

THE OREGON SCOUT.

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The Oregon Scout has a large circulation as any two papers in this section of the State, combined, and is correspondingly valuable as an advertising medium.

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Look Out For Them.

Quite a number of swindlers seem to be traveling over the country now. They represent nearly every kind of business and are usually slick talkers. It is not a good idea to buy from strangers when you can deal with persons you know, and no farmer should sign any paper however harmless it may look. Ordinary looking receipts and contracts have been known to turn up in short time as an inclosed note in the hands of an "innocent purchaser." The papers report swindling fruit tree agents abroad. Look out for them, as they are liable to appear at any time. Their game is to sell very ordinary trees at a high price by representing that they are of superior quality. There may be honest strangers abroad, but it is better to buy of parties with whom you are acquainted.—Eugene Guard.

Don't Forget Us.

Don't forget the editor when you have a good item. If your wife drives you out of the house with a broomstick, let us know of it and we will set it right before the public. If you have visitors, tell us if you are not ashamed of them. If a youngster arrives at your house, buy a quarter's worth of cigars and call on us for an appropriate name. If you have a social gathering of friends, bring around a big cake a lot of pies, a ham, etc. Not necessarily to eat but as a guarantee of good faith, and we will supply any little deficiency in the eyes of the public; you need not bother about inviting us as our wardrobe is a little out of order.—Ex.

A Weather Forecast.

Prof. Blake, the great Kansas weather prophet, gives special forecasts of weather for Oregon and the coast: He says our temperature for December will be normal and rainfall less than usual; for January, temperature normal and much larger than usual; for February, colder than usual and moderate rainfall; March rather cool and wet in more northern parts. He says for the whole United States January will witness the greatest snowfalls known for many years, beginning the last of December or the first of January. Paste these predictions in your hat and see if Prof. Blake knows anything about it.

New Society.

In Missouri hugging circles have been introduced. A paper gives the following scale of prices: Girls under 16, 25c for each hug one minute; from 16 to 20 years of age, 50c; from 20 to 25, 75c; schoolma'ams, 40c; widows, according to looks, from 10c to \$2; old maids, 3c a piece or two for a nickel, and not any limit of time. Minister are not charged. Editors pay in advertising, but are not allowed to participate until everybody else gets through.

Who Wants To Raise Tobacco?

Sen. Dolph has caused the following card to be inserted in a Portland paper: "My quota of tobacco seed for distribution is 300 papers. I desire to place them in the hands of people who want them, and would be obliged if you have a local item inserted in the Oregonian stating that the seed will be sent to persons who request it."

Take Notice.

Having sold my blacksmith shop and tools to C. C. Coffinberry, and intending to move from this place in a short time, it becomes necessary to collect all outstanding accounts at once. A settlement must be made and all interested may govern themselves accordingly. The accounts will be found at the office of J. R. Crites. Come to the center.—F. O. JOHNSON.

Eagle Cooper Shop.

S. B. Ayles, proprietor. Manufacturer of butter barrels and kegs. A good supply always on hand. Shop south of school house, Union, Oregon.

A toilet luxury in every respect, Ayer's Hair Vigor never fails to restore the youthful freshness and color to faded and gray hair. It also eradicates dandruff and prevents the hair from falling.

There will be services at St. John's Episcopal church next Sunday at 11 a. m. The church will be decorated with evergreens in honor of the Xmas tide, and the Holy Communion will be administered. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Sheriff Hamilton of Union county is an aspirant for the United States Marshalship of Oregon. A petition has been in circulation in this city for the past few days.—Baker City Democrat.

LOCAL INFORMATION.

Gathered up by The Scout and Brought to Headquarters.

The county court will meet one week from next Monday.

A Portland paper estimates that one divorce suit a day is begun in that city.

A single mill will be put in operation at Elgin, by the first of next March by Mr. H. S. Galoway.

There will be a social dance, New Year's night, at Davis' hall. A cordial invitation extended to all.

All book accounts are being closed at the Cove drug store. Call and settle your overdue bill at once.

We are in receipt of a bound copy of Ayer's Almanac for 1889, embracing editions in ten languages.

We are in receipt of an elegant calendar for 1889 from the Russell & Morgan printing company, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Christmas goods still remaining in Jones' Bro's store will be sold at greatly reduced prices. Now is your chance.

15,000 pounds of wool belonging to Bloch & Draper, was sold to Koshland Bro's Portland, at 14 a pound, on Dec. 22nd.

The west bound passenger train, last Wednesday, ran into a band of sheep in Pyle canyon and killed a number of them.

The Pendleton city election passed off quietly. This information is not gleaned from the East Oregonian, but it is correct nevertheless.

According to a decision of a Kansas judge both husband and wife are entitled to enter a place of amusement on a ticket reading "Admit one."

If this issue of THE SCOUT is not up to its usual standard, attribute it to the Christmas festivities which the newspaper men like to enjoy as well as other people.

A petition is being circulated and numerously signed at Enterprise, Willowa county, to have that place incorporated at the next session of the legislature.

A sumptuous New Year's dinner will be served at the Bon Ton restaurant, price 50 cents. Dinner every Sunday, price 35 cts; meals at all other times, 25 cents.

The county clerkship contested in Umatilla county has been decided by the supreme court in favor of Hartman. The decision was rendered by Judge Lord.

The eclipse of the sun, next Tuesday, will be an interesting event. The eclipse from this point, will be almost total, and will occur about one o'clock p. m.

The mammoth illustrated New Year's East Oregonian, promises to be a magnificent edition. The East Oregonian is a paper that should be supported by every reader of Eastern Oregon.

Physicians prescribe Ayer's Sarsaparilla cases of scrofula, and in every form of chronic disease, because this medicine is safer to take, and is more highly concentrated, than any other preparation. It can always be depended upon as an effective blood purifier.

A private Christmas tree was set up at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Thompson in North Union, on Christmas eve which was richly laden with gifts, for the children of the family and some of the neighbors who were invited to participate in the festivities.

Byron said that when a man dies, "Upon his tomb is seen, not what he was but what he should have been." Widow Harris, of Topeka, does not deserve the sarcasm. Mr. Harris died of the "jim-jams," and Mrs. Harris had a mass of writhing snakes carved on his tombstone with the epitaph, "Died of delirium tremens."

The prize drawing at Mesdames Bidwell & Benson's took place on the 25th. The first prize, a satin toilet set, was drawn by Mrs. M. Springer; the second prize, a table scarf, was drawn by Maggie Vaucl; the third prize, a hand painted toy, was drawn by Carrie Skiff; the fourth prize, a lambrequin, was drawn by Mrs. Marshall; the fifth prize, a toilet set, was drawn by Mrs. Bradford.

We understand that the Baker county commissioners have replaced the bridge crossing Powder river, at Saunders' with a new structure costing \$300. This has been done by them without consulting the Union county commissioners, and entirely without their knowledge. This is all right providing they do not make a demand on this county for half the expense, which we have an idea they will have the cheek to do.

Christmas day was duly celebrated in this city by old and young and all seemed to be merry and happy. The masquerade ball came off the evening before and the theatrical entertainment on Christmas night. It is worthy of note that while we have three churches in this city, not a bell was rung, nor religious services of any kind were held and as for Christmas trees they were never thought of. Church affairs seem to be sadly out of joint here, but old Santa Claus was duly honored nevertheless.

A correspondent of the Willowa Chief, writing from Enterprise, Willowa county, says: "Last Sunday night A. J. Beckelbinder entered the house of Mr. Solberg, and driving the old gentleman from the house with a revolver, attempted to commit an indecent assault upon his wife. Solberg obtained aid, and finally gained possession of his own residence. Beckelbinder also threw a brick through one of the windows of the house, completely demolishing it. For all this he was brought before Justice Whistler on the charge of disorderly conduct last Monday, and was fined \$50 and costs."

Young Brockles of North Powder comes to the front again. It seems that Governor Pennington would not grant a requisition for him, and on off or being sent to bring him back he has turned in and sued the sheriff of the county of New York who arrested him for \$300 damages. This being the state of affairs our Governor has granted the requisition, and Sheriff Hamilton or one of his deputies will immediately start after the culprit, who will probably find out before he is through with B that it would have been better for him had he not ventured after \$500 belonging to the sheriff, or any little articles around a farm house on Power river.

John Jack and Annie Firmin.

The rarest treat of the season was given to the people of Union on Christmas night by the above named artists, who appeared at Wright's hall, and for a few hours in comic and tragic representations, and choice musical selections, held the mirror up to Nature, with fidelity rarely witnessed in towns of this size. So far as our limited experience goes, and the opinion of competent critics which we have read, bears us out in it, John Jack and Annie Firmin have no superiors on the dramatic stage to-day. Mr. Jack seems not to have failed, but rather increased in the extraordinary powers which so delighted the theatre-going people of Oregon some ten or twelve years ago. Annie Firmin is as charming as ever, and equally versatile in comedy and tragedy. Tragedy, however, seems to be her forte. Her characterization of Juliet, in the sleep portion scenes of Shakespeare's immortal play, was the perfection of histrionic art, and was witnessed with breathless attention. Little Arthur Firmin-Jack inherits the genius of his parents, and entertains the audience with several excellent songs. The audience was not large, which, to say the least of it, was not creditable to the intelligence and good taste of our people, but an excuse is found for them in the fact that the entertainment was not advertised but about twenty-four hours in advance of the time set, and a great many being in attendance at the masquerade ball the night before, did not feel like attending. Another cause, and not the least one, is the beastly condition of the hall at this time of the year. The facilities for warming it are not sufficient, and people very properly dislike to attend anything taking place in it. Mr. Jack, however, took all these things into consideration, and was not displeased with his reception by our people. He promises to visit us again with a full company, and should he do so, will be warmly welcomed.

They Want the Earth.

We are informed that the citizens of La Grande held a meeting last Saturday for the purpose of taking steps to induce the coming legislature to pass an act submitting the re-location of the county, seat of this county to a vote of the people. Just what steps are to be taken we did not learn, but as one member of a bankrupt firm of that place was on our streets this week and exhibited a petition to that effect, we presume the work is in active operation. Now we don't blame our friends over there for wanting the county seat, and the whole earth if they could get it, but are somewhat amused at the immensity of their gall in striving for the unattainable. We understand that they dug up the Hot Lake and moved it to La Grande last week; that their purpose is to move Mount Fanny over there during the next few days, and then immediately commence on the county seat. If we are not all transported over there before our next issue, we shall, if we are permitted to do so, in our feeble protest against this abrupt way of doing things.

Cupid's Capers.

Union was the scene of quite a romantic elopement on Christmas day, a young man by the name of Davis from Willowa county, and a daughter of Mr. Paddy Miles, of Big creek, being the chief actors. It seems that the young man had been forbidden to pay his addresses to the girl, by her parents, and had, seemingly, obeyed their commands, and absented himself. They, thinking that everything was all serene, permitted the girl, in company with a young man of that vicinity, to attend the ball in this city on Christmas eve. It seems that she had apprised Davis of her movements, and he came to town also. Next morning he secured a buggy, and the girl, eluding her escort, got in and was taken to Telocast, where the pair took the train for Idaho, where they are now, no doubt, enjoying the sweets of married life. The drama will not be completed, however, till they come back penitent, and are forgiven, which will probably be in a few days.

Sad Accident.

Last Monday a painter named Geo. Gibson while at work on the paper cornice of Challiss's two-story brick building, fell to the side walk below. When first picked up he was lifeless, but soon recovered, since which time he has lingered between hope and despair, with more hopeful symptoms as we go to press. His injuries are two broken bones in the arm, fracture of the shoulder blade, collar bone and some of the lower or floating ribs. The extent of the internal injuries cannot be ascertained. The family of the unfortunate man lives in La Grande. He is under the medical treatment of Drs. Barnes and Lang. We saw a petition in circulation for the benefit of this injured man, upon which had been subscribed and paid over \$225.00. It is pleasant to have one's lot cast with those whose sympathy meets the calamity, as far as it can.—Willowa Signal.

The Teacher's Institute.

The teachers' institute convened in this city yesterday, and is now in session. The term promises to be an extremely interesting one, and in our next issue it will be reported in full. Following are the names of the teachers in attendance: J. L. Carter, superintendent, M. L. Forrester, Miss E. Bidwell, M. T. Conklin, E. B. Conklin, Miss Sarah Christman, C. E. Oliver, A. R. Tuttle, Miss Winnie Bikesler, Terry Tuttle, B. W. Huffman, Miss Ida Davis, A. J. Hockett, Miss Ida Johnson, Miss Susie Moore, J. R. Noyce, Miss Hannah Reeves, M. G. Boyd, Miss Lois Stewart, Wm Smith, Miss Mary Cochran, J. L. Corie, L. Couch, A. Dully, A. R. Draper, G. R. Huff, F. S. Halford.

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DRESS PARADE.

The Scout's Weekly Inspection and Report of Friends of Duty.

Mr. Huey Lynch, of Telocast, called on us, Tuesday.

Mr. Guy Becker, of Telocast, called on us, Wednesday.

Mr. Jos. Carroll, of North Powder, was in town over Christmas.

Dr. Strange, of La Grande, visited Union the fore part of the week.

Mr. Wm. Small called on us this week and subscribed for THE SCOUT.

Mr. Wm. Smith and wife, of the Cove, visited Union, Wednesday.

Mr. S. S. Boothe and wife, of Grand City, were visitors to Union this week.

Mr. Wm. Cates, the "Nashy" of Telocast, was in the city a few days ago.

Hon. James Hendershott was up from the Cove the fore part of the week.

Mr. L. B. Haggarty and Mr. J. C. Doney, of the Cove, called on us, Monday.

Mr. Lou Remillard came down from Butte City, Montana, a few days ago.

Mr. Cy. Prescott and wife, of Pyle canyon, were in the city a few days ago.

Mr. A. E. Eaton has been suffering considerably, this week, with a sore hand.

Miss Gracie Maxham of the Cove, was visiting friends in this city during the week.

Hon. Dunham Wright, wife, and daughter, of Medical Springs, visited Union this week.

Mr. Andy Harris and wife, of the Cove, spent several days, this week, with friends in Union.

Mr. A. V. Oliver and Mr. W. J. Townly, of Sanger, were down and spent Christmas in this city.

Mr. Chas. McClure, of La Grande, was in town this week. He never forgets to call on us when here.

Mr. Burnham Nott, Mr. William Anthony and Mr. Robt. Haines, of North Powder, visited Union this week.

Mr. James Graham, of Martindale, Montana, added his name to the subscription list of THE SCOUT this week.

Mr. Chas. Duncan, of Medical Springs, and Mr. N. C. Love, of Lower Powder, were in the city, Christmas day.

Mr. Jeff Davis called on us, Wednesday, and subscribed for THE SCOUT, to be sent to Mr. James Pitcher, North Powder.

Mr. George Beard called at our office this week and ordered THE SCOUT sent to B. T. Templeton, Wadsworth, Nevada.

Mr. D. H. Lee and his son, Haner, of Big creek, were in Union, Tuesday. We acknowledge a pleasant visit from them.

Mr. George Beideman is now employed in the sheriff's office, having been appointed a special deputy by Sheriff Hamilton.

It is reported that Hon. L. B. Ison will soon resign the position as circuit judge of the sixth judicial district because of his failing health.

The masquerade ball on Christmas eve was a grand success, over 90 numbers being sold. It was voted by all the most enjoyable affair we have had for a long time.

Mrs. P. A. Mahaffey, of La Grande, has ordered an elegant monument for her husband. The monument will be a pillar of Scotch granite three feet square at the base and nine feet high.

Mr. John Dobbins called and subscribed for THE SCOUT a few days ago. He started, Monday, for Highland Springs, Lake county, California, and will probably not return till next March. He has not been in good health for some time and thinks the springs above mentioned will benefit him. His numerous friends sincerely hope so.

Wanted.

We want every person indebted to us to call and settle by the first of the year. We will take oats, wheat or barley—or the cash, so come to the front without delay. We mean business and must have what is due us.—BENSON BROS.

DIED.

SHOEMAKER.—At the Cove, Union county, Oregon, Dec. 20th, 1888, Huldah E. Shoemaker, aged 27 years, 10 months and 5 days.

Deceased was born in Wasco county, Oregon, February 15, 1861. From there her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Williams, moved to Douglas county in 1864. She came wither uncle from Looking Glass, Douglas county, to Cove on the 26th of October, 1865, on a visit and formed an acquaintance with Wm. Shoemaker and they were united in marriage May 2, 1866. She was honored by all from childhood up and loved most by those who knew her best. Her husband, while arranging the pillows, spoke encouraging words, but she was doubtful of her recovery and told him not to worry. On the eve before her death one of the neighbor ladies, in taking leave, said: "I bid you good bye. I hope you will be better to-morrow." She replied: "I hope so as I have something to live for." She leaves a husband and two small children, the youngest but a few days old, to mourn her loss.

She was but a smile Which glitters in a tear; Seen but a little while, But Oh! how loved, how dear.

Shed not for her the bitter tear, Nor give it a heart to vain regret. 'Tis but the basket that lies here, The gem that filled it sparkles yet.

Wm. SHOEMAKER. Roseburg papers please copy.

CARD OF THANKS.

The bereaved husband extends his heartfelt thanks, which words cannot express, to his relatives and neighbors for their assistance in his late wife's illness.

Wm. SHOEMAKER.

SHIELDS.—In Joseph, Dec. 17, 1888, Robert Leslie, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Shields, aged 2 years and 16 months.

The illness of this little boy was so unexpected that our people could hardly realize that the heavy hand of affliction had again visited the community. To the bereaved parents we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

—Union Democrat.

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