

**THE OREGON SCOUT.**

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**EDITORIAL NOTES.**

Dividing the county means bankruptcy to Union county.

Don't let the sophistries of the La Granders get away with your better judgment.

Moving the county seat means giving a large portion of territory to Baker county.

We presume the leaders of the county seat question will offer W. J. Snodgrass as one of the principal bondsmen. He seems to be the principal actor in the farce.

Since it is known that Hunt's railroad is to pass through this valley, the reason for the great haste of the La Granders to move the county seat is made more apparent.

Oregon's legislature will convene on the 14th of the present month for its fifteenth biennial session. It is composed of thirty senators and sixty representatives, of whom twenty-one senators are republicans, and nine democrats; and fifty-one representatives, republicans, and nine democrats—a republican majority on joint ballot, and U. S. senator to elect.

In the case of the United States vs. the State of California, involving the question of the right of the State to indemnity for school lands to compensate it for deficiencies in fractional townships made so by reason of swamp lands found therein, the secretary has reversed the decision of the commissioner of the general land office, and sustained the validity of said elections.

A WASHINGTON special says that John F. Swift, of California, will probably be a member of Harrison's cabinet. If Mr. Swift has the capacity to be a cabinet officer, then we, although following a humble calling, should aspire for the office of governor of the state of Oregon. Mr. Swift made a speech in Pendleton during the June campaign of last year. He will always be remembered here as making the poorest speech of the campaign.—E. O.

LA GRANDE is known everywhere to be the "poorest town in Eastern Oregon according to population," and an examination of the tax rolls will prove this to be a fact. A prominent man of Island City, speaking of this matter, a few days ago, said that he had money to wager that one firm in Island City paid more taxes and received more freight over the railroad than all the men in La Grande, combined. We do not doubt the statement in the least.

The bill introduced in congress by Springer provides an enabling act for the admission of Arizona and Idaho as states. The people of the two territories are authorized to hold an election on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1889, for the election of the delegates to a Constitutional Convention to meet the first Wednesday in January 1890. The Constitution framed at these conventions are to be voted upon by the two proposed states on the Tuesday after the first Monday of November, 1890, and if a majority should be found in favor of ratification, authority is given each territory to form a state government, which, however shall remain in abeyance until the respective State Constitutions shall be approved by congress.—Shoshone Journal.

HUNT'S railroad will pass up through the center of Grande Ronde valley inside of fifteen months, and will bring Summerville into great prominence, and we are of the opinion that the short-sighted individuals there who were wheedled by the La Granders into signing that petition will regret their haste. It is now or never with La Grande, not so with the other points in the valley. A few poverty stricken sharpers at La Grande know this, and, while wearing an air of assurance, are grasping at every straw, as a drowning man would, to prolong their existence. The time will come, and that in a very few years, when La Grande will be the most insignificant burg in Union county. If they had the county seat there now it would not retard the coming of that time one day.

**A COMPARISON.**

The total taxable property of Baker county for 1888, as taken from the assessment roll of that county, and published in the Baker City *Reveille*, is as follows: Total taxable property, \$1,634,602.

County tax	\$35,948.85
State tax	6,532.95
School tax	8,171.30
Poll tax	3300.00
Total	\$50,992.23

The taxable property for the year 1888, of Union county is \$2,576,795.

County tax	\$33,498.31
State tax	10,307.18
School tax	12,883.97
Contingent (county)	5,153.90
Poll tax	1,318.00
Total	\$63,162.35

The levy in Baker county is as follows:

For county purposes	22 mills
State	4 mills
School	5 mills
Total	31 mills

The levy in Union county is as follows:

For county purposes	15 mills
State and school	9 mills
Total	24 mills

Of this \$2,576,795, that part of the south-eastern portion of the county, which Baker county is so anxious to claim as her own, and which the good people of La Grande are so willing to slice off into Baker county in exchange for the county seat, pays on over \$1,000,000. No wonder that Baker county, in her almost bankrupt condition, is so anxious to obtain that valuable portion of our county, a portion whose possibilities are almost beyond computation in its future wealth.

It is, however, a matter of surprise that the people of La Grande or any other section should be willing and anxious to give that portion of the county to a sister county in order to move the county seat from its present site. Yet the people of La Grande are willing to do this very thing, and are working in harmony with the Baker people to have it accomplished, as they very well know it can never be done without it.

**AS OTHERS SEE IT.**

The Pendleton *Tribune*, referring to the effort now being made by La Grande to secure the county seat of this county, makes the following sensible remark.

"The residents of Union county are agitated over an effort being made to secure the removal of the county seat to some location or other than Union, the present shire town. La Grande has never been satisfied since it lost the county seat years ago and as usual the citizens of that town are the prime movers for a change. It is hardly probable that the desired change can be effected unless the proposition of stripping Union county of a large portion of valuable territory and giving the same to Baker county should prove successful. There certainly does not appear to be any valid reason why the present boundary lines of Union county should be disturbed. That portion which Baker county seeks to secure embraces the mineral region of Union county. The Cornucopia, Pine creek, Sanger and Sparta mining districts have within the past year shown a wonderful development and give great promise of future prosperity and it will be but a short time before a sufficient advancement is made and a population gained that will entitle the south-eastern portion of Union county to become a county of itself. No good could be accomplished by giving it to Baker county and the only advocates of the scheme in Union county are those who realize that such dismemberment would inure to the advantage of La Grande in the struggle for the county seat. It may be just as well that the people of Union county be given an opportunity of expressing their wish as to a location of a county seat but it should be done by fair means and be determined by a special election instead of being made an issue at the next general election as now proposed. Then if La Grande is the favored locality the question will be settled and not rise, spectre like, every two years, a disturbing element during each successive campaign."

The La Granders are circulating the report that the court house of this county is not in a safe condition. This will be news to everybody. The fact is, however, that the court house is as substantial to-day, as it was the day it was built, and we doubt not will remain so for a quarter of a century to come.

**TO THE PEOPLE OF UNION COUNTY.**

The undersigned committee appointed by a mass meeting of the citizens of Union county held at Union, Oregon, Jan. 4th, 1889, beg leave to submit, for your consideration, the following:

I. Resolved, That the submission of the re-location of the county seat of Union county, Oregon, at this time, to the legal voters of said county would be detrimental to the best interests of the tax-payers of said county, for the following reasons:

1st, That such measure is premature.

2nd, That Union, the present county seat, is nearer the center of the county than any other available point at the present time.

3rd, That our present county buildings are amply sufficient for present purposes and that a re-location of said county seat would involve a total loss of said buildings and the fixtures thereto attached to said county in this; that the grant of said property was conditioned upon its perpetual use for court house and jail purposes, and would also result in the practical loss of the property of said county used for the protection of the poor.

4th, That the expense of such submission and of erecting county buildings at any new point would be a grievous burden upon the tax-payers of said county, and would greatly and unnecessarily increase the indebtedness of the county, and would also greatly retard immigration and unsettle and depreciate property value of all kinds in our county.

5th, That such submission would inevitably result in cutting off and attaching to Baker county a large area of our most valuable timber, grazing and improved agricultural lands, also our extensive and valuable mineral lands in the districts of Sparta, Eagle creek, Sanger and Cornucopia, now in its infancy of development.

6th, That a re-location of said county seat at the point from which the present agitation springs, to wit: La Grande, would greatly increase the current expenses of our county government in the items of increased mileage to officers, jurors and witnesses, amounting to many thousand dollars annually, and would also place a grievous burden upon private individuals who find it necessary to resort to the courts for a settlement of their differences.

II. Resolved, That we charge the originators of said agitation with being prompted by selfish and unworthy motives in this; that said parties are in sympathy with a scheme to cut off and dismember a portion of our county in order to accomplish a re-location of said county seat; that they may enhance their individual property to the detriment of the tax-payers of the whole county.

III. Resolved, That the proposition of said agitators to furnish a bond to replace our county property is a fraud upon the tax-payers of our county, and an attempted bribery of its voters in this; that said agitators well know that such an obligation can never be enforced.

For the reasons therein set forth your committee recommend the adoption of the foregoing resolutions.

R. EAKIN, Chairman.

The intelligence and wisdom of the state of Oregon will be convened at Salem next Monday on the opening of the legislature. The Oregon legislature has heretofore gained considerable notoriety in its law making—principally by having its acts, passed, knocked higher than Gilroy's kite by the supreme court. We trust this session will be free from senatorial wrangling, and that each and every member of the legislature will feel it his imperative duty to work for the good of the state in general, as well as looking out for the interests of his own county or section. There are many things which need to be changed and others to be created, which will, under judicious action, be of great benefit to the state at large. As there is a large republican majority in the legislature, the only time consumed by the members should be simply the time of taking the ballot. Our road laws need re-adjusting; our tax laws need a decided change, and many other changes are needed. Now let our legislators for once settle right down to business and do something of which the state may feel proud.

To move the county seat will burden the tax-payers of Union county with an extra expense of from \$50,000 to \$75,000.

**A NEW LINE PROPOSED.**

We understand that a petition is being circulated and pretty generally signed by tax-payers in Union and Baker counties for the re-establishment of the boundary between Union and Baker counties on the following line: Commencing at the mouth of Powder river, at or near the south-east corner of township 9 south, of range 46 east; thence west to the south-west corner of said township 9 south, of range 41 east; thence north to the south-west corner of township 7 south, of range 41 east; thence west to the south-west corner of township 7 south, of range 34 east; thence north on the range line to the intersection of the present boundary line of said Union county. While this proposed boundary would take a small slice off of Baker county, yet it would not seriously affect its territory, but would straighten the line between the two counties without doing any injustice to or encroaching upon the valuable lands of Baker county. It is certainly much fairer to Baker county than is the proposition of her representatives to take some of the most valuable lands of Union county. The tax-payers of Baker county residing on the strip that would fall to Union county, under this proposed boundary, are exceedingly anxious for its establishment, both from a standpoint of convenience and that of a reduction of taxation, the taxes of that county being about one-third higher on an average than the taxes of Union county.

**OUR FUTURE PROSPECTS.**

The assessment roll of Union county for the year 1888, shows the taxable property to be \$2,576,795. This amount would have been much larger could an assessment been had in such a manner that the true taxable property could have been obtained. However, as it is, the people of this county have every reason to congratulate themselves on their future prospects. On every hand the resources of the county are being developed. Agricultural, mining and the lumbering business is daily receiving new and fresh impetus, while the mercantile branch is daily increasing in volume. We may expect that the year 1889 will bring us an increase of \$1,000,000 of wealth. No county in the state possesses more advantages than this. Railroads will thread the county in almost every direction within a few years, thus affording cheaper transportation to seaboard cities than is at present enjoyed.

A PETITION to congress was circulated this week, in Union, and signed by almost everybody, praying that honorable body not to pass any Sabbath law or change the constitution of the United States in any way that would tend to unite church and state. The petition should be signed by every patriot and lover of our free institutions.

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LAND OFFICE AT LA GRANDE, OREGON, December 12, 1888.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the register and receiver at La Grande, Oregon, on Jan. 23, 1889, viz:

WILLIAM MURRAY,  
D. S. No. 739, for the N 1/2, NE 1/4, SW 1/4, NE 1/4, and SE 1/4, NW 1/4, Sec. 1, Tp. 5, S. R. 10 E. W. M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

L. A. Robertson, Wade Shelton, John Mumme and A. Cockrell, all of Union, Or.

Any person who desires to protest against the allowance of such proof, or who knows of any substantial reason under the law and the regulations of the Interior Department, why such proof should not be allowed, will be given an opportunity at the above mentioned time and place to cross-examine the witnesses of said claimant, and to offer evidence in rebuttal of that submitted by claimant.

HENRY BISHOP, Register.

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