

Oregon Front.

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Written for THE SCOUT.

BUSTED IN BUTTE.

When I left the old homestead and mother,
High flamed the bright light of my joy;
But father was silent—had been there,
And saw a golden trail in the sky.
He could count many days but of darkness,
And still in his wild old eyes—
For he knew 'twas a splendid old lesson,
For a boy to be busted in Butte!

Oh touch your harp gently my maiden,
And sing me some sonnet of mine,
For I'm going to tip the gold mountain—
And make a grand raise from a mine!
No more the slow plow will I follow
No more for the birds I'll seek,
For I'll hear the cry of the feet-light
In a two dollar box at "Sonique."

No more will I toll through the harvest,
Where sweet the wind blows in the straw,
For I'll sport with fact men who rear glasses
In the light of the April eye moon.
Far-well, Oh you farmer boys, toiling,
Oh think of you off in my dreams,
For I'm going away to the region
Where gold, like the summer sun gleams.

For a week I've been rolling in pleasure—
I can see why the old gold was mute—
Oh Gods! in my weakness have pity,
For to night I am busted in Butte!
And think me my pockets and fender
The face that I wear through the town—
I'm hungry and faint would be begging,
But the pride of my nature says "down."

I can see the old farm house and kitchen,
Where all of life's pleasures are spread—
The mother that watched over my childhood,
And sang me so sweetly to bed!
I can feel the warm wash of the sunset
That tinged in gold the broad sky—
I can hear the soft notes of my teachers
As sweetly in slumber they lie!

But I wail! Here's a hand on my shoulder,
I turn to sit down, and I fall—
"Move on," says the "Coop" as he shank me,
"Or blast you I'll tan you in jail."
Deep down in my pockets I wander,
But to all of my searching they're mute,
Then I know, though the night wind is chilly,
I'm busted this evening in Butte!

And a thousand wild fancies come flooding
My mind with a strange weird delight—
I see the past week lie before me
As I stroll the cold street in the night!
I can see far away a sweet valley,
And a girl that is dearer than all,
For we've promised to wed and be happy
When the autumn leaves ripen and fall.

And her soft eyes look down on my pathway,
To light me with hope for a raise!
But Heavens! the streets are now crowded
And these are the darkest of days!
In the summer her old song comes ringing,
And thrills me like notes of a lute,
But every little zephyr is whispering
"That fellow is busted in Butte!"

So tune your harps softer than angels,
And soothe this old fellow in my brow
For I'd give half my interest in heaven,
As I stroll the cold street in the night!
I can see far away a sweet valley,
And a girl that is dearer than all,
For we've promised to wed and be happy
When the autumn leaves ripen and fall.

But its all in a lifetime they say boys,
All in a lifetime they say—
We may ride on the high horse of Fortune
And fall down to the dust in a day!
So let the guy follow with millions,
All day on his nifty horn boat,
Who knows but what he like myself boys,
May be busted, to no row, in Butte!

—BETTY MONT, April 15, 1889.

THE COUNTY COURT HOUSE.

The Summerville Annotator Expresses the
Compliment to the La Grande
Gazette to Decree the people.

The Summerville Annotator in a recent issue says: "The La Grande Gazette of week before last contained a full page descriptive article on the town of Union, written by C. J. Lyons, the traveling correspondent for that paper, who deserves credit for having written the only truth the Gazette has published in regard to Union and the court house since the enabling act passed the House. Mr. Lyons stated, in his descriptive article, that the court house would be good for service at least another decade. Which everybody knows is true. But the Gazette came out last week and showed its littleness, "one big mistake," in a feeble effort to condemn the building by saying: "The Union county court house is a dilapidated piece of architecture." And that "Mr. Lyons of course wrote the article from the same standpoint as a citizen of Union would." Yes, or in other words, from the same standpoint as any honest tax-payer in Union county would.

Fortunately the average readers of newspapers in Union county can see through a millstone when it has a hole in the center, and the deceptive howl of the Gazette will have but little effect; it is too gauzy to deceive anybody.

The Gazette will probably learn soon after the June election that the Union county farmers and tax-payers, at least, are not all idiots and fools. They are intelligent enough to discern the false from the true. They know a wolf in sheep's clothing when they see one, even as they would recognize an ass after he had donned a lion's hide. The ears will stick out."

The First Step.

Perhaps you are run down, can't eat, can't sleep, can't think, can't do anything to your satisfaction, and you wonder what ails you. You should heed the warning, you are taking the first step into Nervous Prostration. You need a Nerve Tonic and in Electric Bitters you will find the exact remedy for restoring your nervous system to its normal, healthy condition. Surprising results follow the use of this great Nerve Tonic and Alternative. Your appetite returns, your digestion is restored, and the Liver and Kidneys resume healthy action. Try a bottle. Price 50c, at Brown's drug store, Union, Oregon.

OUR SCHOOLS.

Facts Furnished by the Superintendent.

SOME INTERESTING FIGURES.

Estimated Value of School Houses—The Average Tax Levy.

EDITOR OREGON SCOUT—

The following comparisons of figures will prove interesting to those of your readers who are interested in the welfare of our public school system. They are taken from my annual report to the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The number of persons in Union county between the ages of 4 and 20 drawing public money during the school year ending March 1889 was 3,403, during the year ending March 1890 was 3,865. The number enrolled in the public schools in 1888-89 was 2,288, in 1889-90 was 2,566. The number attending under six years of age in 1888-89 was 98, in 1889-90 was 202. The average daily attendance throughout the county in 1888-89 was 1,575, in 1889-90 was 1,752.

During the school year of 1888-89 about 68 teachers were employed in teaching our public schools, receiving as compensation for their labor the sum of \$18,130.45; during the year 1889-90 about 75 teachers were employed receiving \$20,174.54. For the year 1888-89 the number of teachers holding first grade certificates was 9 males and 9 females; holding second grade, 11 males and 18 females; holding third grade, 7 males and 6 females. For the year ending 1889-90 the number holding first grade certificates was 15 males and 13 females; holding second grade, 12 males and 14 females; holding third grade, 5 males and 11 females.

The estimated value of school houses and grounds for 1888-89 was \$44,554, and for 1889-90 was \$50,128.45. The estimated value of apparatus, maps, globes, charts, etc., was for 1888-89 \$300, and for 1889-90 was \$1,254.20. The whole amount of insurance on school houses for 1888-89 was \$11,500.00, and for 1889-90 was \$14,900.

There are six graded schools in the county, employing eighteen teachers and attended by 937 pupils.

All districts in the county are supplied with suitable record books. The total number of districts in the county is 62, 20 of which are supplied with Webster's Unabridged dictionaries as compared with seven for the preceding year.

The average levy in districts voting taxes in 1888-89 was 5 mills and in 1889-90 was 8.1 mills. The amount raised by district tax for 1888-89 was \$2904.85, and for 1889-90 was \$9,965.13. The amount of the county school fund for 1889-90 was not so large as for 1888-89 owing to the fact that the assessment of property in the county for 1889 did not increase so much proportionately over the previous year as did the number of persons between the ages of 4 and 20 drawing public money.

The total receipts for 1888-89 were \$26,107.93, and for 1889-90 were \$31,603.62. The amount paid for school furniture for '88-89 was \$416.30, and for '89-90 was \$1,321.24. The amount paid for building school houses for '88-89 was \$616.05, and for '89-90 was \$2,526.65. The total amount paid out for '88-89 was \$22,514.65 and for '89-90 was \$28,909.51.

The amount of the county school fund now in the hands of the county treasurer is something near the same as distributed last year and as there are 462 persons between the ages of 4 and 20 more this year than there were last the apportionment per capita will necessarily be smaller.

By a careful study of the above figures it will be found that our public schools for the year last passed have made an advancement of which we all should feel justly proud.

J. L. CARTER,
School Supt.

Boom! Boom! Boom!!!

Be quick if you want a first class bargain in city or country property—(We'll loan you money to buy with.) Now is the time. Get there "El!" You'll double your money the first month. Call on Wilson & Hackett, managers Union Real Estate Association.

The "El" gets there every time, distancing all competitors, and while the Havana Press Drill and Zig Zag steel barrow can't get there "El!" they always get there in a very satisfactory manner. Call on Frank Brown, complement Co. at La Grande or Island City and Corwin C. Collinberry Union.

HIGH VALLEY.

Some Excellent News Items and Pointers by Our Correspondent, "Eomo."

The farmers all have their crops planted.

The school act abolishing the right of the Roman Catholics to have separate schools and obliging all classes of the community to patronize the national secular schools was passed by the Manitoba legislature on the 19th inst. Why cannot the United States follow suit and put a crusher upon the worst evil of our land, that of teaching the youth absolution of sin by the payment of dollars and cents.

How costly a word of two of sympathy are and yet how priceless they may become. How easy to be gracious and yet how far reaching the results. We scatter kindly greetings here and there as we journey on life's roadway and lo! they spring up bright flowers to gladden some sad, weary wayfarer. We perform thoughtlessly, now and again, trivial services of courtesy and forget them, but they shine glittering stars to cheer the midnight sky.

Often have the remarks been made about our town and city business men. It is a great error and a sad mistake for farmers and others to be led into the notion that the business men in their town are their enemies, or that they are reaping great profit. As a matter of fact the average merchant finds it pretty hard squeezing to get along, pay his bills, and pay his help. Yet, many a customer has been helped over a tight place by being furnished goods on time till the crops came in. When a subscription paper is started to build roads or help the unfortunate man who has been burned out, it soon finds its way to town. Now suppose you close up every store in town but one, how much would it improve the value of your farm? What would it benefit the farmers if all competition were done away with? The fact is, the interests of the farmers and business men are identical and he who attempts to prejudice one against the other is a disturber of the confidence that should be mutual between all honest men.

A CASE DECIDED.

Judge Fee Decides for the Plaintiff in the Case of Geo. Hahn vs. Baker City Lodge A. F. & A. M.

The case of Geo. Hahn vs. the Baker City Lodge, A. F. & A. M., taken under advisement by Judge Jas. A. Fee, was decided last evening in favor of the plaintiff. The case is of some interest. It appears that the property in dispute, fifty feet front, in Baker City, with a building thereon, was sold to Geo. Hahn, a commercial man, but that only the lower story of the building was included in the transaction, the upper story being sold to the defendants in the case. The building burned down in the recent fire and Hahn contended that all the interest of the lodge in the building or property was destroyed by the conflagration, and brought suit to establish his sole title to the property. The Lodge contended, as a portion of the walls were standing, that Hahn was obliged to restore his portion of the building in order that they could rebuild the upper story, owned by them before the fire. The case was argued in Chambers not long ago, and decided as stated. It will probably be appealed.—East Oregonian.

SCROFULA

I do not believe that Ayer's Sarsaparilla has an equal as a cure for Scrofula. It restores the system, gives strength to the body, and produces a more permanent result than any medicine I ever used.—M. C. Amesbury, Rockport, Me.

Humors,

Erysipelas,

Canker, and

Catarrh,

Can be cured by purifying the blood with

Ayer's Sarsaparilla,

Prepared by Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass. Price 50c per bottle, \$5.

Petition For Liquor License.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned will apply to the county court of Union county, state of Oregon, for a license to sell spirituous, malt and vinous liquors in less quantities than one gallon in Cornucopia precinct, in said county, for the period of one year, said application to be made on the 13th day of May, 1890.

To the Honorable County Court of Union county, Oregon:—
We the undersigned voters of Cornucopia precinct in said county, would respectfully petition your honorable body to grant a license to T. C. Shea to sell spirituous, malt and vinous liquors in less quantities than one gallon at the town of Cornucopia, in said county and state, and in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray:

C. W. Wood, S. Cox, D. W. Tice, N. D. Boley, J. T. Bolles, Thos. Turner, A. H. Gildwell, Thos. Babington, Pat Shea, T. G. Sheppard, Chas. Keller, Thos. Murray, Don Soldini, J. A. O'Mara, J. A. Gerbrich, J. A. Burch, A. J. Blumquist, L. J. Busick, S. A. Cunningham, J. W. Magann, R. F. Fullerton, S. W. Beers, I. Anstead, O. F. Steen, James Haseman, Jas. Cunningham, Geo. O. Newcomb, H. Roberts, J. E. Albersson, Jas. J. Shea, S. P. Pickering, J. W. Nicholson, B. F. Pierce, J. C. Redman, Martin Smith, J. P. Judge, George Fry, J. R. Hughes, Chas. Zimmerman, A. Kippes, G. W. Holsting, Freeman Bannion, Wm. Norton, James Mackey, Hugh Curran, W. P. Burdett, M. Walsh, S. M. Gilmer, P. W. Gallagher, John Rawdin.

Petition For Liquor License.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned will apply to the Honorable County Court of Union county, state of Oregon, on the 5th day of May, 1890, for a license to sell spirituous, malt and vinous liquors in less quantities than one gallon, in the precinct of Cornucopia, in said county and state, for the period of six months, viz: from the 14th day of May, 1890.

To the Honorable County Court of Union county, Oregon:—
We the undersigned voters of Cornucopia precinct in said county, would respectfully petition your honorable body to grant a license to Dill & Brown to sell spirituous, malt and vinous liquors in less quantities than one gallon, for the period of six months, in Cornucopia precinct, in said county and state, and in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray:

M. Walsh, Hugh Curran, Geo. O. Newcomb, Jas. Mackey, Pat Shea, Chas. Shuman, J. C. Redman, B. F. Pierce, J. Cox, J. W. Nicholson, N. D. Boley, S. M. Gilmer, J. W. Gallagher, J. L. Albersson, S. W. Beers, J. F. Boyer, A. H. Gildwell, Jas. Cunningham, Don Soldini, Chas. Cochran, R. F. Fullerton, J. T. Bolles, S. A. Gerbrich, Thos. Boomer, William Norton, T. S. Seepard, David McDonald, D. W. Tice, J. W. McLean, W. T. Burdett, S. A. Cunningham, E. Cochran, John Dunston, A. Burns, G. W. Holsting, Pat Murphy, Jas. J. Shea, C. W. Woods, Thos. Murray, Alex. McDonald.

Timber Land, Act June 3, 1878.—Notice For Publication.

U. S. LAND OFFICE, LA GRANDE, OREGON, March 13, 1890.
Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," Edward J. Jarvis, of Union county of Union, state of Oregon has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 170, for the purchase of the S. 35, S. 36, S. 37, S. 38, S. 39, S. 40, S. 41, S. 42, S. 43, S. 44, S. 45, S. 46, S. 47, S. 48, S. 49, S. 50, S. 51, S. 52, S. 53, S. 54, S. 55, S. 56, S. 57, S. 58, S. 59, S. 60, S. 61, S. 62, S. 63, S. 64, S. 65, S. 66, S. 67, S. 68, S. 69, S. 70, S. 71, S. 72, S. 73, S. 74, S. 75, S. 76, S. 77, S. 78, S. 79, S. 80, S. 81, S. 82, S. 83, S. 84, S. 85, S. 86, S. 87, S. 88, S. 89, S. 90, S. 91, S. 92, S. 93, S. 94, S. 95, S. 96, S. 97, S. 98, S. 99, S. 100, S. 101, S. 102, S. 103, S. 104, S. 105, S. 106, S. 107, S. 108, S. 109, S. 110, S. 111, S. 112, S. 113, S. 114, S. 115, S. 116, S. 117, S. 118, S. 119, S. 120, S. 121, S. 122, S. 123, S. 124, S. 125, S. 126, S. 127, S. 128, S. 129, S. 130, S. 131, S. 132, S. 133, S. 134, S. 135, S. 136, S. 137, S. 138, S. 139, S. 140, S. 141, S. 142, S. 143, S. 144, S. 145, S. 146, S. 147, S. 148, S. 149, S. 150, 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