



LOCAL LEGISLATION.

HOW THE PEOPLE'S BEST INTERESTS MAY BE REPRESENTED.

There is a class of legislation that is left to the decision of the Legislative Assembly of our Territory which interests, directly, but few members of that body.

It is within the province of the Legislative Assembly to pass many bills which are local in their nature, and which concern only certain individuals within prescribed limits.

Without further information is given the Legislative body, it is generally considered that the member presenting and urging said bill is representing the best interests of his constituents.

Let it be distinctly understood that the people should and do have an opportunity to influence legislation in their own behalf, if they will but exercise their just prerogative.

THE SITUATION.

From the Lewiston Teller.]

"It is a long lane that has no turning," is a saying oft repeated and pregnant with meaning, and no more fitting application of it could be made than to apply it to the long and persistent effort made by a few to attract general attention to the real merits of the country embracing Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho, and efforts very sparsely crowned with success when compared with Colorado, Kansas, and some of the other territories, so far as inducing rapid settlement is concerned.

Washington has been a distinct organized Territory since 1853, or for more than 26 years, and when she was organized she possessed all the natural advantages that she now possesses, and these were then known to her more intelligent citizens, and for nearly that period have her citizens, or the more intelligent writers and speakers among them, been endeavoring to convince the people of the older states and of the most populous cities of the value of Washington as a Territory, rich in all the natural advantages that go to make up the homes and happiness of a thrifty, enterprising and prosperous people, and not until the three years last past could there be established in the minds of the Eastern people any general conviction or belief that Washington Territory had any attractions beyond her mountain scenery, her inland sea, and her dense forests of timber bordering the comparatively barren plains of Eastern Washington.

A remarkable change has now taken place. Now whole sections of the country east of the Rockies are struck suddenly with admiration of Washington as a place which they long to reach, either by rail, steamer, ox or mule train, any method of getting there. The few years' tests, made of the soil and climate of Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho, and the samples of the products realized have been circulated, and now conviction is firm that this is the great granary of the U. States.

THE GOOD TIME COMING.

From the Columbia Chronicle.]

"We are always expecting better things in the future. It is natural for us to wish something better than we now enjoy, and this thought is fully carried out in the business circles of to-day. During the past year there has been a great depression among the industries of the world, especially in Europe. Our own country has felt the effect of hard times, but all agree that a season of plenty and prosperity is near at hand."

Men will handle more capital, and handle it over and over again during the year, and make a less per cent, each time, but as much in the aggregate by the use of far more industry and labor. Such are the foreshadowings of the near future of the situation of this country, and the man who dallies and gets in the way of this juggernaut of progress, will surely find himself crushed beneath its wheels.

OFFICES OF THE LEGISLATURE.

A FEW GOOD WORDS TO A LARGE ARMY OF "WOULD BE'S"

With each succeeding session of our Territorial Legislature, there assembles at the capitol a vast legion of persons seeking such offices as are within the gift of that body. It is perfectly proper that individuals should desire those highly remunerative positions. But there are certain rules which applicants ought to understand as they press their claims upon a body of representative men. Hoping that much good may be derived from the same, we give them space below:

1st. He who seeks an office in either branch of the Legislative Assembly should be fully competent to fill the position to which he aspires.

A word of caution to aspirants may here be in order: Do not base your claims for office wholly upon partisan grounds or personal friendship. A man is not elected to the Legislature to feed party pets, or to reward his own personal friends. Lay your just claims for position upon competency and real worth. Be a man. Under these circumstances, if you do not get a position, some other applicant is better suited to the position, or the members of the Legislature will have failed to do their duty.

How to Reach this Country.

Inquiring letters are so frequently received, as to the best mode of reaching this new country, the rates of fare, the shortest routes, &c., that we have compiled the following facts for the express benefit of those who would come among us.

There are three routes which Eastern people may take in coming hither. If a person wants to save time, and desires to bring stock, wagons, &c., the quickest and most direct route would be to come from Astoria to Oregón, thence by wagon road to this new country; traversing the distance from Ogden in two or three weeks, when roads are good—say in the month of June, July or August. These having neither wagons nor teams, can save the expense of \$75, exclusive of meals, and on to Colfax or Spokane Falls, at an additional expense of ten and seven dollars, respectively. The remaining route is via San Francisco, by rail, thence to Portland, Oregon, by ocean steamer, thence to Almoita, by boat. Fare to Portland, \$2 to \$30, according to mode and berth. The overland railroad route is the best for horsemen, leading the traveler by way of the Kittitas Valley, Yakima City and Almoita. Be sure that your saddle horse is gentle, sure-footed, strong, and in splendid condition for travel.

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