

THE OREGON SCOUT.

AMOS K. JONES EDITOR.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

A PENDLETON lawyer has the words "Temple of Justice" painted over his office door. He hasn't been mobbed yet.

We understand that Mr. F. C. Middleton will have charge of our esteemed contemporary across the street, hereafter.

REPRESENTATIVE ROE is trying to justify his actions in the legislature by a column and a half article in the county papers. We have not taken the trouble to read it.

THE servants sent by the people of Union county to represent them in the legislature are now facetiously alluded to as "our misrepresentatives," which is rather suggestive and not altogether inappropriate.

THE Secretary of the Interior has appointed George P. Litchfield, of Salem, Or., special Indian agent for the Pacific coast. This position pays \$2000 per annum, with traveling expenses, and \$3 per day for subsistence while traveling. There are but six of these agents in the country.

We have been fortunate enough to secure the services of an experienced newspaper writer whose trenchant pen will keep our readers posted each week on mining developments, and the outlook of the mineral regions of Union county. An interesting letter from him appears in this issue, and will appear each week hereafter.

BROTHER IRWIN, who took editorial charge of the Whangdoodle a few months ago amid such a flourish of trumpets and the complacent proclamation that "the fittest will survive," has run his course. Metaphorically speaking, he has dropped his tail between his legs and skulked out of the journalistic arena. He has lasted fully as long as we thought he would after reading his first issue. Vale, brother Irwin.

In the land grants made to the new states it is provided that all school lands shall sell for \$10 an acre. In Oregon school lands have not brought over \$2 and often less. If the lands this state owned had been kept and sold for what they are actually worth, the irreducible school fund would figure up millions where now we have thousands. School lands could have averaged \$10 an acre easily, and there was no need to sell before they would bring that much. Why is it that public interests are trifled with while each individual interest is made the most of? School lands have been bought and sold on speculation, and those who have bought generally have realized fully \$10 if they cared to sell.

THE La Grande Journal suggests a meeting of the business men of Baker City, Union, La Grande and Pendleton to try to secure reduced freight rates to these points from the East, so as to put them on an equality with Portland. This is a good idea, and under other circumstances the Union people would stand in, but just now we have a scheme that beats it all to pieces. We are trying to raise a subsidy to induce a man by the name of Hunt to build a branch of the Northern Pacific in here. If we succeed, it will not be necessary for the business men of the towns above mentioned to combine in order to get redress from a thieving railroad company. Justice will be accorded them without the asking.

THE La Grande Journal propounds a very pertinent question as follows:

What is La Grande going to do this summer in the way of building improvements? During the winter everybody was talking of erecting brick business blocks. Now, nobody seems to know anything about any building whatever.

We would like very much to answer the question, but in view of the fact that La Grande has been going to have electric lights, and still gropes in darkness without so much as a coal oil lamp; and that it has been going to have street cars, a big hotel, a public hall, a flouring mill, etc., etc., and none of them have materialized yet; and it has been going to move the Hot Lake into town, but hasn't yet, while the populace go unwashed, we can hardly tell what La Grande is going to do, and will only say in response to the question: Damfweknow.

THE WAY IT LOOKS.

The La Grande Gazette says: Since the Scout has assumed the job of doing the worrying for La Grande because of the building of a branch road to Wallawa it might possibly derive some benefit from trying to discover what some direct such a road would have upon La Grande than the building of the Hunt road would have upon Union. If the Wallawa road will sap the life out of La Grande what will Union have left after the Sandridge and the Cove have also had a sap-spoon?

We will just say that in our opinion the building of a branch from La Grande to Wallawa means the concentration of capital and trade at some natural center in that section of the county, probably Summerville, and that La Grande, situated as it is in an inaccessible nook of the valley, near the county line, must certainly suffer. The building of the Hunt road through the county by way of the town of Union, which is situated in the exact center of the county, means the establishment of woolen mills and manufactories of every kind that the country is now in need of, on the magnificent water powers of this place. It means the location of the county seat at this place for all time to come. It means a united county extending from the rich mineral deposits in the Pine creek mountains on the south to endless forests of timber that cover the Blue mountains on the north. It means prosperity to the entire county and to the town of Union because of its central location, and other advantages.

That is the way we have it figured out. A very short time will demonstrate whether we are right or wrong. We sincerely hope our predictions will prove true in every particular.

PROTECTION FOR THE FARMER.

The farmer must be protected whether he fancies it or not, and to ensure him the benefits of protection the binding-twine trust was devised. It is organized for the philanthropic purpose of controlling the supply and price of an indispensable article. The vast wheat fields of the west consume in harvest time enormous quantities of this twine on which the present tariff exacts a duty of thirty-five per cent ad valorem, and from which the Mills bill proposed to take off ten per cent. The twine men, encouraged by the unconscionable increase of duty proposed by the senate bill, have combined to take the fullest advantage of the opportunity which will be afforded them should the senate bill become a law in the next congress. According to the republican method of protecting the farmer, the duty is to be forty per cent ad valorem on the most expensive kind of twine, and about two hundred on the least expensive. The manipulations of the trust may send the price of binding twine up, next summer, to a figure that will place it out of the reach of the farmer, unless he is prepared to mortgage his harvest to obtain a supply of an article that is indispensable for his work.

A WISE LAW.

The wisest law passed by any legislative assembly for a long time is the one passed by the Maine legislature providing free text books for pupils in the public schools. The public schools are the bulwarks of the nation, and in them every child should be allowed the opportunity of obtaining a common school education. To bring about this greatest and most desirable of all needed results, the free school is not sufficient without free books. Because a child is the offspring of poor parents is not his fault, and he should not suffer the penalty by being compelled to grow up in ignorance. Without free schools and free books, many an otherwise bright child is not afforded an opportunity for the development of the mental and moral and social faculties, because its father was a worthless, drunken vagabond. A child is not responsible for its parentage. We hope the time will come when every state and territory in the Union will have adopted the free use of school books, and compulsory attendance at school of all children below a specified age, and, following this we would have a national law making ability to read and write a necessary requisite to the use of the ballot. "In a Republic ignorance is a crime."

W. J. Snodgrass and Cage Baker, of La Grande, are now in Washington city, presumably for the purpose of making the powers that be, think that they are representative citizens out here and should be recognized. It is said that Snoddy has his eye single to a postoffice and that Cage wants to be governor of a territory. Snoddy reminds us of one Don Quixote, and Cage is not unlike Sancho Panza. By the way, Sancho got to be governor, too.

A SHAKESPEARIAN SCHOLAR.

We would as soon think of welcoming to our office any renegade and liar in the country as that newspaper monstrosity known as the Portland Oregonian, and would have as much confidence in what we learned from one as the other. Occasionally, however, our exchanges copy something from its columns that amuses us as showing the pompous ignorance of the tub of egotism and entrails that does duty as its editor. In a recent editorial wherein he exhibits his venom toward many honorable northern generals who contributed to the Texas home for confederate soldiers, he works in his knowledge of Shakespeare in this way:

Jack Falstaff was a cowardly soldier, but he spoke the truth when he said he "served bravely who came off the breach with his plute bent bravely," and there he thousands of brave Union veterans who did stout soldierly, came off the breach with their pikes bravely bent and yet without a serious wound.

The ridiculousness of this simile dawns painfully on all readers conversant with Shakespeare, and to those who are not it will be a source of amusement to read the fourth scene of King Henry IV, wherein the brave Falstaff and Doll Tearsheet hold converse with each other. If the tub of e and c in question would "come off" with his "pikes" disabled, it would be a decided relief to a great many people.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. LAND OFFICE AT LA GRANDE, OREGON, February 26, 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: D. S. No. 7807, for the SW 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 8, NE 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec. 7 and NW 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 8, Tp. 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 McCurg, James Hulick, Albert Weight, Seigle Colman, all of Medical Springs, 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 RINEHART, Register.

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LAND OFFICE AT LA GRANDE, OREGON, March 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 20, 1889, viz: ISAAC VANDEVENTER, Hd. No. 2708, for the NE 1/4 Sec. 24, Tp. 5 S, R. 41 E.

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

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NOTICE OF FORFEITURE.

CORNUCOPIA, 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 N 1/2 Lot, situated in Granite Mining District, Union County, Oregon, as will appear by certificate filed June 20th, 1888, in the office of the Recorder of said county, in order to hold said premises, under the provisions of Section 3225, 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 expenditure as co-owner, your interest in said share will become the property of the subscriber undersaid section 3225. C. J. DEFFEY, By J. DUFFEX, Agent.

Ranche for Rent.

BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE undersigned, up to the 15th day of April, 1889, for the rent of the "Half Way House" on the Pine Creek road, for one year. This is the best dairy ranch in the country, and is also the best point on the road for a stopping place for travelers. It being just half way from Union and Baker City to Cornucopia. Good well, good seven-room house with kitchen, scrub room for 25 head of horses, and other improvements. Right reserved to reject any or all bids. A. L. EATON, Union, Oregon.

Administrators Notice.

All persons having claims against the estate of W. T. Ficklin, deceased, are hereby notified to present the same, duly verified according to law, to the undersigned, administrators of the last will and testament of said W. T. Ficklin, within six months from the date hereof, at their residence in the town of Union, Union county, Oregon. Dated this 10th day of March, 1889. N. F. FICKLIN, S. D. FICKLIN, Administrators.

TAKEN UP.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned, living 1/2 mile 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, 3 years old, about 14 hands high, white stripes 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. W. G. HUNTER, 3-14-89.

DISSOLUTION NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the partnership heretofore existing between Boothe & Yoder, in the livery stable business, is this day, March 15th, 1889, dissolved. Mr. Yoder retains and the business will be carried on by L. J. Boothe, into whose hands all accounts are placed for collection. L. J. BOOTHE.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS against the estate of John Carr, deceased, are hereby notified to present the same, duly verified according to law, to the undersigned, administrator of the last will and testament of said John Carr, within six months from the date hereof, at his residence near Island City, Union county, Oregon. Dated this 29th day of March, 1889. J. J. GRIMMETT, Administrator.

TAKEN UP.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned, living at Cove, Union county, Oregon, has this 14th day of March, 1889, taken up and posted according to law, the following described estray, to-wit: One bay mare, 7 or 8 years old, 15 hands high, branded with a letter P on right shoulder. The above described mare was appraised at \$30.00 by R. E. Sanborn, J. P. for Cove precinct. E. P. DANIEL, 3-21.

Estray Notice.

TAKEN UP, by the undersigned, living about five miles southeast of Elgin, Union county, Oregon, this 28th day of March, 1889, one bay horse, about 8 years old, weight 800 or 900 pounds, small star in forehead, branded 21 on left shoulder. The above described estray was appraised at \$40.00 by J. R. Johnson, J. P., on the 18th day of March, 1889. E. M. GRAF, 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, on the 15th day of March, 1889. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of March, 1889. J. R. JOHNSON, J. P.

Estray Notice.

TAKEN UP, by the undersigned, living about eight miles southeast of Elgin, Union county, Oregon, this 28th day of February, 1889, one bay mare, with white strip in the face, both hind feet white, no brands perceptible, about 3 years old this spring. One black mare with white spot in forehead, some saddle marks, branded on left shoulder—em-11-11, about 8 or 9 years old. The above described animals were appraised by J. R. Johnson, J. P., on the 19th day of March, 1889, as follows: The bay mare, at \$25 and the black at \$14. J. E. G. Taylor, being first duly sworn, say that I am the taker-up of the above described animals, and that I posted the same according to law on the 16th day of March, 1889. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of March, 1889. J. R. JOHNSON, J. P.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

LAND OFFICE AT LA GRANDE, OREGON, March 21, 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 May 13, 1889, viz: WILLIAM MURRAY, D. S. No. 7807, for the SW 1/4 NE 1/4 and SW 1/4 NE 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 1, Tp. 5 S, R. 40 E.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: L. A. Robertson, A. Cockrell, Wade Shelton and John Mummy, 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.

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He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Charles M. Watzberger, Leander J. Ferguson, Lewis E. Jentling and Joseph Kelso, all of New Bridge, Union county, Ore. 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.

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