

The Oregon Scout.

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TO ADVERTISERS.

The SCOUT has a Much Larger Circulation than any Paper in this Section of the State, and is, therefore the BEST ADVERTISING MEDIUM.

This is a True Statement, and we shall not fail to question any other paper. Advertising will do well to make a note of this.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS.

From the papers and correspondents at La Grande we learn that "the voters of Walla Walla have petitioned the legislature to cut them off from Union county and make them a separate county," and that the Pine creek people also ask to sever their connection, and this being the case, the people of La Grande have held a meeting and sent W. J. Snodgrass to attend the legislature, and if possible to secure the passage of a bill to submit the question of removal of the county seat at the next general election.

The first statement regarding the Walla Walla is true, and no doubt it will be cut off, as the people there desire it, and it would under the circumstances be no loss to Union county. The expense of maintaining has been about as much as the revenue derived from it. Nobody that we know of will make any objection to the move.

The statement that the people of the Pine creek country desire also to be cut off, is news to us, and we are truly "glad to know it." We think, in fact we are quite certain that not one person in ten living in that section desires to be annexed to Baker county. The wish of the La Grande people that that section would desire to be cut off is no doubt "father to the thought" and in their eagerness they see things that do not exist. We knew that Baker county would like to possess that portion of Union county and did not wonder at it, for it is the richest and most valuable portion of our domain but any move made in that direction will be opposed, as we have said, by nine-tenths of the people in that locality, and every man in other portions of the county, except a few old moss-backs at La Grande, who would have died long ago if they had not been nourished on the delusive hope that some day the county seat would be moved back to that place, and now they would be willing to give away a mountain of gold to compass that result—a result, however, that will never be accomplished, no matter what change or ruin they may be instrumental in bringing upon the county. The amount of taxable property in the southern portion of the county is \$242,633.00—about one-eighth of the entire value of the county, and yet these moss-backs would be willing to give it to Baker in order that a faint chance may come up for them to regain the county seat. Bah! Out upon such venality. It will receive, and is only worthy of contempt.

No doubt the Baker county representatives, as it is now evident that they will be assisted by La Grande, will introduce a bill in the legislature to have that portion annexed to Baker county. The bill will amount to nothing more than to give the people of the county at large and our representatives some trouble in frustrating it.

The time has not yet arrived when the machinations of outside enemies, however they may be assisted by traitors within our borders, can take one quarter of our possessions from us, against our will.

Mrs. Bragg, wife of our worthy P. M., has been quite seriously indisposed for some time past. Her many friends hope she will soon regain her health.

Two or three couples were united in marriage, recently; among them, Mr. C. D. Morgan and Miss Carrie Jacobs, of Pine, and Mr. J. F. Boals and Miss Florence Boyer, of Cornucopia.

Balls were numerous during the holidays. One at Cornucopia and one in Eagle on Christmas eve, also one at Cornucopia and one at Mr. Moody's in Eagle, New Year's eve, well attended.

It is rumored that Langrell & Co's saw mill, destroyed last fall by fire—supposedly by the work of an incendiary—will soon be rebuilt, and that thereafter a night watch will be stationed there.

Mr. J. J. Sturgill closed his term of public school on the 24th ult., with a school exhibition. The house was crowded, and the children—when we take into consideration their limited opportunities—did nicely.

School in Dry creek district, in charge of Mr. Smith, has an attendance of about 18, although Mr. S. assures us he finds the same drawbacks to learning that prevails here, viz: irregular attendance at school, and regular attendance at dances. The school seems quite orderly and studious.

A lyceum and debating society is being organized in Fairview district.

First meeting of the society for exercises took place on the 6th inst., a large audience present and exercises fair for commencement. Question—"Resolved that a falsehood is sometimes justifiable," was decided in favor of the lie.

"DELL."

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

LAND OFFICE AT LA GRANDE, OREGON.

Notice is hereby given that the following parties have filed notice of their intention to make final proof in support of their claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register of the U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Union county, Oregon, on January 18, 1887, viz:

George H. Marshall,

D. S. No. 53, for the SW 1/4 Sec. 22, Tp. 14, R. 41, E. 12, described as follows: Being 1/4 mile N 25 deg. 51 min. W and 20° 45' 25 deg. 51 min. E from discovery point; N 23 degrees 51' W 17° 45' to post corner No. 37; thence N 72 degrees 5 minutes, W 80° 34' 40" to post corner No. 4; then N 25 degrees 51' E 1° 00' 40" post corner No. 1, the place of beginning, containing 18.8 acres and forming a portion of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 23 and the NE 1/4 of Sec. 27 in Tp. 14, R. 41, E. 12, being 1/4 mile N 25 deg. 51 min. W and 20° 45' 25 deg. 51 min. E from discovery point; N 23 degrees 51' W 17° 45' to post corner No. 37; thence N 72 degrees 5 minutes, W 80° 34' 40" to post corner No. 4; then N 25 degrees 51' E 1° 00' 40" post corner No. 1, the place of beginning, containing 18.8 acres and forming a portion of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 23 and the NE 1/4 of Sec. 27 in Tp. 14, R. 41, E. 12, being 1/4 mile N 25 deg. 51 min. W and 20° 45' 25 deg. 51 min. 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