

THE OREGON SCOUT.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

DAKOTA people want the State divided and admitted into the Union as two States under different names.

THE vote of Oregon has increased 12,000 in four years and it is made apparent by the recent election that the immigration has been largely republican.

A NEW YORK dispatch says: "It is rumored that all opposition to the lease of the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company to the Union Pacific and Northern Pacific jointly is withdrawn."

FROM the latest information received the House will be republican by about five majority. We are glad that this is so. Let the republicans have all the blame or praise for the next four years. We imagine that with the length of rope that has been given them they will be found four years hence with their vertebrae displaced, and will have no one to blame for it but themselves.

THE Walloua Signal, published at Enterprise, was sold last week by Mr. Jeff Owenby to F. S. Ivanhoe, who will change its political complexion and continue its publication. The new proprietor promises many improvements soon. Mr. Owenby is a versatile writer and has, apparently, succeeded in placing the Signal on a paying basis. We are sorry to see him step out of the journalistic field.

As usual, says the Corvallis Times, the Portland members are working "teeth and toe nail" to have every thing their own way at the next session of the legislature. They want president of the senate, speaker and a majority on all the important committees, and they will get them, too, unless the representatives from the "cow counties" look after their own interests. If Portland is to continually control the legislature it is useless for us to elect representatives.

We devote considerable of our space this week to the publication of portions of President Cleveland's message to congress. We do this because we think that no matter could be selected more beneficial to our readers. It should be dispassionately read and seriously studied by every citizen. It expresses the mature thoughts of a profound political scholar, a pure patriot, and a conscientious, just and generous ruler. The time will come when this message, and the man who wrote it, will be fully appreciated by the toilers of the republic.

Rev. Irwin, editor of the Republican, is opposed to competitive examinations as a necessary requisite for governmental positions in the civil service. Brother Irwin is casting a longing eye on an office and is already puckering his lips to encircle a government seat, but a possible examination as to his competency is a constant shadow darkening the horizon of his aspirations. There are small hopes for a man who writes about the "personale of the candidate being lost sight of" and the "personale that would be a good executive of the mechanical qualities."

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND'S administration, the Mills bill, and the principles enunciated in the democratic platform have been indorsed by a great majority of the people of the United States, but, notwithstanding this, the minority by the regulations of the electoral college assume complete control of the government and will dictate its policy as they choose for the next four years. The general idea that the majority rules in this country is not correct. Such will not be the case until our method of electing a president undergoes a complete change. It will be well for the republican party to remember that it is in power, not by the consent of a majority of the people, but because of their acquiescence in an established, although unjust, election law, and while remembering this, endeavor to not run counter too recklessly with the popular will. While electoral colleges and other causes may serve, at times, to thwart the popular purpose, the power to withdraw these obstructions lies with the instrumentality that created them—the people, and the person or party that pays proper respect to this power is acting wisely.

NORTH POWDER NOTES.

Dec. 11, 1888.

Wm. Reynard, Jr., has returned. Lumber is being hauled for the new church building.

Laying a school tax failed to materialize at the school meeting. That case of diphtheria in town existed only in the mind of the author of the report.

A free fight and general knock out on Saturday evening. Mateo got "rounded up", in good shape.

Rev. Jacob Newman, Unitarian, preached Sunday evening to a good congregation.

"Professional business" applied to a non-professional man is putting it on pretty thick—Don't it?

Mrs. White has become disgusted with North Powder and again returned to Walla Walla.

Sam'l. Dye, the blacksmith, has lost a valuable horse lately, resulting from a severe kick by another animal.

Trains have changed time again. East bound comes in at 2:55, A. M.

Mickey Free has been "practicing his profession" in town the past week, viz: well digging.

Jap. H. Stevens, of Clover creek, is fattening 100 head of hogs and the same number of cattle for the market. Jap does nothing by halves.

Mrs. Short was dangerously sick on Saturday evening, but restoratives promptly applied relieved her and at present she is out of danger.

Grant Hoberg, formerly of this place, is now in business in La Grande with Mr. Campbell in a grain and feed store.

Dr. Strange, dentist of La Grande, has been practicing on the "jaw bone" here the past week.

A number of the militia here will attend the ball given by "P" Co. at La Grande on Christmas eve.

As a result of "bean flipping" by small boys, one of them received a severe spanking by an adult on the streets lately, which should be a warning to them to desist from their dangerous sport.

Ground has been prepared for the foundation of Messrs. Gorham & Rothchild's new stone store building and Odd Fellows' hall on Main street.

A pleasant dancing party was given at the residence of Mr. Powers on Friday evening last. Quite a number from town were in attendance.

At a meeting held Sunday evening it was decided that Christmas should be observed by the usual Christmas tree and attending ceremonies. A committee of arrangements was appointed to carry out the programme.

Mrs. A. Lunn, whose condition has been quite critical, is improving and without any complications arising will regain her usual health.

At the militia meeting on Saturday the time of meeting was changed to 3 o'clock each Saturday afternoon. A committee consisting of Capt. White, Col. Saylor, Sergt. Hardin and privates Lloyd and McKecheval were appointed to manage the ball to be given by the company on New Year's eve. They have appointed sub-committees, secured the hall, made arrangements at the North Powder hotel for the supper, ordered printing done, and all necessary arrangements are about completed for a grand military hop, the first of the kind in this part of the country. Tickets are placed low, and from assurances made to the committee, representatives from Baker, La Grande, Union and elsewhere will be present. An attractive feature of the evening will be the parade and dress drill by the full company in uniform. All respectable persons are cordially invited to take part in the ball, the proceeds of which go into the company's depleted exchequer as a benefit.

COVE COLLINGS.

Dec. 13th, 1888.

E. T. Foster paid Walla Walla a brief business visit last week.

David Emely has lost several head of stock lately by poison, having fed on the deadly wild parsnip.

A Christmas tree at the hall is talked of. It should be carried into effect by all means.

Numerous sufferers with throbbing molar are standing around awaiting the advent of Dr. Strange next Monday.

Arthur Burford killed a large specimen of the American eagle this week. It was powerful enough to carry off a small child.

The band will give a dancing party at the hall Thursday evening of next week, Dec. 20th. All are cordially invited to attend. Tickets will be sold at one dollar.

Thos. Horton, a nine year old son of J. Horton, died Tuesday morning, after a brief illness, of inflammation of the stomach. The funeral was held Wednesday in connection with the ceremonies attending the burial of Mrs. Wright.

Died.—In Cove, Tuesday, Dec. 11, 1888, Mrs. Ruhama Wright, aged sixty years. The deceased was ill only a few days before her demise. The funeral sermon was preached, Wednesday, by Rev. G. M. Irwin, after which the burial took place.

Frank Newell started east, Monday, and will spend Christmas at his old home in Canada. After his visit is ended he expects to be employed during the winter in a creamery belonging to his brother in Wisconsin. Frank will return posted in the very latest methods of cheese and butter manufacture.

If business engagements call me to Island City in the spring how nice it

will be.—B. B. It was surely a narrow escape from an awful fate.—P. Even my cheek suffered from a visit to the Cove.—M. We must indulge in a little hop before starting home for the holidays.—L. boys. I paid my wheelbarrow bet after the most approved style.—S. We were so absent minded in Union that our overcoats were completely left behind.—Skaters. I have already engaged my girl for the holiday ball.—L. W. The latest from Portland: Why does President Cleveland wear red, white and blue suspenders?—T.

EAGLE VALLEY.

Mr. Wm. Ewin has been quite sick but is improving.

County Commissioner Bennehoff is building a new barn.

Carpenters all busy and improvements in the valley going on rapidly. Chandler Bros. are repairing their store house in good style and are preparing to build a new barn.

The Chandler Bros. are still feeding a big bunch of fine steers. They will sell their band of horses, as they want to retire from the horse business.

Eagle valley is full of horses, cattle and sheep, brought in to be fed here this winter. The ranchers are selling large quantities of hay at \$5 and \$6 a ton. I will give you the number of animals here in my next letter. It will run into the thousands.

The ranchers of this valley are making strong efforts to erect a creamery. We say hurrah boys! for no doubt it will pay.

A FINANCIAL PROBLEM.

For the Citizens of This Republic to Figure On and Solve.

EDITOR SCOUT—

The following is clipped from the Eugene City Guard of Dec. 1st:

The markets of the world have been derided and sneered at for months by the party which the people of this country has returned to power. Now there will be a fine opportunity for that party to demonstrate how the inhabitants of a county may all grow rich together by simply exchanging commodities among themselves.

By enlarging on the above from a county to the nation, the problem may be solved this way: Yearly increase in wealth from our mines and internal resources without the aid of exports, \$80,000,000. Contra: Losses by fire, \$135,000,000; by accidents, etc., \$57,000,000; by income for Carnegie at \$22 per minute, \$11,563,200; by income for Gould at \$10 per minute, \$22,024,000; by income for Vanderbilt at \$50 per minute, \$26,280,000. Now we yearly export about \$500,000,000 of farm products which accounts entirely for the large increase in our national wealth. Other commodities are also exported, but those against what we import makes an offset. Now should foreign countries levy a tariff on our farm products, how could we continue to prosper? In a very few years Carnegie, Gould and Vanderbilt would own the entire United States. At least that is the way it looks to years truly.

Beautiful Scenery.

A specimen of the beautiful scenery of the Pacific northwest, as well as a fine piece of the engraver's art, is the supplement accompanying the last number of the "West Shore Magazine." This is a large engraving, 17x23 inches in size, executed in tints, of a picturesque scene in Prickly Pear canyon, on the line of the Montana Central railroad. One of these art supplements accompanies every number of this excellent magazine, a valuable feature not possessed by any other publication. The number also contains a description of the Gray's harbor country, articles on Centralia and Vancouver W. T., a most interesting account of the methods of hunting the sea otter, and a great fund of information about all sections of the Pacific northwest, as well as much choice fiction and verse. The "West Shore" is the only magazine published which gives illustrations and reliable descriptions of that rapidly developing portion of our national domain embraced in the limits of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, and Alaska. Whoever wants to keep posted on that region should become a subscriber. Subscription price, \$2.50 per year. Bound volumes for 1887 and 1888, in cloth and leather, \$3.50 each. L. Samuels, Publisher Portland, Ore.

ASTRONOMERS are at work making preparations to observe the total eclipse of the sun which will take place on New Year's day. Harvard University sends an observing party to California with fifty telescopes.

Farmers and others in buying farm implements, wagons, etc., will invariably find it to their advantage to let traveling agents alone and buy of well known and reliable firms. Those who purchase of Frank Bros.' Implement Co., of Island City, will be sure of getting just what they buy, and may count on fair dealing every time. Their prices are fixed to suit the times and they always have on hands extras for goods they sell.

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