

LA GRANDE EVENING OBSERVER.

WEATHER FORECAST
 Tonight and Saturday fair
 Cooler tonight with light frost
 Sunday warmer Saturday

THE TRAINS
 No 2 East bound 9:10 on time
 No 5 West " 9:10 on time

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UNION WORKERS DISREGARD TRUTH

"Justice" Calls Attention to a Few Misstatements that Are Being Circulated.

To the Editor:—I have just read a circular which has been sent over the county by "The Union County Seat Committee" with the intent of misleading the voters next Monday. It reheashes the usual stale stuff that has been talked at Union for years, and which has been shown repeatedly to be untrue. But it takes an entirely new position on one point. It has been repeatedly stated in the Observer that a decision of the Supreme Court in the case of Eaton v. Minnugh, which will be found reported in vol 73 of the Pacific Reporter, beginning at page 754 thereof, settled the point that Union county cannot go in debt to build a courthouse. We again assert this to be true. Union has all along claimed this and Eaton and others brought the suit referred to above to have the Supreme Court hold the special act of the legislature providing for building a court house, in case the people should vote at the special election provided for by said act for a removal of the court house, to be unconstitutional. It is the gist of that case and the Supreme Court so decided.

The decision of the court in that case is too long to print in this letter, but the following extract from the opinion of the court, delivered by Justice Dean, shows that the court held just what the Observer has said all along: "The court decided in that case (quote from page 757 of the vol. referred to) 'We are clear, therefore, that under the constitution and facts of this case Union county cannot legally create an indebtedness for the building of a new court house.' The foregoing extract is taken literally from the decision of the Supreme Court in the case taken to the Supreme Court by Mr Eaton and others. We ask any voter who is not satisfied to hunt up this decision and read it. It settles the proposition that the county cannot go in debt to build a new court house. We assert that the people of Union are now making a deliberate attempt to deceive the voters by asserting in the circular referred to that the County can go in debt to build a court house. They have claimed all along until now that the county cannot build a courthouse because the constitution prohibits the county from creating a

debt in excess of \$5,000.00 and that the County is already in debt more than one hundred thousand dollars. They have a suit now pending in which they make the same claim, on the eve of the election, they think that they may be able to deceive some people on this point by asserting that the county can do the very thing that Judge Bean and the Supreme Court say it cannot do. Be not deceived by any such statements. The decision of the Supreme Court refutes their claim. The County cannot build a court house until it gets out of debt and gets the money on hand. The Union people are also trying to create the belief that the people of La Grande cannot build a city hall and lease it to the County for a nominal rent. The people of La Grande are now building the city hall. The bonds to raise the money have been legally voted and sold and this act is in strict accordance with the Charter of the City. The city at present will need for its own use only a small part of the city hall, and hence the city will lease it to the county at a nominal rent for fifteen years.

This circular pretends that the city cannot legally issue the bonds referred to. But there is nothing in the constitution. They will put forth every sort of false claim now that the election is at hand, hoping to deceive some one into voting for Union. The circular referred to is a tissue of false pretenses. They go back on the decision of the Supreme court and all that they have claimed for years, but the people of the county will spurn their sudden change of front and vote for La Grande. The people of Union will find that they cannot at the end of the campaign go back on what they have been claiming for almost a generation and get any one to believe them. The voters will nail every campaign lie that may be put out and will vote by a good majority for La Grande. To use a little slang:— It is now "up to" the voters to vote intelligently on the question of the County Seat. The county now has no sufficient court house. It needs a new one, but cannot build one because the Supreme Court has decided that it cannot go in debt to do so. La Grande offers a good one free for fifteen years.

This is an excellent offer and the people will accept it and vote to move the County Seat to La Grande. La Grande does the fair thing, and is acting in good faith. This the people know. No amount of denials and false reports on the part of the committee at Union will defeat the will of the people. Union has no substantial claims in her behalf to urge. Hence, she tries to deceive the people as to what La Grande is doing. Union asks the people to vote to retain the county seat there notwithstanding the fact that La Grande is a much more convenient place and La Grande will furnish the court house for fifteen years for a nominal rent. The building is being rapidly constructed. If any one doubts this let him come and investigate, and be satisfied. The people will not be misled by false circulars or statements put forth by the Union Committee. Justice.

Killed In A Wreck

Norwalk, Ohio, June 3—Six persons were killed and a dozen injured this afternoon as the result of a collision between a east bound fast electric passenger car and a west bound "Package freight" car at Walls Corners, a few miles east of this city.

Hung By A Mob.

(Special to the Observer.)
 Spokane, June 3—A special to the Spokesman Review from Granger, Idaho, says:
 T. M. Meyers, who killed Geo. Brownlee and wounded Wallace Janett near Crook's corral three weeks ago was taken from a party of officers when near White Bird this morning and lynched. The lynchers were masked and outnumbered the officers three to one. The officers rode on to Granger. The method of death is not known. Meyers was being taken to the county jail when the lynching occurred.

TRY TO WIN ON MISREPRESENTATION

Circulars Scattered Disputing Record Evidence— A Total Disregard of Actual Facts— Anything to Deceive

Union is circulating all kinds of false statements printed and verbal. At North Powder they offered perils \$100 if by any means they could induce La Grande to put up a bond binding La Grande in an official way to provide a court house for a term of fifteen years free or for even a nominal rent. They howl because La Grande does not bind itself. Why? Because they want to use this bond after they have lost on the vote to take it to the supreme court and have the election made void on the charge of bribery. La Grande is too well posted on the law to fall into their possible trap. We say possible, because the states of Indiana, Ohio and others have decided that counties had a right to provide buildings and give them to the county for a term of years practically free but some other states through their supreme courts have decided that this was bribery. So it left the matter in doubt what our supreme court would do. As a result La Grande after much consultation with various attorneys thought it safer not to enter into such a bond. Had there been no question as to the legality of giving such a bond La Grande would have given such a bond from the start and would have been glad to have done so. It was thought at one time that our individual leading property owners could give this bond but here again the bribery question was unfurled as it made no difference whether this bond was given by the city or an individual citizen.

At North Powder they verbally circulated the reports that the business men of Elgin had held a meeting and had decided to support Union. This is absolutely false. The business men of Elgin are not in favor of Union neither are the people of that vicinity. La Grande is assured of over 550 votes from that the two Elgin precincts.

Another false report circulated by Union representatives in Elgin that the contractor on the new city hall was under no bonds. This is absolutely false as his bond is now on file with the city recorder. The editor of the Observer visited the recorder's office and saw the bond which contains aside from the usual wording of a good and legal bond that the work must be completed within 60 days and from the way he is pushing the work he will have several days to spare.

Another false statement made by Union people is that the bonds have not been sold and what work is now being done on the city hall is paid for by private subscription. This like their other statements can be refuted by record evidence. The records of the city recorder of La Grande shows that the amounts so far paid contractor Mars have been by city warrant (which is the only way the city can pay for anything by warrant likewise the county) drawn on the city hall fund. Mr. Mars takes these warrants to the city treasurer and gets the cash. The entire amount realized from the sale of the bonds is placed in the city hall fund and cannot be used for any other purpose whatsoever.

Union first tried to prevent the people from voting on the question, falling in that she is now busy circulating the report, that no matter how the vote goes La Grande will never get the county seat. She has no respect for the wishes of the majority of the people of the county, her only desire at this time is to misrepresent through false statements, that in nearly every instance can be refuted by the official records of the supreme court, and the city records in La Grande, which are open to public inspection at all times.

Exciting Time
 One of the most exciting affairs that ever took place in the history of Starkey took place at J. T. Aldous ranch of that place on Monday. It was the big time riding wild horses, followed by riding eight wild steers. This was witnessed by almost every man, woman and child of the place besides several from La Grande and Perry and at least a dozen from Umatilla county, old and young they all seemed to enjoy it. There were "buckaroos" from various places and nearly all took part.

It was thought that Aldous's Frenchman would never be any nearer heaven than he was when he rode a well known out law horse called, Indian, but he came down in the saddle at right but a few strings from the saddle was pulled off, but no one cared to ride the steers for fear they would get their clothes soiled. But Old Mack lead a well known Starkey "buckaroo" rode the steers to the satisfaction of the crowd and no harm was done but the horn of his saddle was badly cracked.

The backing certainly would have been interesting to Buffalo Bill. During the day ice cream and cake was served and I think a little bit more was used to make the boys ride good. All had an interesting time.

RUSSIANS PREPARING
 London, June 3—The London Times steamship Haymond, returned to Obu Foo June 2 from a cruise in Kin Choo bay. Five damaged war ships moored at Port Arthur jetties, the Times correspondent learns, have been denuded of everything movable. General Stoesel retains a large number of junk in the roadstead, the object of this measure can only be conjectured.

Measuring Party.
 A measuring party is given to you 'Tis something novel as well as new; Five cents for every foot you're tall. Measure yourself on door or wall. An extra cent for each inch give. And show thereby how high you live. With dancing, song recitation and pleasure. We'll meet one and all. At our party of measure.

On Friday next in L. D. S. hall The Y. L. M. J. A. will give a Measuring Ball. At 8 o'clock sharp your partners meet. Come to our party and enjoy a rare treat.
 JUNE 3, 1904
 Stewart's Orchestra
 Refreshments.

BAKER CITY HAS A MURDER CASE

Row in a Restaurant Results in One Man Going to Jail and Another to the Noque.

(Special to Observer.)
 Baker City, June 3—Last night about nine o'clock Lewellen Legg shot and killed Jack Halstead. The facts as brought out at the coroner's inquest are as follows. They were in a restaurant kept by Mrs. Laura Lybbe when she and Legg began quarrelling and Halstead must have taken the woman's part. Legg was finally ejected from the room and started up the street. Halstead followed him and when within about forty feet of Legg he turned and fired. The bullet struck Halstead just under the heart and caused almost instant death.

Legg is the man who gained considerable notoriety along in the winter through a supposed poisoning case at Pleasant Valley. Halstead is proprietor of a saloon in Baker City and was to have married the Lybbe woman.

Scared to Death.
 Pendleton, June 3—Mrs. Alex McKenzie, aged 51 years, was frightened to death while driving to Athens with her husband today. The horse frightened at some post holes, jumped suddenly to one side throwing Mr. McKenzie out of the buggy. When he arose she was dead.

Summerville Siftings
 We had a fine rain last night. Mr. Hayes and son of Joseph are the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Oswald. Mr. N. Whill and family have moved to the McKinnis saw mill. The Decoration supper given May 21 was well attended. Miss Annis Brown made a business trip to La Grande Tuesday. Miss Carrie German of Kemala was visiting friends and relatives Sunday.

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