Friday, January 4, 1889.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Edison promises his phonograph a curious practical test. His intention is to furnish his subscribers with a talking daily newspaper. The little instrument will be charged with the condensed news of the day, and each subscriber can listen to it while at breakfast. It will sing to them the latest operas, and reproduce the tones and sayings of public men with all the "thunders" of applause.-Ex.

THE Oregonian complains of the increasing number of crop mortgages in Eastern Oregon. Mortgages out there seem to increase with republican vote. We are sorry for it because it is not a good advertisement for a great state. We hear no complaint of mortgages on the mills, flocks and other protected industries. Can we not devise some way to also protect the farmer past the mortgaging point?-S. F. Al-

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. Sheriff Hamilton of Union county, has a big petition asking that he be appointed United States marshal. Portland has several aspiring youths who desire to fill Marshal Myers' shoes. The Pendleton Tribune says: 'Baker City has four candidates for United States marshal for Oregon: but they have compromised. One has agreed to accept the marshalship of this State, the second of Utah, the third of Washington Territory, and the fourth will be satisfied with that of Arizona.' President-elect Harrison need have no fear but what Oregon "has plenty of 'raw' material to make United States marshals out of"

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 it by going out on the green surrounding the court house. As he stepped from the door an old hemp-raiser, who had followed him out, said: "Black burn is making a great speech." "Oh, ves," sneered the bored attorney; "Blackburn always makes a great speech. If you or I had occasion to announce that 'two and two made four,' we'd be just fools enough to blurt it out. Not so, Blackburn. He would say: 'If by that particular arithmetical rule, known as addition, we desired to arrive at the snm of two integers added to two integers we should find-and I assert this boldly, and, sir, without fear of successful contradiction-we, I repeat, would find by that particular rule of arithmetic properly applied-and, sir, I hold myself perfectly responsible for the assertion I am about to make-that the sum of the two given integers added to the other two integer would be FOUR.

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 dia not send him certain notices for publication. After eliminating from the article such choice expressions as "nefarious practices of democratic bloodsuckers," "tools of democratic bosses" etc., his complaint is as follows:

"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 'wg' across the ment. We see by the Baker City pastreet.

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. The law requires that these publications must be made in a paper of "general circulation," and this the Republican can hardly claim. The officers at the land office are right in this matter, and we do not believe they can be swerved from their duty by such a contemptio ble attack as has been made upon

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

The citizens of La Grande held two to decide. meetings during the week to consider the matter of circulating a petition asking the legislature for permission to vote on the county scat. This question has been talked to some extent for the past two years, but no deiinite 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. This petition will be circulated during the coming week. It has been generally agreed that no part of this proceedure shall be conducted in a covert or underhanded manner. Then if a majority petition can be secured it will be expected that the legislature will grant the prayer of the petitioners. A great many people in La Grande believe that La Grande is the more appropriate place, as well as the natural choice of a majority of the people of Union county, for the county seat; if they are mistaken in this, then they will have their trouble for their pains. No excuse or apology is offered Grande for this course, for the reason that communities are like individuals. and want to keep all that they are legitimately entitled to and all that they can honorably and legitimately acquire. If a majority of the people of Union county do not want the county seat removed, they can so decide, and La Grande will have to be satisfied-On the other hand, if a majority of the people of Union county do want the county seat removed, La Grande will make an effort to have them so express themselves. As far as La Grande is concerned she wants the county seat, and wants it bad, and will make a straightforward, legitimate effort to get it. It should be understood that this is not a plan to have a vote taken at once, but two years hence. All the provisions have frequently been vioat that time.

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 strite, upsetting the order of things and raising hades generally. To any unprejudiced mind this move put on foot by them will appear uncalled for at this time. Many changes will take place in this county during the next four years, new towns "highfalutin" that it rather bored his will spring up, other railroads will be legal opponent, who sought relief from | built, and the needs and requirements of the county will be looked at in an entirely different light from what it is now, When that time comes, if the people of the county think that their interests would be better subserved by changing the location of the county seat, they can 'act intelligently. At present there is no earthly reason for changing the county seat. Union is in the exact center of the county, easily accessible from all points, has good county buildings and everything is moving smoothly and should be permitted to do so until the necessity for a change is made more apparent than it now is.

The facts in 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 suge of anything and have concluded thet now is their time to strike, or never. Island City and Summerville are growing and as rivals in the race will be more formidable in a few years than they are at present, so they conclude to try their chance now. In order to make! things more secure, we are credibly informed that the southern portion of the county is to be given to Baker county, and while the La Granders will not advey cate this measure openly, their secret aid will be given to its accomplishpers that petitions for the annexation of that portion to Baker county, are being circulated there, so the whole scheme is unfolding to our view, and a most delectable scheme it is. The welfare of the county is not considered in the least. The whole business was expressed by a La Grander a few days ago when he said "D-n the county,

all we want is the county seat." 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

THE OREGON SCOUT. THEY WANT THE COUNTY SEAT. County seat will remain where it is. Otherwise, otherwise. While La Grande thinks she cannot exist without the county seat, we feel that Unis again to be agitated over the county | jon can easily do so. The matter will, probably, never come before the people, but if it should, it will be for them

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 enligtenment and progress, the demand made by these plous 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, but the ordinary crank, particularly of this order, has a persistency about him that sometimes accomplishes on the part of the citizens of La results unlooked for, and his machinations are more dangerous than some suppose, The following from the Kansas Chief will touch a responsive chord in the breast of every patriotic American, who is not priest-ridden or creed-bound. It contains a volume of warning and condensed wisdom:

"Every day's experience shows the wisdom of the Fathers, and that the only path of safety is in adhering to the ancient landmarks set up by the Fathers. When they, in framing the Constitution, divorced Church and should be departed from. These wise branch.

The city election in Boston, last week, was not a political, but a religions contest, arising out of sectarian encroachments upon the public pen 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 reguon the prerogatives of the State.

side is the bill before congress, introshire, to enforce observance of the Christian Eabbath, 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. Those who wish to observe Sunday should have a right to do it, and should be protected from wanton disturbance; but what authority is there under the Constitution to force people to observe a certain day as Sunday? There are denominations in the United States numbering hundreds of thousands of members who observe Saturday as their Sabbath. Why should they not have the same rights as those who believe in Sunday? Such laws as the one proposed by Senator Blair would be an entering wedge that would split our government into pieces, where the gigantic Rebellion

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 ap-

"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. Hilts, brother of Mr. D. B. Hilts of this city, It is an extremely interesting work, superior we think to the "Experiences of a Backwoods Preacher" a book writton by Rev. Hills some years ago.

Lagie Cooper Shap.

8. B. Ayles, proprietor, Manufacturer of butter barrels and kegs. A good supply always on hand. Shop common sense and reason prevails the 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 unpredjudiced 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 de duct 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.

A WEIGHTY PETITION,

The petition circulated by La Grande praying the legislature to resubmit the location of the county seat to a vote of the people is a weighty one indeed. They claim, with how much truth we do not know, that there are 1300 names on the petition. It is said by State, they did a wise thing, that never | those who claim to know that at least one-third of these are boys under age, and that one-third more pay no taxes people of La Grande ask is for an en- lated in spirit, and they have sustained and have no interests to represent. abling act so that a vote may be taken many assaults in the law-making A prominent citizen of this place, who had looked into the matter a little, informed us yesterday that he could mention four men in Union who paid more taxes than all the men whose names are on the petition, combined. schools. That this should first hap- We have no reason to doubt his statement. Comment is unnecessary.

Prophet Wiggins has a wet fit on. lations. But an element had crept He says that Encke's comet is in daninto their own Capital, that sought to ger of lodging in our neighborhood, regulate the public schools according and becoming another moon to us. to their own peculiar religious views. He says its attraction will then cause The result was a bitter contest, such the oceans to rise fifty feet above as ought never to occur in America, their present level, flooding a large and which would never occur if the part of of both eastern and western Church did not attempt to encroach continents, and wiping out Australia and the Gulf Stream. This last will An encroachment from the Puritan | give England the climate of Labrador and cinch her the worst way. Now is duced by Senator Blair, of New Hamp- 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

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