

# THE OREGON SCOUT.

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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

The political Thomas cat is beginning to get its back up.

The law regulating the size, quality, and style of election tickets is an unjust one and should be repealed.

Weaver, of Iowa, is down on the National banking system which puts immense amounts of money in the hands of a few.

The Baker City Daily Democrat has been enlarged to a 6-column paper. We are pleased to note this evidence of its prosperity.

Puck says that the only criticism it has to offer on the opera "Die Götterdämmerung" is that Mr. Wagner hit upon a very happy name for it.

A permanent organization of the Board of Trade was effected last Wednesday evening. Now let everybody lend a helping hand and make it a success.

We are indebted to Senator Dolph for a copy of his speech delivered in the Senate, February 7th., on the Oregon and Washington Indian War claims.

We commence in this issue a serial story by John R. Musick, entitled "Helen Lakeman, or The Story of a Young Girl's Struggle with Adversity." It will be found interesting. Read it.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Revolutionary war ended 106 years ago there are now 38 widows drawing pensions on account of their husbands being in it, the youngest of whom is 69 years of age. A curious fact.

For the benefit of tax-payers who have not yet paid, we will say that the tax-list becomes delinquent on the 31st of March, and after that time no county warrants will be taken. The whole amount will have to be paid in coin. It would be better to pay before that time.

Our readers will look over our advertising columns and see the names of persons and firms advertised therein and go there. The public recognize the fact that a man who pays out money to advertise, is the one who is not too stingy to make his patrons good terms.

In the year 1888 there will be 366 days and 53 Sundays. The Fourth of July will fall on Wednesday and Christmas on Tuesday. In the year 1888 there will be three eclipses of the moon. A total eclipse of the moon, July 22nd, will be visible, the middle of the eclipse occurring at 9:30 p. m.

We understand that Wallowa county signifies its willingness to have the joint senator between that and Union county, nominated by the Union county convention, and that it will be done accordingly. It will doubtless be much more satisfactory to every body than for the nomination to be made in the State convention.

The Cleveland Club of this city seems to be in a flourishing condition. At the meeting, Monday evening, T. H. Crawford delivered an interesting and logical speech on the tariff question, which was listened to with marked attention. Mr. Crawford is a fluent speaker, and those who were not present missed a good thing.

We learn from the sheriff that the delinquent tax list has been reduced to about \$1,000 and that not more than one-half of that amount can in any way be collected, as the parties owing it are dead or have moved to parts unknown, and it is principally on assessments made several years ago. The list is much smaller than it ever was before, which speaks well for the sheriff.

A correspondent writing to the Journal from Summerville says: "The people in this part of the country are solid for Neill for a second term as clerk of this county. The clerk's office is kept with system and neatness unknown before in the history of our county. Nor can any county in the state boast of a neater or more systematic office. We think that we have a good clerk and ought to keep him." This seems to be the sentiment of the people throughout every precinct in the county.

# THE CONVENTION.

The democratic primaries take place to-morrow, and before another issue of our paper the convention will be held. As the democracy is somewhat in the ascendancy in Union county, the proceedings of the convention will be looked to with considerable interest. If care and judgment is used, in all probability the candidates selected by the convention will be our officers for the ensuing term. It should consider well the character of the men before it for candidates and it matters not how just may be the claims of an individual, or how bad he wants the nomination, or how big a row he will make in the party, if he don't get it, these considerations should stand as naught when brought in the balance against his rotten private or public character. If he is unfit for the nomination by reason of ignorance, bad morals or general unpopularity, let him stand aside, and if he won't do so, in the language of modern political parlance, "let the convention set down on him" by a decided majority. A community in which a candidate resides gives a fair index to his character, if he is generally unpopular and considered a bad man, don't nominate him under any consideration. We would like to see the convention place in the field a good strong ticket; one in which every individual has a private and public record that he is willing should be exposed in the most sarcastic manner; a ticket of good, honest representative men.

Another thing which has been discussed considerably throughout the State is the idea of voting *vice voce* in the conventions. The Albany Democrat speaking on this subject says: "We have made it a point to converse with quite a number of leading democrats throughout the county on the suggestion heretofore made in the Democrat that at the coming convention to nominate a candidate for county officers, the voting should be *vice voce* and not by ballot as heretofore. The arguments in favor of *vice voce* voting far outweigh all the imaginary benefits and advantages of the ballot system. This latter system has no place in a democratic convention. The national and state conventions of the party have never adopted it. The system as practiced in this county has led to many dissensions. It is said that some men make all kinds of promises of supporting this and that candidate merely for the purpose of getting into the convention. We do not know how true this may be, but at all events many believe it. Candidates are sometimes defeated who, from the promises made were led to be sure of nomination. The ballot system affords an opportunity for the nomination of a scheme by which candidates who are not the choice of the people are nominated, even against the better judgment of the convention. Let democrats take this matter in hand and see that delegates are elected who will support the adoption of a *vice voce* voting in the convention. We believe it would be a good plan to adopt this method of voting in county and state conventions. There are many evils which come from ballot voting. Men are brought out by this method and then defeated at the polls, because there is crookedness charged to them, and nine times out of ten they are not to blame. Should the *vice voce* plan be adopted, the will of the people sending the delegates would more nearly be carried out. Occasionally it is the wish of some precinct to have certain men nominated for certain offices, and delegates are elected accordingly, but with the ballot method how easy it is for any of them to prove recreant and no one be the wiser, and thus the wish of the precinct is not carried out by the delegates. If they carry out the wishes of their constituents honorably and after using reasonable judgment in so doing, it becomes apparent that their first choice is not the choice of the community at large, then they merit the approbation of their constituents by changing. By the ballot method they are not so placed as to practically and unquestionably demonstrate their conscientious fulfillment of their instructions as they are by the *vice voce* method. Besides by this method one cannot so readily be charged with having been bought, for delegates have the opportunity to stand up and call his man by name. Thus we will be enabled to place before the people just as good men, and every voter in the county or state can know by what method they have their nomination. This would strengthen their support. People would feel that they had received their nominations honestly, and a better feeling would exist all round. We would like to see this matter taken into consideration in Union county.

## A WRONG MOTTO.

The following sensible and timely remarks we clip from the East Portland Packet:

There are few principles in politics more debasing or demoralizing than that contained in the words "Don't scratch your ticket." It was a favorite motto of that old Bourbon Democracy of whom it was said that it never learned anything and never forgot anything. It was a fitting sentiment for those who made politics a profession and looked to the spoils of office for reward. The senseless partisanship which it implied has brought reproach upon the party. Servile obedience to the injunction "Don't scratch your ticket" has

fostered fraud and engendered corruption; it has secured bad nominations, and elected incompetent and inefficient officials; it is the foe of intelligent thought and action. Why should an intelligent and independent voter surrender his judgment and conscience into any party's keeping? A political party is merely a body of citizens organized to promote and carry into effect certain principles upon which its members are agreed, and its claims upon the suffrages of honest voters depends entirely upon the correctness and importance of these principles, the purity of its methods in promulgating and carrying them into effect, and the honesty, sincerity and efficiency of those selected to represent them. Proper party allegiance does not imply that a citizen shall vote for a candidate whom he knows to be unfit for the office. Such allegiance would be slavery of the most servile kind. The history of every party is replete with instances in which most incompetent and corrupt candidates have secured important nominations and often by most questionable methods. Those who advocate "Don't scratch your ticket" would even in such cases like to see "free and independent" Americans go to the polls "like dumb driven cattle" and vote to reward baseness and corruption. Nothing could be more repugnant to an intelligent sense of justice and manly self-respect. The proper appeal to the thinking people of to-day is a platform of sound principles supported by a ticket that does not need to be "scratched." And this is the end towards which progressive democracy is working: a platform that courts criticism and a ticket that commands respect. In this is the only chance of success. All good citizens "scratch" their tickets when improper nominations are forced upon them. There is no odium attached to the name of "bolter" or "scratcher." He has been too much of a public benefactor. With people who have the courage of their convictions, mere party names go for little. The party lash has lost most of its terrors and no patriotic citizen is afraid of spoiling his party record by "scratching" an unworthy nomination. "Don't scratch your ticket" has no influence over thinking voters.

## CONTEMPTIBLE WORK.

There is a persistent effort being made on the part of perhaps a half dozen sore-heads in this county, to defeat A. T. Neill in the convention and prevent his nomination. To accomplish this, they have resorted to the lowest methods possible—the defamation of his character, and secretly circulating the most calumnious reports. Mr. Neill, considering himself above that kind of warfare, has paid but little attention to them, but did recently have I. N. Laughlin, who, it was reported by these fellows, had received money from him with which to buy votes, deny the same and show the utter falsity of the charge, and the denial was given publicity in the county papers. To any fair-minded man who may have been in doubt about the matter, this was sufficient to set his doubts forever at rest. Mr. Laughlin says:

The rumor about that A. T. Neill and A. N. Hamilton contracted with me, or prior to the June election of 1886, to secure the votes of certain men working on the road leading from Union to Cornucopia, is false. What I did for Mr. Neill, was voluntary on my part. There was nothing said to me by Neill or Hamilton either, or anyone representing them, about trading. The report about the note having been given by Neill and Hamilton for getting votes for them, is untrue. About the last of September, 1886, I asked Hamilton and Neill to go my security for \$125.00 at the bank. They said they would, and did. When presenting the note, the cashier found some fault with it, and I also got John White to sign the note. Before I went to the bank against got what money I needed and did not use the note. I returned the note to Neill. That was the only note Neill and Hamilton ever signed with me.

Some one writing to the La Grande Journal, last week, pretends to think this statement something terrible, and although he claims to be a friend to Mr. Neill, it is apparent that he is a malignant enemy of the snake species, and belongs to the little gang of a half dozen alluded to above. Following is an extract from his delectable effusion:

EDITOR JOURNAL: In your issue of the 9th instant you published a libelous statement reflecting on our democratic clerk A. T. Neill, purporting to come from one I. N. Laughlin, in which he claims to have been guilty of bribing men, many of whom were not legal voters of Union county, to go to the polls at Eagle precinct at our last election and vote for Mr. Neill to the utter defeat of our entire county ticket with the exception of Mr. Neill himself, and that afterwards Mr. Neill committed at this writing against the law and against our party by reimbursing him for the money he had thus corruptly used to defeat our ticket.

What can be expected of an alleged friend who will distort facts in this manner. Such attacks deserves the contempt of every honest democrat, and will doubtless receive it. The Scout has the highest regard for Mr. Neill, both as a man and an official, and should he receive the nomination, will give him his hearty support. If these enemies of his would quit this secret work and come out like men with any valid objections, their statements would be worthy of attention. As it is, they are only deserving of contempt.

# THE ANTI-SALOON REPUBLICAN CONFERENCE.

We are in receipt of a call of the Anti-Saloon Republican Conference, to be held next month in New York City. The call is too lengthy to publish in full, but the following extract will explain the object:

To assure and signalize the complete withdrawal of the National Republican party from all complicity with the saloon infamy, and to emphasize its positive antagonism thereto, a National Anti-Saloon Republican Conference is hereby called, to assemble in New York City, at 11 o'clock A. M., April 15, 1888, and continue in session two days. This invitation is addressed to all Republicans in the United States who sympathize with this movement and purpose, and to all members of other parties and unattached voters who are willing to act with the Republican organization so long as it shall honestly stand for the interests of the people as against the saloon system and its criminal aggressions.

No doubt it will be an important gathering and one of vital importance to the republican party. On the call appear the names of a great number of prominent republicans, among which are such names as Senator Frye, of Maine; Blair, of New Hampshire; Ex-Postmaster General James; Ex-Secretary of War McCrary; Ex-Governor Cumbuck, of Indiana and Hiram Price, of Iowa. It is said that the republican members of Congress intend to take an aggressive stand and pass a bill in the Senate prohibiting the liquor traffic in the District of Columbia. The leaders of that party claim that they struck the first great blow for the abolition of slavery in the District of Columbia, and that they will fight their first great battle against the saloon on the same spot. It is believed by many that during the next Presidential campaign the republican party will array itself strongly on the side of prohibition, and that the democrats will as strongly oppose it. It would seem that the republican party has enough to do just now in the contest on the tariff question, without monkeying with the fluid that inebriates.

## HOW MEN DIE.

If we know all the methods of approach adopted by an enemy we are better enabled to ward off the danger and postpone the moment when surrender becomes inevitable. In many instances the inherent strength of the body suffices to enable to oppose the tendency toward death. Many however have lost these forces to such an extent that there is little aid to the weakened lungs will make all the difference between sudden death and many years of useful life. Upon the first symptoms of a Cough, Cold or any trouble of the Throat or Lungs, give that old and well-known remedy—Boschee's German Syrup, a careful trial. It will prove what thousands say of it to be, the "benefactor of any home."

## DIED.

LOWELL.—In this city, Friday, March 16, 1888, Zee, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Lowell, aged 19 months and 17 days.

## DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the partnership heretofore existing between N. Howland and P. B. Wilson, doing business together under the firm name of Howland & Wilson, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Mr. Howland withdrawing, and Mr. Wilson continuing the business. The accounts must be settled immediately, and all those owing the firm are requested to come in and pay up at once.

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