

That Decision.

County expert Outhouse, in his letter, last week, asked us to examine and report what question was at issue in the case of Bushee vs Umatilla county. We could not do so in that issue of the paper, but have since looked into the matter. The proceedings are too lengthy to publish, but the whole case and decisions were reviewed by Judge Ballery in his answer to the enquiries of Judge Craig, relative to the bills of W. T. Wright, a parallel case. We give it below:

Pendleton, Or. Jan. 17th., 1885. HON. A. C. CRAIG,

County Judge, Union County, Or. My Dear Sir:—Yours of 15th. duly received. In reply to your inquiry, I would say, that Mr. J. Keady, clerk of this county, always charged one folio for each name with amount of taxable property, independence etc.—that is for each line in tax and assessment roll. When Mr. Bushee came into office, he made out his bill in the same way, and the County Court, to raise the question, disallowed his bill. An agreed case was made up in the Circuit Court of this county, and submitted to me. After a careful view of the statute, I concluded he could only charge a folio for each full folio of 100 words for such work.

An appeal was duly taken to the Supreme Court, who held that he was entitled to charge one folio for each name, with the amount set opposite to it—that is one folio for each line in making out tax rolls, and assessment rolls etc. The title of the case is J. P. Bushee vs Umatilla county. It is unreported and never will be reported. I think the decision contrary to the statute, but it is the law, and the Supreme Court having decided it, we are bound by it and so is every County and Circuit Court in the State. I think the bill as made out is correct and should be paid. Certainly Mr. Wright could not get the Supreme Court to reverse themselves, and I do not think they would, not while the present judges are on the bench, at any rate.

I am Very Respectfully Yours, JOHN J. BALLEBY, Judge of the Court.

The above certainly explains the matter so that all can understand it. While the fees for such work are exorbitant and beyond reason, the Supreme Court has decided that they are legal. When the people get tired of paying such fees, they can elect legislators who will rectify the matter. That is about all the consolation we have to offer them.

We had no personal feeling in our criticism of Mr. Outhouse's report. It appeared to us, erroneous and unreliable, and it certainly is if we are to judge from the document filed in the County Court, Mr. Outhouse. In his letter, says: "I felt so certain that the report was correct, I neglected to compare the copy with the original. As soon as convenient I will do so, and ascertain the extent of the mistakes." If such is the case, we have had no bona-fide report from the expert, as yet, and are criticizing the wrong document.

Rather Muddled.

The astute editor of the Baker City Sage Brush, after taking about a week to study the bill appropriating money for the construction of the Pine creek wagon road, has come to the conclusion that it smells a good sized rodent. This is what he has to say:

"Section 1, provides for the appropriation of \$1,000 for the construction of a wagon road from a point at Hogem or between that point and Sparta, to the town of Corvallis, in Union county." Now the question in which we are most interested, is where that point shall be. The nearer to Sparta we have the initial point located the better it will be for the section. As the County Court of Union county is the body authorized to declare the road a county road, with the court it rests to name the initial point. If Hogem is named it will be to the detriment of this section, as it will necessitate the building of a road over a rough section to connect with the road for which the appropriation was made."

After mature deliberation we are of the opinion that brother Donnelly don't know what he is talking about. The bill provides for the construction of a road upon the route, and according to the plans, specifications and plats now on file in the County clerk's office, at this place, and as there is ample money to build the road between Hogem and Cornucopia, the points named in the bill, or between Union and Cornucopia, for that matter, we cannot see how the location of this end of the road will effect the Baker people in the least. They can intersect the road at any point they wish to. Even should this end of the road be located at Hogem, it will cost probably three times as much for the Union people to intersect the road as it will those of Baker, although the distance is about the same. The Sage Brush, in making the remarks it has, must plead guilty of gross stupidity, or a desire to injure Union on the foolish pretext of benefiting Baker.

There is no change in the relative position of the present Congress as compared with the Forty-eighth. The Republicans will have a majority of eight in the Senate, counting for them Mitchell of Oregon. The Democrats will have a majority of forty-one in the House of Representatives, including Weaver, the Fusionist from Iowa. No legislation upon which the two Houses radically differ can be passed without a compromise. Nor can any veto of the President having political significance be overruled by Congress. The President is confronted by an op-

position majority in the Senate on questions respecting the approval or rejection of his nominations.

The city election, last Monday, passed off very quietly indeed, not more than one-half of the voters of the city went to the polls, and no interest was manifested whatever. We suppose the inference to be drawn from this, is that our citizens imagine that the city may safely be left to "run herself." They may be correct—at any rate they will have no reason to demur, if things don't go to suit them.

The new liquor law went into effect on the 25th of November. It requires all liquor dealers outside of incorporated towns and cities to take out a license of \$300 per year for all kinds of liquors or \$200 for beer alone, for sale in less quantity than a gallon. The dealer is required to obtain the signature of a majority of the voters in his precinct to a petition for license, and the petition must be published in a newspaper for four weeks. The penalty for selling without license is from \$250 to \$300. Not less than \$300 for a general liquor license or \$200 for beer can be taken for license in incorporated towns or cities, and no license is to issue for less than six months.

Farmers and Mechanics. Save money and doctor bills. Relieve your Mothers, Wives and Sisters by a timely purchase of Dr. Bosanko's Cough and Lung Syrup, best known remedy for Coughs, Croup and Bronchial affections. Relieves Children of Croup in one night; may save you hundreds of dollars. Price 60 cents and \$1.00. Samples free. Sold by J. T. Wright, Union, Oregon.

Dissolution Notice.

Notice is hereby given, that the partnership heretofore existing between C. E. Robins & Co., in the butcher business, has been this day dissolved by mutual consent. All parties indebted to said firm are notified to settle, by Jan. 1st, 1886, either with cash or note. The business will be continued by Alta and Sam Benson, C. E. Robins, A. M. Benson, S. J. Benson, Union, Or., December 1st, 1885.

Notice of Meeting of Stockholders.

The regular Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the First National Bank of Union, Oregon, will be held at the banking house of said bank, on Tuesday, Jan. 12th., 1886, at 10 o'clock A. M., at which meeting a Board of Directors will be elected and such other business transacted as may come before said meeting. Union, Oregon, J. W. T. Wright, Cashier, Dec. 9, 1885.

To The Farmers.

We are now prepared to buy wheat again, and exchange flour for wheat, 33 lbs. to a bushel.

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Portland Market.

(Corrected Weekly.)

Table with market prices for various goods including Wheat, Flour, and other commodities.

Local Market.

Table with local market prices for items like Wheat, Corn, and other regional goods.

BELL TELEPHONE

Is now open for public service, arrangements having been made to deliver to and receive from the Western Union Telegraph Company, messages over their line. Rates, lists, for messages of 10 words, and 1 ct. for each additional word.

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From Union to the Cove, J. S. ELIOTT, Proprietor. Leaves Union at 10:30 A. M. and returns at 2:30 P. M. Every day except Sunday.

Advertisement for JOS. WRIGHT, Main Street, Union, Oregon. Dealer in Stoves, Tin Hardware, PAT. OVAL CHURNS, PEORA and GLASS FRUIT JARS, GRANITE-IRON WARE, SILVER-WARE, &c. CUTLERY, Guns, Revolvers, and Amunition.

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We lead, but never follow, and defy competition in all our departments. NEW IMPORTATIONS. En route from Eastern and Western manufactures.

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An immense stock of Dry Goods, Clothing, Gents, Furnishing Goods, Boots and Shoes, California and Oregon Blankets, Groceries, Hardware, Crockery Tobacco and Cigars, Stationery, Notions, etc., etc., constantly on hand.

A cordial invitation extended to all to call on me, examine goods, and learn prices.

Adolph Levy, Union, Or.

Advertisement for Christmas Goods at the Union Bazaar. Includes items like Dolls, Toys, Books, Xmas Cards, Silverware, Glassware, Children's China Sets, Oil Paintings, Notions, Tinware, etc. Features an illustration of a woman holding a sign that says 'UNION BAZAAR AT THE CHRISTMAS!'.

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To The Public: I have just returned from San Francisco with one of the largest and best selected stocks of General Merchandise ever brought to Union county, and we now offer goods at a great reduction on former prices. For example:

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Price now 14, 16, 18 yds per one dollar. Price formerly 12, 14, 16 yds. per one dollar.

Ginghams, Poplins, Cashmeres, Buntings.

WHITE GOODS, etc., in same proportion.

OVERALLS.

Price now 50 cts and 75 cts. Price formerly 75 cts. and one dollar.

CLOTHING.

(Suits) Price now \$10.00, \$12.00, \$15.00, \$20.00. Former price \$12.00, \$15, \$20, \$25. Goods in all our other lines in same proportion.

PORTLAND PRICES.

I would call the attention of the public to the fact that I have the sole agency for GRISWOLD'S PATENT Lamp Fillers and MACHINE OILERS, For Union and Baker Counties.

I am also agent for some of the best Fire Insurance Companies in the world, viz: SOUTH BRITISH & NATIONAL, HAMBURG & MAGDEBURG, HAMBURG-REMAN, and GERMANIA; solicitor for the Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York.

PARAFINE PAINT CO'S.

CLOTH COMPOUND, for cloth, canvas, rope, etc. LEATHER PRESERVATIVE, for Harness and all kinds of leather. ROOFING, which is water proof, convenient, and preservative. Also agent for the following articles of the... N. H. Orders respectfully solicited from the interior, which will at all times meet our prompt attention. RESPECTFULLY YOURS, I. A. BOSKOWITZ.

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Please call and examine goods and prices.

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For Fall Delivery. APPLE, PEAR, PLUM, PRUNE, PEACH, APRICOT, CRAB-APPLE, CHERRY, Shrubbery and Shade Trees.

Of well known varieties, suitable for this climate. Can also furnish foreign sorts at one-third the price asked by Eastern growers. I desire to sell trees at prices that people can afford to buy.

L. J. ROUSE, Cove, Oregon.

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All kinds of photographic work done in a superior manner, and according to the latest and most approved methods.

Views of residences taken on application. All work warranted to give satisfaction. JONES BROS, Props.

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Land Notice.

LAND OFFICE, LA GRANDE, OREGON, Nov. 14, 1885. 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 Dec. 21st., 1885, viz: WILLIAM SMITH, D. S. No. 0674 for the S 1/2 NE 1/4, N 1/2 SE 1/4, Sec 13 Tp. 8 S R. 46 E W.M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: James Holstein, Job, Curless, Chas. Fox and F. Koopman, all of Pine Valley, Oregon. S. O. SWACKHAMER, Register.

Land Notice.

LAND OFFICE, LA GRANDE, OREGON, Nov. 10, 1885. 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 Dec. 12th., 1885, viz: J. W. SIMMONS, D. S. No. 0674 for the S 1/2 SW 1/4, Sec 23 and 24 Twp. 8 S R. 46 E W.M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: G. W. Simmons, E. Draper, J. P. Smith and R. R. Smith, all Union, Oregon. S. O. SWACKHAMER, Register.

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Notice of Application to Purchase Timber Land.

U. S. LAND OFFICE, LA GRANDE, OGN., Nov. 14, 1885. Notice is hereby given that, in compliance with the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June 8, 1878, entitled "An Act for the sale of Timber Lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," Charles Seamer, whose post-office address is Pine Valley, Union county, Oregon, has this day filed in this office his application to purchase the S 1/2 NE 1/4 S. 34 and N 1/2 SW 1/4 Sec. 26 Twp. 15, in Township No. 6, South Range No. 45 E of the W. M. All persons holding any adverse claim thereto are required to present the same at this office within sixty days from the first publication of this notice. S. O. SWACKHAMER, Register.

Sheriff's Sale.

Whereas, by virtue of an execution, and order of sale duly issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Union county, on the 18th. day of November, 1885, upon a decree and judgment therein rendered on the 10th. day of October, A. D. 1885, in favor of Ledford Ferguson, Plaintiff, and against Thomas F. Bell, Sarah M. Bell and J. R. Dawson, Defendants, of the sum of \$871.76, and interest therein since Nov. 7th, 1885, at the rate of 8 per cent per annum, together with costs and disbursements of the suit, I will, by virtue of said decree and order of sale, on the 25th. day of December, 1885, at 2 o'clock P. M. of said day at the court house door in Union, in said county, sell at public auction, all the right, title and interest which the said defendants, or either of them have in or to the following described premises, to wit: N 1/2 of NE 1/4 and N 1/2 of SW 1/4 of Sec. Twelve (12) Township Three South of Range Forty-five (45) East W. M. together with all appurtenances thereto in being or in anywise appertaining. Terms of sale—cash to me in hand. A. L. SAUNDERS, Sheriff.

Notice to Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given, that I forbid any person of persons, hunting, fishing, skunking, trapping, or otherwise trespassing on the property belonging to Mrs. S. A. M. French at Cove, Union county, Oregon, known as the Cove Ranch. H. H. FRENCH, Agent.

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