winter here makes no difference to the saw millers. The whistles shriek just the same, morning, noon and night as they do in the middle of the summer. The large double circulars get through the logs just as fast, the planers hum, the edgers scream,

"PEOPLES FORUM."

[We shall undertake to give as many as possible a chance to express their opinions in this column whether the sentiment expressed agrees with our opinions or not, however we reserve the privilege to reject or curtail any article sent us, for reasons which are understood by all publishers. Also, remember that brevity is required above all things.]

THE COUNTY CLERK'S FEES.

ED. HEADLIGHT.—Do the people of Tillamook county realize how much they are taxed for County Clerk's fees in this county? The tax-payers of this county pay each year for Clerk's fees more than for roads and bridges. The receipts of the Clerk's office the last six months of 1889 were over $3,500, more than $22 a day. Just think of it; we are paying five prices for the work! In early days when very little business was done in the office, it was necessary to pay high fees in order to make fair wages for the Clerk's time, but now that the business is so largely increased, there is no sense in paying higher fees to him than in Yamhill, Polk or Benton counties.

It is an unnecessary tax, an evil that our Legislature should remedy at once. The people of this county cannot afford to enrich an individual in a single term of office. Public officers ought all be paid fairly for their work and no more.

TAX-PAYER.

THE WILSON RIVER ROAD AGAIN.

ED. HEADLIGHT.—Allow me to say something more about that road question. The settlers on Wilson river wish to express their thanks to "A. B." for his bold and straight-forward statements in the HEADLIGHT last week. It seems that the citizens of Tillamook are not blind-folded by the false statements made regarding the road on the north side of Wilson river. The law provides plainly that if twelve legal signers petition the county court for a road or change in a road, the court shall allow the petition. Now, the settlers on Wilson river have petitioned for a change in a certain place in order to make it convenient for the public travel, and at the same time to give a very much needed outlet to settlers living on the north side of said stream. The plan suggested to build a bridge further up the river is only a blind and would not accommodate the the settlers. Those living out of the district should be careful to know they are right before signing petitions and should allow the people residing in a road district to decide matters pertaining to their own district.

C. D.

[Much of the above article was necessarily omitted as it contained personal allusions that would only tend to further embitter all parties concerned.—Ed.]

ANOTHER VIEW OF IT.

ED. HEADLIGHT.—The argument of "A. B." regarding the petition to have the road vacated that was allowed at the last regular term of court, appears all right on the face, but contingent circumstances, when taken in consideration, give the matter an entirely different aspect.

The only plausible argument presented is that the county and parties who paid Mr. Kelso damages would be defrauded out of their $200. Surely, Mr. Kelso would not wish to keep the $200 if the road were vacated, as he would be receiving something for nothing, and Mr. Kelso has the reputation of being an honest and fair man. Furthermore, if the court sees fit to vacate the road, it will probably be done with the understanding that Mr. Kelso will refund the damage money. If he is not willing to do this, the court is surely not so foolish as to vacate the road, as it will do no harm to remain there, even if it is of no use.

The facts are these:

The bridge at Mr. Freeman's place should not have been built when it was known that a new road would be granted.

Since that bridge is built, it is folly to build two more bridges within half-a-mile of it.

The new road will be of no use until two new bridges are built.

The court is not likely to build bridges there until other much needed bridges are built in the county, and probably for the next two years the county and citizens will be out the $200 damages and north side of the river would not be necessary.

The county will grant a bridge there long before it will at Mr. Svenson's place.

The settlers up the river are working against their own interests and can accomplish more and obtain results sooner by working for a bridge up the river.

The proposed road cannot be made as good as the one now in use.

The whole difficulty has arisen from neighborhood quarrels, and revenge is the prime motive factor and the attorneys in the case are the principal beneficiaries.

PHILANDER Q. DOESTICKS, JR.

CITY INCORPORATION.

ED. HEADLIGHT:

It is to be hoped that the articles of incorporation which, I understand, are in preparation for this town will be drawn with reference to at least three desirable features: plainess, brevity and on business principles.

By plainess I mean such wording if possible as will not require the service of a judge or Court to interpret; by brevity, that they shall contain only what is necessary for the proper government of a small town and not encumbered with an immense number of provisions, applicable only to a great municipality; and by business principles I mean principally light taxation (or no taxation at all for the present); provisions for the improvement of our streets and of the license derivable from the saloons and other licensed businesses to that end.

It is also be hoped that there will be no opening left for any contest over the license business. That the state license be fixed at no less than the state provides and no greater than a thousand dollars a year. Have no petitioning nor prohibitive nonsense about it. The contest between liquor cranks and cold water cranks is about a profitless one as can be raised in a community and produces discords innumerable. Theoretically, of course the temperance people are right, practically, in this everyday world of course their success in a place like this, would kill it. Either liquor would be sold without the formality of license or a new town would spring up controlled by less conscientious and more sensible people and the grass would grow in our streets worse than it now does.

H.

The Chairmanship of the House Committee on Coinage has not yet been filled, and an interesting question has arisen with it. The rules provide that in the absence of the chairman the next member on the committee shall become chairman, and that in case of death of the chairman the Speaker shall appoint a member to be the head of the committee; but no provision whatever is made for a vacancy in the chairmanship caused by resignation, and such an occurence as happened when Mr. Conger, of Iowa, resigned to become minister to Brazil seems never to have been contemplated. As the rules stand there seems no way in which the chairmanship can be filled except by amending the rules.

THE NEW-YEAR'S HEADLIGHT.

Our illustrated New Year edition is under preparation, the engravings are in the hands of the artists and the matter for that issue is being put into type.

This special number will be of much value to the county and town, as the descriptive matter will be full and complete in every particular. Every resource, industry, and possibility will receive appropriate attention, and the county will be written up by localities. There will be given also a resume of the prosperity of the county and several special articles on lumbering, dairying etc., have been prepared by the best writers in the county.

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