

THE OREGON SCOUT.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

PRESIDENT HARRISON having provided for his brothers, cousins and aunts, has now got to his son's wife's relatives, having lately appointed that lady's uncle to a \$5000 sinecure.

THE Astorian says: It takes a book of one thousand pages to hold the laws passed by the last legislature. It will take a much smaller volume to hold those which will be enforced or will stand the test of the supreme court of the state.

THE suspension of the Pioneer woolen mills of San Francisco is due entirely to the high prices the company was forced to pay for foreign wools. The manager says the mills have not paid expenses for five years. High tariff is ruining the country.

IT TAKES but a short experience in local newspaper work to ascertain who compose the generous portion of communities. The men who take the greatest number of newspapers and read them are the most prosperous and intelligent, and are sure to give the publisher hearty encouragement.

IT IS SAID that John Sherman has declared himself in favor of free trade with Canada. It has been one of our fondest hopes that this honorable gentleman would, at some point in his senatorial career, try to do a little good for the whole people, and not give his entire attention to the "gold bugs" and their interests, and it now looks like he would.

THERE has just been collected from the United States government on the Indian war claims of Oregon, \$38,132 98. This payment is practically in full for all claims forwarded. There are small claims yet remaining but these will also be forwarded when the proper vouchers are received. To illustrate the wonderful amount of official business that had to be transacted in relation to this matter, it may be stated that, during the year 1888 96 pounds of official papers and documents bearing on these war claims were forwarded from the state department to Washington. Uncle Sam has at last paid off the long list of faithful servants who aided in the civilization and early development of this great Northwest.

THE latest communication from our Cornucopia correspondent, to be found on our local page, brings cheering news indeed. On the lower level of the Red Jacket mine, ore of fabulous richness has been found, and the camp is wild over the event, feeling sure that the day of their expectations has dawned and that an era of prosperity for the camp is at hand. We have never doubted that this would come in time. With the impetus that this new strike will give, we may expect other mines to come forward with an equal showing—for they are there, only awaiting the advent of capital to develop them. With the showing that the Red Jacket can now make, capital will not be found wanting. Further news from the Pine Creek mines will be awaited with great interest.

THE TRUTH AT LAST.

We reprint elsewhere a fervid anathema against the O. & T., hurled against it by the Portland Oregonian. The amusing feature of this Phillipic is the notice it now takes of the fact that the exactions of the Wall Street gamblers "have borne heavily on the people," have "extorted from the country the last possible dollar for the most meagre possible service," etc.

No one would have ever known or suspected this from any utterance of the Oregonian hitherto. As long as Portland was being taken care of, while the whole upper country was being shorn, it was dumb; it opened not its mouth.

Not a word has that great public journal had to say for all these years in defense of the people who were being "tricked" and plundered, until now, when the shoe begins to pinch its own corns. Then, and not till then, had this newspaper a complaint to utter, a protest to make, a plea to put forth for the oppressed people of this region.

What it says now may be true enough; but it dared not, or would not, tell the truth until Portland itself began to be squeezed.—E. O.

THE RAILROAD OUTLOOK.

G. W. Hunt, president of the O. & T. road, is expected here some time next week, at which time it is thought that the proposition to extend the road through the Grande Ronde valley, to this city will be settled. The full amount of the subsidy asked has not been raised yet, but from latest accounts it is believed that Tacoma will materially assist in raising it. If Walla Walla county accepts Mr. Hunt's proposition to bond the county for \$250,000, it will insure the building of the road.

Latest advices from there state that the proposal is met with great favor by the people, and that there is not the slightest doubt that three-fourths of the voters of the county will sign the paper requesting the legislature to give the county commissioners power and authority to issue the bonds. Everything looks very favorable for us, and the arrival of Mr. Hunt is eagerly looked for. His surveys are on this side of the Blue mountains, and are probably at Elgin now. They may be expected through to Union in a very short time.

The recent encounter between railroad magnates at Portland, wherein Henry Villard, of the Northern Pacific, came out on top, and secured a controlling interest in the O. R. & N. Co., it is claimed will effectually stop all building of branches from the O. R. & N. company's lines, but, on the contrary, will stimulate the building of feeders for the Northern Pacific. We believe that such is the correct situation, and that the prospects for securing the Hunt road in the near future are very bright.

UNION COUNTY.

Union county is described by the Oregon Immigration Board as follows: Is bounded on the north in part by Washington Territory and in part by Walla Walla county, which also bounds it in part on the east, the other part of its eastern boundary being Snake river, the eastern boundary of Oregon, on the South by Baker county and on the west by Umatilla county.

Union county contains 1,958,400 acres, of which 1,407,500 acres are surveyed lands. The unsurveyed portion is mostly mountainous, valuable for timber, for pasturage and in many places rich in minerals. The largest body of agricultural land is the Grande Ronde valley, which contains 300,000 acres of as rich, level agricultural land as there is in the west. This is all prairie land and of the best. The Grande Ronde river flows through the valley from the southwest to the northeast. Numerous small streams start from ever-flowing springs in the hills which surround the valley, and flow into the Grande Ronde. Pure water in abundance everywhere.

Union county has mines of gold, silver, copper and galena, which annually produce thousands, and give promise of an increased production for many years to come. The Pine, Eagle, Powder River, Clover Creek, Starkey, Prairie and Indian valleys are all located in Union county. Each contain a considerable body of agricultural land, have the same general character as the Grande Ronde valley. The hills and mountains bordering the valleys are covered with a fine body of timber and grass. Timber at no point being many miles distant from the agricultural lands. Many small valleys are to be found among the mountains and foothills, in which the soil is very fertile. These valleys are especially adapted for small stock and dairy ranchers. There is yet some government land to be found in these localities. Pure water can be found everywhere. Rainfall is sufficient to mature crops; such a thing as a failure has never been known. On the other hand there are no long rainy seasons as in some portions of the west.

The soil is generally alluvial and sandy loam, from 3 to 20 twenty feet in depth. Sub-soil usually gravel. The soil is rich and produces wheat, oats, barley, rye, hops, flax and hemp; hay—timothy and clover and the native wild grasses; vegetables—potatoes, cabbage, beets, turnips, cucumbers, peas, beans and others of the like; berries—currants, gooseberry, strawberry, raspberry, blackberry and wild huckleberry, all do well; fruits—apples, pears, plums, cherries. Peaches do fairly in some localities. Large quantities of hay are shipped to the counties further west. From 20 to 60 bushels of wheat, 40 to 80 bushels of oats, and 40 to 90 bushels of barley are raised per acre.

The stock interests occupy the attention of a considerable number and will continue to do so.

The mild winters, extensive ranges, productive grain and hay lands, absence of contagious diseases, pure

water everywhere, make this now as it always will be a choice location for stock. As fine horses as can be found on the Pacific coast are raised here, also cattle, sheep and hogs. Fattening cattle for shipment is a growing business.

Dairy interests are assuming importance. The advantages for this line of business are unexcelled.

The land in Grande Ronde valley was principally state land, and has all been sold. Although these lands have been sold, the proportion under cultivation will not exceed one-half. Considerable is owned in tracts of 320 to 1,000 acres, and nearly every business man in the towns owns a 320 acre tract. Many tracts owned by people living in town are improved and can be purchased at very reasonable rates. Those living on farms are as a rule satisfied. Little land is offered for sale by this last class, except in cases where they have more land than can be conveniently handled. Prices in improved valley lands will range from \$10 to \$25 per acre—average \$15 to \$18.50 per acre. Unimproved lands from \$6 to \$15 per acre. These prices are for lands in Grande Ronde valley, deeded and with perfect title. Land in foot hills and small valleys is selling for \$6 to \$12 for improved and \$3 to \$7 per acre for unimproved.

The railroad of the O. R. & N. Co. passes through Union county, and the entire length of the Grande Ronde valley, in easy reach of the greater portion of the agricultural part of the county, and connecting it with the general market at Portland.

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A Proposed Clock Factory.

The watch and clock makers and menders of Oregon, Washington and Idaho are planning for a convention, to take place within the next thirty days, with the intention of forming an extensive stock company or association for the purpose of establishing a watch and clock factory at some prominent point in the Northwest.—E. O.

Important Land Decision.

From Copp's land office bulletin, published at Washington, D. C., we learn that in the case of John McCabe, decided May 20, 1889, Secretary Noble held that final proof in homestead entries may be made before any court of record in the judicial district in which the land is situated even if outside the county.

In pursuing its course of describing and illustrating the Pacific Northwest, the West Shore Magazine for May reaches over into British Columbia and devotes a considerable portion of the issue to that, in many respects, remarkable city of Vancouver, the western terminus of the longest line of railway in the world, the Canadian Pacific. Corvallis and Benton county, Oregon, which are closely identified with a new transcontinental route, are also illustrated and described in this number. An interesting article on "Nomenclature of the Pacific Coast," the concluding part of "A Story of the Klamath," and much other fiction, poetry, and a variety of timely matter pertaining to the whole northwest complete an issue of more than usual interest. Single copies 25 cents; \$2.50 a year. Published by L. Samuel, Portland, Oregon.

MARRIED.

HOUGH-SMITH.—At the Union City hotel, by Rev. Boothie, Monday, June 3, 1889, Mr. J. E. Hough and Mary E. Smith, both of La Grande.

CRANDALL—LONG.—At the Union City hotel, by Rev. J. Boothie, Wednesday, June 5, 1889, Mr. W. L. Crandall and Miss Essie Long, both of La Grande.

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