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BY HER OWN BOOTSTRAPS.

The Olympia partisan is most tiresome in its reiteration of the statement that Olympia will be the capital. It is a wearying ding-dong that ought to make the home readers more tired than it does those on the outside, for there are more of them. The latest issue begins by stating that:

It is universally conceded that Olympia will be the permanent capital of the state. It is also declared that it ought to be.

To comment truthfully on this statement it need only be remarked that it is not universally conceded that Olympia will be the permanent capital of the state, nor is it, to any great extent, declared that it ought to be.

Possibly Olympia mistook the votes of those who did not want a change this year for a declaration that she ought to be the capital.

As to the universal concession part of the statement it is all humbug. Olympia would give a pretty sum if it were "universally conceded," and hopes by this old-fashioned sort of reiteration and braggy editorial business to deceive some, while holding up the courage of others—sort of lifting itself by its own bootstraps, as one might say.

In the same issue of the paper is a schoolmasterly sort of admonition which shows how contentedly certain (?) they feel about the matter over there. Here it is:

It is to be hoped that the capital committee have not disbanded or retired from the struggle for the capital. The next contest will be waged for all there is in it by our opponents. Wisdom would dictate that a plan of campaign should be determined upon now and the contest be opened up now. Olympia can win in the next contest by hard work and the assistance of all her friends. She should endeavor to keep all of her old and add many new friends to the list. We have the best site, most accessible and convenient location and should win.

If it is "universally conceded," and all that sort of thing, who are "our opponents" to wage such a contest; and why should the state be worried by a "capital committee" made up of Olympia's towering intellects?

This sort of talk is all cheap and childish. It may be that Olympia will be the permanent capital; it may be that Ellensburg will be the permanent capital, and it may be that North Yakima will be the permanent capital; but at present writing nothing is universally conceded about any of them. In all probability the question will not be settled before the election of 1900, and then it will be settled by votes and not by "universal concessions."

Many of these votes will be cast by men who are not now in the state, and their choices will depend upon their locations. What will happen during three years no one can foretell; and why attempt it? All of us were guilty of too much bragging when the fight was on. The generous ones in the three leading cities went into their pockets to pay for pushing of pet claims, and there was importunate and untiring work by night and by day. Everybody knows what everybody else attempted and what was accomplished in this business, and everybody knows that it is still an open question. It may not now be known by everybody that the chumpiest city in the state will be the one that begins now to harp on the old question; but we give it out as a straight tip that such is the case. There is enough to do that is more profitable than handing out old chestnuts about the capital, now that people and money are beginning to pour into the state, and all the chummy writing in Olympia or anywhere else will not avail against the unknown footing of the column the Fates will some day add.

PROSPECTORS.

The hills in this country have been full of them this past season, and they have been of all kinds and conditions. There is the old "forty-niner," who thinks he knows all about it, and no one can tell him anything that he does not know already. There is the man from Idaho, who has had big luck back in the Couer d'Alene and "struck it rich," but who was crowded out by some company, syndicate or run, or something of the kind, and who knows just what a "stain" is, and has the "biggest sort of a thing" that he will open up in the spring. Then there is the fellow who has done nothing else but prospect for the last "thirty years or more," and is still prospecting, and who will be found just outside of the gates on resurrection day with the "richest kind of a specimen." Then there is the wood butcher turned prospector and miner. He knows all about it, and spends the money made during the past summer in buying acid and the like to take up to the winter camp. He may be found hard at work at night grinding up rock in the mortar and putting it in to "soak" in the acid and eagerly looks for the "button" that never shows up. Just lay back and take your ease after supper at night in the camp, and, while you smoke, watch the different men. Here is one poring over "The Prospector's Manual;" there is another cracking off pieces of rock and peering at the fresh cleavage with a "Stan-hope;" there is another smashing up rock and grinding out the powder for a "soak;" there is another trying to study out Prof. Wileys' infallible process for an assay on a short but sure method, just the thing for the practical prospector; there sits the recorder, telling the boys what big things he saw back in "Nevada in '60;" or he knows that the "Relief" or "Quandary" is bound to turn out "4000 rock;" or "when I got that log cabin built, boys, I will be just as happy as a clam at high tide. I want it fixed up so that all my

friends that come up here will have a tight little place to bunk in." He thinks that this camp is just bound to be the biggest thing in Yakima county, or in the state. And so it will. God bless the boys; they are all working each in their different way, but to one end; they are all after the elusive metal. But they will get there. You bet they will.

To those who know nothing about it, it may seem an easy sort of a job to merely crawl around and pick here and there and bring down specimens. But there is genuine hard work in it. By the time you have crawled over these rocky slopes for half a day you will not think it is so easy after all. Then you strike what you think is a good thing, and dig for perhaps thirty or forty feet into the side of the mountain and find that all your work and trouble has been thrown away and there is nothing in it after all. But do they get discouraged? Not much; they simply keep on picking and delving until they strike it again and perhaps with the same results—nothing in it. And so it goes; their money is being gradually expended for grub; they finally find that the cash and grub is all gone; then they come back to the settlements and look for a job, go to work and get heeled again, and back they go to drop their pile again. And so it goes on. But the boys will get there. The Yakima mines in the upper Natchez will prove the exception. There are fortunes there awaiting the picks of the prospector, and the claims already located will one of these days pour riches into the laps of those who develop them. It may be gold; it may be silver; or it may be lead, copper, coal, or cinnabar; but it is there, and one of these days the Yakima mines will be of more importance than the mines of the Comstock in their palmy days.

GLADSTONE telephoned to Bismarck the other day that he had seen a man who had heard of a cable dispatch which intimated that nothing contained in Governor Ferry's message to the first legislature of the new state had caused Dom Pedro to leave Brazil so hurriedly. The governor's message contained—it contained—that is to say, it set forth, to a certain extent, the necessity of wisdom on the part of the legislators. It is said that the Seattle paper which incurred the displeasure of the other papers by a premature discharge of its contents, now tries to excuse itself on the grounds of having thoroughly examined both barrels and convincing itself that it was not loaded.

If John L. Wilson, M. C., accomplishes one-half of all he has announced to the Washington correspondents as his winter's work, his suspenders will sag before spring, and by adjournment he will be as light-weighted as a medical example of tight-lacing. Among other things, he has promised to cut off the northern end of the Yakima land district, and reduce the fees of the register and receiver. By this statesmanlike stroke he will save several cents to settlers and claim-jumpers, and at the same time pay his political debts to the people up about Waterville.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer and the Press are kicking now over the course pursued by Lieut. Governor Laughton as presiding officer of the senate. These papers are a little late in the day raising a howl now. They knew Laughton's character, and had no reason to believe he would improve his record; yet they gave him their undivided support during the canvass. They swallowed him because he sailed under republican colors, and they have no right to squirm because he rests uneasy on their stomachs.

From newspaper indications, it appears that not a few of the assembled people over in Olympia have already seen quite enough of the lieutenant governor to satisfy them that he is not a great man. As a matter of fact, one seldom goes searching among lieutenant governors for great men, at any time; but some were evidently expecting more than they got in Laughton. He seems to have been "too previous" in setting himself up for boss of the senate.

It is very pleasant to read every day or so that the state senate met and adjourned after doing nothing for an hour or two. As the daily expenses of keeping the wheels of government greased is in the neighborhood of a thousand dollars, information of this kind is calculated to rile a man up so that degree that he is liable to say something that will militate against his chances of heaven.

EX-MAYOR T. J. V. CLARK is on the way from his grocery store here in North Yakima to the White House in Washington, D. C., where he expects to find a commission as United States marshal. When he left home he was very hopeful, and before he reached St. Paul he was almost certain of success, and he passed Chicago offering big odds on himself.

Boston culture is staggering under the hardest blow it has received in many years. Prof. John L. Sullivan has been pronounced incapable of competently filling the requirements of the editorial position he held on a New York sporting paper.

This last disastrous blaze occurred in Boston on Thanksgiving day, when eleven mammoth business blocks, including in all twenty splendid buildings, went up in smoke. The loss is estimated at \$5,000,000.

The contest at the U. S. land office—Jeff McDaniel vs. Maria L. Ferguson, entered upon its third month yesterday. It is almost as thrilling as Governor Ferry's message.

CONGRESSMAN WILSON intends asking congress for an appropriation of \$500,000 for public buildings for Spokane Falls, Seattle and Tacoma, \$200,000 for each place.

ENROLLING CLERK C. B. FOX has been superseded by P. Murphy, of Tacoma. Fox is now in the hospital at Olympia suffering from delirium tremens.

TOM REED, of Maine, was elected speaker of the house of representatives on the second ballot.

STATE NORMAL SCHOOL AND AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

We perceive by the Post-Intelligencer of the 4th that Representative Cleman has introduced two bills in the house—one locating an agricultural college at Yakima and the other the state normal school at North Yakima. As our friends in Kittitas, Whitman and Lincoln counties are bidding for the same institutions, we assure those counties that the "bills" of Mr. Cleman are not the result of his own wisdom, and are not in response to the expressed wish of his constituency of Yakima.

In deference to the published desire of the people of this state we have been an open, avowed, honest aspirant for the state capital. As for ourselves, we have said and do say that we would be perfectly satisfied with the permanent location of the state university at North Yakima, and withdraw from the capital contest if the consent of our friends could be obtained thereto. But we mean a state university, in all its grand educational proportions, and all that is implied by the term.

We are not, however, in the markets of the legislature. We are not seeking an opportunity to trade or sell. We are not to be satisfied with the remnants "as crumbs thrown from the rich man's table." THE HERALD does not wish to be misunderstood. We do not pretend that Yakima would refuse these state institutions if offered, but do affirm that we are a contestant only for the state capital; that for the purpose of simplifying the contest, we have taken the position on state university indicated above, and are not in the field worrying and quarreling with our neighbors over a division and location of minor institutions.

As far as THE HERALD is advised, the bills introduced are the result of the personal zeal of our representative. As to the advisability of them, that is a question we decline passing upon at this time; but do consider this explanation in behalf of Yakima county necessary and proper.

THE LEGAL VIEW.

"To have and to hold from this time forth," said Augustus, who is studying law, to Matilda Jane on his lap on the evening they became engaged. And Augustus placed upon her finger a ring, and clasped about her snowy arm a bracelet, and murmured, "Know all men by these presents," etc.; and that he might show that he was in lawful possession of the chattels, he did then and there produce what purported to be a bill-of-sale, wherein was stated that "in consideration of one dollar to me in hand paid, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I do bargain, sell and convey one plated ring, the value whereof is two-bits, and one pinback bracelet of value of six-bits." To which Matilda, realizing that she had become "articled to an attorney," replied, "I am lawfully seized in fee simple," and "I am firmly bound unto Richard Roe," which Augustus regarded not, knowing said Richard to be a fabulous character, incessantly in litigation with John Doe, and whose name he knew Matilda took upon her lips only from adhering too literally to the text. And Matilda, having "vested" in Augustus "power of attorney," as a form did repeat: "I do appoint Augustus to be my true and lawful attorney; in token of which I have pledged my hand and now cause the seal of our lips to be affixed." And Matilda, observing that it was now the end of the term for which this court was sitting, did this court adjourn; but Augustus, as a petitioner, did humbly pray that the court might not adjourn sine die. And so she fixed the day, and the attorney turned away.

In making up the various committees, Lieut. Governor Laughton selected Nick Owens for chairman of the corporations committee. Comment is unnecessary.

The first bill passed by the state legislature was Goeghegan's measure appropriating \$12,000 for the support of the school for defective youth.

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HOW ABOUT YAKIMA?

Listen to the Story as it is Told by Careful

Observers from Abroad.

(San Francisco Examiner.)

The new State Capital will probably be at North Yakima.

(Spokane Falls Review.)

The best and most extensive agricultural region in the Yakima Land District,

and in the Territory, lies about the City of North Yakima and is known as the

Yakima Valley.

(Seattle Post-Intelligencer.)

To-day, where four years ago were uncultivated prairies, the home of great herds

of unrestrained wild cattle and vicious bands of cayuse ponies who knew no halter,

now stands the City of North Yakima, the Queen of Eastern Washington.

(Northwest Magazine.)

The knot of valleys which meet at the new town of North Yakima seems a bit

of Southern California here in the north. Public opinion in all parts of Washing-

ton has settled upon this place as the Capital of the new State.

(Portland Oregonian.)

There is no just reason why this city and county, when they shall have reached

their maximum in population, should not have in the city from 15,000 to 25,000,

and the county 40,000 to 50,000. Neither is there any good reason why they should

not be eventually among the very wealthiest towns and counties in Washington

Territory. All the material elements that go to make a big and prosperous city are

here. The total taxation of the county is only 18 1/2 mills which includes the total

tax, territorial added. There is not a pauper in the county. The taxation is heralded

to the world as the lowest known from and including Minnesota to and including

California. If there is another county in a new country that can show as low a

taxation the public would like to know it.

(Tacoma Ledger.)

The valley in which the city of North Yakima is situated in the center of a

series of very fertile valleys which open into it and have grown famous for their

products. With a splendid agricultural country surrounding it and the peculiar

advantages of its location for railroad approaches North Yakima cannot but figure

in the future brilliantly.

(Spokane Falls Review.)

Although less than forty miles apart the difference in climate between Yakima

in Yakima county and Ellensburg in Kittitas county is almost as great as that

between a northern and southern latitude. The valley surrounding Ellensburg

is excellent for producing grain, while in the valleys near Yakima the farmers are

devoting more attention to fruits, vegetables, hops, tobacco and similar crops,

which can only be grown in a warm climate.

Interview with Judge J. R.