Our Position.

The political waters of Union coun-

ty, albeit, not as transparent as

might be, are becoming somewhat troubled in view of the approaching tempest, and we have been repeatedly asked as to the precise location in the maelstrom the Scott would be found, and its course of action. We think our readers are sufficiently informed in regard to this, but as numerous subscribers are constantly being added to our list, a reiteration of sentiments expressed by us in the past, may not be amiss at this time. The Scour is an independent exponent of the principles it believes best calculated to advance the interests of the people at large. While we have very decided opinions on the various questions of the day, and shall not hesitate to express them when occasion demands, we also respect the honest opinions of others, and have no desire to cut their throats, simply because they differ from us. We would much rather conciliate them with reaonable arguments than try to annihilate them with abuse. It is not our purpose to take sides in political or secular controversies, further than to expose rotteness and dishonesty, and aid in advancing the best and most competent men to positions of public trust and honor. and this we shall do according to the best light we have, uninfluenced by any clique, corporation, or party. It is to us a pleasure. as well as privilege to advance such ideas as we conceive to be beneficial to our fellowmen, and this we shall endeavor to do in a temperate and reasonable manner. The people of Union county have recently witnessed specimens of "political journalism" which to say the least, has been nauseating in the extreme. Rancorous and bitter feelings have been engendered needlessly. and seemingly with no other object than the gratification of enmity caused by events long past, and issues which are dead, and that should be forgotten, We believe it is the sincere wish of ninety-nine men out of every hundred, to forget every unpleasant event of the past, to make the most of the present, and to build as well and wisely as they can, for the benefit of themselves and posterity. There are many things that are everything is tending in the right direction, and that mankind is being emancipated from some form of mental, moral or political bondage, to a better condition, every day. We would like to impress on the minds of the farmer, mechanic, miner and laborer, that it rests with them whether this onward movement is to be slow or fast. They are the men that can and should rule the country, instead of demagogues and professional political tricksters. Differences of opinion between men is natural, and that we should have opposing political organizations, is a matter of course, but that none but honest, trustworthy and capable men should be placed in authority, is a proposition we do not think there should be two opinious about We are in hopes that every voter in Union county will register, and be prepared to cast his vote next June. We are in hopes that at the coming precinct primaries every farmer will be there, to think and act as his own good sense will dictate, and not be hoodwinked by any jobs put up, or taffy sent out from "Head quarters." See to it that the best men are nominated for office, and then in the event of the no fears but that our affairs will be fight to make on good men of either party, but will endeavor to the best of our ability to assist in relegating fools, tricksters and incompetent blatherskites to the background. We Invariably have for our motto, in dealing with this class, the old Latin quotation:

> "Soc et tuum, Dam num ein chum 13

Oun friends over in Wallowa are warmly dienssing the advisability of forming a new county, and so far as we can see, the sentiment for and against is about evenly divided. Sooner or later the Wallowa must of necessity become a seperate county. The rapid settlement and growth of the country will demand it, and it remains for the people who reside there, and are most interested in the matter to decide for themselves when the proper time has arrived for septagitating the subject in the manner that is now being pursued. We have always had a very friendly feeling toward the people of Wallowa and should they think proper to separate themselves from this portion of the ounty, the Scout will render them all the assistance it can, but if they gor we shall be pleased.

A Specimen.

The La Grande Argus, last week, contained an editorial concerning that little episode at the depot, which is amusing to say the least. We would like to give our readers the article entire, as a curiosity, but have not space. We quote a few gems which will serve to show the peculiar style. "Imbecility of officials. "-"Bruisers and blackguard attempts of intimidation,"-"The Scour seems to be the mouth-piece, just now, of the official class, and champion of the outlaw." -"The attempt of assassination at the depot last week. "-"The blackgaurd element must be eliminated, or the necessity of Judge Lynch's court will be a matter of fact. "-"It is a reproach to civilization. "-"Do citizens desire the facts published in their directory for the outside world to read?" - "The Argus is read by many in the East."--Its editor is required to resort to an arsenal for self-protection. ''-"We may go down at the hands of Ku Kluxism. yet others stand ready to take up where we leave off." We ask the good people of Union county what they think of that? If the Argus is 'read by many in the East,' isn't the above a nice advertisement for Union county? Of course great men are liable to be "assassinated" at any time. Lincoln went that way, Garfield went that way, and Finn may be the next victim, but he should want till after the 'assassination,' and let those "who stand ready to take up where he leaves off' write his obituary. It would give the whole business better tone. If he could get off his last words in good shape, such as "I die that me country may live!" or something of that kind, the racket would be much more im-

MANY papers on the Pacific slope are still wrangling over the best method of ridding the country of the pestiferous Chinese. Some still advocate the illegal method recently practiced in Washington Territory. These. however, are a very small per cent of the first class. The passage by Congress and the approval by the President of an act prohibiting Chinese immigration, and providing for the deportation of the Chinese now here. would accomplish the desired end. So would the refusal of the white people to employ Chinese labor or to purchase its products. We know of no other means than these. Violence There is a long, wearing fight shead An Excellent Supper will be Served. on the Chinese question, and the sooner the people of the Pacific coast The Very Best of Music realize this and recognize the fact that the law is the only weapon with which the Asiatle invader can be successfully fought, the sooner will the fight be ended.

THE report that the Mormons are going to rise in armed conflict against the government is very unlikely. No doubt the Mormons are very angry, and if they thought themselves strong enough, would cheerfully enter upon a tussle with the government; but in spite of their fanaticism they are by no means fools, enough to believe that in a struggle of that kind they have any chance of even temporary suces, Small and insignificant outbreaks among them may occur, led on by overzealous and uninformed partisans; but as for a general uprising, that is not to be thought of. The most intelligent among their leaders are recognizing the fact that polygamy must go, and are preparing themselves to see it go

A very important decision has been defeat of either party we need have rendered by Judge Brewer of the U. S. District Court of Kansas. John Wal conducted properly. We have no ruff, who owns a brewery, sued the State of Kansas to recover the value of his brewery which was rendered useless by the Prohibition law. It was proved on the trial that the property was worth \$50,000 for a brewery and only \$5,000 for any other purpose. The Judga said in his decision: "When the right to use property in a given way is vested in a citizen, it cannot be taken from him for the pttblic good without compensation. Beyond any doubt the State can prohibit the defendant from continuing the business of brewing, but it must pay the value of the property destroyed.

> IT is said that the Post-office Department has adopted and will soon issue a stamped letter sheet. This is a letter sheet and envelope combined, with a peforated line running around the sheet and so contrived that the sheet may be folded and securely fastened, while the recipient can easily tear it open along the peforated line, leaving the letter intact.

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Notice of Application to Purchase Tim-

U. S. Lanti Office, La Grande, Oregon. Notice is hereby given that, it compliance with the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June 8, 1878, emitted "An Act for the sale of Timber Lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory Washington Territory

James R. Gardner Whose post-office address is North Powder, Union county, Creebb, has this day filed in this wifee his application to purchase the E NE Section No. 7. In Township No. 7 South Range No. 38 EWM. All persons holding any adverse claim thereto are required to present the same at this office within sixty days from the of this sixty days from the tiret publication of this notice.

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W. W. ROSS, Agent for Union county.

Assignee's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that Mrs. M. L. Brannan, of Cove, Union county, Oregon, on December 14th., 1885, made an assignment of all her property, real and personal to J. B. Eaton, of Union, Union county Oregon, in trust, for the benefit of all her creditors, in proportion to the amount

of their respective claims.

All claims against said estate must be presented to the assignee, at Union, Oregon, properly verified, within three months from

Union, Oregon, J. B. EATON, Jan. 9th., 1886. Assignee.

Notice of Application to Purchase Time-

U.S. LAND OFFICE, LA GRANDE, OREGON,

Notice is hereby given that, in compliance with the provisions of the Act of Con-gress approved June 3, 1878, entitled "An Act for the sale of Timber Lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and

Washington Territory, Dempsey P. McDaniel,

Whose post-office address is Union, Union county, Oregon, has this day filed in this office his apylication to purchase the S1-2 NW1-4 Section No. 35, in Township No. 6 S Range No. 45 E. of the W. meridian. 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. jan9-w10.

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