

THE OREGON SCOUT.

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The Oregon Scout has as large a circulation as any three papers in this section of the State, combined, and is correspondingly valuable as an advertising medium.

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Union and Vicinity.

Strawberries are in market. Several communications crowded out of this issue.

Circuit court convenes in Baker Co. next Monday.

The Union Milling Company are paying seventy cents for wheat.

The Pacific Express Company now have their office in the First National Bank building.

The next meeting of the board of railroad commissioners will meet in Salem, next Monday.

Jo. Wright will put a tin roof on his brick building, in the place of the shingle one burned by the fire.

The Union Social Club will give a dance at their hall in this city, Friday evening, June 6th. Tickets 50 cts.

Read our new advertisements carefully. It will be to your interest to do so. They are live ads, put in by live men, for live people to read and profit by.

The agent of the Pacific express company was in town this week, investigating the losses by the fire. No doubt the company will satisfy all claims in full.

The Huff boys with their crew finished shearing John Piny's sheep this week. The crew consists of eight men and in one day they sheared 1000 head. Pretty good work.

The reason that the New York Store of La Grande, does such an immense business is obvious. It is generally known among the farmers that they can do better there than elsewhere.

The Wright Bros. safes went through the fire all right and the contents were damaged but very little. John Wright's books containing his drug store accounts were not in the safe and were destroyed.

A drake is not generally considered a musical bird, but R. E. Drake, of the blue front store, warbles some in this issue. The notes will no doubt be music in the ears of those hunting bargains. See his ad.

Last Monday morning after the fire, one or two fights took place, and the wind work was laid for several more; but the presence of the officers seemed to have a soothing effect in some way. The city came out \$25 ahead as it was.

La Grande is making extensive preparations for a grand celebration on the Fourth of July. They have secured the services of Senator Joan H. Mitchell as orator, and no doubt the celebration will eclipse any ever given in the county. See advertisement in another column.

No matter what you may think, no matter where you are or with whom you talk, never talk against your town or its people. If you don't like the town find one that does suit. If the people are not congenial find some sunny clime where you can be in sympathy with people and measures.

The new divorce law went into effect on the 19th inst. Now willful desertion of one year on either or both sides will be sufficient grounds in law for sundering matrimonial ties; it is not definitely settled if the law is retroactive, but the presumption favors the negative side of that proposition.

Judge Walker will preside at the July term of court in this county, and Judge Leon at the August term in Wallawa county. After that Leon will sit as judge in Union, and Walker as judge in Umatilla county. One or the other of them will serve in the other counties of the district as they can make it most convenient.

The Baker City Democrat says: "Report reached this city yesterday that stockmen in the Wood river country had surprised the camp of the Drake brothers and Bob Cavana, reputed horse thieves, and their refusing to surrender, the stockmen opened upon them with a volley from their rifles killing all three of the offenders."

The following named persons are registered at the Alpine hotel, Cornucopia, which seems to be doing a rushing business: Ed. Ashby, Mrs. H. Green, and Lon. Shiamons, Union; Dr. Howard, Mrs. Green, Barney Burns and Albert Wilson and wife, Baker City; Thos. Shea, Huntington; Fred. Stein and B. S. Smith, "Norway" lodge; John Bargstrom, S. F.; Wm. Myers, Big creek.

The water has been higher in Catherine creek this week than was ever known before, caused by the extremely warm weather melting the snow in the mountains. It overflowed its banks and sent the water down several of the principal streets in torrents, filling many cellars, much to the disgust and inconvenience of the owners. At present, however, the water is subsiding and will probably not be as high again this summer.

Through the efforts of attorney J. W. Shelton, nearly \$200.00 was subscribed by our citizens this week for the purpose of clearing away the slides on the Union and Pine Creek road, and placing it in good condition for travel. That amount of money is ample to do it, and Dunham Wright is now on the road with a force of men prosecuting the work, which will be completed in a few days. Public conveyances will at once be put on. It is safe to say that this road will never be closed again.

ETCHINGS.

Or Impressions Made on the "Scout" by Passing Events

DISASTROUS FIRE

A little before 3 o'clock last Monday morning, one of the most disastrous fires we have yet had, occurred in this city, by which J. T. Wright's drug store, the Pacific express company's office, and the tinshop, and hardware store of Jos. Wright, together with one or two smaller buildings adjoining were totally destroyed. Although a special night watchman was on duty, for some reason the alarm was not given, until the buildings were almost entirely wrapped in flames, and it was impossible to save but little of their contents. The firemen and citizens of the town, with their usual zeal concentrated their efforts toward keeping the fire from spreading. The band hall and theatre, on the rear, also the buildings on the opposite side of the street were in imminent danger for a while. Had they caught, it is probable that several of the principal blocks of the city would have went, and that they did not, is no doubt due to the large brick building on the corner of the block that was on fire, which served as a shield, and notwithstanding the heat was intense and the flames wrapping over and around it, stood the ordeal admirably, and came through with little injury. Quite a panic, for a little while was caused by the report being spread that a large amount of powder was stored in the cellar. The report was without truth, and none but one or two slight explosions occurred. A large lot of cartridges, however commenced going off about this time and made things pretty lively. It was quite a relief when the flames commenced to go down, and all danger of the fire spreading was passed. The total amount of property destroyed is estimated at not less than \$150,000, which was entirely uninsured. Although the loss falls heavily on John and Joe, they seem to be quite indifferent about it. This occurrence is quite a blow to the town, for the two establishments destroyed were the most extensive in the county, and were a credit to the city. The origin of the fire is not positively known. While it would seem that it might have been the result of some chemical action, the weather being so warm, the Wright Bros are confident it was the work of an incendiary. If such is the case, and any clue to the perpetrator can be obtained, he should be strung up to the first tree, without ceremony.

DASTARDLY OUTRAGE.

Some time during last night an old man by the name of Snow, dwelling high up in the mountains to the east of this place, made a brutal and cowardly attack upon a well known maiden named Miss Catherine Crick. Miss Catherine is a member of one of the oldest and most influential families of Union county. She has always been praised for the purity of her character, cool and gentle manners, and no one heretofore ever heard a rumor against her, unless she made it herself. This morning about 5 o'clock she came rushing into town, so physically prostrated by the outrage and indignation, that she was even unable to contain herself. While the ladies of the town gathered around her, the editor of the Scout even was seen to blush at the effects of the cowardly outrage. It is alleged that old Snow is cursing the sun, moon and seven stars, declaring that they alone are responsible for the whole violence, and swears that to-night he will treat the maiden worse than ever. It is here suggested, that if the impetuous legislators of Oregon, or its courts, cannot or will not protect innocent virtue from these dastardly attacks—then let us arm—let every man seize the readiest weapon—let even women and children grasp hoes and shovels, spades and pick-axes, and if old Snow or any of the family are caught below the timber line, let us assault and annihilate the whole tribe.

A TRAMP KILLED.

Last Wednesday morning, between 5 and 6 o'clock, the east bound freight train ran over a drunken tramp, who was lying on the track about a mile and a half below the Union depot, cutting him in two several times, and scattering the remains a distance of two or three hundred yards along the track. A coroner's jury was empaneled by Justice J. B. Thomson, who proceeded to the scene and held an inquest. They were unable to ascertain the name or residence of the man killed. He was a tramp traveling through the country with four or five companions, who were also drunk at the time and were lying along side the track for a distance of a mile or two. The jury found that the deceased came to his death by being run over by a freight train, and as the train had just passed several men lying along side the road, and the track being perfectly straight at this point, they gave it as their opinion that it was carelessness on the part of the engineer that the event should have occurred. As to whether any further steps will be taken in the matter, we are not informed. The deceased was buried in the cemetery at this place.

Breaking cart for sale.—Enquire of Dr. D. Y. K. Deering, Union.

Social Scintillations.

Paragraphs Pertaining, Principally, to the Peregrinations of the Populace.

"THE WORLD DO MOVE."

Dr. Pruden, of Summerville, was in the city, during the week.

Mrs. W. T. Wright is visiting relatives and friends in Portland.

Geo. Beard thinks of starting another barber shop in Cornucopia.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Carter, of Sandridge, were in the city yesterday.

Taylor Green, who has had a severe spell of sickness, is able to be around the streets again.

Marshal Cates returned from Baker City last Tuesday, where he had been called on business.

James Hendershott, of the Cove, made Union a visit yesterday. Jim is always full of fun.

Mr. F. M. Stewart and Luther Loyd, of Pine valley, were in Union this week, and called on us.

"Merry War," "Big Ring" and "Oyster Shell," new brands of tobacco at Jones Bro's. Try them.

Mrs. Summers has bought the millinery goods of Mrs. Rodgers, and will carry on the business in this city.

Mr. Ben Stanton, father of Mrs. A. F. Benson of this city, has been visiting here. He is not in good health.

Miss Chrissa Beidleman and Mollie Lewis will return to-day from the Cove, school at that place having closed.

Crosby C. Coffinberry, of Pine valley, was visiting in Union this week. He reports everything flourishing in Pine.

Rev. Irwin and wife took their departure last Wednesday for a few weeks sojourn in the Willamette valley.

Frank Shocum, showed us a new way to fold papers this week. Frank knows all the mysteries of a newspaper office.

Mr. Louis Roll, an extensive mine owner in Union and Baker counties, is in the city. We acknowledge a pleasant call.

A. E. Eaton's big barn in West Union is complete. It is one of the most substantial structures of the kind in the county.

Mr. Al. Gardner has moved his place of residence to the rooms in the rear of his jewelry shop, it being much more convenient.

Mr. Henry Foster, of Pine valley, who has been sojourning in California for several months, was in this city during the week on his way back to Pine.

Dr. Harmon went over to Pendleton this week and brought back with him his horse and buggy. He proposes to enjoy the delightful drives in and around Union.

Mrs. A. S. Dunnaway is now traveling correspondent of the Oregonian, and is making a tour of Eastern Oregon. Thank God, she is not going to inflict a lecture on us.

Mr. D. B. Rees has purchased the right to manufacture and sell the Acme washing machine in the state of California. He will go down there as soon as he can get his business properly arranged.

The celebrated Dr. Harmon, of St. Petersburg, Russia, is now at the Centennial hotel. Office in parlor. Those desiring the services of a first class optician and oculist, should not fail to consult him.

The Burford sulky plow with wheel, land-side is one horse lighter draft than any other sulky plow made. You will find them, with a full line of walking and gang plows at Frank Bros. Implement Co's. establishment in Island City.

Mr. Henry Sterling, of Island City, received a telegram the fore part of the week announcing the death of his father in Los Angeles Cal. The death of Mr. Sterling must have been sudden as he was daily expected home. Henry started for Los Angeles Thursday.

S. V. McFarren and family took their departure for Salem last Thursday. Mac. has bought the right to manufacture and sell the Acme washing machine in Marion and several other counties, and will immediately commence operations. That he may make a fortune out of it is the wish of his many friends here.

Dr. S. Harmon, oculist and optician, from St. Petersburg, Russia, is now canvassing Oregon, establishing a reputation among its people preparatory to making a permanent office on this coast. I take pleasure in certifying that I have read Dr. S. Harmon's testimonial letters, which have been sworn to by the writers on this coast before notaries public, and I believe the gentleman to be all he professionally claims to be, and cheerfully recommend him to the Oregon public.

E. D. SPARROW, San Francisco, Cal.

ENJOY LIFE.

What a truly beautiful world we live in! Nature gives us grandeur of mountains, glens and oceans, and thousands of means of enjoyment. We can desire no better when in perfect health; but how often do the majority of people feel like giving it up disheartened, discouraged and worn out with disease, when there is no occasion for this feeling, as every sufferer can easily obtain satisfactory proof, that Green's August Flower, will make them free from disease, as when born. Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint are the direct causes of seventy-five per cent. of such maladies as Bileousness, Indigestion, Sick Headache, Costiveness, Nervous Prostration, Dizziness of the Head, Palpitation of the Heart, and other distressing symptoms. Three doses of August Flower will prove its wonderful effect. Sample bottles, 10 cents. Try it.

DECORATION DAY.

Decoration Day was duly observed with appropriate ceremonies, under the auspices of Preston Post of this city, assisted by members of neighboring posts, quite a number of whom were in attendance. Many of the country people came in and took part. The city flags were suspended at half-mast and many buildings were appropriately draped with the colors. The members of the post, with visiting comrades, met at their hall at 10 o'clock A. M. and preceded by the Union Silver Cornet Band, which dispensed stirring martial airs, in most excellent style, marched to the Presbyterian church which was densely thronged. The pulpit was appropriately arrayed with floral decorations, and as most of the ladies, had brought bouquets with them the church seemed to be a wilderness of flowers. The exercises consisted of vocal and instrumental music, prayer by the new minister Rev. Cox, and a stirring, patriotic, and eloquent address by Rev. Irwin, after which the vast concourse proceeded to the cemetery and decorated with flowers the graves of the soldiers there. Most of the Grand Army men in line were gray and grizzled old warriors, who, notwithstanding the infirmities consequent on age, kept time to the martial strains of music, with firm and elastic tread, and their glistening eyes told plainly that they heard in fancy their country's stirring call to arms, as it rang out many years ago, and experienced over again the weary marches, bivouacs, reverses and glorious triumphs of those times that tried men's souls; and felt the quickened heart beats as when in serried ranks they confronted the enemy and with steady bayonets hurled back their country's foes. Though death inhabited the air, the stary emblem was above it all, and they who upheld it so well, deserve the plaudits and remembrance of their countrymen to-day. The writer thought too young to know much about those times by experience, can enter into the thoughts and feelings of these old soldiers, and with willing pen records his meed of praise and honor. It is to be hoped that the American people will never grow tired of observing Memorial Day. More than anything, does it tend to obliterate the old sectional antagonism and enkindle in the hearts of our youth the fires of patriotism and love of country. For this reason the observance of the day should be perpetuated, and although in a very few years, the last of the old veterans of the late war, will be resting beneath the sod, their sons inheriting the warlike spirit of their fathers, will offer their breasts as freely as a barrier to the enemies of their country if need should be. May the beautiful custom never die. Encouragement and honor for living patriots, tears and flowers for the noble dead.

"The bravest are the tenderest The loving are the daring."

To Those Indebted.

On the morning of May 26th, I had the misfortune to lose, by fire, my drug store and its entire contents, account books included. I am compelled to ask those who are indebted to me to call at my office at the First National Bank, and agree upon amount due, and arrange for settlement of same. Please call at your earliest convenience.

J. O. T. WRIGHT.

Must Be Settled.

Having had the misfortune to lose my entire stock of goods, by fire, on the morning of the 30th, I must request all those indebted to me to call at once and settle their accounts, as I am in need of money, and must have it.

JOS. WRIGHT.

EAGLE COOPER SHOP.

S. B. Ayles, manufacturer of butter barrels and kegs, has always on hand a good supply of the best quality and will sell them at reasonable prices. Give him a call at his shop, south of the school house, Union.

Just received at Herman Waldeck's, Summerville, an extra fine and well selected stock of mens' boys' and youths' clothing which will be sold at astonishing low prices. Call and convince yourself.

Dr. S. HARMAN, Oculist and Practical OPTICIAN.

(Of St. Petersburg, Russia.) Office in Parlor Centennial hotel.



The Duplex Eye Illuminator.

By this machine I am able to detect the slightest disease of the eye. I have also an invention by which I am able to measure the focus of the eyes, then I make glasses to suit each eye accordingly. I have a large supply of genuine PEBBLE LENS, for all eyes, in different stages, which can be secured only by an oculist. Also have the MEDICATED LENS, which, in some cases, language cannot express the benefit the human race derive from them. For instance, a large eye, and a large pupil, cannot see the public, as they give too much light. The Medicated lens having that lens is much better.

"SWING LOW SWEET CHARIOT."

List, 'twill be well for you, List, while I tell to you How I will sell to you Bargains all the way through.

Ladies' Dress Goods Sold by Sample at Portland Prices.

GROCERIES AT BEDROCK, SALT ALMOST GIVEN AWAY, HARDPAN ON FURNISHINGS. NEW STOCK OF DRY GOODS JUST IN.

"As the twig is bent, so is the tree inclined.

Drake buys for cash and gives his customers the benefit. Cash is king and success is his servant.

Drake's low rent and low prices makes his store the place to save money.

"I WILL NOT BE UNDERSOLD."

Now, it is our turn, not to "Blow," but to

Inform the Citizens of Union and Union County that we are receiving a Large and Finely Selected Stock of

Dry Goods, Furnishing Goods, Boots and Shoes, Glass and Queensware, Groceries, Wood and Willow-ware, etc., etc.

Which was bought for cash and will be sold strictly for cash, at prices that will "astonish the natives."

We don't expect to "run the town," but do expect our share of the trade of this city and country. If fair dealing, good goods and low prices will accomplish that end.

The old way of doing business is a thing of the past. Cash men do not want to pay poor debts and long-winded accounts. We expect to re-organize the mercantile business in this valley, not to drum or humbug the people by misrepresentations, not to sell goods less than cost, but to make a uniform cash price on all goods, which means 20 per cent. lower than any man who buys on time can sell for.

Twenty thousand dollars worth of general merchandise bought and sold for cash will make this saving:—10 per cent. for the risk, 6 per cent. discount, cash and \$800 for book keeper, making a saving of \$4,000. Does anybody blame us for starting the ball a rolling?

An early inspection of our stock will convince

The most skeptical that the new order of business is much more satisfactory to all.

JAYCOX & FOSTER, - - Union, Or.

The Centennial Hotel, Union, Oregon, E. MILLER, - - Proprietor.

Having leased and thoroughly refitted the same, it will be conducted on an entirely different plan than heretofore, and no pains will be spared to make patrons comfortable. In connection with the hotel is an elegant

BILLIARD & PARLOR

Where the Finest Brands of Wines, Liquors and Cigars are kept constantly on hand.

The patronage of the public is solicited. E. MILLER, Proprietor.

COMMERCIAL LIVERY and FEED STABLE.

(OPPOSITE CENTENNIAL HOTEL.)

J. S. ELLIOTT, - - Proprietor.

Everything First Class. Terms Very Reasonable.

Bus to and From the Depot Making Connection with all Trains.

Daily Stage Line to Cove,

Carrying Fast Freight and Passengers.

Leaving Union every afternoon and returning in morning, making connection with trains. Fare 50 cents; round trip 75 cents.