

# THE OREGON SCOUT.

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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

A bill has passed the Senate to compel the education of Indian children.

The democratic primary election of Baker county will be held to-morrow.

Binger Hermann is the most popular man, among the republicans, for Congress.

Friends of Governor Penoyer want to place him on the ticket with Cleveland this year.

We are indebted to Prof. Tuttle for editorial work on the paper during our visit below.

It is thought that A. C. Kinney, of Astoria, will be the prohibition candidate for Congress.

The national convention of the union labor party will meet in Cincinnati on the 15th of May.

Union county warrants are selling at 95 cents. The county is not as near bankrupt as it might be.

The general land office reports that there are 10,000,000 acres of land in South Idaho susceptible of cultivation.

Rider Haggard is said to be at work at last on the promised sequel to "She." It will be looked for with considerable interest.

Hamilton Hamlin has written a letter expressing his preference for Robert T. Lincoln as the next republican presidential candidate.

It is thought among railroad men that as soon as Mr. Potter's successor is appointed there will be a change in the general management of the O. R. & N. Co.

In Umatilla county, Zoe Houser announces himself as a candidate for sheriff; John Young for county clerk, and Geo. V. Hamilton for treasurer. They are all republicans.

An autograph letter of Edgar A. Poe was recently sold in New York for \$70. Forty years ago Mr. Poe would gladly have furnished twice the amount of matter for 70 cents.

The prohibitionists will hold their state convention on the 28th of March, at Portland. They will have a full ticket in the field at the June election, but it will not cut much of a figure.

Another official that should be continued in office is Judge Brainard, the county treasurer. He is honest, capable, conscientious and accommodating. What more can be asked of any official?

A Board of Trade has been organized in Eugene City with sixty members. An organization of this kind is essential to the welfare of any town that expects to ever be of any consequence.

The Emperor William, of Germany, died in the royal palace last Friday the 9th inst., aged 91 years. His death and the expected death of the Crown Prince may rupture the present peace in Europe.

American woolen goods are shut out of foreign markets, not by foreign cheap labor, but by the difference of 49 to 117 per cent. in the price of raw wool which is in favor of the foreign manufacturer.

Jas. G. Blaine has been interviewed by the New York World and repeats his withdrawal from the presidential contest. He will not return to the United States until the nominations have been made.

It is said that John P. Irish of the S. F. Alta is coming to Oregon to assist the democracy in the next campaign. If Irish concludes to speak in Oregon, there will be thousands to listen to what he says.

Judge L. B. Ison, of Baker City, has announced that he will not be a candidate for Congress. He states that his present office is sufficient, and that poor health would force him to reject a nomination at the hands of his friends.

The Baker county commissioners have appointed a committee to select a suitable site for a poor farm. It would seem that a farm of this kind, if properly conducted would be an improvement on the method of letting the care of the poor to the lowest bidder.

Let each precinct in the county see to it that none but the best men are sent as delegates to the convention, and let them come unpledged. If they have sense enough to represent the precinct they certainly can be trusted to use their own judgment in the selection of suitable candidates.

Clerk Bell, of the State railroad commission, thinks the reduction of wheat rates by the interstate commerce commission has already saved Eastern Oregon and Washington farmers \$500,000. No doubt it is true, and also that the commission has benefited the people in many other ways.

The Oregon Blade Publishing Company, of Baker City, was incorporated last week. The object is to publish a republican newspaper in that city. If all the papers published in that place can manage to live, it will be worth the time of an ordinary editor to find out how they do it.

Letters from southern California say the bottom is dropping out of the big boom there. That southern California boom has been a good thing for western Oregon and Washington lumber interests, creating as it has an unprecedented demand for logs and lumber all along the Columbia river, and Gray's harbor.

A San Francisco dispatch of the 12th says: The Southern Pacific Company have now decided to build a line from Montague, California, on the Oregon & California railway to Shovel creek, on Klamath river, via Lake Shasta, and probably thence via Linkville and Klamath Lake to Eastern Oregon and Idaho, for connection with the Oregon Short Line.

As will be seen by a card elsewhere in this issue, Mr. J. S. Elliott declines to be a candidate for sheriff. This will be a disappointment to many of his friends. Mr. Elliott is one of the most popular men in the county, and about the only one we know of who would stand a chance of beating A. N. Hamilton in the next election.

Following are some of the candidates now claiming our attention: For joint senator, Democratic, Col. J. H. Raley, G. E. Owen, James Henderson, L. B. Rinehart and E. E. Taylor; Republican, J. H. Koontz, W. J. Snodgrass and A. R. Mattoon. For district attorney; Republican, R. Eakin; Democratic, W. F. Butcher, W. E. Crews and T. H. Crawford.

Some one put the report in circulation a few days ago, that Hon. L. B. Rinehart had withdrawn from politics, for the present at least, and would not be a candidate for re-election to the State senate. We questioned Mr. Rinehart concerning this, and he said there was no truth in the report, and that he would serve again if it was the wish of the party for him to do so. Mr. Rinehart has made a good record as senator, and his chances are very favorable for another term.

The representative of a syndicate of New Orleans capitalists have an agent at Portland, says the News, who has been looking into the matter of the assessment and taxation of property. The gentleman was greatly surprised to learn that property was assessed for but half its value. In New Orleans the tax is three and a half cents on the dollar, and property is assessed at its full value. The syndicate represented are thinking of making extensive investments in real estate at that place.

The time for receiving bids to carry the mail between this place and Cornucopia will expire April 10th. The time specified for the commencement of the service if the contract is awarded, is July 1st, but a letter from the Assistant Postmaster General states that if a satisfactory bid is made and accepted, service may be put on at once if desirable. The contract is for two years, and as the road will be put in good condition this summer, there will doubtless be several bids put in at reasonable figures.

The Republican Central Committee of this county met in this city last Wednesday. We supposed that the secretary, Mr. Nelson of North Powder, would furnish us with a report of the proceedings, but for some reason he failed to do so, and after diligent enquiry we fail to learn anything much about what was done. We elicited the information, however, from some one that the primaries will be held on the 4th, and the convention on the 7th of April, and that according to the apportionment the convention will be comprised of 61 members. If our numerous republican readers are disappointed in not getting a fuller report of the meeting they should blame the committee and not The Scout.

A correspondent writing from this place to the East Portland Pocket says that T. H. Crawford is a candidate for judge of this judicial district, and that he "will probably receive sufficient support in Union, Baker and Wallowa counties to secure his nomination." We knew that Mr. Crawford was a candidate for prosecuting attorney, but was not aware that he aspired to the judgeship. The older we get the more we are liable to find out, especially if we read newspapers that are published at a distance.

The better the advertising display in a newspaper, the more it reflects the business, the activity, the enterprise and prosperity of the community. Business men appreciate this, and therefore freely advertise in their local newspapers. Others are in business who lag behind, as they deserve. They expect the newspapers to do them benefit, but they contribute no benefit in return. The city or community which neglects to fairly and judiciously advertise, neglects its surest road to name and importance and wealth.

Mr. M. J. MacMahon, a practicing lawyer of ability at Baker City, is spoken of as a probable presidential elector from Eastern Oregon. Mr. MacMahon is well known in this county from his connection with the faculty of Tualatin Academy and Pacific University. He is a man of learning, being a graduate of the University of Michigan and Sorbonne of France. In 1884, Mr. MacMahon canvassed California and Oregon for the republican presidential ticket, made a strong canvass and would do so again.—Hillsboro Independent.

We are informed by the County Court that after the April settlement, the delinquent tax list will be published. We believe it is a good idea as there are quite a number of men in this county who would like for people to think that they are persons of great importance. They either appear on the tax roll as being utterly worthless or refuse to pay any assessment that may be against them. It will probably be beneficial for people to know who they are. Anyone who has not paid his taxes yet should come in and do so, and save himself the mortification of seeing his name on record in this way.

It may not be generally known that the act passed Feb. 21st, 1887, creating the office of recorder of conveyances in the counties of Clackamas, Clatsop, Linn, Marion, Umatilla Union, Washington and Yamhill has been held unconstitutional as to the counties of Clackamas, Clatsop, Union and Umatilla, inasmuch as these counties were not mentioned in the title of said act. For according to section 20, Art. 4, of the Oregon constitution, an act must not only contain but one subject, but that subject and the matter relating thereto must be expressed in the title of said act; otherwise such act shall be void as to so much thereof as shall not be expressed in the title.—Milton (Or.) Eagle.

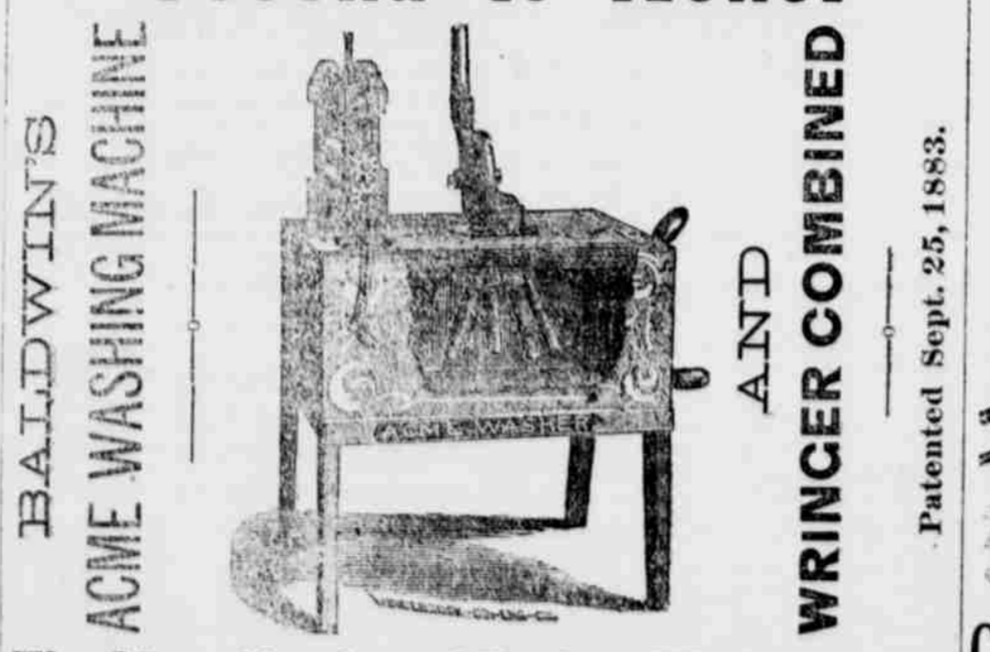
Orthodox Christians will watch with interest, and perhaps alarm, the new missionary movement in Germany. So called advanced theologians have a well organized society, whose object is to make use of the elements of culture and morality that are found in educated heathen nations, and on this basis build up a Christian culture according to advanced ideas. This society thinks that the old methods fail in that they do not interest the thinkers among educated non-Christian people. It has 7,750 members in Switzerland and Germany, and has a few men at work in Japan and China.—New York Sun.

Last week the governor removed Robert Clow from the superintendency of the penitentiary, the reason assigned being that Clow some time ago, in violation of the law, employed convicts to work on his farm in Polk county, no entry of such employment having been made upon the prison books for two months afterwards, when the fact of the superintendent's infringement of the law had been called attention to by the public press. This is the cause of removal, with other reasons of like nature, that is stated in the official notification of his deposition handed by the governor to Clow. Hon. Geo. S. Downing, of Salem, was appointed to fill the vacancy. His appointment dates from March 15th. Mr. Downing is an old resident of Marion county, and his appointment seems to give general satisfaction.

Says Prowler, the parson in Cameron Indicator: "The spirit of independence will ere long go begging if every man becomes fearful of expressing his honest convictions lest someone withdraws patronage. Where is the once boasted free speech if every man must withhold his opinion, lest he should sacrifice his business? It is no uncommon thing to see merchants, professional men, and clergy, aye, the officers of the law, shielding their opinions on this and that question solely from the fear that they may be criticised, or perhaps lose the good will of some duffer with a sock full of money. As a certain long felt want writer says every man has the same right to express it, let come what will. I take it as cowardly for a man to withhold his sentiment solely from the fact that it may take a few dollars from him; it shows that he has no confidence in himself or his ability to earn a living. It is not American. A spirit of honest independence must prevail or man's weakness will down him."

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