

# Oregon Scout.

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IN THE LAST DITCH.

The La Grande schemers have got into the last ditch on the county seat question and the only "reason" they now allege why the county seat should be moved is that the court house is unsafe and a new one will have to be built anyway. When they first started the move such a "reason" was not advanced and was not thought of. It is only a second thought and they are working it for all there is in it—which is nothing at all. The court house is as safe as any brick structure in Union county and the La Grande people know it. Several months ago the court house was thoroughly examined, inside and out, by a committee of well known and responsible citizens, who reported upon oath that the building was perfectly safe and would answer for all county purposes for many years to come. In our last issue was published a statement to the same effect, signed by over one hundred and fifty of the leading men and taxpayers of Union precinct. Will the honest people of Union county take the bare assertion of an irresponsible newspaper in preference to the sworn statement of good men that they have known for years, and the earnest denial of over one hundred and fifty taxpayers? We think not. If the La Grande people have any good reasons why the county seat should be changed let them be advanced and we have no doubt the people will listen. As yet not one has been advanced and this last is no reason at all but, on the contrary, is an insult to the intelligence of the residents of the county who will have to pay the bills and have a right to demand that no misrepresentations shall be made to them.

### "GOING TO THE DEVIL."

The Portland Oregonian, one of the most rabid republican journals published anywhere, has concluded that the republican party is "on the high road to the devil." Of the tariff measure it says:

"It is a disappointment." "It promises protection to the American producer with one voice and whispers of reciprocity treaties with Spanish America to the Eastern importers with another. It shifts and palters, traffics and evades, doubles, hesitates and is lost. It is a bill to catch campaign contributions, not to attract votes. It will not help the party in the next campaign."

It is sorely oppressed by the attitude of the party on the silver question, and says:

"It is incredible that such a bill should owe its paternity to a Republican Congress, unless Republicanism has ceased to be what it was. The party seems to have been demoralized by its narrow victory and emasculated by the fear of defeat. It seems ready to yield to every popular clamor or to save at the next election the few districts which stand between it and loss of control of the House. It is afraid of its own shadow, and ready to bow down before any specter of popular folly or demagogic insolence that clamors for recognition and threatens deprivation of votes. This is not the way the vitality of parties is maintained, organization kept intact, public confidence deserved, votes gained and elections carried. It is the way parties have gone to pieces heretofore and will go to pieces hereafter. The Republican party is on the high road to the devil, and will arrive there presently, if it doesn't pull up."

The above is the only political truth the Oregonian has uttered for a long time and we are glad to see it getting down to solid facts.

### STATE UNION TICKET.

The Union party have nominated the following state ticket:

- For congress—Major J. A. Bruce, of Benton county.
- Governor—Left in the hands of executive committee.
- Secretary of state—Nathan Pierce, of Umatilla county.
- State treasurer—E. F. Walker, of Jackson county.
- Superintendent of public instruction—T. C. Jory, of Marion county.
- State printer—J. A. Power, of Multnomah county.
- Supreme judge—Left in the hands of executive committee.

B. P. HUTCHINSON, better known as "Old Hutch" the greatest grain manipulator of the Chicago Board of Trade, says wheat at the present prices is the cheapest thing on earth. In view of the enormous shortage in the amount of wheat in the country, ranchers who are so fortunate as to have grain on hand will probably do well to hold it a while longer.

### THE DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

The democratic convention which met in Portland last Thursday placed in nomination the following excellent ticket:

- For Congress—Robert A. Miller, of Jackson county.
- For Governor—Sylvester Pennoyer, of Multnomah county.
- For Secretary of State—William M. Townsend, of Lake county.
- For State Treasurer—G. W. Webb, of Umatilla county.
- For Supt. of Public Instruction—A. LeRoy, of Linn county.
- For State Printer—Capt. John O'Brien, of Lane county.
- Circuit Judge—6th District, Morton D. Clifford, of Grant county.
- Prosecuting Attorney—6th District, Chas. F. Hyde, of Baker county.

The ticket is a good one from top to bottom and the platform adopted, which is published elsewhere in this paper, is a declaration of principles upon which every farmer, laborer and capitalist may stand. The ticket selected is worthy of the support of every honest man.

Hon. R. A. Miller, the nominee for Representative in Congress is a young man of splendid abilities, is a graduate of the Willamette University and has served two terms in the legislature with credit.

Governor Pennoyer's past record as an honest, efficient and pure executive, is too well known to require any recommendation at our hands. He is the friend of the people, and has stood the test for the past four years. His reelection is demanded by the necessities of our state, and we have too much confidence in the intelligence of the people to apprehend any different result.

Hon. W. M. Townsend, formerly lived in Yamhill county and has represented that county several times in the House and Senate. He was appointed Register of the Lakewood land office which position he held for four years. He is an able, conscientious man, well fitted for the office of Secretary of State.

The nomination of Hon. Geo. W. Webb was a fitting reward for true merit. Mr. Webb has served the people well for the past four years and will continue to do so. He is a man whom the people can place confidence in and should be elected.

Hon. B. F. Bonham nominee for Judge of the supreme court is an old pioneer and a lawyer of extraordinary ability. He has served the people in the legislature and in other capacities, was State Librarian in the early days of Oregon and from 1871 to 1876 was judge of the supreme court of this state and performed his duties with faithfulness and ability. He has been consul general at Calcutta, India since 1885. Many years ago he resided in Union county for a time. No man stands higher among those who know him than Judge Bonham.

The nominees for State Superintendent of School and State Printer are worthy men, well fitted for the positions for which they have been nominated.

No better selection of Judge for the Sixth Judicial District than Morton D. Clifford could have been made. The people are well acquainted with him and he needs no recommendation at our hands.

Chas. F. Hyde, for Prosecuting Attorney of this district is not so well known but was doubtless selected on account of his fitness for the position.

### "AGIN" THE GOVERNOR.

In the Oregonian's report of the proceedings of the Republican, State Convention occurs the following significant statement:

"A country delegate was not satisfied with the taxation resolution. He said: 'There are a great many looking to this convention for a resolution declaring in unmistakable terms for the taxation of all bonds. If you want to catch the granger vote you must make a resolution more explicit than that.' 'The next speaker favored the resolution as it stood. He was opposed to putting anything in the platform that could be construed as an endorsement of Sylvester Pennoyer's views. The opposition to issuing untaxed bonds, he said, was Pennoyer's hobby, and he didn't want the Republican party to endorse it. After considerable desultory discussion, the vote was put, and resulted in a vote nearly unanimous for the resolution as a whole.'"

It seems from this that it was not a question as to whether the country delegate's suggestion was right, but the question was: would it endorse Pennoyer? "Anything that could be construed as an endorsement of Pennoyer's views" was to be rejected as a matter of course, however right, just, or proper otherwise.

But the people of the State will have the say in June as to whether Governor Pennoyer's views on this question shall be endorsed or not.—E. O.

The democratic convention did a wise thing in selecting Turner Oliver for the clerkship and we think the people of the county will be wise enough to elect him. Mr. Oliver is one of the pioneers of the county and has contributed his full share to its prosperity. He is a man of intellectual vigor and tireless industry. He has been deputy clerk during the last four years and has done much toward placing the office in its present perfect system and method. His motto is to do all his work better than any one else ever did, if he can; and his work in the clerk's office shows that he is always courteous and accommodating to all who wish information in his line. He understands the business of the office better than any new man could and we think that his faithful work in the past should be rewarded now. If the voters of the county are not ungrateful he will be elected.

We would like for every voter in Union county to examine the court house and judge for himself how false the last howl of the La Granders is in regard to its condition. The idea that a new court house will have to be built has never been entertained by any sensible man in the county and the report is only put in circulation by the La Granders to further their own interests. How about the county jail? Will these worthies assert that it is not one of the best and most substantial jails in the state?

Work on the artesian well is progressing very favorably.—La Grande Gazette. We are glad to hear it, but how is the work progressing on the water works about which such a blow was made several months ago and for which your town was mortgaged for \$20,000? We haven't heard anything about that improvement for some time. Is the money to be applied for campaign wind or community water? Enlighten us.

We understand that Mr. J. T. Bolles, the democratic nominee for sheriff will start out in a few days for a tour of the county in order to get acquainted with the people in the various localities. Mr. Bolles is an affable and pleasant gentleman and will make friends wherever he goes. He has a clear and unblemished record as a business man and no better nomination for the office of sheriff could have been made.

The Portland Oregonian speaking of Baker county politics says: "Mr. J. P. Faull's recent action in showing up as a dark horse in the contest for the Republican nomination for State Treasurer promises to create a serious split in the Republican ranks. A prominent Republican of that county offered yesterday to bet \$1000 against \$500 that the county would go Democratic."

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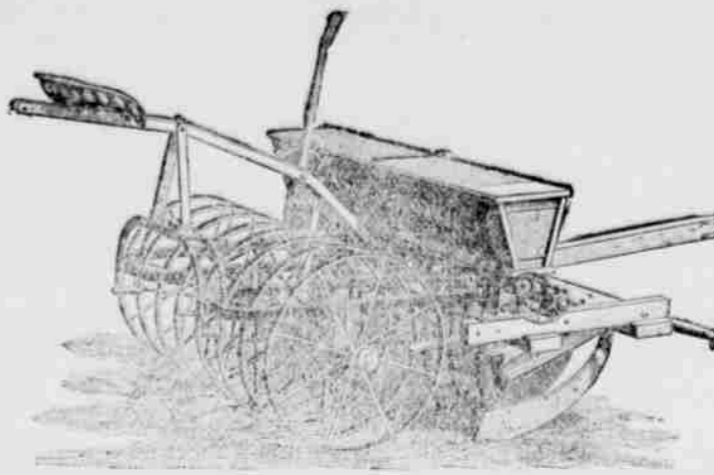


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