

# Bill Introduced to Divide County

There is not a single reason why Union county should be divided, except that the town of Union wants a county seat and in her heat of frenzy to get even on La Grande tries to make herself believe that she would be justified in the attempt; but when in after years she finds herself tax ridden it will be too late to repent if successful now. While Union could come nearer in playing even, how about the other precincts.

The Portland papers assert that Representative Dobbin favors a division, Senator McDonald and Representative McLeod as against it while Senator Pierce is reported to be undecided.

The bill was introduced by request, by Representative Bally, of Portland.

The Union delegation now on the ground is headed by Attorneys Cochran and Davis. As yet those opposed to division have not sent a lobby. This bill should not pass and if properly presented the committee on counties would never give a favorable report

but it might if the other side is not properly shown up.

## POLITICAL CENTER

One of the reasons why a few certain office seekers around Union are working so hard for the subdivision of Union county is easily accounted for by noting the political power Union will have in the new county. Of the 825 votes in the new county, Union will cast 402. Under such a condition, if the outside precincts entertain the hope of securing much recognition they will be doomed to disappointment.

## DIMINISH OUR POWER

Two small counties do not exercise the same influence as one large county. As the county is today we only have one exclusive representative, our other a joint with Wallowa, both our senators are joint, Pierce with Umatilla, Morrow and Union. McDonald represents Wallowa and Union. By the division of our present territory our influence would correspondingly increase in both counties.

## Conductor Robbed

On last Thursday afternoon as passenger train No 5 left Huntington it was boarded by a man who said he wanted to go to Lime Siding, about six miles from Huntington. There was nothing unusual in this, but before the train had proceeded half the distance to that place, some one pulled the bell rope with the signal to stop. The train began to slow down, and the conductor and brakeman were unable to understand the cause. On examination one of the doors in the vestibule was found open and the conductor and other officials of the train saw a person with some bundles carrying away from the train. It proved to be the man who was going to Lime Siding. Shortly after the conductor, Anderson, found out that he was minus an overcoat and his hand grip in which he carried tickets, tags and other things necessary for the carrying out of his duties. These articles had been left locked up in one of the closets, and it is inexplicable how the man gained an entrance to it. The guilty party was arrested at Huntington and his preliminary hearing was had yesterday, the result being that he was bound over to await the action of the Circuit Court in the sum of \$5,000.

# Billy Visits Teddy

(By Scripps News Association)

Washington Jan 21—Hon W J Bryan accompanied by James L Jones called on the President today. The two democratic leaders were cordially received, and at the conclusion of the interview Bryan is said to have expressed to the president his approval of the executive's attitude on the proposed railroad legislation and also the local licenses for corporations. And it is said that the President is not averse to receiving democratic support on these questions.

## WILL RESIST STRIKERS

By Scripps News Association.

Paris, Jan. 21—A telegram received here from St. Petersburg states that at a conference today between the ministers and the police authorities and employees, it was decided to resist the demands of the strikers.

Rev Thomas Needham Evangelist, of Philadelphia and Mr Chilton Powers Tenor Soloist of New York will commence special meetings tomorrow at the Presbyterian Church. Rev Needham will preach at 11 a m 3 p m and 7:30 P M. Mr Powers will sing the Holy City at the morning service and also lead the music and sing at the afternoon and evening services. A cordial invitation is given to all to attend these services. Come and bring your friends.

## Script Script

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## Died

FOX—In Elgin Friday evening Jan. 20 1905, of diphtheria, Mrs May Fox the beloved wife of C L Fox, the well known lumberman. The body was brought to this city and buried in the Masonic cemetery this afternoon. She leaves besides her husband a father Mr A Saults, a mother Mrs Laura Saults, four brothers, a sister, and two little children Fern aged 7 and Francis aged 5 years.

Her death was unexpected until within a few hours prior to her passing away, as it was thought she had recovered from the treacherous disease and her mother from this city had gone to her to assist in the lamination of the house.

Mrs Fox was and had been for many years been a faithful member of the First Baptist church of this city. Was loved and respected by all. Just entering upon a life of usefulness the sad news sent a shock over the entire city where she was raised from girlhood. The bereaved ones have the deepest sympathy of a very large acquaintance.

DIED—At Summerville, yesterday, 2 months old son of Mr and Mrs Geo Mota. The funeral took place there this morning under the direction of Cliff & Hogan of La Grande.

## Correcting a Mistake

Editor Observer:—

I notice you made a mistake in yesterday's Observer in extending an invitation to the general public to attend thealedonian Reunion. This Reunion is given by the Burr's Society of La Grande and is open to all who are members of this Society or who are eligible to become members. Any person can become a member who is a native of Scotland or who is a descendant of Scotch parents or who is married to a Scotch husband or wife. The Society would be glad to entertain the general public if it were possible to do so, but there are about two hundred members of the Society and those eligible to become members and this is about all the Society can entertain. A cordial invitation is extended to all persons eligible of becoming members as above set out. The only expense is a dollar a year dues charged to the men, the women free. The dues are used to cover the expense of this annual reunion. Yours very truly, TURNER OLIVER, President.

## Bank Suspends

By Scrip News Association

Lancaster, Pa, Jan 21—The city Saving Fund and Trust Company closed its doors this afternoon. The institution was capitalized at one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. The deposits are estimated at one million and two hundred thousand dollars.

## Lodge Directory.

EAGLES—La Grande Airie No 10 meets every Friday night in K of L hall at 8 p m. Visiting brethren invited to attend. J. A. Macott, W. P. T. H. Gilham, W. B. J. A. Macott, W. P.

FORESTERS OF AMERICA—Court Mal Marion, No 22 meets each Tuesday in Elk hall. Brothers are invited to attend. Al Helander Chief Ranger. O J Vanderpool Rec Sec.

IOOF—La Grande Lodge, No 16 meets in their hall every Saturday night. Visiting members cordially invited to attend. S E Rinehart N G H E Coolidge, Sec.

A. F. & A. M.—La Grande Lodge No. 41, meets every 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month. A O Williams Sec, O D Huffman W. M.

EASTERN STAR O E S Hope Chapter No 13 meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p m in Masonic Temple Mrs Clara T Lytle, W M Mary A Warnick, Sec

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## THE OBSERVER

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