

THE OREGON SCOUT.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

"Truth crushed to earth will rise again."

We acknowledge the receipt of an invitation to attend the commencement exercises of the Oregon State Normal School, of Monmouth, which will take place on the 13th inst.

According to latest advices little Phil Sheridan is still fighting with death, and while the odds are against him, it is just possible that he will come out victorious yet.

We hope to hear regularly from all our correspondents hereafter. The campaign is now over and we need your assistance in making THE SCOUT an interesting and readable paper.

Whatever the Republicans may say in regard to the way in which the democratic candidates run in this campaign, they must admit that E. C. Brainard made it mighty hot for old Blank.

The Democratic National convention is in session at St. Louis. The nominations were not made as we went to press, but without doubt Thurman will be nominated for vice-president with Cleveland.

Henry Villard is about to undertake an expedition to the South Pole. Dr. Neumary, director of the Deutsche Zewart of Hamburg will co-operate with him. The North Pole cranks will probably withdraw for a time.

Bela Lockwood has been nominated for president by the Woman Suffrage convention at Des Moines. Their platform included the following planks:—Protective tariff, free sugar and lumber, the repeal of internal tax on whiskey and tobacco.

The Michigan supreme court has declared the local option law, which has just gone into effect in that state, unconstitutional. An error in the bill is the ground for the decision, which was rendered by the court without a single dissenting opinion. High license will now be the rule.

The following particulars of the new law abolishing slavery in Brazil have been received: All emancipated negroes are required to remain there until the next coffee crop is gathered, but in the mean time they are to receive a small rate of wages from their former owners, and shall not be locked up in their quarters, as formerly. The former owners receive no compensation for liberated slaves. Nearly 1,500,000 are liberated by the new law.

The attitude of the democracy in Union county just now reminds us of the big fellow who once jumped on to a smaller man with the intention of giving him a sound thrashing, but while he had him down and was on top, he inadvertently got his nose between his opponents teeth, and at the same time realizing that his eye was being gouged out, and feeling his adversary's toes thumping around his stomach, he sang out to the by-standers: "For Christ's sake take us off from him!"

The school book trust is one of the latest, and it might be added, one of the meanest trusts that have been unearthed. That four publishing houses could rule the school book trade of the country seems preposterous, but it is nevertheless true. By the trust, competition is strangled and prices artificially and extortionately increased. When it is remembered that the youth of the land are the particular sufferers of the school book trust; that it really puts an onerous tax on learning, its peculiar viciousness is apparent.—Pittsburg Commercial-Gazette.

An exchange truthfully says: The press has become the conservator of public morals, and to the newspaper as much as to the pulpit are we indebted for an enlightened moral sentiment, and whatever concerns the weal of society. Wrong-doers dread the censure and exposure which the press gives them more than the rigors of the law, and many a luckless wight is deterred from the commission of crime through fear of publicity. The press is the bulwark of society, the disseminator of knowledge, the promoter of virtue, the defender of truth and honor, the terror of the lawless, the swift messenger of justice, and the only power which can hold in subject those occupying high official positions and charged with the execution of sacred public trusts.

Number one, Vol. I of the Oregon State Weather Review, is received. It is compiled under the auspices of the Oregon Immigration board and Portland board of trade, and is given wide circulation. This is the first and only paper ever published in Oregon exclusively devoted to the climate of the state and it is important that Union county and Eastern Oregon be fully represented and described. To make known our climate is the main object. Observers are asked for. Send reports on temperature and rainfall, etc., to B. S. Pague, observer, Roseburg, Oregon. Crop reports will also be welcome. Our readers can help in this regard, and on such efforts depends the success of the publication in aiding immigration to the state.

THE RESULT.

The election in Union county passed off quietly. It was our intention to publish a table, giving the official returns from the various precincts, but we cannot do so until our next issue, on account of the delay in sending them in. The unofficial reports, however, are sufficient to show that the republicans have gained a decided victory; not a man on the democratic ticket being elected, with the exception of A. T. Neill, for county clerk, E. C. Brainard, for treasurer, J. H. Raley, joint senator with Umatilla county, and possibly, T. H. Crawford for prosecuting attorney. The state has gone republican, Herman being elected by about 7,000. The victory was gained by hard work, and the republicans may well congratulate themselves. They have won and may be allowed to laugh.

OUR ELECTIONS.

While we take a lively interest in political issues and campaigns we have come to look upon elections with a feeling closely akin to abstract curiosity, or at least, with a philosophy that defies either exultation and villainy or so much of ignorance and ill-will as is involved in these contests, that intelligently interested center more in these, and in what they signify, than in anything else connected with them. The result of an American election is, at best, but a very inconclusive determination of any question, either of right, justice, or expediency. The tariff policy of the country, for instance, might be settled as intelligently by the tossing of a copper as by our system of elections, because the result in either case, if correct, would be an accident, and not a bit less so in the one case than in the other. We have ignorance enough and knavery enough among us to make up, between them, our election majorities, or, at least to represent in them "the balance of power" with unvarying certainty; and so it has come to pass, since even political honesty and sincerity have ceased to rule in our elections, that their decisions do not rise, either in dignity or respectability, above the decisions of a game of chance. It is just as well to look the truth squarely in the face once in awhile. The people of this country, by their lack of political honesty and sincerity, and by the character they have given to our elections, are rapidly bringing our free institutions into merited contempt.

COST OF LIVING IN OREGON.

We produce the following, as published by the state board of immigration, for the convenience of those who may desire to know something of a reliable nature, regarding the expense of living in Oregon.

"What is the expense of living compared with that in the East?"

Answering in a general way, the necessary living expenses in cities and towns, including servant hire, are about ten per cent greater than in the East. Of course the productions of Oregon which are consumed at home are as cheap as elsewhere. Hotel rates in the towns of the interior average \$1 per day for transient customers. Board and lodging by the week, about \$5 at the hotels; about \$4 at private houses. House rents in small towns are very reasonable. Good five room houses with ample yard attached can be had for from \$5 to \$12 per month. Farm hands command about \$25 per month, by the years hire; harvest hands, \$1.75 to \$2.50 per day; house servants about \$20 per month. For mechanics, carpenters and shep hands, the average is probably \$3 per day; masons \$5. Milch cows are worth about \$30 each; horses average \$200 per span.

As to the yield of Oregon productions, we take the report of the government, actual figures furnished by the growers and the estimates made by the farmers generally. Out of a dozen farmers interviewed, two had less than 24 bushels of wheat to the acre last year; four had 32 bushels and the others over 36 bushels to the acre. It is a common thing to have 38 and 40 and even 50 bushels of wheat to the acre. The government makes the average nearly 23; oats, 45 to 85 bushels

to the acre. It is not an uncommon thing to have a yield of 75 to 100 bushels of oats to the acre in Eastern Oregon. Oats from 5 to 8 feet high are frequent in this section of the state. A good deal of this grain weighs 50 pounds to the bushel.

Wheat raised in this state weighs 64 pounds to the bushel; barley yields on an average 26 to 28 bushels to the acre; rye, 20 to 30 bushels. Potatoes about 25 bushels and often from 300 to 350 bushels to the acre. The growth of such things as squashes, pumpkins, turnips, sweet potatoes and the like, is simply astonishing.

ANOTHER TRANSCONTINENTAL ROUTE.

There is being gradually worked out in the North, a railroad enterprise which is destined to be the next transcontinental route to be completed, making the sixth steel track connecting the shores of the Pacific ocean with the plains of the continent, and the fifth within the United States. It is the Seattle, Lake Shore and Eastern. Mr. Orman, of the famous contracting firm of Orman, Crocker & Co., who built a large part of the Canadian Pacific and Denver and Rio Grande railroads, has just returned from Washington territory. He will go back there presently when the matter is ready for consideration. The road is to run from Seattle to Spokane Falls, a distance of 300 miles directly eastward. About two thirds of the route will be in a mountainous country, requiring a great deal of heavy rock work in making the grade for the track. It will have a better route than the Northern Pacific and will cross the main range of the Rocky mountains without a tunnel, though short tunnels will be necessary east of the range. A greater part of the road will pass through a heavily wooded country, there being extensive forests of red spruce and other valuable trees. There is no desert to be crossed. At Spokane Falls the Seattle line will form a connection with the Eastern outlet, which will be the Minnesota, Manitoba and the Pacific. This road has already penetrated to Helena by a branch, but its main line must pass north of Helena and is now within 247 miles of Spokane Falls.—Denver (Col.) Republican.

LOST RIVERS OF IDAHO.

One of the most singular features in the scenery of the territory of Idaho is the occurrence of dark, rocky chasms, in which large streams and creeks disappear, and are never more seen. These fissures are old lava channels, produced by the outside of the molten mass cooling and forming a tube, which, on the fiery stream becoming exhausted, has been left empty, while the roof of the lava duct, having at some point fallen in, presents there an opening into which the river plunges and is lost. At one place along the banks of the Snake, one of these rivers re-appears gushing from a cleft high up in the basaltic walls, where it leaps a cataract into the torrents below. Where this stream has its origin, or at what point it is swallowed up, is utterly unknown, though it is believed that its sources are a long way up in the north country. These lost streams and rivers are frequently the source of some mysterious lake in the basin of some mountain.

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.: F. W. Cook, San Francisco, Cal., inserted saw tooth; F. J. Crouch, Eugene City, Or., rheostat; J. D. Culp, San Francisco, Cal., electrophorus; J. B. Gill, San Francisco, Cal., telegraph call box; M. Hodges, Murietta, Cal., lifting jack; W. A. Howard, Petaluma, Cal., power mechanism; D. B. James, Visalia, Cal., traction engine; J. S. Johnstone, Portland, Or., soldering cylindrical cans; E. C. Jones, San Francisco, Cal., billiard maker; J. C. Ludwig, San Francisco, Cal., ash sifter; D. C. Marriton, Stockton, Cal., harvester; C. Vogel, San Francisco, Cal., safety catch for cable railways; D. Weseman, Los Angeles, Cal., wire screen, etc.

ELECTION RETURNS.

News from the Wallowa is to the effect that the entire Republican ticket is elected, except Palmer, school superintendent. The following is the majorities as taken from the precinct tally sheets; Hermann, 162; Hunter, representative, 17; Norval, joint senator, 168; Veasey, judge, 155; Rouse, clerk, 188. Sheriff and both republican commissioners elected by good majorities. Rev. Shields elected school superintendent. Joseph got left for the county seat by 25 votes.

News from Baker county show the entire Republican ticket elected, except possibly the treasurer and coroner. Fee and Rand received large majorities. Mix, clerk, elected by 300; Hinshaw, sheriff, 250; Hermann's majority 165. Umatilla reported close, and will take the official count to tell the tale on some, but democrats generally concede everything to the republican except joint senator Raley, who is elected by a very small majority. Grant county elects the major portion, if not all, of the republican ticket.

DON'T EXPERIMENT. You cannot afford to waste time in experimenting when your lungs are in danger. Consumption always seems at first, only a cold. Do not permit any dealer to impose upon you with some cheap imitation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, but be sure you get the genuine. Because he can make more profit he may tell you he has something just as good, or just the same. Don't be deceived, but insist upon getting Dr. King's New Discovery, which is guaranteed to give relief in all Throat and Lung and Chest affections, Trial bottles free at Wright's drug store.

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Union, Oregon, May 12, 1887. This is to certify that I have used the Acme washing machine and wringer, and thoroughly tested it, and am now satisfied that it is the best washing machine now in use, and unhesitatingly recommend it to any person wishing a washing machine. I am satisfied that it will do all or more than is claimed for it by Mr. Coffinberry. MRS. MARY E. EATON.

Union, Oregon, May 11, 1887. This is to certify that I have used the Acme washing machine and wringer to do two large family washings, and it gave me perfect satisfaction, and I think it will do all that it is recommended to do. MRS. CHARLES ROBINS.

Union City Hotel, May 11, 1887. This is to certify that the Acme washing machine has done two washings at my hotel, and it has given perfect satisfaction, and I think it will do all that Mr. Coffinberry represents it to do. L. J. BOOTHE.

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