

Oregon Scout.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

A LARGE deposit of glass sand has been discovered near the mouth of Lewis river, Washington, which it is said would prove very valuable to a glass factory.

THE Baker City Blade expresses the opinion of everybody when it says: "It would be a good two-to-one bet that half of the bona fide residents of eastern Oregon have not been enumerated."

THE United States Treasury is now empty. The bugbear of a surplus does not trouble the American citizen. Before Harrison's administration is over the government will be borrowing money.

IF I were going to draw a picture of the United States government at the present time, I would make a persimmon tree with 65,000,000 people under it, each with a long pole.—West Shore.

W. P. GLENN who made such a successful failure in trying to run a democratic paper at La Grande recently is now going to start a Republican paper at Weiser. There are lots of things that Mr. Glenn is better fitted for than running a newspaper.

HENRY VILLARD has made a prophecy. It is that within five years every kind of machinery will be propelled by electricity, and there will not be a steam locomotive engine on any railroad in the Union. He declares it as if he knew it for a fact that marvelous improvements in electricity as a motive power are on the point of being introduced.

THE Daily Signal, published by Ivanhoe & Wells, at Enterprise, agreeably surprised us by making its appearance at the sanctum of THE SCOUT this week. Its aim is to chronicle daily all the local news in the vicinity where it is published, and judging from the first number the aim is being fulfilled. May the Daily Signal grow and keep pace with the thriving little city in which it is published is THE SCOUT's greeting.

LET us have reciprocity (free trade) with South America. I think friendly barter the highest form of protection and the best way to promote trade.—James G. Blaine. The Wiley Jim is getting to be quite a free trader in his old days. He can see about as far ahead as any one and is evidently trimming his sails to run before the gale that will sweep over the country in 1892. He cannot steal Cleveland's thunder and there is no use for him to try.

THE Philadelphia Times says: It is charged that Blaine's reciprocity theory means free wool and free iron ores for the languishing manufactures of New England. Of course it does, and it would be valueless if it meant anything else. He sees what the lesser party leaders either can't or won't see—viz: that we must have free raw materials even to save our home market to our home industries, and that the utmost cheapness of product consistent with well paid labor must be attained to enable our industries to enter the markets of the world.

THE Daily Champion, of Atchison, Kan., founded and edited by the late Gov. John A. Martin, came out squarely a few days ago for free trade. For thirty years it has been a stalwart Republican organ and the active defender of the protective idea. While still maintaining its Republican principles it says to-day that the West has no use for protection. "The Western farmer," it says, "has no interest whatever in a protective tariff. His interest lies in the direction of free trade and access to all markets wherever his products may be in demand."

CENSUS Supervisor Strange, in trying to smoothe over the outrageous results of the census taken under his supervision has written a letter to Superintendent Porter in which among other things, he states "I have yet to see the first complaint from a paper in this district after the work was completed." The fact is there is hardly a paper in the district but what has complained and expressed its disapproval freely with the exception of the La Grande Gazette. Strange has evidently not read the newspapers recently. We hardly think that a Sunday school teacher and as pious a man as he is would lie about it.

A MERITED CHASTISEMENT.

The Portland Oregonian speaking of the alleged census recently taken in Eastern Oregon says:

Mr. Strange the supervisor for the eastern district, joins Mr. Kruse in the hopeless attempt to defend the indefensible botch the three official incapables have made of the census of Oregon. Mr. Kelly, whose work in the western district, bad as it is, begins to shine in comparison with the other, is silent so far. Mr. Strange would better have been silent than to attract new notice to the supreme and climacteric failure of a life not distinguished for brilliant success. Mr. Strange, we believe, has been a school teacher, a dentist, a doctor, a lawyer, a politician and finally an editor, and failed in every capacity, but the monument failure of his life was his attempt to take the census of Eastern Oregon. The vote, the school census, all collateral evidence, shows that the population of Eastern Oregon on a fair count would have been at least 20,000 more than Mr. Strange gives it. Eastern Oregon owes this loss of prestige which was its due, owes the probable loss of a direct representative in congress, first to Mr. Strange, then to the senators who satisfied his life-long itch for office with the pettiest crumb at their disposal. If Mr. Strange had valued the office of census supervisor for any thing else than the insignificant revenue it yields; if he had felt any pride in making a justly favorable showing for his state; and if that pride had aroused in him a proper energy and spirit, he would have given Eastern Oregon 90,000 instead of 70,000. His statement that the people are satisfied with his work, is contradicted by all the evidence open to the public. Nearly all the important cities in his district have telegraphed protests to Washington. Nearly every paper that comes to this office from Eastern Oregon denounces the census there as inefficient and imperfect, and laments the consequent loss of prestige and representation. If this is the way Eastern Oregon behaves when it is pleased, what would it do to Mr. Strange if it were to become discontented?

A COLORED MAN'S OPINION.

Thomas W. Swann, a prominent and intelligent colored man, writes as follows of the probable results to the negroes of the passage and enforcement of the pending Force bill:

"What has the negro to gain by all this strife and commotion? What benefit can he possibly receive by being brought in antagonism with the whites? How can the Force bill benefit him? Has the Republican party ever failed to affiliate with the rebel whites when they could be used? And have not many of them been honored? And now look at the kind of rebels, some of whom became Republicans because it was better for their necks, the execution of Wertz striking terror to their hearts. The guerrilla chief, Mosby, who ravaged his own section, and who did not take any prisoners if the shorter method was handy; Longstreet, who hung a squad of Union soldiers at Plymouth, N. C.; Chalmers, who slaughtered the negro at Fort Pillow have been honored as also Wheeler, Mahone, Orr, and others, but the black man is wanted simply to vote.

I care nothing for any special party. As a black man I insist that the Republican party is doing him more harm by the Force bill than by any other measure. It will deprive him of his ballot by 'voting him and counting him,' irrespective of his preferences. His ballot will be counted by men who care nothing for the negro but only for the party. It will bring down on the negro the hatred of the whites, and the result will be that he will be replaced by white labor, just as is being done by his Republican friends in the North, who have crowded him out of every workshop, and every industry except the waiter, the footman and the kitchen.

The pretended friendship and protection of the black man is simply hypocrisy. The object of the Force bill is party ascendancy, and the 'colored' brother is only an excuse, and he will gain nothing by it, although he will have much to lose. It is an outrage on the 'poor black man' as well as up on all true Americans."

TWO KINDS OF EDITORS.

Editors are of two kinds, the legitimate and the illegitimate. The effusions of the legitimate editor are the product of his own fertile brain and are clothed in his own peculiar language. The illegitimate editor is an adept at manipulating scissors, and nine out of every ten of the articles appearing on his editorial page are the efforts of some of the former class, which required time and thought to produce. Several

Eastern Oregon editors are addicted to this habit of uncerimoniously taking from their exchanges articles of more or less merit, and publishing them *verbatim et literatim*, without giving credit to the source from which they came. The particular person to whom THE SCOUT alludes presides at the helm of a Baker City daily, and it is a safe assertion that original editorials in his paper are as scarce as teeth in a hen's mouth. The editor-in-chief of THE SCOUT has been off duty for the past three weeks, and it is certainly not very encouraging to the person in charge—during the absence of the editor—who is aspiring to gain a prominent place in the literary field, to see his effusions published in other journals as the product of their labor, without having any credit therefor. It is not a penitentiary offense to assume the authorship of another's article, but the rules of journalism dictate that it should not be done, and it is high time the aforesaid Baker City editor should make the discovery.

HOW IT IS DONE.

The Pittsburg Post says: "We have before us a circular from one of these claim agents who is 'hustling' for his ten dollar fee, which after stating various inducements for the recipient of it to apply for a pension, explains that there is nothing to pay 'until you get your pension,' and that the claim agent will take his chances for the \$10 for the Pension Office is now under splendid management." But the most significant paragraph is this:

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What a vista of perjury and fraud this opens up! Does it not fully sustain Bishop Potter's criticism that the least deleterious effect will be the depletion of the Treasury? It is aimed at manhood and honesty."

THE SCOUT is in receipt of a letter from the same fellow who generously offers to "divide a big thing" with us if we will use our efforts in scaring up as many cripples and decrepit men in this section of the country as possible. Verily this government, under the republican party management is going to the diminutive how-wow's very rapidly.

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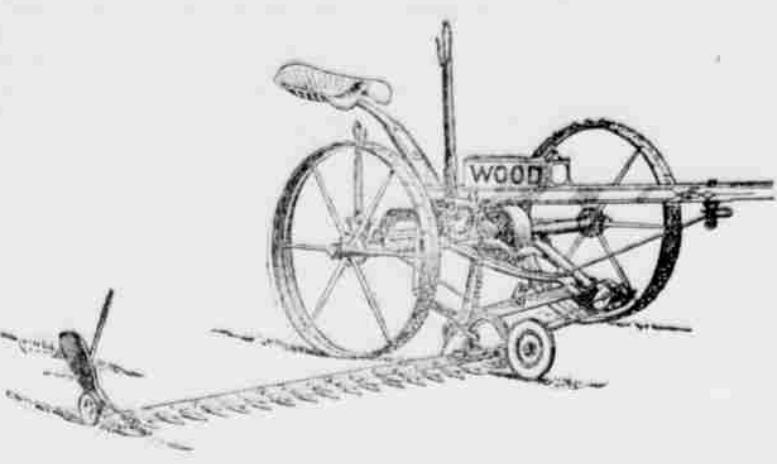
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