THE OREGON SCOUT.

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The Oregon Scout has as large a circulation as any two papers in this section of the State, combined, and is correspondingly valuable as an advertising medium.

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LOCAL INFORMATION.

Gathered up by The Scout and Brought to Headquarters.

Attend the celebration at Union.

A democratic paper is soon to be started at Salem.

A continuous rain has been falling in this section since last night.

See advertisement of farm lands for sale elsewhere in this paper.

Always stop at the Blue Mountain hotel when you visit La Grande.

A campmeeting is now in progress three miles north of Summerville.

Wood taken in exchange for millinery goods at Mrs. Rinehart's store.

J. M. Phy & Co. will pay good prices for your wheat at the Union mill.

The remains of little Francis Phillips were interred in the Union cemetery, Tuesday.

G. W. Hunt has advertised for five hundred men to work on the Waitsburg extension.

The supreme court has rendered a decision in favor of the railroad commissioners appointed by the legislature.

That overdue account at the Cove drug store is awaiting your immediate attention. Don't neglect it another day.

The Fourth of July committees are all at work in earnest, and the celebration on the Fourth is an assured success.

Several foot races took place on Main street last Saturday. Considerable money changed hands, or at least we suppose it changed hands.

Vol. 1, No. 2, of the Cottage Grove Leader is on our table. It is published every Saturday by E. P. Thorpe and presents a neat appearance. We wish it success.

F. S. Ivanhoe, proprietor of the Border Signal, wants a printer to take charge of the paper. Permanent employment and good wages. Address, Enterprise, Oregon.

We learn that a large number of excursionists from Baker City and Pendleton will visit Union on the Fourth. They will be made welcome and royally entertained.

All the children selected to ride on the Liberty car and take part in the procession are requested to be at the court house promptly at 9 o'clock on the morning of the Fourth.

Ladies' hats will be almost given away at Mrs. Rinehart,s millinery store on the 4th of July. Her immense stock must be disposed of and will be sold at any price. Don't fail to call on her.

A Salem newspaper prints the following unique advertisement: "If John Jones, who twenty years ago deserted his wife and babe, will return, said babe will lick the stuffin' out of him."

C. C. Coffinbery, the blacksmith, of this city, is agent for the D. M. Osborne & Co's. mowers, rakes, reapers and other machinery. Farmers will find it to their interest to interview him before purchasing elsewhere. 6-27-tf

Anyone wishing to buy farm lands or town lots should call on the Union Real Estate Association. If you have property for sale you cannot do better than list it with them for their facilities for attracting purchasers are unsurpassed.

The finest line of hats ever brought to Union county just received at Mrs. Rinehart's. Over sixty different styles. Ladies now have an opportunity of selecting something charming for the Fourth of July.

McCully's flouring mill at Joseph was burned to the ground a few nights ago, loss amounting to about $8,000, with $5,000 insurance. The fire is supposed to have originated from friction in some of the journal bearings.

At Baker City, last week, Juige Ison sentenced Clinton Pennington to be hung on August 2nd for the murder of Charles Bascom. Clay Evans and Richard Duval were also sentenced to eighteen months in the penitentiary for larceny.

The excessive warm weather and dry winds of the past week or two have greatly damaged the crops in this section, and in many places where the farmer was almost sure of an abundant grain crop nothing but a very poor quality of hay will be secured.

The Waitsburg Times says: "G. W. Hunt reports that he has obtained right-of-way from all but three land-owners between Waitsburg and Walla Walla, and that the road will be built regardless of Villard or any other man or combination."

The Baker City Reveille says: "There was a man in our town who thought him wondrous wise; he swore by all the fabled gods he'd never advertise. But he did advertise ere long, and thereby hangs a tale; his ad. was set in nonpareil, and headed 'Sheriff's Sale.'"

The O. R. & N. Co. will sell tickets at all their stations to any point along their line, one fare for round trip, commencing July 2nd to 4th, good to return July 8th. All members of militia companies can secure tickets to The Dalles and return at one cent per mile each way.

The new patent gates being introduced by Mr. John McCall, of Wallowa county, seem to be meeting with much favor. They seem to meet the demands of the rancher exactly. One of those ingenious pieces of mechanism may be seen in North Union on Mr. Swackhamer's place.

Our readers will miss the communications of our Summerville and North Powder correspondents this week. We can account for the silence of "Cat-Mouth John" on the hypothesis that "Xenophone" has killed him, but do not know what to think of "Ajax" as he was smilingly on top when last heard from.

A FEARFUL TRAGEDY.

Little Francis Phillips Shot and Instantly Killed by Wm. Michaels.

Last Sunday evening, Francis, the eight year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Al. Phillips, who reside on the old Tom Beard place about six miles above Telocaset, was shot and instantly killed by Wm. Michaels, a boy about fifteen years of age who had been in the employ of Mr. Phillips for two or three weeks previous. The facts in the case, as near as we can learn, are as follows:

That afternoon Mr. Phillips wanted to go to the saw mill about three miles distant so as to be ready to go to work next morning, and Mrs. Phillips concluded to go over with him and drive the team back. They started together, leaving young Michaels, the girl and a little boy five years of age at the house. While returning Mrs. Phillips was met by young Michaels who told her that Francis had shot herself and was dead. Mrs. Phillips told him to hurry on to the mill and tell Mr. Phillips, and then hastening to the house found her little daughter lying on the floor, dead, with her face covered with blood and a bullet hole just inside of her right eye. Mr. Phillips and the boy soon arrived, and when the situation was fully taken in, Mr. Phillips accused the boy of murdering the girl. This he stoutly denied, but immediately took his departure and spent the night with one of Taylor Green's sheep herders, a few miles distant. The authorities here being notified of the affair, early Monday morning Justice of the Peace Frank Wilson empanceled a coroner's jury and at once started with them for the scene of the tragedy. Just this side of Telocaset they met the boy and his brother in-law, Mr. Hart, coming to Union. The boy was at once placed under arrest by Constable Cates, a warrant having been sworn out by Mr. John Williams, of Eccles' saw mill. The boy was taken back with the coroner's jury and an examination was held. Young Michaels was placed on the stand and testified that he did not see the girl at the time she was shot, that he and the little boy were out in the yard and hearing the report of a pistol, went into the house and found the girl lying on the floor, dead, with the pistol in her hand. His statements were very incoherent and unsatisfactory. The little five year old boy was then examined and told a very plain story about it. He said they had been playing cards, and quarreled some before they quit, and then Michaels took the pistol and taking a cartridge that was in the comb case, (the only cartridge in the house that would fit the pistol) he got it in the pistol and told Francis he was going to shoot her. She begged him not to, and throwing up her hands, shut her eyes, but he did shoot and Francis fell to the floor, dead.

After this testimony young Michaels changed his front and said he had testified falsely at first, being frightened, but that he would now tell the truth. He was again placed on the stand and said that he did shoot the girl, but did it accidentally; that they had often had little quarrels, but that neither he nor the girl thought anything of it; that he was handling the pistol and told the girl, in fun, that he was going to shoot her, and while holding the pistol in his right hand and turning the cylinder with his left, it went off and the bullet struck the girl in the eye; that he was frightened and did not know what to do. Dr. Day testified that the girl was in good health at the time of her death, and that the wound was sufficient to cause death.

The jury returned to town and after deliberating on the case returned a verdict to the effect that "Francis Phillips came to her death from a pistol wound, the pistol being in the hands of Wm. Michaels, and by him discharged."

Michaels had his examination last night, before Justice Bundleigh, which resulted in his being held in the sum of $2000 to await the action of the grand jury. It is thought that the same will be furnished and the boy liberated as his stepfather is said to be in good financial circumstances.

Mrs. Phillips, mother of the girl, is a sister of Legore, who was killed by Bennett a year or two ago. This second tragedy in the family bears heavily upon her.

Our correspondents will oblige us by sending in their "wads" one day earlier for the next issue and thus give us an opportunity to celebrate the glorious Fourth.

Dr. G. W. Biggers passed over the road last Friday, on his way east from a tour through California. The doctor now holds the position of Master of Clinics of Beaumont Medical College at St. Louis, Mo. He thinks of resigning and locating permanently in California.

A destructive fire occurred at Vancouver in Washington last Saturday morning at an early hour. The principal part of four blocks were destroyed. Evidence that the fire was the work of an incendiary is being obtained by the authorities and a strenuous effort will be made to bring the guilty parties to justice.

Turner Oliver spent last Sunday at his home near Summerville. He says that his sister and all his brothers were at home together on that day for the first time in over seven years. It was not pre-arranged, but just happened that all were at home and spent a most delightful day together. Quite a number of old time friends and associates of childhood were also present, all of which added to the enjoyment of the occasion.

The Eugene City Guard says: "Jack Kelsay, a former resident of Pleasant Hill, was shot by a young lady he had promised to marry at Silver Lake, Lake county, a short time ago, the ball passing through his left arm. The girl asked him to keep his promise to marry her, and threatened to shoot him if he did not. Kelsay gave her a revolver and told her to shoot. Imagine his surprise when she deliberately took aim and fired, giving him a close call for his life."

Mr. Hunt Speaks.

Since writing the article on the editorial page concerning the railroad situation, the fears expressed therein that Mr. Hunt would sell or be forced to sell out to Villard and the combination at Portland have been dispelled by an authorized agent of Mr. Hunt's who arrived in this city yesterday. Mr. Hunt is unable to come himself, at this time, but sends greeting to the people of Union county and says that the report put in circulation that he is liable to sell out is entirely without foundation, that it is not possible he could be induced to sell, and that he is ready at any time to build the road to Union in accordance with the proposition already made.

This is indeed cheering news, and it now remains with the people of Union county, alone, to say whether we shall have the road or not. The remainder of the subsidy could be raised easily if the wealthy men of the county, who have not yet subscribed anything, would put in what they ought. The pressing needs of the country, its opportunity for rapid advancement, and their own private interests will certainly counsel them to do so. The prospect of losing the Hunt roads and again becoming the slaves of the O. R. & N. Co. almost caused a panic among the people across the mountains, for they fully realized what they had to lose. *What they had to lose, we do not possess, but it is in our power to get it.* The prize is worth striving for and no man should refuse to do his plain duty at this time. Let the work be entered into with renewed vigor.

A Bigger Bilk Than Ever.

Sell's circus, or a circus of sells, is advertised to appear in this valley in the near future. It will be remembered that this is the same concern that bilked the people so outrageously last summer. From all accounts it is much worse this year than last, and it is to be hoped that our people will not be taken in by it. The following are samples of the reports received from it through our exchanges:

Sells brothers' circus showed in Eugene Monday afternoon and evening to smaller audiences than usual. As usual the skin games caught a number of victims who should have known better; one party is reported to have lost over $200 trying to beat the game. It seems almost useless to warn people against such games, for they walk into the trap despite the warning. It was little better than highway robbery.—Guard.

Sells brothers' circus has come and gone and a good many hard-earned dollars have gone with it. The audience was much smaller than usual and the performance was about the same. The usual number of snide games were along and the managers evidently made more out of them than anything else.—Register.

It is nothing but a vulgar exposition and is followed by a band of pickpockets and roughs of the lowest order—in this respect like all such affairs. They are a harm to any community. Give it a wide berth.—Athena Press.

State Teachers' Examination.

The state teachers' association will be held at Salem, July 1, 2 and 3, 1889. The association will convene in the legislative hall, capitol building, at 7:30 p. m. on Monday, July 1. All teachers and friends of education are cordially invited. The department of superintendence will be organized by the several county and city superintendents, and will meet in the office of the superintendent of public instruction at 1:30 o'clock p. m. on Monday July 1. The hotels of Salem will entertain those attending, during the days of the association, at reduced rates. Arrangements have been made with the Southern Pacific (lines in Oregon) and Oregon Pacific railroad companies for reduced rates to those attending and the usual reduction will be granted. The usual Fourth of July rates will be in effect on the O. R. & N. railway lines in Oregon from July 1 to July 4. These rates will be open to teachers and others who may wish to attend the association. Several state superintendents of public instruction and other leading educators from the Pacific coast states have been invited and are expected to be present.

Desert Lands.

From a report of the register of the United States land office at La Grande, we extract the following table which will show the amount of desert land entered at that office, upon which final proof of reclamation by irrigation has been made, viz: In Union county, 20 entries, covering a total of 2400 acres; in Baker county, 9 entries, covering a total of 615 acres; in Wallowa county, 3 entries, covering a total of 1360 acres; in Malheur county, 17 entries, covering a tatal of 3577 acres, and in Grant county, 9 entries, covering a total of 4320 acres; total, 12,262 acres.

DRESS PARADE.

The Scout's Weekly Inspection and Report of Friends off Duty.

S. B. Burroughs was up from the Cove, Saturday.

Hon. J. W. Norval visited Union last Saturday.

Jas. Turner, of Big creek, was in the city Saturday.

Judge Litchenthaler arrived in the city yesterday.

John Blize returned to town the fore part of the week.

Mrs. Dave Steele returned from Portland last Friday.

David Boswell, of the Cove, called on us a few days ago.

A. E. Eaton returned from Malheur county last week.

N. S. Blank, of North Powder, visited Union this week.

Birney Neff, of North Powder, was in the city last Saturday.

W. Birdsell made this office a substantial visit Monday.

H. H. French, of the Cove, was on our streets Saturday.

C. A. Myers, of Summerville, called on us a few days ago.

Mrs. Jasper Mitchell, of Antelope valley, was in town Monday.

C. Barnes, of Medical Springs, made us a pleasant visit Monday.

Attorney J. R. Crites returned from Malheur county yesterday.

Dr. Hardinge, of the Cove, subscribed for THE SCOUT this week.

H. J. Baker, of Pine valley, subscribed for THE SCOUT this week.

James Wilson and family, of the Cove, visited Union this week.

Miss Mollie Lewis returned last Monday from a visit to La Grande.

B. F. Fewell, of Summit station, made us a pleasant visit last Saturday.

S. L. Burnough, of Indian valley, made this office a pleasant visit Tuesday.

Thomas Brazier called on us a few days ago and subscribed for THE SCOUT.

Miss Edna Slater, of La Grande, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Neill, of this city.

B. W. Huffman, editor of the La Grande Journal, visited Union last Saturday.

J. W. Lee, of Telocaset, has bought Ben Mache's ranche and will try farming.

Louis Zoph, of Pine valley, called on us Monday and subscribed for THE SCOUT.

Morris Walsh, of Cornucopia, sent in and subscribed for THE SCOUT a few days ago.

Attorney T. H. Crawford, who has been in Wallowa county, returned a few days ago.

Miss Susie Moreland, of Portland, is visiting in this city, the guest of Mrs. W. T. Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter are visiting in Pine valley and Cornucopia. They are expected home soon.

Mr. Irbin Harris, of Multnomah county, is visiting his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. Thos. Galloway, of this city.

Hon. L. B. Rinehart and Mr. A. E. Eaton are in Pendleton and will interview Mr. Hunt on railroad matters.

A. R. Curry and Joel Hewitt, of Pine valley, called on us yesterday and both subscribed for THE SCOUT.

Mrs. Lon Cleaver and daughters are now in Union and will remain here during the doctor's professional visit.

L. R. Holmes, of the Cove, visited this city Monday. Mr. Holmes is putting a magnificent barn on his place.

Mr. George B. M. Bird, of La Grande, and Mrs. Fannie Goodspeed, of this city, were united in marriage last week.

Mrs. Lillian Starbird, of North Powder, and Mrs. Annie Brann, of Hilgard, were visiting friends in Union this week.

Hon. T. C. Hyde, of Baker, will deliver the oration in this city on the Fourth. He is one of the best speakers in the state.

Wm. Stafford was down from Clover creek last Saturday. He says that but very light crops will be raised in that section this year.

Mrs. Dr. Day and her sister, Miss Clara Rees, are visiting in Dayton, W. T. They will probably visit the Willamette valley before they return.

Messrs. Joel Hewitt, A. B. Curry, Wm. Buchanan and Louis Zoph, of Pine valley, were down the fore part of the week and proved up on their land claims.

N. T. Ficklin, who returned last week from a trip to Salem, reports that the country this side of The Dalles is very dry, more so, in fact, than the Grande Ronde.

Frank Johnson and wife, of Lost Valley, Wallowa county, visited friends in Union this week. They express themselves as well pleased with their new home.

Mrs. R. A. Davis, her daughter, Ida, and son, Lewis, returned from Eugene yesterday. Lewis graduated from the State University with the highest honors.

Mrs. Alger will take charge of the Union postoffice next Monday. Mrs. A. H. Clark, who was postmistress at Rye valley for some time, will be her assistant.

Frank C. Middleton returned from Portland, Tuesday, accompanied by his little boy. Mrs. Middleton was suffering with the rheumatism and was unable to come.

Miss Nora Coffin has been selected to represent the Goddess of Liberty on the Fourth. Miss Coffin is one of Union's most charming young ladies, and a better selection could not have been made.

J. F. Smith, wife and children, of Geneseo, Ill., arrived here a few days ago and will locate permanently. Mr. Smith brought a car load of horses with him, among them a number of fine Normans.

Dr. Lang and wife were in La Grande this week enroute to Wallowa from Weiser City, where they were recently married. Mrs. Lang was formerly Mrs. Anna Winters Conley and was divorced from Conley about five years ago. They were re-married and again divorced at the last term of court in Wallowa county. It is hoped that her ideal of domestic bliss has at last been reached.—Gazette.

Explains It Fully.

The Gazette says that La Grande is now considered the "genii city" of the inland empire. Great Scott! What are they trying to spring on us now? What is a "genii city" supposed to be like, anyway?—Union Scout. Pay attention, Brother Jones: In ye olden times genii often appeared to persons in trouble. To all others they were invisible. Now, when your afflicted neighbor says of La Grande: "We have a city here, yea, we see a second Omaha," of course you cannot see it, because "genii" cities, being invisible, are not built that way.—Baker City Reveille.

She Astonished Him.

One of our exchanges spoke of a millinery store kept by an estimable lady, and said that the editor was glad to see her stocking up. The editor says he was never so astonished in his born days as he was, when the paper came out, to meet the millinery lady and have her strike him across the brow with an umbrella and tell him he was a liar and that she would tell his wife. He says he does not know what she was mad at and he has read the item over a hundred times to see if there was anything in it that is the least bit disrespectful.

Unlucky Johnstown.

JOHNSTOWN, June 24.—A sweeping fire broke out in the First ward at 12:30 this afternoon. The flames spread rapidly and in half an hour twenty houses were burning. All the engines in the place were called on and the most intense excitement prevails. Nearly all the houses are burning. The fire is spreading rapidly toward Kernville and has gotten beyond control of the department. The fire now covers five acres.

Hunt's Surveyors Arrive.

Hunt's surveyors arrived in this city last Friday. They report a very good practical route, either from Walla Walla or Centerville, across the Blue Mountains to Union. Engineer Shaw thinks it is a better route than the one on which the O. R. & N. Co's. road is built. The surveyors returned to the summit for the purpose of running another line or two down this side of the mountain so that the easiest possible grade might be selected.

NOTICE,

U. S. LAND OFFICE LA GRANDE, OREGON, June 21, 1889.

Complaint having been entered at this office by Stephen Gardner against Elit Miller for abandoning his Homestead Entry No. 2946, dated November 3, 1881, upon the SE¼ Sec 5, Tp 4 S, R 40 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 5th day of August, 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 in THE OREGON SCOUT, a weekly paper published at Union, Union county, Oregon, for four consecutive weeks and by posting notices as in U. S. land cases.

J. T. OUTHOUSE, Receiver.

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