

THE OREGON SCOUT.

AMOS K. JONES, Editor.

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.

Friday, January 27, 1888.

NOTE—All those indebted to us for subscription, or on advertising account, are requested to settle at once as we need the money in our business. Don't wait for a bill to be made out and sent you, but come in smilingly and pay up.

Union and Vicinity.

The Spring crop of drummers is ripe. Loans negotiated by J. E. Tuttle, Union, Oregon. A democratic club was organized in La Grande last Saturday.

Snow reported to be six or seven feet deep in Cornucopia. Senator Mitchell has our thanks for various public documents.

Skating rink will be open at Wright's hall Saturday night. Read Mr. H. J. Geer's advertisement of the Cove nursery, in this issue.

Wanted—A first class dressmaker. Apply at Mrs. Corbin's millinery store, Union. Hutchinson Brothers lost quite a number of cattle during the recent cold spell.

Farmers attention—Chickens wanted at the Centennial hotel. Highest cash price paid. A chinook wind has prevailed during the week, and the snow is fast disappearing from this vicinity.

No judges and clerks of election for this year have been appointed by the county court. Probably it will be done at the next term. A supply of the latest novelties in valentines to be received at the Cove drug store. Ladies as well as gentlemen will send missives this year.

From the Wallawa Signal we learn that a German—whose name was not given, but who resides on Crow creek—was found about two miles east of Dan Warneck's house, frozen to death, a few days ago.

Attention is called to T. C. Cook's advertisement of auction sale of farm stock, implements, household goods, etc., to take place March 1st. Mr. Cook has sold his ranch, and intends taking a trip east in a month or so.

We still live at Union City Hotel opposite the court house, near A. F. Benson's livery stable, where the public will find first class meals at all hours 25 cents. Good beds and rooms, 25 cents. L. J. BOOTHIE, Propr.

It is said that Barnum will spread the tents of his great circus in Oregon during the year 1888; that his advertising car will arrive in Portland within three months, and Barnum himself accompanying his big show will soon follow.

Mr. John Cline, of High valley, while coming to town, Saturday, ran across a large wild cat. One shot from his revolver laid it out. We saw the carcass. It was a ferocious looking animal, measuring nearly four and a half feet from tip to tip.

Jos. Wright received, this week, another large shipment of the celebrated Red School House shoes, the best, neatest and most substantial shoe now made. Do not fail to call and see them. None genuine unless they bear the trade mark as shown in his advertisement.

A much needed enterprise is being projected at North Powder, Oregon, by Messrs. Kellogg, Punch and Haines. These gentlemen will soon commence making a V flume from the head waters of North Powder river to the town of North Powder. The flume will be used for floating timber, ties and wood.

From a Boise city paper we learn that a shoemaker by the name of Clarence McSweney became intoxicated, and while in that condition, laid down on the floor of his room, and was found chilled through and his limbs frozen. He died a few hours afterward. This is, without doubt, the McSweney who formerly resided in Union.

Mr. Boothie of this city is in receipt of a letter from E. R. Simpson, of John's Town, Jay Gould camp, Lewis & Clarke Co., Montana, stating that a lady—Mrs. S. E. Boltinghouse, died at that place on the 6th inst., from the effects of quincy. Nothing is known of where her relatives are living. As Mr. Simpson desires to communicate with them, information will be thankfully received. Mrs. Boltinghouse stopped at the city hotel, in Union, a short time last summer, but no one appears to know very much about her.

Judge Goodall was called to North Powder a few days ago to look into the case of Ed. Gardner, who it appears is sick and destitute. He was thrown from a horse about a year ago, and hurt, since which time he has been confined to his bed. Mrs. Wiggins and Mrs. Busby are his sisters, and he has been living with Mr. and Mrs. Busby till a few days ago, when it appears, they got tired of him and moved out of the house, leaving him alone. He was discovered in this condition by neighbors, nearly frozen. They moved him to Mr. Harding's house, and the citizens took up a collection and made him as comfortable as possible. As he is destitute and unable to take care of himself, he was made a county charge of Union county, although he came from Baker county, and really belongs there.

MAYOR'S REPORT.

To the Hon. Common Council of the city of Union, Union county, Oregon. GENTLEMEN:—I beg leave to submit the following report as mayor of said city of Union, commencing Jan. 3rd, 1887:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Receipts from all sources: Liquor license \$1,050.00, Taxes of 1887 113.00, Taxes of 1888 69,174, Fines 70.00, Show license 15.00, Peedler's license 8.00, Treasurer Ret. for taxes 58.23. Total \$1,917.96.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Disbursements: Marshal salary \$478.25, Recorder's fees 144.45, Street expenses 187.83, Trial fees 44.48, Attorney fees 42.50, Election expenses 24.25, Treasurer's fees 91.83, Incidental 117.45, Cost on Walsh case in Supreme court 60.10. Total \$1,191.14. By Balance 726.82. Total \$1,917.96.

Bal. of Receipts over expenditures \$726.83. Total amount of city warrants outstanding to Jan 7, 1888 including interest \$1,770.40. The above amount includes the total city indebtedness. D. B. REES, Mayor.

A MYSTERY EXPLAINED.

For some time past the streets of Union, being covered with snow, have presented a very dazling appearance. A great number of our citizens have noticed a peculiar black and blue streak darting athwart the white surface, on numerous occasions, and much speculation has been indulged in as to the cause of it. Some have asserted it to be "an optical delusion, caused by the refraction of the sun's rays" or words to that effect. Others thought it was caused by some strange phenomenon in nature. After considerable trouble we have solved the mystery, and when we say that Dr. Daring is the owner of a blue sleigh, or "go-devil," in which he hitches his black horse, "Chief," and goes out riding, occasionally, the mystery is explained.

AUCTION SALE.

I will sell at public auction, at my place on Big creek, on March 1st, 1888 at 10 o'clock a. m. the following personal property: Three large work horses, one saddle horse, some brood mares and colts, cows and yearlings, one lumber wagon, one hack, one set harness, plows, harrow, and other farming tools, household goods, stoves, chairs, bedsteads, tables, cupboards, bureau, carpets, sewing machine, dishes, and many other things too numerous to mention. Terms of sale: All sums under \$5.00, cash; \$5.00 and over, 9 months time; sums of \$25 and over, 22 months time. Must be good, endorsed and approved notes, with interest.—T. G. COOK.

UNPLEASANT.

The following, taken from the Grub Stake Prospector, a south-western journal, would seem to indicate that the journalistic profession is thorny there, as elsewhere: "With gentlemen who tarred and feathered us last Saturday night will kindly return our clothes they will confer a lasting favor. We are still wearing the feathers, and while, owing to the thoroughness of our fellow citizens' work, they are quite comfortable for house wear still the gentlemen who have come out with a fall feather suit are a few that our appearance on the street in the costume would be sure to cause remark."

A Few Thoughts.

ED. OREGON SCOUT:—Will you kindly allow me a corner in your paper to direct the attention of "Observer," one of your correspondents, to a much-neglected matter, also an error, that of proper pronunciation and incorrect spelling. Now that Josh Billings is at rest, why not let his mistakes be buried with him, and not continue to poison the "young idea" with mis-spelled words, which cannot be pronounced correctly. We know of an instance in one of our so-called best schools, that the local columns of a Kansas county paper are used as a model for correct language. Why cannot our Scout be selected also? If "Observer," instead of "realizing his inability to compete with your literary prodigies," and instead of his apology for "assuming" as we interpret it, spelling in a manner unnatural to his own common sense, would give us correct spelling, then correct pronunciation must follow. Mis-pronunciation seems to me almost or quite as bad as bad spelling, and I "Observer" it may seem a small thing, yet it damages a man's claim to scholarship, and I know places it would ruin him. So much for "Observer." Now for a parting shot at the readers. A teacher of a public school, told that a county superintendent of schools, in examining her, requested her to spell "my-mind," which she could not. Politely forbid me telling her that there was no such word in the English tongue, nor in any tongue spoken of man. But clearly, both she and the superintendent thought there was. I will not insult your readers by even hinting at the right pronunciation, but sign myself, U. FARRAR.

Social Scintillations.

Paraphrasing Pastering. Precisely, to the registrations of the 10, class.

"THE WORLD DO MOVE."

"Soap bubble parties" are getting to be all the rage. Mr. Newhard, of the Hot Lake, called on us this week. Mr. John C. Barnes, of the Cove, visited Union, Monday. Mr. W. F. Martin, of the Park, was in Union a few days ago.

Attorney J. R. Crites has been in Portland for several days past. Mr. Abe Vandevanter, of the Park, made us a pleasant visit, Tuesday. Mr. Muse Love, of Catherine creek, made us a substantial visit Tuesday.

J. T. Outhouse, receiver at the La Grande office, is confined to his room. Attorney Shelton left, yesterday, on a business trip to La Grande and Pendleton. Mr. J. N. Smith, of Island city, made this office a pleasant visit last Monday.

Hon. George Chandler, of Baker county, was in the city the fore part of the week. Senator Rinehart and family returned, from Malheur county, the fore part of the week. Marriage license issued this week to E. T. Peedler and Miss Annie Walker, of La Grande.

An amateur dramatic club of Walla Walla will start out soon for a tour of Eastern Oregon towns. Mr. H. J. Geer, of the Cove, made us a pleasant and substantial visit the fore part of the week.

Mrs. J. R. Reeves, of Telocaset, was in town, Tuesday, and made the Scout office a pleasant visit. Mr. M. L. Carter, of Island city, paid the Scout office a pleasant visit the fore part of the week.

Mr. H. B. Drake and family, who have been visiting in the east for some time, returned last Friday. The social dance at Davis' hall last Friday night was not largely attended, no doubt on account of the inclement weather.

Mr. Philabon, who has been teaching school at Big creek, passed through Union, Wednesday, en route for Portland. Mr. S. T. Uhn was in town the fore part of the week, on his way to the land office to prove up on his pre-emption claim.

According to the Atlington Times the bachelors of Long creek are raising a fund to send east for a carload of unmarried ladies. Mr. Gus Hutchinson left for Powder river this week. Before leaving, however, he ordered his cognomen placed on our subscription list.

Mr. Jos. Dolby, of Big creek, called on us yesterday. He is as jovial as ever. Jo has opened a small variety store on Big creek. Some of the young ladies are talking of getting up a leap year ball. One of the young gentlemen says he can't dance lawdy dances.

Married—At the Centennial hotel in this city, Wednesday, Jan. 25, 1888, Mr. Chas. F. Chatta and Miss Maria McBeth, Rev. Irwin officiating.

It is quite probable that a number of La Grande people will attend the Knights of Pythias ball at Union on the 17th of next February.—Gazette. Marshall Woodard received a telegram last Monday, stating that his father, who resides at Milton, Umatilla county, was dangerously sick. He immediately went over.

Vice-President T. J. Potter of the Union Pacific left Wednesday night for his home in Burlington, Iowa, to remain there, away from the pressure of business, until he regains his health, which has been very poor for the past month.—Omaha Railway News.

R. C. Mays, W. M. Briggs and Ed. Rumble, three of Wallawa's most popular young men, arrived in La Grande Wednesday evening. The latter will leave in a day or two for Portland, to attend a business college, while the other two gentlemen will spend about two weeks visiting in Washington Territory.

A Boise City correspondent of the Inter Idaho says: "The acquittal of Rev. J. D. Fleener, pastor of the Boise City Methodist Episcopal church, has not restored him to the confidence of his membership. The 'pillars' of the church refuse to attend a single meeting over which he presides, or contribute a single dollar to his support. Mr. Fleener is away lecturing, and the church doors are very rarely opened."

The sensible, marriageable young ladies of Ablene, Kan., have effected an organization and have resolved that they will not marry any one who is not a patron of home newspapers, for it is not only a strong evidence of the want of intelligence, but that he will prove too stinky to provide for his family, educate his children, or encourage institutions of learning in his community.

REDUCTION IN SHOES.

From this time till the 15th of March I will sell my stock of winter boots and shoes at prices ten per cent. cheaper than heretofore, in order to make room for my spring stock. Give me a call.—O. VINCENT.

THIRTY-FIVE CENTS A CAN.

The Milk-line Baking Powder, full pound cans, warranted as good as any in the market. For sale at Jones Bros. Try it. Collections carefully attended to, and promptly returned.

THE COUNT OF SERANO.

A dramatic and musical entertainment will be given by A-scension school and Leighton Academy, Jan. 30th, at Wright's hall, Cove. Reserved seats, 50 cents; general admission, 25 cents. Grand music. Magnificent tableaux.

LOOK HERE.

Those indebted to me on account are requested to come forward at once and settle. If this request is not heeded, I shall resort to some other method of collecting. W. D. BEIDLEMAN.

Lost-\$10 Reward.

On the road between Emmerville and the Cove in the snow, a gold watch box, with quartz on one side and the initials of J. L. on the other. The above reward will be paid to any one having the same with Cowles & McDaniel, of the Cove.

\$1,000 REWARD!

The above reward will be given for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who set fire to the hay stacks of Tomlinson and Brooke, on the Haydon ranch, in Malheur county, Oregon. Any same reward for information that will lead to arrest and conviction of any person or persons that injures the sheep or property of any sheep raiser or member of this association. By order of Eastern Oregon Sheep Association. S. KIDDER, President. I. D. HAINES, Secretary. Baker City, December 3, 1887. 1-27

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

LAND OFFICE AT LA GRANDE, OREGON, Jan. 23, 1888. 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 March 5, 1888, viz: CYRUS H. PRESCOTT, Hd. No. 2022 for the NE 1/4 SW 1/4 sec. 34, and NE 1/4 SW 1/4 sec. 35, T. 38 S., R. 30 E., W. M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence, upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Wallace Hinkley, T. B. Johnson, Irwin Fraser, and Willam Fraser, all of Telocaset, Oregon. HENRY RINEHART, Register. 1-27-w6.

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GRAND Anniversary -- Ball!

—To be given by— Blue Mountain Lodge No. 28, K. of P. At Wright's Hall, Union, Ogn., Friday, Feb. 17, '88.

COMMITTEE ON INVITATION:

Baker City.—G. W. Jett, M. Tracy and Geo. Steffen. La Grande.—C. H. Finn and Adam Crossman. Cove.—E. J. Thomas. Pendleton.—R. Alexander and E. M. Farrow. COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS: Jos. Wright, Geo. F. Hall, B. F. Wilson, M. M. Hall, A. N. Hamilton, F. S. Slater and Geo. Gignac. FLOOR MANAGERS. Geo. F. Hall, A. N. Hamilton, J. L. Lowell. RECEPTION COMMITTEE. Frank Slater, O. H. Bay, T. Oliver, A. T. Neill, C. H. Day, Dr. J. E. Thomas, B. F. Wilson, P. B. Wilson, J. M. Carroll, C. E. Tombleson. COMMITTEE ON MUSIC. Mat. M. Hall, J. M. Carroll, James Galloway, Geo. F. Hall. COMMITTEE ON SUPPER. W. D. Beidleman, F. Bidwell, J. Blize, S. I. Benson. COMMITTEE ON PRINTING. Jos. Wright, J. C. Summers, B. Chaney. COMMITTEES ON DECORATION. Geo. Gignac, J. C. Summers, J. Wright, W. D. Beidleman, Wallace Harris, Mat. M. Hall, B. Chaney, Robert Gibson, J. H. Nodine, N. Howland.

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Tickets, Including Supper, \$3.00. General Invitation Extended to all. Geo. Wright, President. W. T. Wright, Cashier.

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Attention Fruit Growers GREAT SACRIFICE.

Must and Will be Sold, the Entire Stock of Fruit Trees, Shrubbery, etc., of H. J. Geer & Son, Cove, Oregon. In order to procure money, and clear our nursery of the immense stock now on hand (75,000 trees) take this method to bring before the public.

Our Determination to Sell.

Benefit of the Agent's Percentage. We will reduce our prices for the spring trade of 1888, 25 to 50 per cent. below our last year's catalogue prices to parties who receive their trees at the nursery. To be done on and on every item buying by the thousand, will be allowed 50 per cent. discount on last year's prices.

Our terms are cash on delivery, except by special arrangements.

We are DETERMINED to dig and SELL our ENTIRE STOCK, to make room for an ENTIRE NEW NURSERY, conducted on a different basis; and, in the long-imagined "Big Sale" you come and look for yourself and see for a similar sale that derisive "In most give ten away." WE EARNESTLY ASK ALL WHO INTEND TO ORDER TREES FROM US, TO COME PERSONALLY AND SELECT FOR THEMSELVES. IT IS FAR MORE SATISFACTORY TO ALL CONCERNED.

We have been growing fruit trees for over twenty years in the same locality, and come to us we will know and understand what will most profit the purchaser. Our practical experience in fruit and nursery business, is, we come here, of value to purchasers, and our guarantee cannot be bettered in this country. Parties will invariably find it better for them to buy at the nursery, thus saving extra handling and unnecessary expense of roots, as well as etc.

We will exchange trees, shrubbery, etc., for good young horses or cattle.

Any and all orders entrusted to us will have our best attention. Address: H. J. GEER & SON, Cove, Union County, Oregon. 1-27-w6.

JO. WRIGHT,

General Merchandise,

GROCERIES, STOVES, TIN AND HARDWARE! BOOTS and SHOES, Sole Agency in Union, for the celebrated RED SCHOOL SHOES, Manufactured by C. M. Henderson & Co. Fine Line of Rubber Boots, and Over-Shoes. At bottom prices. Call and Examine them. —MY MOTTO IS— "Best Goods, at the Lowest Living Prices." JOS. WRIGHT, Union, Oregon.

VERMONT BRED MERINO EWES FOR SALE. Over two hundred first class Merino Ewes, from 1 to 3 years old, and a few fine rams, carefully selected from some of the leading flocks. Among them, H. C. Burwell, L. S. Burwell, E. Stickney, C. A. Chapman and others. Decended from and closely related to such noted rams as "Rip Vanwinkle," 35 lbs. and 10 oz. wool one clip; "Bunker," 37 lbs and 2 oz; H. C. B. No. 190, 36 lbs and 10 oz; R. Lane, 38 lbs and 10 oz; Jim Blaine (our future president) 37 lbs. and 8 oz; Gold Finder, 33 lbs and 4 oz at 2 years old. See Vermont Merino Register, Volumes 2nd and 3rd. I can safely say that this is the best lot of Merinos ever brought to the Northwest. I will sell them CHEAP, quality considered, if sold soon. Come and see them at Elliott's stable, Union, Oregon. Stock registered in Vermont Register. E. B. HILL. NOTE.—I will go to Kentucky, soon, after a shipment of Short Horns, Holstein and Jersey cattle. Parties wishing any of the same will do well to address me here.

Bargains! Bargains!

To Close Out Winter Goods, FROM NOW UNTIL JAN. 1st, 1887, AT A. LEVY'S MAMMOTHE STORE. Call Early to Get the Benefit of this Offer.

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