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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Edison promises his phonograph a curious practical test. His intention is to furnish his subscribers with a talking daily newspaper.

The Oregonian complains of the increasing number of crop mortgages in Eastern Oregon. Mortgages out there seem to increase with republican vote.

The Portland News says: "The latest aspirant for the position of United States marshal is Hon. J. D. Lee, of Dalles Polk county. Mr. Lee is strongly backed and will make a heavy pull for the position."

The following anecdote from the Argonaut reminds us of some of the legal lights not a thousand miles from Union.

Senator Blackburn is, at times, exceedingly grandiloquent. One day he was engaged in arguing a case in Lexington, and his speech was so full of "highfalutin" that it rather bored his legal opponent, who sought relief from it by going out on the green surrounding the court house.

SOMEbody called our attention, yesterday, to an article which appeared in the Whangdoodle about two weeks ago, in which Brother Irwin appears to be greatly exercised because the La Grande land office did not send him certain notices for publication.

"Frequently, applicants for patents request that their notices be sent to the Republican for publication, but they are politely informed by Mr. Rinehart that it is optional with him as to where he shall send them, and he, without any further controversy, sends them to the 'og' across the street."

Brother Irwin is evidently trying hard to find something to kick about, and his efforts are extremely silly. Will he assert that he was telling the truth when he wrote the word "frequently" in the article quoted from above? We do not believe that what he complains of has occurred but once, and then it was a matter of indifference with the man for whom the publication was to be made.

THEY WANT THE COUNTY SEAT.

It seems that through the efforts of a few people at La Grande the county is again to be agitated over the county seat question. The following from the Gazette explains itself:

The citizens of La Grande held two meetings during the week to consider the matter of circulating a petition asking the legislature for permission to vote on the county seat. This question has been talked to some extent for the past two years, but no definite action was taken until last week, when it was decided to circulate a petition throughout the county asking the legislature for permission to vote on the question at the next general election.

It is to be regretted that the people of La Grande, not content with the natural prosperity of the town, persist in their clamor for the county seat, which, if by any chance they should succeed in getting, will be but a small advantage to them at best, and will cost them more than having the county seat would benefit them in ten years, besides throwing the county into turmoil and strife, upsetting the order of things and raising hedges generally.

The facts in the case are, that the agitators at La Grande are not caring a snap for the best interests of the county, but are working solely for their own benefit, and some of them to gratify an animosity of long standing. If they are so sure of the future of their town and its ultimate supremacy, why this extraordinary haste? But they are not sure of anything and have concluded that now is their time to strike, or never.

The people of Union, so far as we have been able to observe, are not worried over the matter in the least. They seem to think that there is such a thing as paying too much for a whistle, or paying too much to keep it, and are not disposed to do either. They will show the matter up in its true light before the legislature, and if common sense and reason prevail the

county seat will remain where it is. Otherwise, otherwise. While La Grande thinks she cannot exist without the county seat, we feel that Union can easily do so. The matter will, probably, never come before the people, but if it should, it will be for them to decide.

A NATIONAL SABBATH LAW.

As will be seen by last week's letter of our Washington city correspondent, a "National Sabbath Convention" was in session there for the purpose of urging upon congress the necessity of passing a law enforcing a stricter observance of the christian Sabbath, and that a monster petition was in readiness to be presented. It would seem that in these days of enlightenment and progress, the demand made by these pious cranks would be unheeded, and their efforts to destroy the fundamental principles upon which our government is founded, looked at as the foolish jibberings of a dying superstition.

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The city election in Boston, last week, was not a political, but a religious contest, arising out of sectarian encroachments upon the public schools. That this should first happen in the ancient metropolis of Puritanism, is noteworthy. Puritanism is understood to be that stern sort of religion that seeks, by law, to compel others to conform to their moral regulations. But an element had crept into their own Capital, that sought to regulate the public schools according to their own peculiar religious views.

An encroachment from the Puritan side is the bill before congress, introduced by Senator Blair, of New Hampshire, to enforce observance of the Christian Sabbath, to prohibit the carrying of mails, and to prevent the running of railroad trains and all other public conveyances on that day. It is an attempt to enforce on the nation the bigotry that exists in the laws of several New England States, prohibiting all travel or pleasure riding on Sunday. This Sunday mail business is an ancient hobby. An attempt was made in that direction during John Quincy Adams' administration; and sixty years ago, Col. Richard M. Johnson, of Kentucky, made an able report to the senate against such a law.

This Senator Blair seems to be a crank on general principles. His educational bill, (which we are glad to hear will undoubtedly fail,) is a scheme to squander millions of the public money in a way that would be of no benefit, and would not even be appreciated.

"Among the Forest Trees" a book of facts and incidents of pioneer life in the Upper Canada, arranged in a form of a story, is now on our table. It was written by Rev. Joseph H. Hills, brother of Mr. D. B. Hills of this city. It is an extremely interesting work, superior we think to the "Experiences of a Backwoods Preacher" a book written by Rev. Hills some years ago.

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

THE FIRST WHOPPER.

The La Grande Journal commences the county seat farce in this way:

"La Grande wants the county seat and asks for it in justice because it has double the population of any other town in the county."

Now the Journal knows there is not a particle of truth in that statement. Notwithstanding the immense amount of wind being expended in behalf of La Grande, figures will not lie and the returns of the last election will prove to any unprejudiced mind that Union has as large a bonafide population as La Grande. Union cast 344 votes, La Grande cast 515—171 more than Union. Now if brother Owen will deduct the repeaters that were run in on the railroad, and railroad employees, tramps, vagabonds, and pimps, he will find that Union cast as large or larger vote than La Grande. It is said that ordinarily every vote cast represents a population of five. Every vote cast in Union was of that kind, while in La Grande one third of the votes represented nothing unless it was a bottle of whiskey. This the La Grande papers know to be true. As long as they state facts they will go unchallenged, but when such barefaced statements as the above are made they will be called every time.

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A Raise.

Prophet Wiggins has a wet fit on. He says that Encke's comet is in danger of lodging in our neighborhood, and becoming another moon to us. He says its attraction will then cause the oceans to rise fifty feet above their present level, flooding a large part of both eastern and western continents, and wiping out Australia and the Gulf Stream. This last will give England the climate of Labrador and cinch her the worst way. Now is the time to buy hill land, and get up out of the wet.—Alta.

Don't Like Corsets.

A Missouri girl who likes to pant in comfort has contributed to the poetry of the year: "How loose round my waist were the clothes of my childhood as my doubled up corset reminds me with pain; the slips that I wore when I used to chop stove wood had more real enjoyment than bustle and train; the bustle, I know, is a thing highly treasured by ladies built on the mocking bird style; but give me the garment with looseness unmeasured, the old mother Hubbard which weak men revile; the dear mother Hubbard, the loose mother Hubbard, the honored mother Hubbard, which beats any style."

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