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On June the first, the voters of Union county will be called upon to make a choice of county officers. In making this choice the voters must naturally be guided to a considerable degree by the past record of the candidates. Therefore it is not out of place to call attention to the various republican candidates who are soliciting the votes of the people at the coming election.

J. M. Selder.

J. M. Selder, candidate for re-election to the office of county commissioner, bears the distinction of having been instrumental in reducing the county debt from \$222,982.21 in September, 1904, to \$57,480.23, on the 31st day of March, 1908. It would seem that such a record would be sufficient evidence of his ability to properly fill the office. Union county needs just such a man to co-operate with the present county court.

E. W. Davis.

There is probably no other office more important to the taxpayers of Union county than that of sheriff. The sheriff is not only the man who must watch the criminal class, but is also the tax collector and the officer of the court. A thorough business administration in the sheriff's office is equally as necessary as thief-getter. E. W. Davis, the republican candidate is capable of giving the taxpayers of Union county a business-like administration and at the same time properly handle the criminal business. Mr. Davis has been a resident and taxpayer of Union county for many years, and is certain to make a satisfactory sheriff.

For Recorder.

I. R. Snook, republican candidate for recorder of conveyances, has been a resident of Union county for more than a dozen years, and is in every way amply qualified for the office. He has served two terms as city recorder of the city of La Grande, and his record as such officer is one which any man could justly point to with pride. He is a thorough accountant and thoroughness and care mark his efforts. He is a gentleman at all times and to meet him once is to become a friend. During his residence in La Grande he has been able, by thrift and economy, to secure a pleasant home. He is a permanent resident of La Grande and his interests are identical with those of every other citizen of Union county.

Rudolph Hug.

The office of county assessor is a most important one, and in selecting such an officer no one is more interested than the land owner. In order that justice may be done, the assessor should have a thorough knowledge of land values, and we believe that we are safe in saying that no better selection could have been made. Mr. Hug has been a resident of this county for the past 27 years, during which time he has been engaged in farming and stockraising. He is the owner of much real estate, and is a careful and conservative business man, as is evidenced by the business-like manner in which he has conducted his office during the time he has been in office. Property owners need have no fear regarding the proper valuations being placed upon their property with Rudolph Hug as assessor of Union county.

Ed Wright.

Ed Wright, the republican candidate for county clerk, needs no introduction to the voters of Union county, as he was born in this county, and has been a constant resident with the exception of the time he has been

away to school. He has ever been industrious. For a number of years he was with his father in this city and Union. For the past three years he has been one of the deputies in the clerk's office under the present county clerk, James Gilham, and his training has been such that he is in every way qualified to fill the position to which he aspires, with credit to himself and justice to the county. Voters can make no mistake in voting for Ed Wright for county clerk.

BOUND TO GROW.

No matter which way it goes, wet or dry, Umatilla will raise just as much wheat, wool, horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, hay and fruit—Umatilla is bound to grow. It has the resources. —Pendleton Tribune.

The same is true of Union county. This county too, is bound to grow. Our natural resources are such that nothing short of a revolution of nature can place this county in the background, but The Observer honestly believes that from a pure business standpoint the county will grow more rapidly when the county goes dry. We are also of the opinion that on June 1 the voters of Union county will signify their desire of making a practical test of the wet or dry proposition by voting the county dry.

The Hon. C. W. Fulton has further proven his appreciation of the importance of the rapidly growing city of La Grande, the metropolis of eastern Oregon, by bringing about the appropriation of \$65,000 for the long needed public building, and has the thanks of his many friends and admirers. The senator never does things by halves, and it is certain he will push the present matter to its complete perfection of the last detail of necessary arrangement before his official career ends. With this added impetus La Grande, more and more encouraged, will make such advances in the near future as to surprise the most sanguine.

Just 19 days before election. Between this date and election every voter should take the time to read and study the various amendments. These amendments are important and should not be voted upon in a haphazard manner. Each voter has received a copy of each amendment and there is no good excuse for not knowing the exact terms of the amendment and its probable effects.

BOATS DROPPING OUT.

Atlantic Fleet Now Being Broken Up to Drydock Ships.

Port Angeles, May 21.—The Atlantic fleet came into the harbor here shortly after 7 this morning, and after circling about the Missouri, Minnesota and Ohio dropped anchor while the balance of the fleet went on. At Port Townsend the battleships Illinois and Kearsarge dropped anchor as the balance of the fleet passed on. Their arrival was greeted by a salute from the forts.

Nichols is President.

Portland, May 21.—Bishop Nichols of San Francisco was elected president of the eighth district Missionary conference of the Episcopal church today. Rev. L. C. Sanford of San Francisco, was elected secretary, and M. B. Coffman of Olympia, Wash., is treasurer.

Run Down by Train.

Sacramento, Cal., May 21.—A man named Walter Barrett, supposedly from Palo Alto, was struck and almost instantly killed this morning by the Southern Pacific limited. Papers found on the body gave the name of the man.

CONTEST NOTICE.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, La Grande, Ore., May 6, 1908.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by W. Albert Burns, contestant, against Homestead entry No. 14054, made January 11, 1905, for the NE 1/4 NE 1/4, section 28, T. 2 S., R. 37, E. W. M., by Charles M. Perdue, contestee, in which it is alleged:

That said Charles M. Perdue has wholly abandoned the land described in said entry for more than six months last past and further, that he has never resided upon and improved and cultivated said land as required by law at any time or at all, and that said alleged absence from the said land was not due to his employment in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States as a private soldier, officer, seaman or marine during the war with Spain or during any other

war in which the United States may be engaged. Said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegations at 10 o'clock a. m., on June 16, 1908, before the register and receiver at the United States land office in La Grande, Oregon. The said contestant having in a proper affidavit filed May 4, 1908, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication. F. C. BRAMWELL, Register, J. T. WILLIAMSON, Agent and Attorney for Contestant.

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PETITION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE. To the Hon. County Court of Union County:

We, the undersigned legal voters and actual residents of the precinct of Kamela, Union county, Oregon, and having actually resided in said precinct at least thirty days immediately preceding the date of signing and filing of this petition, hereby respectfully petition your honorable court to grant to Charles W. Estes, a license to sell spirituous, malt or vinous liquors or fermented cider, commonly known as hard cider, in less quantities than one gallon, in the town of Kamela, Union county, Oregon, commencing on or about the 5th day of June, 1908. Dated this first day of May, 1908.

F. G. Eyre, F. L. Wright, J. P. Adams, C. W. McFall, D. Charlton, A. C. Sherman, L. Graybeal, H. C. Hanson, N. Page, G. W. Allen, M. T. Burnett, L. E. Tipton, G. Kling, Ed Morell, Wm. Dye, Wm. Horton, Jo Connor, John Somers, R. J. Smith, J. R. Thompson, E. Rice, I. L. McFalls, John Richards, June Sanford, W. D. Adams, W. A. McFalls, August Mosher, H. K. Charlton.

Notice is hereby given that I will on the 3rd day of June, 1908, apply to the county court of Union county, Oregon, at the court house in La Grande Oregon, for a license to sell spirituous, malt or vinous liquors, or fermented cider, commonly known as hard cider, in quantities less than one gallon, in the town of Kamela, Union county, Oregon, commencing on or about the 5th day of June, 1908. CHARLES W. ESTES, 15-2-20.

O. R. & N. OREGON SHORT LINE and UNION PACIFIC. Arrival and Departure of Trains at La Grande.

No. 1, westbound Portland Special, arrives 9:25 a. m.; departs, 9:30 a. m. No. 6, eastbound passenger, mail and express, arrives at 6:45 a. m.; departs 6:50 a. m. No. 2, eastbound Chicago Special, arrives 8:05 p. m.; departs, 8:10 p. m. No. 5, westbound passenger, mail and express, arrives 9:55 p. m.; departs, 10 p. m. Elgin Branch. Regular mixed train leaves La Grande at 8 o'clock and returns at 3 o'clock p. m. The logging train leaves La Grande at 12:30 p. m. and returns at 7:45 p. m. J. H. KEENEY, Agent, La Grande, Oregon.

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