

EDITORIAL.

Political parties were never before so badly demoralized in Oregon. Few public men, or politicians, or even office-holders know where they are at.

The failure of the late legislature is the cause of contention in state politics at present. What the hold-out members are most blamed for is that, after it was plain Mitchell was defeated and could not muster votes enough to be elected, they did not vote and pass the appropriations.

The X Rays are disseminated to every man hit by the numerous Press Clippings bureaus of the east. "Behold" says Shakespeare. "How doth a little candle in the dark shine forth into a naughty world."

Senator McBride is no slouch of a statesman and is making himself heard in the senate by the introduction of numerous bills. One bill appropriates \$650,000 for the erection of a building at Portland to cost when completed \$1,000,000.

The wonderful adaptability of the X Ray in throwing light even through the darkest objects is illustrated by a very ingenious plan adopted by the Pendleton East Oregonian. It takes a long heavy Portland Oregonian editorial, cuts it up into paragraphs and separates them by the X Ray stars used in this column and the result is a readable, understandable and digestible article.

Oregonian editorial, April 9, 1897: "Mr. Hanna, it is understood, opposes the seating of Mr. Corbett on the ground that refusal to seat him is the way to force the governor, of Oregon, to call a special session of the legislature, and thus get a Republican senator for a full term. It may be feared that Mr. Hanna, since he appears to think he has a right to be dictator over Oregon, is as badly mistaken in this matter as he is as to the condition of things in Ohio. Oregon is not worrying about the seat in the senate, and that is not the question which the governor is most likely to consider, in relation to a special session. The only reason for calling a special session—should one ever be called—would be found in the business affairs of the state. Mr. Hanna is likely to find that he cannot dictate from Washington or from Ohio a special session of the legislature of Oregon. Besides, it is very evident that Mr. Hanna's own affairs need his attention. He is now a senator by appointment, but he never will be a senator by election. His successor in the senate will certainly be a Democrat. The people do not like the traffic agent and the mere juggler in politics. Mr. Hanna is one of those

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JOURNAL "X" RAYS. Directed Upon the Oregon Politicians and Public Men.

Is the editor of the Middle Mile food of old cheese?

An exchange speaks of "good Governor Lord." Big difference between good and bad.

Wm. J. Bryan is making an honest living as a lecturer and an author.—Roseburg Review.

Chauncey M. Depew says that prosperity can never come to the country until the railroads are allowed to pool.

"Oh, Shame! Where is thy blush?" John G. Carlisle as private counsel for J. Pierpont Morgan and Pullman, the plutocrat!

William J. Bryan made a formal call upon President McKinley and was received; with a cordiality that becomes men of spirit and ability.

Pendleton Tribune: The best type of man always succeeds that woman is the noblest created being, and yet gets mad because the first baby isn't a boy.

Bryan states the case tersely in these words: "The rights of citizens to reasonable rates are as sacred as those of the railroads to reasonable profits."

Corvallis Times: Virtuous reforms that are to be made by a cadaverous and decadent old political straggle were better left unmade until the reformer is himself reformed.

The Aurora Enterprise has achieved a great feat. It got out a 3000 edition last week on a handpress, giving a very complete write-up of Wallowa county. That took industry and enterprise.

Riddle Mite: Governor Lord's message, which was never delivered to the legislature which never met, contained more practical statesmanship than has been spewed out by members of the legislature for many sessions past.

The Democrats who are most highly spoken of, for services in the Bryan campaign are Judges Crowell, of Jackson, Bennett of Umatilla, Whitely of Linn, Burnett of Benton, Hayden and Butler of Polk.

Yamhill Independent: If the flax industry is ever thoroughly established in Oregon we believe it will be found to be profitable, and the people of the state will never fail to bless the memory of that wide awake, enterprising and persistent promoter of the industry, Mrs. Wm. P. Lord.

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politicians and statesmen who have no principles or convictions that cannot be accommodated to the desire of success. This is the reason why his political career in Ohio will be short. He will be senator till next January only. Ohio will spew him out.

It is painful to see the Oregonian spit on a great man like Hanna. Well may he cry out when he gets a marked copy of this X-ray: "What was I ever begun for, when I am so soon done for?"

FROM SANTA ROSA.

A reader of THE JOURNAL writes from Santa Rosa as follows: As the map will show you, this town of 8000 is 52 miles north of San Francisco and about 20 to the coast to which there are several good roads leading, a railway runs seven miles to Sebastopol and from there by wagon road to the water; the country is quite settled. Many nice buildings and large fruit and hop farms near and around the city. Two streams run down from the hills east of the town which afford water and drainage. While the land appears to be quite level, there is sufficient fall for drainage and the bed of the creeks furnishes sand and gravel to build roads.

I have had some experience during the last year as well as in former years, and if I have learned one thing better than another it is that: If a man has a good home he had better stay with it and not waste the savings of years in trying to find Paradise in this world. Every place has its disadvantages as well as its advantages. I have not yet been here long enough to learn much about this place but I know that money is scarce, many out of employment, farms are mortgaged and homes have to be sold. Products sell small at price, very little profit if any in growing. There are pests that require constant fighting to grow fruit, and the cost of living is as great as with you. There may be less rain and more sunshine. In my opinion the poor man who has or can earn a home in your valley had better stay with it. The rich man who can afford to can visit other sections and compare one with another and change if better suited, but the poor man better not sacrifice his home. I think it is evident that your state constitution needs amending—the electors given the right to elect senators as well as congressmen. I never heard of such a thing before as a legislature refusing to form and at least put in the time and pass estimates including their pay.

The Willamette river registered 8.7 feet above low water mark this morning which is an exceedingly good stage for this season of the year. The boats are running on regular schedule and the local steamboat men report a revival in business in both the freight and passenger line over that of a few weeks since. It is predicted the river will not attain so low a stage this summer as it has been accustomed to in the past. This prediction is based on the fact that so much snow has fallen in the foothills, a great quantity of which has not yet melted. It is hoped the river may remain at a sufficient stage to permit of the present regular and satisfactory schedule now in operation by the various steamboat companies being continued throughout the summer season.

RIVER NEWS.

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"Light From the Other Side" Extinguished. In reply to an article, which appeared in THE JOURNAL recently, subscribed "Light From the Other Side, Rev. Hagist's statements shown up a little," signed by "The Plaintiffs," and purporting to be an answer to the undersigned, addressed to the citizens of Salem, Or., and published in THE JOURNAL of the 23rd ult., may writer be permitted to say a few words in defense of his statement made in his former letter.

The plaintiffs accuse the undersigned of bringing family matters before the public. This accusation is simply ridiculous, for these family matters were before the public before he ever was called upon to investigate them, and had that not been the case, he should never have published one line in regard to them, as he has stated, in substance, in his foregoing letter. Or have the plaintiffs been unable, perhaps, to understand plain English.

The plaintiffs, furthermore, deny that they have withdrawn the charges brought against their pastor and affirm that they still uphold these charges. This affirmation may be true, but the denial is not. The plaintiffs were unable to prove any one of their charges and were therefore obliged to withdraw each and every complaint that writer was called upon to examine. The minutes of the meetings held during his presence in Salem, the same minutes that have been approved of not only by the friends of the pastor, but also by the plaintiffs themselves, will bear him out of this statement. Of course, the undersigned has reference to charges only that were placed before him for examination. There remained, he believes, two or three charges that he could not examine, for the simple reason that, before he could do so, the investigation was discontinued, since the plaintiffs declared they would appear no more for further examination of their complaints. He is perfectly satisfied, however, that these remaining charges, if examined, would have met with the same fate as their predecessors, yea, with a worse fate, for they were, peculiarly, indeed, and highly ridiculous. Now then if the complaining parties still uphold the charges they have once withdrawn, they may do so till the judgment day. What to think of such an action, on the part of the plaintiffs is here-with left to the public to decide. When the plaintiffs claim that the undersigned was partial in the investigation, they remind him of the old and common saying, "a poor excuse is better than none." Why have they withdrawn their charges before him, if he was partial? Why, if he was partial, have they, after they had withdrawn a number of charges already, twice entrusted him, and him alone, with the hearing of some testimonies by such members of the congregation as were not expected to be present in the meetings? If the undersigned was partial, why then do they not appeal to the president of our church on this coast, as they ought to do, if they deem writer guilty of partiality? Why, he finally asks, do they decline all further investigation, even by the president? It is an oft-repeated experience to hear the person that has lost a suit cry, "partiality!"

The plaintiffs seem to lay great stress upon their being in the majority. The truth is, they are just half of the voting members, but they are very much in the minority, when all that are really members of the congregation are taken into consideration. The majority, is, therefore, with the pastor, sincerely supporting him in his ministerial work. Perhaps, however, the plaintiffs are not aware of what constitutes membership with a Lutheran church, and on this ground, their vain boast of a majority may be excused.

Finally, may the plaintiffs' attention be called to the fact that, while telling people in their article, "The whole trouble arose through the opposition of Rev. Hagist toward secret societies and lodges, which the majority of the congregation would not accept," they are bearing testimony against themselves, they are corroborating the statement of the undersigned to the effect that they alone are the cause of all the trouble in question. In the articles of incorporation of the Christ German Evangelical Lutheran church of Salem, Or., which articles have been executed by three members of the church, who are now with the plaintiffs, it is expressly stated that the business and occupation of the congregation shall be the teaching and sustaining of the pure word, as held and confessed by the Missouri synod of the Evangelical Lutheran church, and the maintaining of a discipline to aid in that direction. The Missouri synod, however, basing its doctrine upon the pure word, holds and confesses that all secret societies and lodges are not in accord with the pure word, but are institutions inimical to God and his church, and that, for this reason, a member of a secret society cannot become a member of a Lutheran church. And this doctrine the Missouri synod has proclaimed, on almost innumerable occasions, in word and in writing, as the plaintiffs themselves know, or, at least, ought to know. Now then, how, in the name of common sense, can, any, dare members of the Christ German Evangelical Lutheran church lay the fault of the existing troubles to their pastor, when he, himself a member of the Missouri synod, has taught the pure word, as held and confessed by the Missouri synod, when he, as the person through whom the congregation in question teaches and maintains the pure word, has merely done what by the charter of the congregation, as also by his vow of office, he was pledged to do? If the plaintiffs had remained silent, they would certainly not have been the worse for it. It may here be added that the lodge question was not what the undersigned had in view, when he stated in his foregoing letter that by their own testimony the plaintiffs had proved they alone were the cause of the existing troubles. What he had reference to mainly was a meeting held by several members without the presence of the pastor. The plaintiffs will know what is meant.

In conclusion, the writer wishes to say that this letter shall be his last publication, in this affair. May the plaintiffs now say and publish all they please, in reply to his publication or in regard to their troubles, in general, he will, in no wise, take note of it, unless he is expressly called upon by his friends to do so, or unless something detrimental to his reputation is said by the plaintiffs. His time is too precious to be wasted. CARL J. HEUER, Sherwood, Oregon.

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