

THE OREGON SCOUT.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

"God will count the prohibition votes in Pennsylvania" said Mr. Wanamaker in a recent speech. The fellow who counted the other votes had the most work.

In the final effort that is now being made to complete the railroad subsidy, let every man show his colors, and be judged for what he is. We will have more to say concerning this hereafter.

A firm has been organized in Portland for the purpose of selling farmers all the goods and machinery they may need at wholesale prices. The farmer pays \$3 for a membership. Nearly every farmer in the country is investing in it.

We are informed by the recorder that the city indebtedness is being rapidly diminished and it will not exceed \$300 at the present time. This is moving in the right direction, and the city warrants are certainly worth more than is being paid for them. In a year from now, by judicious management on the part of our city officials the warrants should be worth one hundred cents to the dollar.

The attention of our business men is called to the letter of "Baudin" in this issue, wherein the Cornucopia people are represented as very desirous of having telephonic communication with this city. We agree with our correspondent that a telephone line between the two places would pay from the start. The cost of putting it up would not be great, where are the enterprising men that will take the matter in hand?

The Sugar Trust manipulators have again raised the price of sugar. This makes an advance in about two years of forty per cent. The profits of the sugar trust for the first five months of 1889 have been over \$800,000, yet they still raise the price and demand more plunder. But the operations of this and similar other trusts were sanctioned and endorsed by the result of the election last fall; so we don't know as anybody ought to complain.

The railroad committees at Elgin and Summerville are striving hard to raise the remainder of the subsidy asked by Mr. Hunt. A meeting of the citizens to take final action in the matter has been called to take place at Elgin next Saturday at 2 o'clock, and at Summerville next Tuesday, the 16th, at 2 o'clock. The meeting at Elgin will be addressed by T. H. Crawford and others from Union. It is incumbent on every man to come forward now and do something.

WALLA WALLA has organized an "Anti-Mossback club." Its object is to advance the interests of the city, to eradicate the disease known as mossbackism, to give strictly non-partisan support to every progressive man and measure, and to organize the progressive element for more effective work. A similar club should be established in every town in the country. Union needs one badly. The mossbacks must go, along with the Canada thistle and other hindrances to the development of the country.

DURING the first six months of Cleveland's administration, with "reform of the tariff" for the principal plank in his platform, wool advanced in price about nine cents per pound. Under Harrison's reign in three months wool has declined in price about six cents per pound. And yet the watchword of the Republican campaign was "protect the woolen industry." There is a fog-horn logic in this statement that induces one to believe that a large and intelligent class of producers have been cajoled into selling their birthright for a very poorly flavored mess of pottage.

It is a matter of considerable question whether the elevator system will meet with the approbation of the farmers; it is more than likely the over-sanguine investors in the storage warehouses of the new project will be very much disappointed in the immediate outcome of their venture. It is understood they will try to induce farmers to deliver to the elevators wheat in bulk doing away with sacks; but here is where the first great mistake is made. The sacks are a great convenience for farmers enabling them to store from the thrasher piling the sacks and hauling them to the nearest platform at leisure; the other method necessitates granaries or bins on the farm to first hold the grain after threshing, whence it is later hauled to market.

THE DIFFERENCE.

The Colfax Commoner says: "The producers of the Northwest will no longer sell their grain for five cents a bushel less, simply in order that it may go to Portland, unless where they cannot help themselves. Such was the case last year along the line of the O. R. & N., that where they could not get their grain to the Northern Pacific, farmers were compelled to dispose of their grain at five cents less a bushel. It is in consequence of this marked difference in rates on the two roads that a wide spread feeling has been incited throughout the farming districts of Eastern Washington against the O. R. & N. road, and in favor of relief, in some manner or other. This feeling does not emanate from the farming community alone, but from merchants and shippers as well, who have also been compelled to pay higher rates over this road.

It has seemed to be a policy of Portland and of the O. R. & N., which has been long pursued, to get all they possibly could out of the northwest without any reference whatever to the welfare of the people or the development of the country. But when the farmers and merchants combine—as they have already done in the Walla Walla country, with satisfactory results—against such outrageous discriminations, other facilities will be opened for transportation to and from a different market. The feeling of all this agricultural country east of the mountains is in accord with the sentiment of rail communication with Puget Sound, and simply because it is felt and rightly, too, that it has not been treated fairly by the O. R. & N. and Portland dealers."

THEY SEE IT TOO LATE.

The O. R. & N. Co. and the city of Portland are beginning to realize the condition they have brought themselves to by their systematic robbery of the people during the past twenty years. The following wall from a Portland paper explains the situation about as it is:

"Though the Lion and the Lamb, that is Villard and Smith, have lain down together in loving embrace; though such an era of bliss is inaugurated as has moved even Harvey Scott to proclaim peace with Villard, we cannot feel that we are yet 'out of the woods'; that all is as serene as the untroubled surface of the present situation would indicate—for, in the first place, until the Hunt system is removed from the arena our wounds will be of the gaping order that indicates the speedy destruction of the O. R. & N. Co. as a dividend paying or grain carrying factor. If that company cannot earn its six per cent, the lesser company, the Union Pacific, will throw up their option on the road—an option which lasts about one year yet. It is a matter of necessity for the harmonious relations sketched out between the two great corporations, that the Hunt system is to be eliminated. But how is that to be done? Hunt is in the best possible position with his road. He has a fifty year's traffic contract with the Northern Pacific, which is legal and binding. No matter how much that corporation may desire to squelch Hunt, he won't be squelched unless he so desires. He is under pledge to the people from whom he has obtained contributions never to sell out to any one, and his life would be in danger if he betrayed the trust imposed in him by the men who made up his subsidies. The Hunt system stands in the way of the O. R. & N. earning enough money to pay its fixed charges, and it is an essential prerequisite to the Lion and Lamb policy which so many hereabout imagine solves the problem for Portland's benefit, that it be removed. Hunt declares he won't sell out, so what is to be done about it?"

The Union Pacific has shown utter incompetency to stand up against this young David of the sage plains, who stalks with all-conquering strides over Walla Walla and Umatilla counties, and is now reaching for the Grande Ronde in Oregon, and the Columbia county in W. T., paralleling the lines of the O. R. & N. Co. as he goes, and they are yelping with loud clamor for some one to come and save them. This Villard promises to do if he can. The U. P. threw up its hands from the beginning of Hunt's campaign, and permitted the destruction of its business without an effort to rescue its own by competition. It even permitted wheat that was stored along its own line for shipment, to be hauled to the line of the Hunt road and shipped to Tacoma. So it comes to pass that everywhere in Eastern Oregon and Washington, Hunt is regarded as a liberator and emancipator only second to Lincoln or the Father of his Country.

try. If he cannot be removed by peaceful methods the only alternative is to divide territory with him or run him out. But, unfortunately, the dilemma presents itself that there is no possibility of dividing territory, as he is right in the heart of the best producing country, and every one insists on shipping with him. To run him out provokes the knowledge that he has a cheaply constructed railroad, which has not yet gone through the watering process, and therefore the overloaded O. R. & N. in a race for rule or ruin would stumble like a hippopotamus as opposed to the gazelle. It is patent to any one who has knowledge of the very superior traffic contract he has with the Northern Pacific, besides all the other favorable conditions previously named, that he can't be run out.

So we fear Portland is yet very far removed from that era of the good time coming when we shall be what Nature destined us to be,—but which man has perverted,—the shipping point for a large scope of tributary territory; so long as our carriers will not meet the conditions which are necessary for business, that is, carry as cheaply as their competitors, we ought to lose prestige as we have lost it; it was the grace of the Union Pacific management that made Tacoma a better wheat market by from three to five cents per bushel last year; the rate on grain fixed from here to the ocean for the ensuing year, makes Tacoma a better wheat market by two cents per bushel for the coming harvest. So long as the Union Pacific as the lessee company so manages the O. R. & N., it will not benefit us if a majority of the directors of the latter company are chosen in Portland, no more than it would if all the stockholders resided here.

Let the U. P. throw up their lease and then the O. R. & N. directors could say and do something of benefit to Portland, as the almoners of that corporation."

The editor of the Walla Walla Chief keeps on "havin' his opinyun" of us. We don't consider it a very great misfortune.

A PETITION has been circulated and numerously signed asking the county court to make an appropriation for the opening of a wagon road from pyles canyon to Clover creek. This is a road that is much needed and we hope the commissioners will comply with the request.

THE COVE.

July 10, 1889.

Letters remaining uncalled for in Cove postoffice: Charley Allen, Thos. Archer, Frank Crow, Geo. S. Coger, C. H. Foster, Geo. T. Furgason, O. W. Hartness, Chas. Vantress, John West, R. M. Woods.—Jasper G. Stevens, P. M.

Joseph Flick has moved into the Wilkinson residence, Adam Crossman having purchased the Flick property. Mr. Crossman will remodel the building and occupy the place with his family in a short time.

Mr. Wesley Matlock, of Pendleton, visited Cove acquaintances last week. He will attend a California college this fall.

H. J. Gear & Son furnished Union people 140 gallons of cherries on the Fourth. They have worlds of them left.

J. C. Doney and Henry Chandler have returned from a canvassing trip in Idaho. They met with success, having disposed of over one thousand dollars worth of nursery stock.

A limited number of Coveites attended the circus at La Grande. They say it was the same old thing, with very few novelties.

A crack shot of High valley says he will select ten riflemen from his ille and Cove and shoot any ten men from any precinct in the county, ten shots each, 200 yards off hand. The match to be for fun, marbles or dust. If Union will accept, there will be plenty of fun ahead.

John Doney, formerly of Cove, is said to have suffered a loss of his stock of goods in the late great fire at Ellensburg. He, however, carried full insurance.

Haying is going on in every direction. The crop will be a fair one, though probably not so large as last year.

Mordica Kennedy, father of Vivian Kennedy of Cove, died suddenly at his home near Monmouth the 5th instant. The telegram bearing the sad news was a great surprise as the deceased was healthy and robust only a short time since.

The failure of the proposed match game of base ball at Union the Fourth was quite a disappointment to many Coveites who say they visited the county seat on purpose to witness the contest. The North Powders have no reason to complain. They carried away the prize without making a run.

The Cove school district advertise for 12 cords pine or fir wood, to be delivered at the school house by Sept. 1st. Prompt cash will be paid for the same.

Mr. E. B. Sanborn's strawberry

patch was a source of considerable profit this year. It was under two acres in extent and produced nine hundred gallons of berries which were sold at fifty cents per gallon.

Considerable local interest is manifested in regard to the outcome of the Sullivan-Kilrain battle for the companionship on the 8th. About \$250 changed hands on the result.

Mrs. Lou Payne and family have moved into the Jaycox residence where they will reside this winter.

Miss Mollie Foster, of Union, is visiting Cove friends this week.

Lafe Keller, while hunting for cattle near the Indian creek mill, Monday, found an old bear and two cubs. Having no firearms, he chased off the old one and treed the youngsters, which made a great uproar. The mother returned in haste and Lafe concluded that pet cubs were not much good anyway.

A Sound Legal Opinion.

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