

Caught on the Fly

No more smoke. Hayward Hand Grenades are the best. But very few vacant houses in Union at present. Considerable rain during the fore part of the week. A knife and scissor grinder took in the town this week. Large shipments of cutlery being made at Huntington. Cornucopia, in all probability, will have a post-office soon. Bargains in hardware, gloves and linens, at Jos. Wright's. The public school commenced last Monday with a fair attendance. Elgin is to be the name of the new town started at Fishtrap bridge. There will be a number of divorce cases at the next term of court. The genuine Warner's Safe Cure, at John T. Wright's drug store, Union. U. S. needle guns, perfect in every respect, for \$15 at Cove drug store. Mrs. Corbin is having her millinery store enlarged, to make room for new goods. The east bound mail train was eight or ten hours behind time last Saturday. Hall Bro's warehouse at the depot is about completed. It is a substantial structure. L. B. Rinehart is adding to his elegant premises in this city, a spacious barn, size 40x52 ft. A new millinery establishment will probably be opened in this city soon, by Miss Jessie Simpson. Dr. Drake is having his new residence in North Union painted. George Stafford is the artist. There will be a school meeting next Saturday at 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of levying a school tax. Mr. and Mrs. Skiff's infant son, aged about five months, died Tuesday forenoon and was buried Wednesday. Jerry Despain, of Pendleton, paid Taylor Green \$9,600 for 640 acres of meadow land, near Ladd canyon, this week. Rev. L. J. Booth bought the Starks property, opposite the court house, a few days ago, paying for the same \$1,000. Salt Lake capitalists have an expert in the Pine creek mines, and are only waiting his favorable report to invest largely. A very promising ledge has been discovered near the old copper mines on Lower Powder river, by the Sturrgill Bros. A company of soldiers passed through this city last Monday, en route from Walla Walla to the John Day country. J. A. Baskowitz will pay special attention to the shipment of grain. The highest market price allowed, and prompt returns made. A large supply of boots and shoes of the latest styles, and make, has just been received at Vincents. He is selling at very low prices. We learn from Dr. Strange that his wife will arrive here from Roseburg about the middle of next week. They will then go to housekeeping, and reside here permanently. The subscription list of the SCOUT is increasing at an astonishing rate. We want two thousand subscribers in this county, and at the rate they are coming in we will not have long to wait.

We are under obligations to Prof. Tuttle, for getting up the two former issues of this paper. He did the work in a very creditable manner, but we cannot help thinking that during one day at least, he must have imbibed some of Billy Wilson's "Thistle Brew," which caused him to see thistles where none existed. Mr. Tuttle will probably do the writing for the paper next week. Should he do so, we are in hopes that any one having hostile intentions toward the paper, will come and settle with him. The average town councilmen of rural burgs are probably not surpassed in farsighted penetration, and the making of laws for the general good. The town of Weston is a bright example of what can be done in this line. After passing such stringent laws, that the average countryman enters it as seldom as he can, and then with the most wholesome fear in his heart, they have turned their attention to the residents of the town, and have commenced by passing an ordinance requiring hotel and boarding house keepers to pay a quarterly license. We don't know what penalty is attached in case of refusal to pay. Probably hanging.

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Personal.

J. E. Jeffrey is sojourning in Boise City. Mr. Robt. Eakin has been very unwell for some time past. Mrs. J. E. Davis left yesterday, for a visit to relatives in Heppner. Mrs. E. H. Lewis left on Thursday for a visit to relatives and friends in Tacoma, W. T. Mr. Goetzman the architect left Tuesday last for a visit to Portland and San Francisco. Miss Miller arrived from the east a few days ago. She was five days in making the trip from New Jersey to Union.

Scalps Versus Tails.

The last legislature passed an act empowering the county courts to offer a reward for the scalps of various wild animals, not to exceed a certain amount on each kind specified. At the last session of our County court, a reward was offered for the death of certain animals, and an order was issued authorizing the County Clerk, upon the presentation of the tails of such animals, to cut them off. What the object of the court was in requiring the tails to be produced as evidence, instead of the scalps, as the law directs, and why they wished the tails to be lopped off in the peculiar manner, aforesaid, we are unable to state. Some take the position that the clerk wanted them to eat during the winter, as a kind of delicacy, so to speak, but we do not think the position tenable. Others say that the court had "tail on the brain." Well, we don't know. Whatever may have been the cause, it did not appease the wrath of Long, Shelton, who brought a number of bear and cougar scalps to the County Clerk's office, last Wednesday, and because he could not produce their tails, he was not permitted to handle any of the county's money. Long, said he "didn't know they wanted the tail gasted tails, and didn't know they had to be cut off in any such a confounded manner." The farmers are considerably riled up in this matter, and great diplomatic skill will be required to disentangle this knotty question, that the end (not tail end) of justice may be attained.

Long, don't understand Latin, and of course labored under a misapprehension as to the meaning of the court in its order concerning the manner of amputation. The custom in some courts of introducing Latin phrases into their writures, is reprehensible. It don't make any difference to us, individually, as we are good Latin scholars, and know what the court means every time, but such is not the case with the great mass. The custom is conducive of more harm than good.—Ed. The caterpillar we administered a few weeks ago to the little bag of pomposity, wind and vanity, who runs the newspaper abortion, at La Grande, called the Gazette, was thought to be sufficient to quiet him for some time, but he is so far recovered as to snap at us again. He talks about what is "confidentially reported in newspaper circles," just for all the world as though he is a shining light in that same "circle." We do not think an original editorial has appeared in the columns of the Gazette since he has had charge. As for his local department, something less than two columns, written in school boy style, is about the extent of it, the remaining portion filled up with clippings from other papers, the SCOUT being his favorite exchange to attack with the shears. He probably possesses a certain amount of "horse sense" and shrewdness which would serve his purpose in other walks of life, and we again advise him to forego his newspaperial and senatorial aspirations, and give us a rest. Verily "the weak things of this earth are chosen to confound the wise."

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That County Poor Contract.

The County Clerk informs us that the matter looking for the bid to take care of the county poor, was posted up instead of being published in the newspapers, through a mistake of his. He was instructed by the court to post notices for bids to furnish food, and he posted the other notices in a similar manner, being under an impression that such was the order of the court. He thinks, however, \$1500 to be paid the contractor for taking care of the county poor, and \$800 additional was paid for the care of State paupers, and one member of the Board of examiners for the insane, amounting in all to \$2300. Much it will be seen that there is no great difference in the amount to be paid this year, after all, and taking into consideration the large number of people who will visit the mines next year, rather favorable to the county, as all money paid for State paupers is refunded. We think, however, that notices for bids of this kind should be published, not only in one, but all of the county papers, and the editors of the Argus, on this matter, so far as it concerns the part of the question, at least, very appropriate, and to the point, at least, very appropriate, and to the point.

San Francisco Excited.

A horrid discovery was made in Chinatown, San Francisco, last Tuesday. Information was given the city coroner that a frightful death was being committed from a cellar on Pacific street. He went and forced his way in and found the floor covered with human skulls and bones, partially covered with fresh in the last stage of putrefaction. Among the decayed mass worms were crawling, while the floor was a quagmire with liquids exuding from the remains. In an inner room the coroner found a number of Chinese engaged in boiling down the remains of other bodies, while other Chinese were engaged in scraping the boiled bones and packing them in boxes for shipment to China. It is estimated that the cellar contained over 200 dead bodies which had been taken secretly from various cemeteries throughout the State. As an instance of Chinese ingenuity, it is stated that those in charge of the operations, fearing the stench from the boiling pots would be so great as to attract attention outside, procured two living skunks, so that the odor of the latter might overcome the former. The coroner confiscated all the remains.

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As good an assortment of choice family groceries as were ever brought to Union, has been received by Jones Bros. The public are invited to call and examine goods.

Notice For Publication.

U. S. LAND OFFICE, LA GRANDE, OREGON, Sept. 15th, 1888. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Register and Receiver at La Grande, Oregon, on Oct. 24th, 1888, viz: Joseph Bassett. His No. 129, for the SE 25 2d, Sec. 5 R. 40 NE 25 Sec. 2 and N 1/2 NW Sec 25 Twp. 5 S R. 40 E W. M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Hubert Bassett, Benjamin Macle Warren Fowler and William Wallace, all of Kelso, Or. S. O. SWACKHAMER, Register.

Board of Equalization.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Equalization will meet on the first Monday in October, 1888, at the Clerk's office in Union, Union county, Oregon, and will continue in session from day to day, for one week. All persons who may feel themselves aggrieved at their assessment, will please appear before the Board and show in what respect their assessment is unreasonable or unjust. Notice is further given that all persons failing to so appear before said Board of Equalization, will not afterwards be allowed any rebate on assessment. J. H. McCUBBIN, Assessor of Union County, Oregon.

Daily Stage Line.

From Union to the Cove. J. S. ELLIOTT, PROPRIETOR. Leaves Union at 10:30 A. M. and returns at 2:30 P. M. every day except Sunday. Fare from depot to Cove 75 Round trip \$1.25 Passengers will be taken from the depot through to the Cove, via Union.

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For Girls. COVE, UNION COUNTY, OGN. The Rt. Rev. B. Wietse Morris, D. D., Rector. The Rev. Wm. R. Powell, A. B., Principal. Assisted by experienced and thoroughly competent teachers. SECOND YEAR WILL BEGIN SEPT. 2d, 1888. For prospectus or further information address REV. WM. R. POWELL.

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