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THURSDAY, DEC. 31, 1891

There is an opening in Union for a number of business houses of various kinds, which can be made to pay well.

Union county represents the richest and most productive farming lands in the state, which means in the world.

The water power at Union is inexhaustible. It will supply the motive power for any factory that may be established, a fact which alone is destined to make our city one of importance in the near future.

The handsome school building in this city, as shown by the picture in this issue, was constructed during the past year at a cost of about \$20,000.

The average yield of wheat per acre is 40 bushels in Union county, and in many cases yields are reported far above this.

Among the many industries talked of, and which Union greatly needs, is a woolen mill, a potato starch factory, a canning and a beet sugar refinery.

This is not intended as a "boom" edition. We have aimed to set forth a few facts in regard to our county and town, which to a great extent remain unknown to the outside world.

One of the most neglected industries, perhaps, and the one which could be made most profitable, in this vicinity, is the lumber business.

THE mineral industry of Union county is in its infancy, yet our mines produced more gold and silver last year than any county in the state.

Union county is taken up, there yet remains a number of acres of arid and hill and that in the near future will be cultivated and made good homes.

Improved land in Union county can be had at from \$20 to \$50 per acre, and unimproved, from \$5.00 to \$20.00.

The mountains surrounding all the valleys of Union county are covered with a heavy growth of timber, making wood and lumber cheap and easy of access.

The climate of Union county has many advantages, there being no long cold winters, nor excessive heat during the summer.

Our winters last about six weeks—from the middle of December, till the middle of February, during which time the thermometer seldom registers below zero.

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UNION COUNTY.

Where Located—How to Get Here, and Other Important Facts.

Union county is situated in almost the extreme northeast corner of the state, a narrow part of the northern end bordering on Washington and the eastern side bordering on Idaho, and is bounded as follows: On the north by Washington; on the east by Walla Walla county and Idaho; on the south by Baker county, and on the west by Umatilla county.

The way to reach us is by way of the Union Pacific, which passes through the western edge of the county and on through to Portland, or via the Northern Pacific to Umatilla junction where connection is made with Union Pacific trains running east.

Union county contains 1,955,400 acres, of which 1,497,500 have been surveyed. The portion remaining unsurveyed is mostly mountains, but valuable for timber, pasturage and minerals.

Besides Grande Ronde valley there are several smaller valleys throughout the county, including Pine, Eagle, Powder river, Indian, Starkey and High valleys, all of which are similar and equally as productive as the famous Grande Ronde.

Eagle valley, in the south-eastern part of the county is without doubt the most productive section of the state. It is a small section of land about six miles wide and nine miles long surrounded by high hills on either side, with Eagle creek, a magnificent stream of water flowing through the center.

Here a large variety of fruits not produced in other sections, grow in abundance, and it might be well to state, that Mr. Ben Longley, one of the residents there, received the prize of \$100 in cash for the largest potato raised in the United States, mention of which will be found elsewhere.

Pine valley, in the extreme eastern end of the county, is considerable larger than Eagle valley, but is similar in many respects, being slightly higher in altitude. The soil of Pine valley is well adapted to the culture of grain and hay.

Powder river valley and the Big creek settlement, southeast of Union, are stock-raising and grain growing districts, settled by prosperous and contented people. A great deal of hay is raised on the low lands of Powder river, where a large number of stock are wintered.

High valley, a small section of table land six miles east of Union, contains a large number of settlers, whose chief pursuits are the raising of hay, grain and stock and dealing in wood.

Indian valley, properly speaking, is only a continuation of Grande Ronde, being at the northern end. It is a great grain producing section and since the building of the Union Pacific branch to Elgin, a new and prosperous little town in that section, the farmers now have a ready cash market for their products.

Starkey prairie, a little valley in the Blue mountains west of here, is settled principally by stockmen, it being an excellent range for all kinds of stock.

North Powder and Clover creek, south of Union, are excellent stock raising and grain producing sections.

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to a great depth, which is very necessary to insure good hay and grain crops, as when the snow goes off in the spring the low lands along the creek bottoms are overflowed causing a large amount of wild hay to be grown.

The health of the county is excellent, and we doubt if there is a section in the United

ternity have just built one of the largest and finest halls in Eastern Oregon, which will be opened this evening with a grand ball under the auspices of the lodge.

ELGIN. The terminus of the branch road from La Grande has been built up within the last two years and now has a population of about 600.



STORE OF ADOLPH LEVY, UNION, OR.

States that can boast of as healthy a climate as can be found in Union county. Such a thing as chills and ague, so common in the eastern states, are unknown here.

UNION. The county seat of Union county, is situated in almost the geographical center of the county, at the southern end of Grande Ronde valley. It has a population of about 1,500, and is steadily growing.

LA GRANDE. situated about 15 miles northwest of Union, is a very thriving and busy place. It is the end of a division on the Union Pacific railroad where the car shops and round house are located. A large number

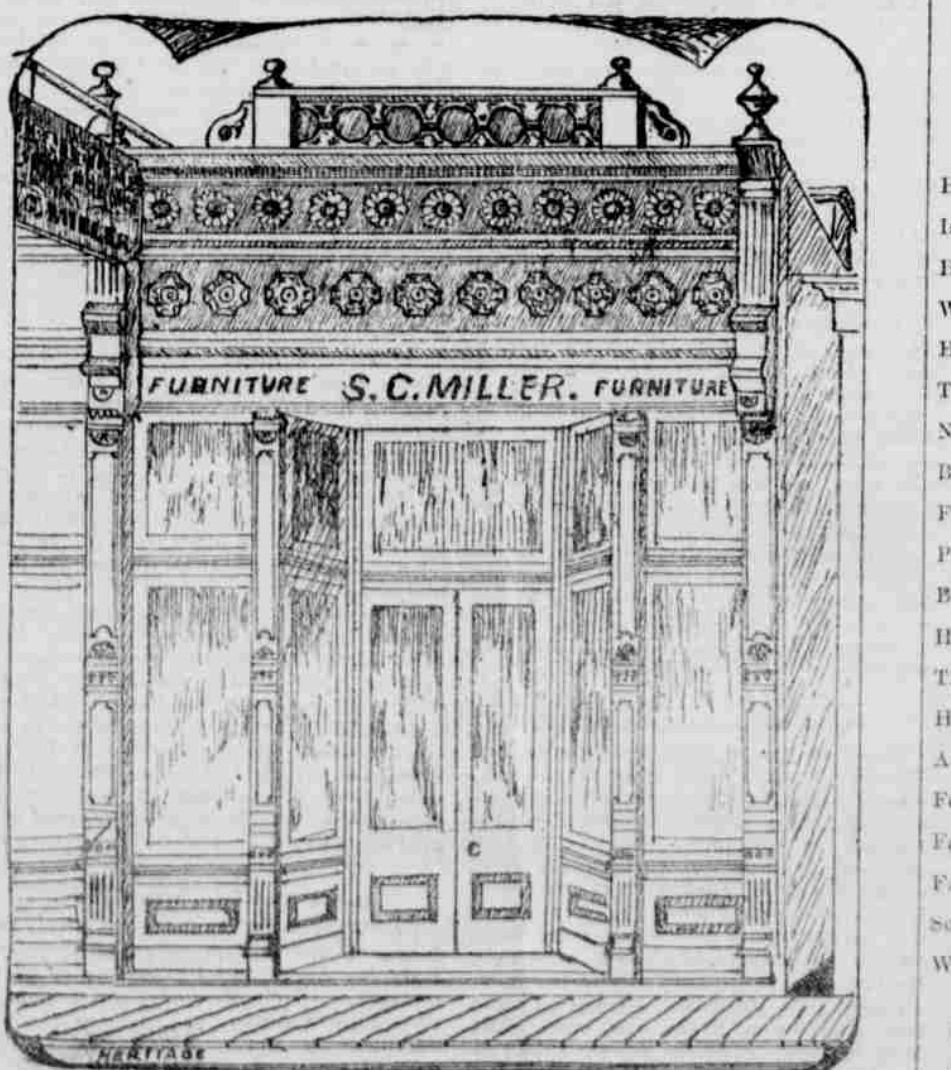
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THE COVE. This beautiful little village, 2 miles northeast of Union, is the most fertile spot in the valley. It would be useless to further discuss the merits of this place, as all the facts are set forth in an able article elsewhere by Hon. James Henderson.

NORTH POWDER. sixteen miles south of Union, is surrounded by a good farming section and is the shipping point for a large amount of lumber and ties manufactured near by.

TELOCASSET. is a railroad station on the summit of the divide between Union and North Powder. The mines a few miles from the station are attracting considerable attention, and at no very distant day we may expect to see a thriving little village spring up at this point.

CORNUCOPIA. is a small mining town 55 miles east of Union. Here are located some of the richest mines on the Pacific coast. The Oregon Gold Mining Company of Louisville, Ky.,



FURNITURE STORE OF S. C. MILLER, UNION, OR.

of men are employed with a pay roll of about \$20,000 per month. It is the shipping point for a large section of country. A branch road also runs from this city to Elgin in the lower end of the valley.

ISLAND CITY. twelve miles northwest of Union and four miles from La Grande, is a very beautiful little village of three or four hundred inhabitants. The M. & M. Co., one of the most extensive milling and merchandising firms of the county, is located here. They do an extensive business, and draw trade from a long distance. Several other merchandising and implement firms are located here, which makes the town a good trading point and a very busy little burg.

SUMMERVILLE. at the northern end of the valley and about 30 miles from here is also a good town with a population of about 600. Two flouring mills are located here, it being the center of the richest farming land of the valley. Summerville has a mortgage and savings bank, and several merchandising and hardware houses. The Masonic tra-

NEW YEAR THOUGHTS—A TRIBUTE TO PROGRESS.

[Written for THE SCOUT.]

As the bells in joyful cadence welcome in the coming year,

And the radiance of the vision dawning now upon my view,

Thrills me with a touch prophetic, with a feeling strange and new,

As a tired waterer listens through the solemn hours of night

To the clock strike in the darkness, presage of the coming light,

So do scientists and sages hail the promise that appears

As Time's pendulum, unceasing, marks the progress of the years,

And each New Year brings us nearer to the goals on before,

When the Genius of the nations shall have garnered of the lore

Written every year that blossoms in the boundless universe

And the mists that long have blinded, from the minds of men disperse.

When the superstitious fables that have awed the millions vast,

Shall with wonder be remembered as a nightmare that is past,

Science reads fair Nature's pages, Truth's appeal to time is made,

Knowledge comes, and Error crouches in his darkened cave dismayed,

Still the Gallies suffer though they suffer not in vain;

Still Columbus' hearted heroes hear the clanking of a chain,

Still the Franklins, Moores, Newtons hear the mutterings of wrath,

As they break the old traditions for a newer grander path,

Still the Lincolns are confronted with long glittering lines of steel,

As they loose the gyves from bondsmen, and the grief from hearts that feel,

Still the Bruns die by fire, and the Paines are met with scorn,

Still the Czaars have Papal blessings, still Siberian exiles mourn,

He who thinks, but fears to utter what his conscience decrieth right,

Stands afar to humiliate progress, and his presence is a blight,

He who thinks not, faltering blindly in the path where others lead,

Is a slave in every fibre, is a paltry slave indeed.

THE CENTENNIAL HOTEL.

It is with pride we call the attention of the public to this popular house, which under the present management has gained such a wide reputation throughout the entire country.

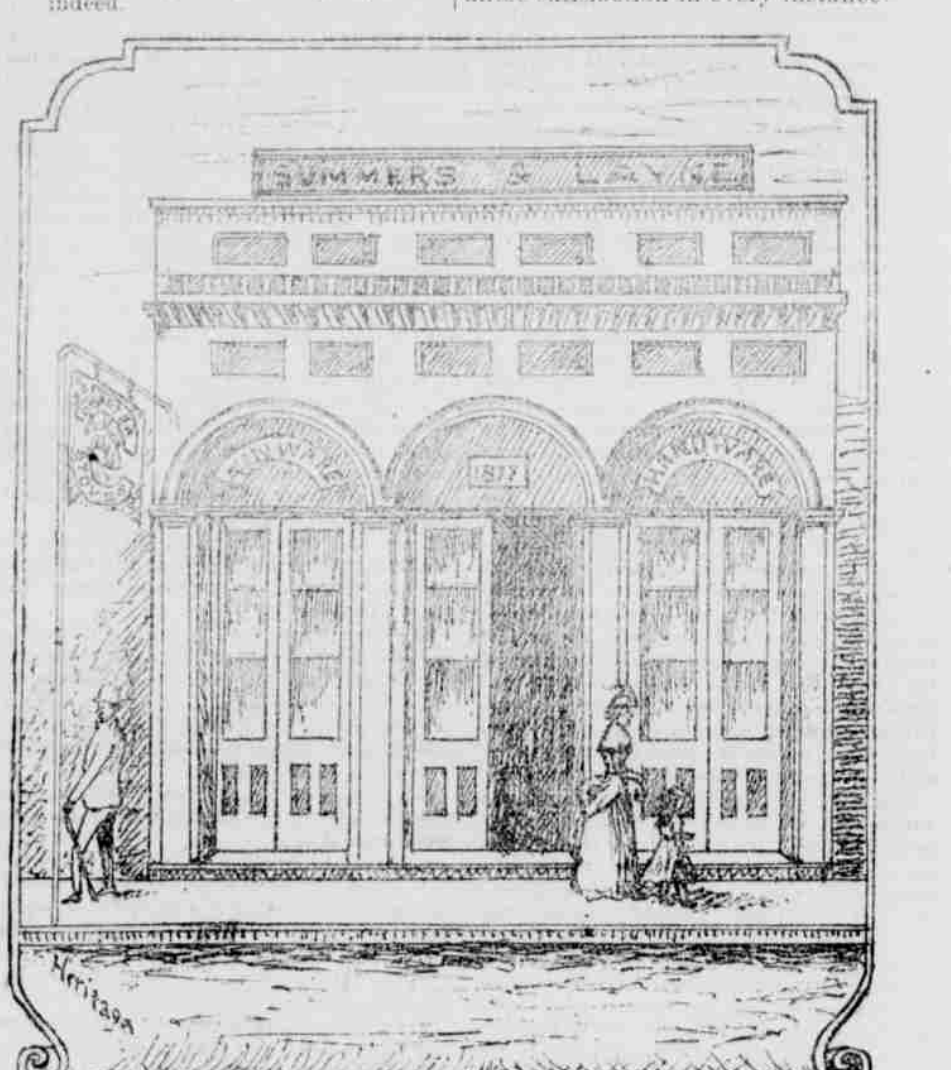
Mr. Goodbrod, the gentlemanly proprietor and landlord, is deserving of much praise for the manner in which he has conducted the Centennial since assuming charge. The house is the envy of every town in Eastern Oregon,

and travelers are always glad upon reaching Union, where they know they will always get the best fare the market affords, and first-class accommodations.

Mr. Goodbrod puts up sufficient fruit each fall, under his own supervision, to last during the year, and does not have to depend upon canned goods, which in many cases are unwholesome. A good hotel is a valuable acquisition to a town, and Union has one—the Centennial.

A. N. GARDNER.

the jeweler, has one of the finest stores to be found in Eastern Oregon. He carries an immense stock of clocks, watches, jewelry, diamonds, silverware, optical goods, guns and ammunition.



HARDWARE STORE OF DAVE LAYNE, UNION, OR.

He who thinks, and dares to fashion all his thoughts to burning speech,

Is a light to bless his fellows, born to brighten and to teach,

His part to gird on armor in a realm where heroes spring;

Where the Pen weighs the Saber and the Intellect is king,

His the joy to fight for Freedom, and on recant foes to deal

Thoughts that cut to greater purpose than do clashing blades of steel,

Not the laws by cannon uttered shall the nations long confess,

But a Mandate more triumphant from the engines of the Press;

Framed by tolling, tireless workers in the boundless world of Thought,

Pregnant with eternal justice, by the blood of heroes bought;

Breathing tolerance and mercy, tempered to our human needs,

Heralding the Age of Reason and the knell of dying creeds,

Thus shall come a grander gospel, banishing forever thine

Horror from the hearts of women, madness from the minds of men,

And no label Hell stands yawning, and no priestly tributes fail,

For a rainbow-bow of knowledge, casts its bright rays over all,

Fast the days go by, and Wisdom glean the fruitage of the years;

Fast the darkness melts to sunlight, and the world forgets its fears;

So I join with all in singing, glad I lay my tribute here,

Welcome to the kingly herald! Welcome to the bright New Year!

—AMOS K. JONES  
Union, Oregon, Dec. 31, 1891.

SHERIFF'S FORECLOSURE SALE.

BY VIRTUE OF AN EXECUTION AND ORDER of sale to me duly delivered, duly issued out of and under the seal of the Honorable Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Union county, bearing date the 24th day of December, 1891, upon judgment and decree of foreclosure and sale, therein entered on the 17th day of November, 1891, in favor of the American Mortgage Company of Scotland, Limited, plaintiff, and against James F. Weaver and Mary E. Weaver, defendants, for the sum of \$1103.36 and the further sum of \$20 attorney fees, commanding and requiring me to sell the following described mortgaged real property and premises situated in said county of Union, to-wit: W. 1/2 of E. 1/2 of E. 1/2 of section 21, township 1, N. of R. 48, E. W. 1/2, 3rd Meridian by virtue of said decree, execution and order of sale, and in compliance with said writ, I will sell at public auction at the court house in Union, Union county, Oregon, on Monday, the 1st day of February, 1892, at 2 o'clock, P. M. of said day, all the right, title and interest in and to the above described premises, that the said defendants, James F. Weaver and Mary E. Weaver had therein on the 1st day of April, 1888, or have since acquired thereto, and any and all persons claiming by, through or under them by rights derived from said 1st day of April, 1888, by said sale, judgment, attorneys fees, interest, costs, disbursements and accruing costs.

Terms of sale, cash to be in hand in U. S. Gold coin.

Filed at Union, this 25th day of December, A. D. 1891.

J. T. BOLLES, Sheriff of Union County, Oregon.

PETITION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE.

To the Honorable County Court, of Union county, Oregon.

We the undersigned, legal voters of Pine Valley precinct, in said county, would respectfully petition your Honorable Body to grant various licenses in less than one gallon, in said county, for the period of six months; and in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

R. W. McKinson, C. A. Oliver, Robert A. Wilkinson, Geo. W. Brown, F. Shepard, Isaac Curry, J. Scott, Frank King, John Erickson, Wm. Hart, Jess Smidger, L. Flory, Wm. Spencer, Dave Clark, J. H. Holstein, Edwin Mills, A. W. Holbrook, G. W. Hunt, J. M. Cole, G. S. Moody, S. R. Tull, A. F. Russell, L. Long, J. Nicholson, W. S. Snow, James C. Curry, Wm. Bloom, Luther Loyd, C. Peters, Charles Deuser, William Smith, A. F. Holbrook, James McNutt, G. H. Oliver, J. B. Sedell, Mr. A. Scott, Willard Moody, Cyrille Besant, J. H. Haltinger, E. I. McNutt, O. C. Dickerson, A. D. Holbrook, W. E. Buchanan, R. S. Farman, H. G. Chipman, John M. Buchanan, D. M. Taylor, E. Egbert, Colby, J. H. Chapman, Henry A. Oliver, Emory Chandler, W. L. Roberts, J. N. Pasterman, E. Ester, G. W. Carnahan, Wm. Frazier, Joel Hewitt, Arde Stanley, Geo. O. Gomer, J. Taylor.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the above petition, I will apply to the county court of Union county, Oregon, on Wednesday, February 2, 1892, for the issuance of the license mentioned in foregoing petition.

Filed at Union, this 25th day of December, 1891.

J. T. BOLLES, Sheriff of Union County, Oregon.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT BY VIRTUE of a writ of execution and order of sale issued out of and under the seal of the Honorable Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Union county, tested the 26th day of December, 1891, and directed and delivered upon judgment and order of sale of heretofore attached property, entered on the 16th day of November, 1891, wherein Dan Sommer is plaintiff, and A. Shaw and John Murphree are defendants, for the sum of \$24.35, with interest, at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum, from the 15th day of August, 1891, and the further sum of \$25 attorney fee, and \$28.31 for costs and disbursements, which judgment was entered and docketed in the clerk's office of said court, on the 9th day of December, 1891, decreeing the sale of the following described real estate, situated in Union county, Oregon, to-wit: E. 1/2 of S. 1/4, and W. 1/2 of S. 1/4, section 11, T. 2, S. R. 2, E. M. Newell, plaintiff, and J. H. Miller, defendant, on the 1st day of February, 1892, at 2 o'clock, P. M. of said day, all the right, title and interest in and to the above described premises that the said defendants or either of them had on the 8th day of October, 1891, or have since acquired therein, or sufficient to satisfy said judgment, interest, costs, disbursements and accruing costs.

Terms of sale, cash to be in hand in U. S. Gold coin.

Filed at Union, this 25th day of December, 1891.

J. T. BOLLES, Sheriff of Union County, Oregon.

HALL BROS.

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