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THE RESULT.

Most of our readers will be one day late in receiving this issue of the Scout. We thought it best to delay this issue a little in order to give our readers, as early as possible, the result of the democratic convention which has just adjourned. A full report of it will be found elsewhere in this issue. So far as we have been able to learn, the nominations made are in the main, satisfactory, particularly the legislative portion of the ticket. It is apparent now that so far as the democrats are concerned there are to be no local issues raised in the coming campaign, which it has been thought would be the case. The article to be found elsewhere on this page, entitled "Which Shall it Be," was written several days ago, and at that time it was our intention to go to press before the convention met. We are exceedingly pleased to note that, so far as the democrats are concerned, it need not have been written. The republicans have not met yet in convention, and they may profit by it if they choose. If they do as well as the democrats, we will have a pleasant campaign, devoid of personal animosity and the ill feeling engendered by local contentions. The result will be the effect of prevailing political sentiment, and the public estimate of the qualifications of the various candidates. The people will not err to any great extent.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The prohibitionists of Clatsop county met in convention last Saturday and nominated a full county ticket.

The main thing to be kept in mind is the fact that the taxes on liquors and tobacco ought not to be removed, at least while we pay taxes on sugar, salt, clothing, coal, iron and a thousand other articles of absolute necessity for daily life.

At the democratic county convention held at Joseph, Wallowa county, on the 22nd inst. the following ticket was nominated: Representative, Jefferson Owenby; county judge, P. O. Sullivan; clerk, D. B. Reavis; sheriff, S. E. Willett; commissioners, Geo. Wilson and G. W. Allen; assessor, S. A. Hart; treasurer, T. J. Dean; school superintendent, J. J. Blevins; coroner, Dr. Cobb; surveyor, P. H. Saunders.

At a recent lawsuit in Texas, thirteen expert cattle branders swore that when cattle are branded in the "dark of the moon" the brand will never get larger than the first impression, no matter how much the animal may grow. But if the branding iron is applied in the "light of the moon" the scar will spread, and the lighter the moon the larger will be the spread.

Should the Republicans carry the next legislature, the most prominent candidates for U. S. Senate will be Dolph, Hirsch, Williams (Geo. H.) and Waldo. Should the Democrats have a majority in that body the principal fight to succeed Dolph will be among Bellinger, Penneyer and Prim; at least that is the way the figures loom up in the political horizon at this writing.—Portland Exchange.

We are in receipt of Vol. I, No. 26, of *The Prison Mirror*, a weekly publication issued by the inmates of the Stillwater, Minnesota penitentiary. "It is never too late to mend" is the motto. The paper is replete with original articles, many possessing extraordinary literary merit, contributed by the inmates. It will no doubt prove to be a great factor in the reformation of its unhappy contributors, and a help to them in leading a better life, when they are again at liberty. We place it on our exchange list with pleasure.

The Umatilla county democratic convention nominated a ticket as follows: Representatives, J. E. Kirkland, E. B. Gamboe, J. H. Morrison; County Judge, T. J. Lucy; County Commissioners, R. N. Stanfield, Clark Walters; Sheriff, J. M. Bentley; County Clerk, G. A. Hartmann; County Treasurer, J. H. Robins; School Superintendent, W. M. Pierce; Assessor, Ed. F. Guyon; Surveyor, J. C. Arnold; Coroner, Dr. G. W. King. A. W. Nye, J. P. Wager, Thos. Fitzgerald, W. F. Matlock, R. N. Stanfield, Wm. Beagle, Jno. Edgington and J. S. Hughes were elected delegates to the state convention.

WHICH IS IT TO BE?

One of the Portland papers recently contained information to the effect that La Grande is making great preparations for the county seat contest which it says is soon to take place. We had an idea that as the little game attempted by our friends across the way at the last legislature was such a dismal failure that they had, in the language of the poet, "got their bellies full" of that sort of thing, and were ready to quit. It would seem, however, from the above mentioned article, and from various movements which have taken place recently in that burg, that they still hanker after the unattainable, and will again make an effort in that direction. If fair and honorable means are used, there is about as much chance for La Grande to secure the county seat as there is for it to become the State Capitol. The schemers over there know this to be the case, and if we are informed correctly will endeavor to attain their ends by strategy. Their first move will be to secure the nomination and election of such men to the House and Senate as will suit their purpose. They think if they can succeed in this, then if through the instrumentality of these fellows they can succeed in giving away the southern portion of the county to Baker, and if they can have a bill passed re-submitting to the people the location of the county seat, then they hope to secure the county seat by a vote, if the people can be manipulated properly. This will no doubt remind our readers of the dog and rabbit story—"If the dog hadn't stopped, etc." There are altogether too many if's in it, and the whole scheme is so silly that it is hardly credible that sensible men should so far let their local prejudices blind them as to engage in it. We are constrained to believe that some of them are so blinded and are so engaged, by evidence that seems to us reliable. The monkey and parrot business recently enacted by some of the leading republican schemers, and the result of the democratic primaries at that place, also point to ways that are dark and tricks that are vain.

We regret that this state of affairs should exist, and that methods of this kind should be resorted to by any of the people of La Grande. We cannot believe that the better class of people there, among either the republicans or democrats, sanction anything of the kind, and sincerely hope that they are sufficiently in the majority to prevent it. Whether they are or not, the tactics to be pursued will be apparent after the conventions have made their nominations. If our surmises prove correct, so far as *The Scout* is concerned, it will at once throw aside all political and other considerations and fight out the campaign on local questions alone. We are in hopes that it will not be forced to adopt this course. There is no occasion for any agitation of the county seat question at this time, and none but simpletons will attempt it. Union is the proper place for the county records to be kept, and always will be, unless it should entirely cease to grow, and La Grande should attain a population many times greater than it now has. That, however, is a contingency so far in the future that it is not worth while to discuss it now. When La Grande can present just reasons why it should be favored above Union, and do so openly and fairly, its claims will no doubt be considered impartially by the people at large, and we know they will be by *The Scout*. An honorable opponent will always have our respect, but the bushwhacking species we despise, and they may count on getting as severe an exhorting as we are able to give them.

COUNTY ROADS.

Our Eagle creek correspondent last week spoke of a proposed road leading from that valley to Cornucopia, upon which some work has been done, and said if it could be finished it would lessen the distance a great deal and be a much easier road to travel. The road will enter the upper end of Pine valley or else intercept the Union-Cornucopia road near B. F. Fewell's ranch. As usual our correspondent asks us to do something in the way of influencing the county court to assist in building the road, seemingly unaware of the fact that the court has no power to appropriate anything toward the construction of the road until the people living in the vicinity petition for the same and it is legally established according to law. In a conversation with Judge Goodall on this subject, he informs us that if the people petition and have the road established as a county road, he has no doubt that the commissioners will make an appropriation for the improvement of it, as he believes it is a road that is much needed.

The grade over Lyon's hill is another piece of road that should receive attention. It has been a source of annoyance to the people of Lower Powder and vicinity for many years,

and they are never tired of complaining about it, yet they are too apathetic to make any efforts to remedy the matter. It would be a waste of money for the county court to improve this piece of road as at present located, but the road could be changed with little expense, and the difficulties now encountered almost entirely removed. The commissioners have repeatedly signified their willingness to make an appropriation, if the people living in the vicinity will petition and have the road re-located. The people don't do it, however, and thus the matter stands. We would advise them to get in and take the proper steps at once, so that their petition may be acted upon at the May term of court. If they delay, no action can be taken till the July term.

FARMERS WILLING SLAVES.

Liverpool is the wheat market of the world. Nearly all the surplus wheat goes there, and Liverpool fixes the prices of wheat for all countries. Our wheat goes in sailing vessels from the Columbia river. These vessels come here without a cargo, and the outward wheat cargo has to pay the ship for her round trip from Liverpool here and back. The freight from here to Liverpool is 21 cents per bushel, or 87 per ton.

Why do these ships come here and leave the Oregon farmer to pay this double freight, this expense of the round trip, instead of one-half of it, or 10-12 cents per bushel? It is because we are not permitted to purchase our supplies from the people who buy our wheat. The government collects a tax at the custom houses at Astoria and Portland, called a tariff, on all imported articles, which is so great that it excludes manufactured articles, agricultural machinery, tools, iron steel, hardware, clothes, salt, and all farm supplies. This is the reason why the ships come to us empty.

They do not simply come empty, for a ship must have about a third of a cargo for ballast; she cannot sail with a light keel, but must have some heavy freight in the hold to keep her from turning over. As it is now, these ships, instead of bringing coal, salt, iron products, or other farm supplies, take in sand or stone, and they pay for loading it at Liverpool and unloading here \$1.80 per ton. The farmer pays this, for it is added to the freight on wheat.

If we could get freight on wheat reduced one-half, say 10-12 cents per bushel, of course the wheat would bring that much more to the farmer. At twenty bushels to the acre this would make the product of an acre of land worth \$2.10 more to the farmer, and this would be all profit. An additional profit of \$2.10 per acre would make the land in the Columbia and Willamette valleys worth at least \$21 per acre more than the present price. In all this there is no account taken of the fact that we would get the imported articles for 60 per cent of what they now cost while imported from the Eastern states.

Taking this view of the subject, the wheat raisers of Oregon, who produced last year 8,876,355 bushels of grain, lost in round U. S. coin nearly a million dollars.—*Eugene Guard*.

THE BOARD OF TRADE.

In another column, we publish the constitution and by-laws of the Union Board of Trade, as adopted at their meeting of March 21. At that meeting a president, vice-president and four out of the eight directors were elected. The election of other officers and the appointing of the various committees were then postponed till the next meeting, which was set for last Monday evening, when, it was thought, there would be present a large attendance of the business men and representative citizens of the town. Such did not prove to be the case, there not being enough present Monday evening to justify a meeting being held. It was the sense of those present, however, that the constitution and by-laws should be published, so that the citizens at large may know the object of the organization, and that a meeting be called for next Monday evening, April 2nd. This has been done. *The Scout* has repeatedly urged the organization of this board, because it believed it would be a great factor in the upbuilding of the city, but these are its last remarks on the subject. If people do not see that their interests are upheld, they have no one to blame but themselves. Union has her full quota of mossbacks and kickers, but it is to be hoped that they are not sufficiently in the majority to rule the roost.

All our business men who desire to see the board a success, and who are willing to assist in it, will be present at the meeting Monday evening; those who do not want any of it will stay away, and their actions will speak for them. If sufficient interest is taken the board will be fully organized, otherwise no further action in the matter will be taken.

The attempt to pass a bill prohibiting the sale of liquor in the District of Columbia has proved a failure and now the prohibitionists want the federal government to appropriate \$100,000 to build a Temperance Home and expect in that event that congress would annually appropriate money enough to pay its running expenses.

A WOMAN'S DISCOVERY.

"Another wonderful discovery has been made and that too by a lady in this county. Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly and could not sleep, she bought of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption and was so much relieved on taking first dose that she slept all night and with one bottle has been miraculously cured. Her name is Mrs. Lathur Lutz." Thus write W. C. Hamrick & Co., of Shelby, N. C.—Get a free trial bottle at Wright's drug store, Union, Oregon.

PATENTS GRANTED.

To citizens of the Pacific States during the past week, and reported expressly for the *Scout*, by C. A. Snow & Co., patent lawyers, opposite U. S. Patent Office, Washington, D. C.: L. J. Bergendahl, Pendleton, Or., snow plow; W. M. Bours, Stockton, Cal., map; F. W. Bramm, San Francisco, switch for electric light circuits; L. M. Clement, Oakland, Cal., operating cable railways; F. J. Crouch, Eugene City, Or., non-polarizing constant current battery; S. M. Fulton, Galt, Cal., windmill; J. Jacobs, San Francisco, railway tie; S. Mendleson, Los Angeles, Cal., pickpocket proof pocket receptacle; W. B. Waldron, Folsom City, Cal., seal lock; J. W. Warhus, San Francisco, station indicator; W. Wilt, Eureka, Cal., chair, fish plate and rail coupler combined.

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WHO IS YOUR BEST FRIEND?

Your stomach of course. Why? Because if it is out of order you are one of the most miserable creatures living. Give it a fair, honorable chance and see if it is not the best friend you have in the end. Don't smoke in the morning. Don't drink in the morning. If you must smoke and drink wait until your stomach is through with breakfast. You can drink more and smoke more in the evening and it will tell on you less. If your food ferments and does not digest right—if you are troubled with Heartburn, Dizziness of the head, coming up of the food after eating, Biliousness, Indigestion, or any other trouble of the stomach, you had best use Green's August Flower, as no person can use it without immediate relief.

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Speedily Cured.

I am satisfied that this remedy saved my life.—Jno. Webster, Pawtucket, R. I. I contracted a severe cold, which suddenly developed into Pneumonia, presenting dangerous and obstinate symptoms. My physician ordered the use of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. His instructions were followed, and the result was a rapid and permanent cure.—H. E. Stimpson, Rogers Prairie, Tex.

Two years ago I suffered from a severe Cold, which settled on my Lungs. I consulted various physicians, and took the medicines they prescribed, but received only temporary relief. A friend induced me to try Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. After taking two bottles of this medicine I was cured. Since then I have given the Pectoral to my children, and consider it

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for Colds, Coughs, and all Throat and Lung diseases, ever used in my family.—Robert Vanderpool, Meadville, Pa.

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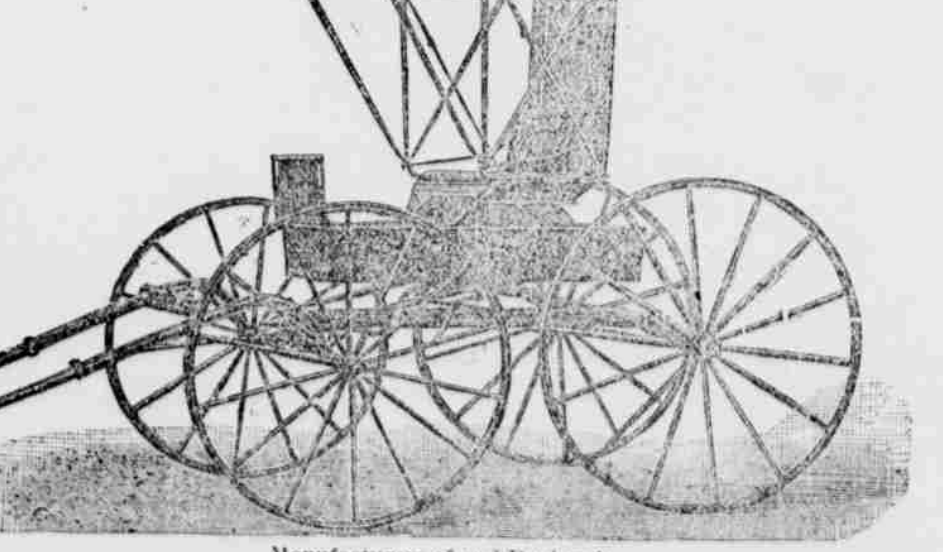
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