

**IRWIN REVIEWED.**

**J. D. Flenner Reviews the Charges made Against him by Rev. Irwin**

**EDITOR OREGON SCOUT:**

I venture to crave a little space in your valuable and excellent paper to reply to an article appearing in the columns of your esteemed (?) and highly moral (?) contemporary, the *Eastern Oregon Republican*, in December last, but which came to my notice only a few days ago. It is entitled "A Vindication," and is over the signature of that eminent (?) and talented divine (?) whom your people and those of La Grande know in various sums, and in various degrees, not always "wisely" but in some instances "too well," G. M. Irwin.

This master of billingsgate and slang, it appears, opened his batteries of dirt upon you as editor of THE SCOUT for daring to give as an item of news the charges against him for dishonesty, lying and slander, preferred at the last session of the Idaho Conference, and upon me for presuming to call in question a career which "for ways that are dark and tricks that are vain," for financial and other affairs, rank and smelling to heaven, are viewed by many as "peculiar," and extremely dark and crooked.

It is time that Irwin bent his colossal (?) intellect as prosecuting attorney in my case, doing the dirty work of a dirty gang for "coin," to vent a personal spite on me for the heinous offense of beating him for conference secretary and for using my influence to elect an old and valued friend to general conference instead of him. So far as Irwin is concerned this was the "head and front of my offending." For this he eagerly became the hireling and tool of an unholy combination in the church here at Boise City, to drive me out of the ministry. This he did with a cunning, a malice, and a venom, unmatched in all the annals of diabolism. The charges against him were made in good faith. His statements that they were preferred to prevent him from acting as attorney in the case, and that I "had no further use for them" and wanted to withdraw them, are untrue in every particular. There were good reasons why no effort was made to establish the charges against him at the meeting of a committee of inspection at Union, last November. Rev. W. T. Chapman, whom the conference appointed to prosecute Irwin, and was familiar with the intended line of prosecution, wrote me a few days before the time set for a meeting of the committee, that he could not be present to conduct the prosecution, as imperative business interests called him from home at that time. I was debarred from appearing in the case, and as the time was so short, and as in any event the annual conference would have to settle the matter, it was deemed best to wait until the next session of the conference. It seems that Irwin was much elated over the result of the investigation that never came off. He raised a great shout in his little sheet, gave out that he was "vindicated," and called in his few friends to rejoice with him that "the clouds had rolled by." He may lay this flattering unctious to his soul if it does him any good and in any way serves to mitigate the horrors of coming retribution; but he may find out in time that the clouds so far from "rolling by," are only gathering blackness, and, charged with tempest, are ready to break, not in mercy, but in judgment, upon his ignominious head. We commend to him a prudent husbandry of his resources, and suggest that he reserve his shouts of victory until the battle is fairly over.

As to his vituperative tongue wags and base statements concerning me, I will say in the first instance, that if the things alleged by him are true, why did he not prosecute against me in the courts of the church? If I am and had been for years a "libertine, a liar and a general fraud on society, why did he not prove me such? Why were not these allegations put into specific form and urged as a part of the case against me? Is not his language a cowardly insinuation that these things were proven, when in fact not one of them was sustained by the action of the church? As a matter of fact, Irwin raked the entire Northwest Pacific coast for scurrilous matter to lay to my charge, consorted with the lecherous and the vile, called to his aid the dregs and scum of society, and I defeated him in every point except two, one being a business transaction, and the other a case of "imprudence," so called—either of which I am ready, so far as intention of wrong is concerned, to meet before the Great White Throne—and neither of which was deemed of sufficient weight to expel me from the church, but only to de-

pose me from the ministry, from which decision I have taken an appeal to the highest court of the church. Besides, from two years in the Idaho Conference and for three years in the Columbia River Conference, I have sat beside this man Irwin, and each year my character as a man and a minister came up before him for review, and each time he said by his vote, "There is nothing against Brother Flenner." If I was all the time such a man as he would fain have people believe, what kind of a man is Irwin to cover up and shield me during these years in all of this iniquity? For ten years I have been a minister of the M. E. church in the Columbia River and Idaho Conferences, and in all these years not a whisper of taint or wrong as to my character has appeared from any responsible source, until the unholy alliance here at Boise City wanted an excuse for their inhuman treatment of me and their rebellion against the authorities of the church, and with the aid of this man Irwin, raked the purlieus of vice and moved hell, to accomplish their dark and dastardly purposes. I have occupied the leading pulpits in both conferences, and have been to a very flattering extent successful in building up the church and in the conversion of souls through the preaching of the word. Can it be true that the Holy Ghost will honor the labors and preaching of "a libertine, a liar and a general fraud on society?" Is it reasonable. None but a fool can believe it.

And further: G. M. Irwin in his dirty sheet, over his own signature, has published that under the guise of the ministry, I have "traveled over the country, stopping at hotels with strange women, and registering as man and wife," &c. &c. In publishing this statement he is guilty of libel most foul, and I hereby brand him as a wicked and malicious liar, and if there is any adequate remedy in the courts of justice in Oregon, Irwin may possibly be able to speak by personal experience concerning striped suits and prison bars.

It is no pleasing task with me to dwell upon the weakness and failings of any man. All my life I have been ready to extend a helping hand to the needy and to cover the faults of my brethren with the white shield of a broad and generous charity. My aim has been rather to extol the virtues than to expose the foibles of brethren, but when a man has trailed his debts across the continent, is sued in the courts for refusal to pay his confessed and just obligations with full ability to discharge the debt; when his conduct has been so crooked as to cause a former associate with him in the ministry in Illinois, a man high in the councils of the church, a delegate to the General Conference, to say to another delegate, from the west, "You will have to watch him or he will steal your missionary money," when the cry of his brethren under him in the ministry whom he has demanded in missionary funds, reached the ear of the church, resulting at last in charges for misappropriating these funds; a man who, to say the least, is extremely unfortunate in his family, whether due to a taint in his own nature or not, but which should make him a trifle charitable towards others: who has made a signal failure of everything he has attempted, until his name is a synonym for failure the country over; when a man by his conduct shows that he is utterly selfish, heartless and cruel, without a spark of brotherly kindness or charity, and above all, when such a man takes on superior airs of piety, prates about purity, pursues with a whip of scorpions his unfortunate brethren who are not able to meet their financial obligations, it is nearly an outrage on human forbearance, and should be met with the open rebuke, scorn and indignation of men.

I owe this much in justice to you, Mr. Editor, who gave to the world the charges against Irwin. The failure of the prosecution to appear at the meeting of the committee, if left unexplained, might result to your prejudice. The reason will now be apparent to all fair minded people.

I must crave the pardon of your readers for intruding my own personal matters upon their attention. I trust, however, it will result in putting Irwin in a proper light before them.

Very Truly,  
J. D. FLENNER.

**TAKEN UP.**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned, living 4 1/2 miles north of Island City, has this 17th day of January, 1889, taken up and posted according to law, the following described estray, to-wit:  
One brown gelding, 5 years old, about 14 hands high, white strip in face, hind feet white, branded X on left hip.  
The above described animal was appraised at \$20.00 by T. E. Jones, J. P. for Island City precinct.

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12-8-f

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**  
LAND OFFICE AT LA GRANDE, OREGON.  
February 25, 1889.  
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 April 12, 1889, viz:  
FRED COMBS.  
D. No. 7997, for the SW 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec 6, SE 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec 8, NE 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec 7 and SW 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec 8, Tps. 7 S, R. 42 E, W. M.  
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:  
John McCune, James Hutchie, Albert Wright, Seagle Coffman, all of Madras, Oregon.  
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 RINNHART, Register.  
2-7-w6

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**  
LAND OFFICE AT LA GRANDE, OREGON.  
MAY 7, 1889.  
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 April 24, 1889, viz:  
ISAAC VANDEVANTER.  
Hd. No. 2706, for the NE 1/4 Sec. 34, Tps. 5 S, R. 4 E.  
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:  
G. H. Marshall, Moses Vandevanter, Samuel Vandevanter and Enoch South, all of Union, Oregon.  
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 RINNHART, Register.  
3-14-w6

**NOTICE-TIMBER CULTURE.**  
LAND OFFICE AT LA GRANDE, OREGON.  
January 31, 1889.  
Complaint having been entered at this office by Elverdo Draper against Dennis Dunn, for failure to comply with law as to Timber Culture Entry No. 569, dated October 1, 1881, upon the SE 1/4 Section 25, Township 4 S, range 30 east, in Union county, Oregon, with a view to the cancellation of said entry; contestant alleging that the said Dennis Dunn has not broken or plowed five acres of said land the first year, nor five acres the second year, nor cropped five acres the second five acres the third year, nor planted the first five acres to trees, seeds or cuttings the third year, nor planted the remaining five acres to trees, seeds or cuttings the fourth year, the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 10th day of March, 1889, at 10 o'clock A. M., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged failure.  
Service of this notice will be made by publishing the same for four consecutive weeks in the OREGON SCOUT, a weekly newspaper, published at Union, Union County, Oregon, and by posting notices as in United States land cases.  
J. T. OUTHOUSE, Receiver.  
2-7-3e

**NOTICE OF FORFEITURE.**  
OREGONIA, UNION COUNTY, OREGON.  
February 1, 1889.  
To W. T. Burdett and Mrs. Jas. Anderson: You are hereby notified that I have expended one hundred dollars in labor and improvements upon the spot located situated in Grantville Mining District, Union County, Oregon, as will appear by certificate filed January 26th, 1889, in the office of the Recorder of said county, in order to hold said premises, under the provisions of Section 222, Revised Statutes of the United States, being the amount required to hold the same for the year ending December 31st, 1888, and, if within ninety (90) days after the publication of this notice, you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of such expenditures as cost you, your interest in said claim will become the property of the subscriber under said section 221.  
C. J. DUFFEY,  
By J. DUFFEY, Agent. 2-7-3m

**Estray Notice.**  
**THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT ON THE** 15th day of January, 1889, J. J. Conley, (settler at his place of residence, on the said Oregon Island precinct, Union County, Oregon, and posted according to law, the following described estray animals, to-wit:  
One bay mare and colt, said mare is eleven or twelve years old, with white stripes in forehead, right hind-foot white, and about fourteen and a half hands high; branded with a heart and bar on the left shoulder, and appraised at \$35.  
One bay mare, three years old, about fifteen hands high; star on forehead; branded on right shoulder, but not discernible. Appraised at \$30.  
One bay mare and colt. Said mare is about thirteen hands high; four years old, with roached man; branded on the left shoulder, but not discernible, and appraised at \$25.  
One dark bay gelding, five years old, about fifteen and a half hands high, with goat legs; no brands to be seen. Appraised at \$30.  
One bay filley, two years old; left hind-foot white; about twelve hands high; branded on the left shoulder, but not discernible. Appraised at \$10.  
One bay gelding, two years old, about fourteen hands high; left hind-foot white; branded on the left shoulder, but not discernible. Appraised at \$30.  
One bay gelding, two years old, about fourteen hands high; right hind foot white; branded on the left shoulder, but not discernible. Appraised at \$20.  
I hereby certify that I appraised the above described estray animals at the amounts following each separately described animal, and that said appraisement was made this 15th day of January, 1889.  
T. E. JONES,  
Justice of the Peace for Island Precinct, Union County, Oregon. 2-7-3f

**Notice!**  
LAND OFFICE AT LA GRANDE, OREGON.  
February 2, 1889.  
COMPLAINT HAVING BEEN ENTERED at this office by Stephen Gardner against E. H. Miller for abandoning his Homestead Entry No. 294, dated November 3d, 1884, upon the SE 1/4 Sec. 3, Township 4 S, R. 49 E, in Union County, Oregon, with a view to the cancellation of said entry; the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 24 day of April, 1889, at 10 o'clock, A. M., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment. Service of this notice will be made by publishing the same for four consecutive weeks in THE OREGON SCOUT, a weekly paper published at Union, Union County, Oregon, and by posting notices as in United States land cases.  
J. T. OUTHOUSE,  
Receiver. 2-21-8f

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**  
LAND OFFICE AT LA GRANDE, OREGON.  
Jan. 20, 1889.  
Notice is hereby given that the following named settlers have filed notice of their intentions to make final proof in support of their claims, and that said proof will be made before the register and receiver at La Grande, Oregon, on March 15, 1889, viz:  
ALBERT W. MOTLEY.  
Hd. No. 3210, for the SW 1/4 Sec 31, Tp. 7 S, R. 46 E, W. M., and  
ALVIN TARTAR.  
Hd. 2141, for the SE 1/4 SW 1/4 SW 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec 25, and NE 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec 25, Tps. 7 S, R. 45 E, W. M. and  
EDWIN B. GAYLORD.  
Hd. No. 2201, for the SE 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec 23, NE 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec 25, and W 1/2 NW 1/4 Sec 25, Tps. 7 S, R. 45 E, W. M. and  
JAMES H. HOOPINGARNER.  
Hd. 2135, for the E 1/2 NW 1/4 and W 1/2 NE 1/4 Sec 26, Tps. 7 S, R. 45 E, W. M.  
They name the following witnesses to prove their continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:  
Alvin Tartar, S. S. Prindell, J. L. Hoopingarnar, E. B. Gaylord, James Robbins, John S. Curry, all of Pine Valley, Oregon.  
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 claimants, and to offer evidence in rebuttal of that submitted by claimant.  
HENRY RINNHART, Register.  
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**Estray Notice.**  
**TAKEN UP** by the undersigned, living about 8 miles northeast of Elgin, Union county, Oregon, on the 2nd day of February, 1889, one cream color horse, 8 years old or more, branded (3) on left stifle.  
The above described animal was appraised at \$30.00 by J. R. Johnson, J. P., on the 13th day of February, 1889.  
A. RYSDAM.  
I, A. Rysdam, being first duly sworn, say that I am the taker up of the above described animal, and that I posted the same according to law, this 13th day of February, 1889.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of February, 1889.  
J. R. JOHNSON, J. P.

**Estray Notice.**  
**TAKEN UP** by the undersigned, living about 6 miles southeast of Elgin, Union county, Oregon, this 5th day of Dec. 1888, one sorrel filly, 2 years old, a little under medium size, no perceptible brands or marks.  
The above described animal was appraised at \$25.00 by J. R. Johnson, J. P., on the 9th day of Feb. 1889.  
I, A. R. Tuttle, being first duly sworn say I am the taker up of the above described animal, and that I posted the same according to law, on the 9th day of Feb. 1889.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of Feb. 1889.  
J. R. JOHNSON, J. P.

**Estray Notice.**  
**TAKEN UP** by the undersigned, living about 6 miles southeast of Elgin, Union county, Oregon, on the 9th day of Jan. 1889, one red-roan steer, 3 years old past of medium size and build, slit in left ear, no other mark or brand visible.  
I hereby certify that I have this day appraised the above described estray steer at \$15.00, on this 15th day of Jan. 1889.  
T. E. JONES,  
Justice of the Peace for Island City Precinct.