

The Oregon Scout.

UNION, OREGON, SAT. JAN. 1, 1887.

Notice to Patrons.

We call the attention to our advertising patrons to the fact that it has been some time since we presented their bills for payment, not being particularly in need of money. The time however has now arrived when we need the money, and want all that is due us, as we have bills to meet, and desire to make some expensive improvements in the paper during the next few weeks. Bills will be made out and presented at once and returned our patrons will be prepared to pay promptly. Those who are owing us on subscription are requested to come in and pay up without further invitation.

Brief Bulletins.

Logan is dead.
Circuit court adjourned yesterday.
We have had rain during the entire week.

The legislature will convene on the 13th of this month.

We are under obligations to Dr. Cromwell for many favors.

Union county's population is 12,688, and is increasing rapidly.

A prosperous and happy year to all our readers—and everybody else.

Born—In this city, Dec. 30th, to the wife of Ed Davis, a daughter.

Jako Canady is in Baker City superintending the sinking of Rust's artesian well.

The U. H. & L. company meet next Monday. All members are urged to be present.

Mrs. Tarter, who has been visiting relatives and friends in the east, returned a few days ago.

Miss Vannie Patton, of Summerville, is visiting Union—the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton.

The numbers which drew prizes at Jones Bros' gift distribution, will be published next week.

The Ladies Aid Society will meet at the residence of Mrs. A. E. Benson, Friday afternoon, Jan. 7th, at 2 o'clock.

Dan, Sommers, of Summerville, was the recipient of a unique and highly-scented present, while in Union attending court.

Mr. J. E. Jacquese has permanently located in this city and opened a tailor shop on Main street adjoining Drake's store.

Owing to accounts which must be paid at once, I am compelled to collect accounts due me immediately.—Jasper G. Stevens.

Sherman & Bailey have thoroughly refitted their saloon and put in a new billiard table. It is now one of the most attractive resorts in town.

Jno. Christianson, of Indian valley, who, it will be remembered, was adjudged insane a few weeks ago and sent to the asylum, has been cured and returned home.

Wilbur Davis shut down his saw mill on Pine creek and returned home a few days ago. He had the misfortune to have his feet pretty badly frozen while there.

Read our list of 45 valuable books to be given for 50c to all new subscribers or old ones who come in promptly, settle up and pay for the paper in advance. Will call the books alone for \$1.50.

Mr. Rummel, the bridge contractor, who has been at work on the Wilbur bridge for some time, informs us that the structure will be completed in a very few days. It will be No. 1 in every respect.

Mr. E. Miller, proprietor of the Continental hotel, will take his departure Monday, for New York, on a business and pleasure trip. He will be gone about a month. During his absence Mr. Henry Chandler and wife will have charge of the hotel.

Grande Ronde Valley Lodge No. 56, A. F. & A. M., installed the following officers, Dec. 25th: O. F. Bell, W. M.; G. E. Davis, S. W.; D. B. Rees, J. W.; C. W. Wright, Treas.; E. W. Davis, Sec.; Samuel Sisson, S. D.; L. R. Holmes, J. D.; E. P. McDaniels, S. S.; A. Levy, J. S.

The old land office building has been thoroughly repainted and renovated for the use of the Union Silver Cornet Band. The boys have furnished the hall with chairs, tables, and racks, the latest periodicals, etc., etc., and have now a most comfortable and cosy place in which to practice and hold their meetings.

During the past few days the county clerk has issued marriage licenses to the following named parties:—(Harlan Akness and Minnie Bunnell; John A. Bailey and Emma Pentecost; J. F. Balles and Mary F. Boyer; George Hess and Amanda Miller; Wm. H. Taylor and Lucretia A. Barnhill; T. A. Rinehart and Bettle A. Murchinson; Wm. Knapp and Maggie Bridwell; James Hulick and Clara A. Burford; W. J. Rupp and Phoebe L. Wright; Chas. D. Morgan and Carrie Jacobs; Fred H. Allen and Mary Peckler.

Tom Wright got tired of wagging his jaw on Christmas day, saying "The same to you" in response to "Merry Christmas" and procured a card, and wrote the words thereon in big letters, which he carried in his pocket and all he had to do was to draw it when occasion demanded. In this manner he transferred the labor from his jaw to his right hand, and he estimates that he saved wagging his jaw 14,750, 516 times. Now if he had been a woman, she would have just sailed in and got away with that job in good shape.

Senator Rinehart and wife took their departure for Salem, last Wednesday. Representative Taylor went down at the same time. Representative McCully, we believe, went down several days ago.

E. R. Hill, who recently brought a number of Holstein and Jersey bulls and heifers, and some young Merino sheep to this city, from Vermont, has disposed of about all of them, and is buying a car load of horses to take back with him.

Harry Blake, a brakeman on the railroad, had both legs broken by the accidental collision of some cars at La Grande, a few days ago. It was thought at first that the accident would prove fatal, but the patient is improving at present.

The skating carnival at Wright's hall Christmas evening was a most enjoyable affair, and largely attended. The prizes were awarded as follows: Best lady skater, Miss Maggie Smith; best costume, Mrs. J. O. Wright; best sustained character, Miss Fannie Wright; best gentleman skater, Harry Deacon; best costume, Geo. Board; best sustained character, Geo. Boidleman.

John Wright is selling drugs at cost.

Cheap Boots and Shoes.

Ladies' French kid shoes, \$3.50; men's boots, \$2.75; men's two buckle shoes, \$1.75 a pair. He is closing out his goods at a sacrifice. Everything else at similar prices. Now is the time to get bargains.

The Only Perfect Remedy.

For habitual constipation, dyspepsia and indigestion, is the famous "Lilford" liquid fruit remedy. It is a strengthener as well as cleanser of the system. It is easily taken, and perfectly harmless. For sale by all druggists. Small bottles by Woodard who's agents, Portland, Or.

Buckley's Crown Sarsaparilla.

THE BEST SALVE in the world for Cuts, Bruises, or S. Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chills, Corns, and all Skin eruptions, and positive cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by J. T. Wright, Union, Oregon.

Health is Wealth. Wealth means independence.

The Kentucky Dr. Bosanko's cough and lung syrup, the best Cough Syrup in the world, cures Coughs, colds, Pains in the chest, Bronchitis and Primary Consumption. One dose gives relief in every case. Take it often, price 25 cents and 1 Sample free. Sold by J. T. Wright, Union, Oregon.

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, Colds, Croup and Bronchitis affections. Relieves Children of Croup in one night; may save you hundreds of dollars. Price 30 cents and 1 Sample free. Sold by J. T. Wright, Union, Oregon.

Forest Grove, Oregon.

I have been troubled many years with weakness of the kidneys, and have tried many different remedies, but all to no avail. I was finally cured by Dr. Bosanko's Kidney Pills. I feel like a new man, and can do all my usual work. I have no more pain, and my health is perfect. I can recommend these pills to all who are troubled with kidney trouble. Price 25 cents and 1 Sample free. Sold by J. T. Wright, Union, Oregon.

Olds & King.

185 First Street, Portland, Oregon.

The Record & American.

The attention of our readers is directed to the advertisement of Mann & Co., patent solicitors, in another column. Their name is familiar to all patentees throughout the country. In connection with the publication of the "Scientific American" for the past forty years, they have made the drawings and specifications for more than a hundred thousand inventions, and their facilities for obtaining patents were never so complete as now. A copy of the "Scientific American" can be seen at this office, where subscriptions will be received. Price \$3 a year, weekly.

Remedy for Cholera.

Mrs. Phoebe Chesley, Peterson, Clay county, Iowa, tells the following remarkable story, the truth of which is vouched for by the residents of the town: "I am 73 years old, have been troubled with Kidney complaint and lameness for many years; could not dress myself, or help myself. Now I am free from all pain, aches, and am able to do all my own housework. I owe my thanks to Electric Bitters for having renewed my youth, and removed completely all disease and pain." For a bottle, only 50c. At J. T. Wright's drug store, Union, Oregon.

Cure for Piles.

Piles are frequently preceded by a sense of weight in the back, limbs and lower part of the abdomen, causing the patient to suppose he has some affection of the kidneys or neighboring organs. At times, symptoms of indigestion are present, flatulency, uneasiness of the stomach, etc. A mixture like perspiration, producing a very disagreeable feeling after getting warm, is a common attendant. Bleeding, and itching Piles yield at once to the application of Dr. Bosanko's Pile Remedy, which acts directly upon the parts affected, absorbing the tumors, slaying the intense itching, and effecting a permanent cure. Price 50 cents. Address, The Dr. Bosanko Medicine Company, Piquette, O. Sold by J. T. Wright, Union, Oregon.

What Tom Merit Will Do.

The unprecedented sale of Bache's German Syrup within a few years, has astonished the world. It is without doubt the best and most effective ever discovered in the speedy and efficient cure of Croup, Colds and the whooping Cough. It cures in an entirely different principle from the usual prescriptions given by Physicians, as it does not dry up a Cough, but leaves the disease still in the system, but the remedy removes the cause of the trouble, heals the parts affected and leaves them in a state of healthy condition. A bottle kept in the house for use when the disease makes their appearance, will save doctor's bills and a long spell of serious illness. A trial will convince you of these facts. It is positively sold by all druggists, and general dealers in the trade. Price 25 cents and 1 Sample free.

Grand Jury Report.

A Document Rather Out of the Usual Run.

SOME URGENT SUGGESTIONS.

To the Hon. Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Union County. We, the Grand Jury, in and for said county and state, duly empaneled on the 13th day of Dec. 1886, respectfully submit the following report:— We have been in session, in all, ten days.

We have found and returned into court three not true and one true bill of indictment.

We have examined the Sheriff's office and find the same well kept. The Sheriff has furnished us with the following statement:—

Amount of delinquent tax, August 29th, 1886, \$10,328.03. Amount of delinquent tax collected by A. N. Hamilton, to date, \$2,145.34. Receipts taken up from persons who were returned delinquent—A. L. Sammlers, \$219.30; R. J. Rogers, \$3.00; J. H. McCubbin, \$1.00; O. P. Goodall, (by McCubbin) \$2.00. Total, \$2,370.70.

Total delinquent tax to date, \$7,957.39.

We find that the former Sheriff, have collected a considerable amount of this, which has not been accounted for, and we recommend to the county court the necessity of holding them strictly to account for the same. We also think it would be economy to drop from the tax list the names of persons that have left the county or have died, and have left no property out of which the tax may be collected.

We find that former county courts have failed to require the Sheriff to make the required oath in making returns of the delinquent tax list. We recommend the law be rigidly enforced in reference to the collection of taxes, and that the Sheriff take the oath prescribed by law. Also that the county court require the county treasurer to settle promptly at every regular session of said county court and to call in county warrants in their order as fast as the treasurer has funds with which to pay them off.

We have examined the county jail and find the same well kept, the prisoners securely and well provided for.

We have examined the county out-buildings and find them in bad condition. We recommend that the county court have said buildings taken away and new ones put in their place, and said new ones kept in order.

We have examined the County Clerk's office. We earnestly recommend that the books in Clerk's office be kept in a different shape. In the way the books are now kept it seems that all accounts are kept together. While we think they can be understood in their present shape, we think it would be much better to have each account kept separate so that Grand Jurors, hereafter, can see at a glance what each office receives during the year, and also what is paid out during the year.

We find that the papers pertaining to the Judgment Rolls, and Probate matters in the Clerk's office, are in a bad condition as they now are, and recommend that the county court incur the necessary expense of putting the same in neat and proper shape, and that they be kept in the vault, and no one except the clerk or his deputies be allowed to handle them. Also that the county court incur the necessary expense of indexing county warrants from July, 1885, until the present incumbent took the office in July, 1886, and to require the present clerk to continue such indexing during his term of office without extra pay, so that the financial condition of the county may be correctly ascertained.

The County Clerk has furnished us the following statement:—

County orders issued, July term 1885, \$3,150.87; September, \$2,004.66; November, \$9,893.53; January, 1886, \$5,047.13; February, \$1,822.57; March, \$3,369.97; April, \$2,480.89; May, \$2,705.53; June, \$9,450.40; July, \$28,455. August, \$984.31; September, \$1,000. November, \$2,400.67. Total amount orders issued, \$45,866.31. Orders cancelled from October 1885 to June 1886, \$34,174.57. Orders cancelled since July, \$17,162.22. Receipt from State, \$2,181.88. Probable indebtedness up to the present term of court, \$47,802.30.

We have examined the vaults in the Clerk's office and find the same in good condition. We find some papers in the vault, and find a great many county and state papers that should be in said vault that are not in their places. We recommend that the county court attend to this matter.

We have examined the Treasurer's office and find the same neatly and satisfactorily kept. The County Treasurer has furnished us with the following statement regarding our county finances:—

Amount of monies received by County Treasurer since July 5th, 1886, \$45,627.55. Amount paid out, \$29,941.29. Amount on hand, School fund, \$1,738.17; Contingent, \$1,311.19; State, \$195.52; Fines, \$65.00; Estrate, \$17.00; County, \$82,359.18.

About \$4,259 of what is called the county fund consists of one order on Baker county for about \$70. The remainder is uncalled orders of the county. There is now about \$8,000 available funds in the treasury for the payment of county warrants. The treasurer had advertised, and consequently stopped interest on all orders prior to April 1st, 1886. The amount of warrants now advertised amount to about \$10,000, but as there is always being money received, and warrants no doubt lost, which will never be presented, the treasurer feels justified in advertising for the above amount.

We find that the county court on the day of—1886, offered a reward of \$5,000 for the recovery of the dead body of Willis Skiff and afterward made an appropriation of \$500, to be used as the expenses of parties searching for the body in order to secure the reward. We are of the opinion that a thorough search for the body and that the appropriation of \$500 was unwarranted.

We have examined the condition of the county papers and find them counted and well cared for.

We recommend that the county court cause muffled doors to be put in the circuit court room in place of the doors that are in use at the present time, as the noise of the opening and shutting of the doors now in use is the cause of great annoyance and inconvenience in the court room.

We find the present state of affairs in regard to our public roads and highways in a deplorable condition, and ask the people of Union county to petition the incoming legislature of the State of Oregon to enact some kind of laws to relieve us of existing complications respecting our road laws.

We desire to return our thanks to Morton D. Clifford, Prosecuting Attorney, for his assistance and attention in the business that has come before us, and to Hon. L. B. Ison, Judge of our circuit court, for the courtesy with which his honor has treated us, and to our bailiff, J. D. Carroll, who has at all times been attentive to our wants and requirements.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Dated at Union, Oregon, Oregon, Dec. 23, A. D. 1886.

S. A. FURSELL, Foreman.

T. A. NELSON, J. W. RANKIN, A. GOOD, J. W. LYTLE, J. K. P. HARRIS, H. P. STEWART.

We are not intended to refer to the present County Clerk. It is intended as a criticism of the system of keeping accounts which has always prevailed in this county, and which the present clerk has desired to have remedied. Other suggestions which were made in this report, were suggested to the county court previously by the clerk.

The Bobier Trial.

Continuation of the Evidence For the Prosecution.

A VERDICT OF "NOT GUILTY."

James Welch testified: Reside at North Powder; was at home on the 25th day of last July; on that morning between 8 and 9 o'clock I saw a large spot of blood about 60 feet from hotel.

Cross Examination—The blood was near trail leading out from town; the spot was circular and at one side several other small spots scattered around promiscuously.

Mrs. MOLLIE L. PUNCH, A witness being absent in California, her testimony as given at the preliminary examination was admitted here, and read by Mr. Stoum. It was substantially as follows:

At about 9 o'clock the Saturday evening of Skiff's disappearance, as I was passing up stairs to bed, I saw defendant Tibbetts standing by the chair of some one sitting on the porch; thought it was Skiff; Tibbetts was standing with his hand on the chair; Miss Miller was just going after sugar; soon after I had gone to bed I heard a peculiar cry as of some one in distress; spoke of the fact at the table next day in presence of Bobier and wife; they looked strangely at each other; while passing through the kitchen a few days afterward, overheard Mr. and Mrs. Bobier in conversation; heard Mr. Bobier say to his wife: "They are on to us." When I was called to Union before the arrest, told Bobier where I was going, and he said to me: "Mollie, I hope you have sense enough to keep your mouth shut."

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suggested to have been committed, was supposed on a par with the testimony offered by the prosecution in regard to finding some of Skiff's papers under the fence.

The case was given to the jury Wednesday evening, which in the course of an hour or so brought in a verdict of "not guilty."

Taken as a whole the result of this trial is rather unsatisfactory to the people at large, as no light has been thrown on the affair by the investigation, and the manner and cause of Willis Skiff's disappearance remains as great a mystery as ever.

Cove Cullings.

Dec. 29, 1886. A grand masque skating carnival will be the attraction at the hall in a few days.

A pleasant Christmas dance was given at the hall. A ball will also be indulged in on New Year's eve at the same place.

Rev. Powell was the recipient of a substantial Christmas present in the shape of a purse of about \$20, presented by his many friends.

Lewis Child was seen in front of his home, Monday evening, going through a hole which would shame a circus tumbler. On inquiry the cause was discovered to be a splendid ten pound boy—a fine Christmas present.

Married.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Dec. 25th, 1886, by Jasper G. Stevens, James Hulick and Miss Clara J. Burford. An elegant dinner was served after the ceremony. The happy couple have the best wishes of a large number of friends.

The Cove rifle team, consisting of four or six men, hereby challenge the High valley shooters to a match for a prize, 200 yards off hand. Creedmore target and rules. Terms and time of shooting to be agreed upon. Acceptance, or otherwise, to be published in the SCOUT.

The Episcopal Sunday School scholars and their parents were treated to a Christmas tree at Ascension hall, Tuesday evening. A large number were present and a good supper was served. The tree was so well laden with presents that every youngster received several gifts—the school consisting of over sixty scholars. Much credit is due to Prof. Blannett, Mr. Dr. Thomas and others for the entire success of the occasion.

Found.—An overcoat and hat. Owner can have same by proving property.—A. What! a dull Christmas and with me all day!—B. Sleighting was very fine on the bottom last Sunday.—Jas. I disliked to present him the slippers when they did not come up to my expectations.—B. I ate the turkey on Christmas.—S. I ate the turkey a little when they said Cove dust had been permanently shaken from our brows.—H. and L. J. Is that the best you can do?—K. The very best present from the valley, went from me to W. W. Trust. She will appreciate it.—Ed.

W. Capps, M. D., S. G. and homeopathic physician, Union, Oregon.

Administratrix Notice.

In the County Court for Union county, Oregon. In the matter of the estate of George Book deceased.

To all persons having claims against the estate of George Book deceased, you are notified to present them to the undersigned, administrator of the estate of George Book deceased, by the County Court of Union county, Oregon, on or before the 15th day of January, 1887, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at the court house in Union county, Oregon, and all claims not within six months from the first publication of this notice, which expires on the 15th day of January, 1887, will not be paid.

Wm. H. Lewis, Administrator of the estate of George Book deceased, Union county, Oregon, Dec. 29th, 1886. E. KASSON BAKER, Attorney.

Sheriff's sale.

By virtue of an execution issued out of the Honorable Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the county of Union, on a judgment rendered on the 12th day of May 1886, in favor of Charles Goodrich, plaintiff, and against H. H. Godfrey, defendant, for the sum of thirty dollars, with costs of court