

In obedience to an order issued by the County Court a few months ago, Sheriff Hamilton has had a deputy traveling throughout the county collecting delinquent taxes. His efforts in this direction have brought to light a peculiar state of affairs which exists in the Wallowa valley. Mr. James Lowell, the deputy, has found that fully one-half of those marked delinquent have paid their taxes and hold receipts for the same. This causes the Chief to say:

"Evidently there has been gross negligence or downright stealing by either the late sheriff or some of his deputies, we are inclined to think the latter. If this money was collected and properly accounted for by individuals and the amount tax payers marked delinquent on the tax list, the man or combination of men who sign such a deed should be placed at least in the penitentiary for the rest of their natural lives. No wonder taxes have been high in the county this so long when such a state of affairs exist. We do not, to our knowledge, know any particular person with this crime. The fact that the taxes of many persons in this valley have been called delinquent a few years ago and no account given of said taxes, states the County Court in La Grande and the tax payers demand an explanation. Let the guilty party suffer, whoever it may be, and let Wallowa learn a lesson by past experience and not incur a like country for (La Grande) to be a foreign country as far as personal interests in the Wallowa is concerned with their business longer."

So far as the above article refers to the punishment of guilty parties, etc., it is eminently correct and we agree, but it flings at the County Court and ex-Sheriff Saunders, whose honesty no man ever doubted, and its advice to not trust a "foreign country," etc., are very silly. The facts in the case so far as we have been able to learn are that Sheriff Saunders, in order to save expenses and accommodate the people of the Wallowa, appointed resident deputies there to collect taxes and report the same. These receipts seem to show that much of the taxes were collected, but no account rendered to the sheriff. The only blame that can be attached to Saunders is that he was too trusting, and that he did not have his deputies give bonds for the honest performance of their duties. However, deputy Lowell is taking up the old receipts and giving new ones in place of them and it will soon be ascertained who the man is who has been practicing this rascality, and he will doubtless be held to a strict accountability. It seems to us instead of the Wallowa people being fleeced by Sheriff Saunders, that Sheriff Saunders has been fleeced by one or two of the Wallowa people. It would be well enough for the Chief to squint through the right eye of the spy-glass, hereafter, when looking at "furrin lands."

A WORD TO HOP GROWERS.

Under the above caption, Mr. H. J. Geer, of the Cove, writes a very pointed letter to the Rural Spirit, of Portland. As the experience of Mr. Geer may be interesting to many of our readers, we reproduce his letter. He says:

"I have just returned from Portland, where I have been to sell my crop of hops. After spending several days 'moon-saying' with the hop experts—or more properly speaking, with hop sharks—at an expense of \$2 or \$3 per day, I sold for \$22-25 per pound. Now, how illuminating it was to me when I arrived home and found a telegram from me from a Chicago firm, requesting me to ship my hops immediately, as they could sell them for me at \$42 per pound. Now I have learned that for a sure, unfluctuating market, either Chicago or New York is the market. Why? Because they are so far from the hop fields, especially Chicago, where the regular experts or speculators are, that the market is regular and on a more solid basis; while on the other hand every bale that the expert handles is tested, and if found not worthy, according to his judgment, is rejected and left on the poor unfortunate producer's hands, to dispose of at just what he can get, which is almost nothing. Now, then, when the hops go to their final destination, they have all been probed, and the fact has been established beyond a doubt that the hops are worthy and a good merchantable article. Hence, there is only two or three grades of hops in the wholesale or consumers' market, while in the field or producers' market there are as many grades of hops and prices almost as there are hop fields. The difference between selling in Portland and Chicago on the same day was only about \$600 on a lot of 30 bales. So ye poor hop grower can readily see where your greatest interest lies. The freight from Portland to Chicago is 1c. You will readily see the difference between 22-25 and 34c is ample to pay the growers' expense of producing, and a small profit beside. I, for one unfortunate hop man, will in the future ship to the consumers' market unless I can get a good paying price at home. My hops in Portland were pronounced by the 'shark' who got them, 'gift-edged,' and I can always put up the same kind of an article in the same climate I live in, and will have no fears of obtaining the very highest market price. There should be less hops raised, and of a better quality, is my advice to my brother hop growers."

H. J. GEER, Cove, Union county Or., Nov. 18, 1886.

Wild Cherry and Tar.

Everybody knows the virtues of Wild Cherry and Tar as a relief and cure for any affections of the Throat and Lungs, combined with these two ingredients are a few simple, healing remedies in the composition of Dr. Bonnic's Cough and Lung Syrup making it just the article you should always have in the house for Coughs, Colds, Croup and Bronchitis. Price 50 cents and \$1. Samples free. Sold by J. T. Wright, Union, Oregon.

Buy the celebrated Kimball pianos.

ANNOUNCEMENT EXTRAORDINARY! DRAKE TO THE FRONT!

I Don't Have to Close Out to Lower Prices.

"When I open my lips let no dog bark!"

MY PRICES FOR THE NEXT 30 DAYS.

RETAIL.

Table listing retail prices for various goods such as Golden C Sugar, Extra C Sugar, Dry Granulated Sugar, Rice, Coffee, Drake's Tea, Liverpool Dairy Salt, Brooms, Pair Socks, Pair Red Lamb Wool Socks, Linen Ducking overcoat, Linen Overall (heavy), 10 oz overalls, Over-shirts (and up wards), Underclothing, suits (and upwards), Gal Pearl Coal Oil.

WHOLESALE.

MY MOTTO--"As you go up in quantity, I will lower Prices."

Table listing wholesale prices for Extra C Sugar by bbl, Golden C, Dry Granulated Sugar by bbl, Rice, 100 lb sacks, Liverpool Salt, 400 lb sacks.

Parties at a Distance are invited to Call and Save Money.

I ALSO MAKE CHRISTMAS SPECIALTIES

Table listing Christmas specialties including Cranberries, Nuts, Raisins, Candies, Oatmeal, Dried Fruit, Dried Apples, Dried Plums, Maple Sugar, Hops, Tubs, Wash-boards, Etc., Etc., Etc.

RALLY 'ROUND THE FLAG!

DRAKE HAS "LET LOOSE THE DOGS OF WAR" ON HIGH PRICES, AT

Drake's Cash Store! UNION, OR.

SANTA CLAUS' HEADQUARTERS ARE AT

JONES BRO'S!

Who are Receiving the Finest Assortment of

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS & HOLIDAY GOODS!

Ever brought to Union county. Desiring to show our appreciation of the Liberal Patronage we have received from the People of this vicinity, we have, as usual, completed arrangements for

A Grand Holiday Free Gift Distribution

For Every Dollars' worth of Goods bought of us during the month of December, our Patrons will receive a Ticket which will give them a chance to

Secure One or All of the Following Beautiful Presents.

Table listing various prizes such as Elegant Gold Decorated Genuine China Dinner Set, Set Table Glassware, Bronze Card Receiver, Wall Pocket, Large Berry Dish, Splendid Silk Handkerchief, Large Crystal Courtier, Handsome Scrap Album, Japanese Picture Frame, Superb Oil Painting, Pair of vases, Set of Ice Cream Dish, Bronze Picture Frame, Gents Cigar Case, Chromo Card Frame, Set of Sauce Dishes, Pickle Dish, Lady's Hair Ornament, Pair Gents' Sleeve Buttons, One Broom.

The Drawing will Take Place December 30th at 7 o'clock p. m.

GIFTS FOR THE CHILDREN.

For every 25 cents' worth of goods bought of us during December BY THE LITTLE FOLKS we will give a ticket entitling them to a chance to draw one or all of the following splendid gifts.

Table listing gifts for children such as Boys wagon, Doll over 2 feet high, Accordion, Photograph Album, Work Box, Pair Vases, Beautiful Picture Book, Scrap Album, Autograph Album, Fifty cents worth of candy.

Drawing to take place December 30th, at 2 o'clock p. m. Tickets for this Drawing will be given to none but the Children.

All are Invited to Examine Our Magnificent Display of Holiday Goods!

JONES BRO'S, Cor. Main and C streets, Union.

UNION NURSERY TO THE FRONT AGAIN.

The Union Nursery Company offer for sale for fall and spring trade of 1886 and 1887. 75,000 Fruit, Shade Trees and Shrubbery, At Prices to Correspond With the Times.

Having had twenty years' experience in the nursery business and fruit growing in Union county, I can confidently say I well understand what the climate of Eastern Oregon, Washington and Idaho Territories most need.

I will issue circulars soon, for free distribution, giving list of varieties and prices.

For further particulars, address, H. J. GEER, PROPRIETOR, Cove, Union County, Oregon.

NOTICE.

All persons are hereby cautioned from buying or negotiating for a certain promissory note, dated February 6, 1886, made and executed to me by Benjamin Messier for the sum of one hundred and seventy dollars, as the same has been lost and payment thereon stopped.

Dated at Union this 23d day of November, 1886. E. QUERETTE.

SHEEP.

Wanted—About 1000 ewes, or about the same number of lambs, for cash. CHAS. M. HIGHTON, Baker City.

Change of Management!

Having leased the CENTENNIAL HOTEL And thoroughly refitted the same, it will be opened on the 1st of December, and its accommodations made comfortable. In connection with the Hotel is an elegant

BILLIARD PARLOR

Where the Finest Brands of WINES.

IQUORS & CIGARS are constantly on hand

The Patronage of the Public is Solicited. E. MILLER, Propr.

Administratrix Sale.

The immense stock of general merchandise of the late A. L. Saunders is now being closed out at Administratrix sale. The stock consists of groceries, clothing, boots and shoes, hats and caps, hardware, crockery, dress-goods, domestics, etc., valued at \$13,000. It will be sold in sixty days. The goods are sold at cost.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Notice is hereby given that Matthew Johnson, of Lodi, Union county, Oregon, has, by deed of assignment, dated November 18, 1886, duly executed and recorded, assigned and transferred all his property and effects, real and personal, to the undersigned, for the benefit of all his creditors, and that by virtue of the laws of the State of Oregon in such case made and applied, all persons having claims against the said Matthew Johnson are required to present the same, duly verified, to me, at my place of business, in Union county, Oregon, within the time required by law, and all persons indebted to said Johnson are required to pay the amount of their indebtedness to me, within the time required by law.

Notice of Application to Purchase Timber Land.

Notice is hereby given that, in compliance with the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June 3, 1878, entitled 'An Act for the sale of timber land in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory,' Halvor Jeldness, whose postoffice address is Pine Valley, Union county, Oregon, has this day filed in this office his application to purchase the Ely, SE 1/4, NW 1/4, SE 1/4, and SW 1/4, NW 1/4, No. 22 in Tp. No. 7, Range No. 43 East, of the Willamette meridian. All persons holding any adverse claims thereto are required to present the same at this office within sixty days from the first publication of this notice.

HENRY RINEHART, Register.

Notice of Application to Purchase Timber Land.

U. S. LAND OFFICE, LA GRANDE, OREGON, October 1, 1886. Notice is hereby given that, in compliance with the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June 3, 1878, entitled 'An Act for the sale of timber land in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory,' Cyrus H. Prescott, whose postoffice address is Pine Valley, Union county, Oregon, has this day filed in this office his application to purchase the SW 1/4, NE 1/4, No. 31, in township No. 5 south, range No. 41 east, of the W meridian. All persons holding any adverse claims thereto are required to present the same at this office within sixty days from the first publication of this notice.

HENRY RINEHART, Register.

For Sale—4000 acres of land, all in one body. Also a block in Union, by Bell & Tuttle.

STAGE LINE TO COVE, Carrying Fast Freight and Passengers

Leaves Union every afternoon, and returns from Cove every morning. Fare 50 cents. Round Trip 75 cents. J. S. BULLOCK, Propr.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

LAND OFFICE AT LA GRANDE, OREGON, November 17, 1886. 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 the Register and Receiver at La Grande, Oregon, on January 7, 1887, viz: George H. Marshall, D. S. No. 253, for the SW 1/4 Sec. 22, Tp. 6 south of R 4 E W 4. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: N. S. Marshall, E. O. Hurlington, J. South, T. Easter, all of Union Co., HENRY RINEHART, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

LAND OFFICE AT LA GRANDE, OREGON, October 25, 1886. 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 the Register and Receiver at La Grande, Oregon, on December 7, 1886, viz: Aaron C. Hill, D. S. No. 207, for the SW NW NW SE NW 1/4 Sec. 25, Tp. 3, R 4 E W 4. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Charles Dickenson, Harvey Fisher, Hiram Fisher and James Buford, all of Cove, Union county, Or. HENRY RINEHART, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

LAND OFFICE AT LA GRANDE, OREGON, November 4, 1886. 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 the Register and Receiver at La Grande, Oregon, on December 7, 1886, viz: Earn C. Gray, D. S. No. 254, for the NW 1/4 SW SE NW and SW NE 1/4, 20 Tp. 7 R 4 E W 4. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: N. S. Marshall, E. O. Hurlington, J. South, T. Easter, all of Pine Valley, Or. HENRY RINEHART, Register.

Farm For Sale!

Situated about one mile from North Powder, containing 150 acres. Good barn, barn and other out-buildings. Enquire of J. W. KIMBELL, North Powder.

Oregon Ry. & Navigation Company.

Trains arrive and depart from Union daily as follows: Union to La Grande, No. 1, Lv. Union 8:00 a.m., Arr. La Grande 11:00 a.m.; La Grande to Union, No. 2, Lv. La Grande 11:00 a.m., Arr. Union 2:00 p.m.; Union to La Grande, No. 3, Lv. Union 2:00 p.m., Arr. La Grande 5:00 p.m.; La Grande to Union, No. 4, Lv. La Grande 5:00 p.m., Arr. Union 8:00 p.m.

SAN FRANCISCO LINE.

FROM PORTLAND TO SAN FRANCISCO: Leave at 12 M. Daily. Lv. at 10:00 a.m. From San Francisco to Portland: Leave at 10:00 a.m. From Portland to San Francisco: Leave at 10:00 a.m. From San Francisco to Portland: Leave at 10:00 a.m.

ATTORNEY AT LAW, NOTARY PUBLIC, ABSTRACTOR OF TITLES.

O. F. BELL, Union, Oregon.

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

D. W. SHEHAN, NOTARY PUBLIC, SUMMERVILLE, Oon.

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