

An Interesting Letter from Our Regular Correspondent at the Capital.

WASHINGTON, (D. C.) Dec. 6, 1889. EDITOR OREGON SCOUT:—

A really complete consensus of the opinion of members of the House and Senate as to the president's message is of course impossible to secure. The majority have no definite opinion to give. A few southern democrats express their opinion of his remarks on ballot-box frauds against the negro in rather picturesque language, but that is about all. The message is an unusually long one, but this is the fault of necessity, as the manifold interests of the government broaden with every year, and it is the duty of the president to "give the Congress information of the states of the union."

The president's position on the South, the civil service and on the silver coinage, will meet with most opposition. On the tariff and surplus question he adheres clearly to the declaration of his party. As to pensions there is no doubt of his liberality, and his wish that no union soldier should ever be allowed to die in a poor house, will meet a hearty response.

The nomination of David J. Brewer of Kansas to succeed the late Stanley Matthews on the Supreme Bench was a great surprise, having only been rumored about twenty-four hours before it was actually made. The nomination was due largely to the influence of Senator Plumb. In view of Judge Brewer's lack of party record further than having always been a consistent and persistent office holder, it is likely that his nomination will be less popular than would have been that of certain other prominent candidates for the position.

The Senate adhered to the time honored plan of the drawing of lots as to which of the senators from the new states should be designated for the short term and which for the long. Prior to the adoption of the motion Mr. Callum presented a certificate from the two Houses of North Dakota, designating Mr. Pierce as the long term senator. The Senate held that the legislature, under the constitution, had nothing to do with the matter. Mr. Pierce proved as unlucky in the casting of lots as he was before the Senate, for Mr. Casey, his colleague, was the lucky man who received the long term.

The House, though only occupied by a score of people, looked like a mysterious school room last night. Mr. McPherson, the newly elected clerk, was testing the fourteen gentlemen who appear as candidates for the two positions of reading clerks of the House. Each man was given ten minutes hearing. The reading was Washington's farewell address, being selected by Mr. McPherson as an especially difficult composition. It was given in every style from the business rattle of a roll call to a sing song, and from east river delivery to the most ambitious manner. The salary of reading clerk is \$3,000 per annum and the plan therefore worth trying for. The trial of last evening was not conclusive however, and several of the best readers will be given a chance before the House to-day. If the trial proved anything, it proved the scarcity of good readers.

Some of the readers perished upon the rocks of hesitation, while several showed the part of the country they were from by amazing provincialisms; while still others merely attempted to roar. The last was a great defect, inasmuch as a sharp, metallic voice is re-

quired in the House in order to be heard above the din of conversation. A voice of great volume might drown the noise, but could not itself be heard. Witness the number of bass voiced readers who fall before political conventions, and similar noisy bodies every year. J. H. C.

MEDICAL SPRINGS.

A Pungent and Spicy Letter from an Occasional Correspondent.

December 17, 1889. Plenty of hot water at Medical Springs. Figs feet and fat turkeys.

Mr. Parker, of Riverside Farm, visited the springs this week.

Mr. Harry Swisher was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Sams this week.

Mrs. Rogers will raffle her fine painting of Mt. Hood at Patterson's furniture store in Baker City on the 21st.

Mrs. Lizzie Board has not yet returned to the classic lands of Big creek and serious doubts are entertained in regard to her future, however Norval may give a satisfactory explanation.

Mr. Fred Duncan is at present engaged with Mr. C. F. Duncan in the grist mill at Baker City. Fred is a little darling and is sorely missed by the young folks in this vicinity.

Mrs. Ed. Turner has graced the neighborhood with a fine bounding boy. Father doing well.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Parker, of Troutdale, were the recipients of a pleasant visit from Mr. Goble and Miss Gracie Wright.

It is expected that a consolidation will occur in high life soon; that two fond souls will be united, two hearts will beat as one.

Miss Batt has not returned to the springs yet, but is expected soon after the holidays.

Mr. Albert Wright (like Jacob of old) made an agreement to work for a wealthy rancher in an adjoining neighborhood for a similar consideration, but on hearing of the return of an old flame of the pretty damsel, concluded to take a hasty departure to his old home, a saddle but a wisecracker.

Mr. Ed. Parker, Jr., and Mr. George Brooks will visit Baker City and remain through the holidays. A fond welcome awaits Mr. Parker at the Depot hotel at Baker—loving parents and a pretty little fair-haired damsel.

The moral whirlwind, which twisted up the work of old Satan in this vicinity, has subsided and only the memory of the magnitude of its greatness remains. We are hoping soon to be able, once a month, at least, to listen to the Word, and may its influence be felt throughout the realm.

Great preparations are being made for the Christmas tree at Dolby's and a good time is expected. Mr. Dolby informs the public that a good hall, lights and fire will be furnished for all public meetings, Sunday school, church, or anything the people would like at his hall, at any time. This is a case of true hospitality, very rare, and will surely be appreciated by the people of this vicinity.

Uncle Crooks Barnes is still in the land of the living and is waiting for some pretty "wid" to come like a sweet fairy and bless his home with her presence. His dog, Snyder, is in better training now than he used to be.

Miss Daisy Jameson has gone to Union and will remain all winter. She will be greatly missed by the circle of friends who are left.

Gus Rogers is attending school on the river and living with Mr. and Mrs. Dean for a short time.

Hon. and Mrs. Dunham Wright will spend Christmas at Union or Cove. Miss Gracie will decide where the Christmas festivities will be partaken of.

We are hoping to see the surveying party in this vicinity soon and rejoice in the future prospects of Union, our pet town and county seat, and hope to assist in illustrating by pen and picture each one who was so selfish as to enjoy the prosperity of the town without helping to raise the subsidy which was so necessary to the advancement of the Hunt railroad. An invitation has been extended to a local artist for sketches of town and people, and also comic pictures of those who are a drawback to the advancement of the country, the Hunt system of railroads and the present county seat, by the Sporting World, (Police Gazette) to be published in the early spring. The artist kindly forebore to give the same till a little further time had been extended. JOHN SMITH.

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TIME TABLE. Arrival and Departure of Trains at the Union Depot.

No. 1 West-bound Express - 4:25 a. m. No. 2 East-bound " - 11:55 a. m. No. 3 West-bound Fast Mail - 4:55 p. m. No. 4 East-bound " - 7:45 p. m.

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Notice For Publication. LAND OFFICE AT LA GRANDE, OREGON. December 2, 1889. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the following named settler has filed notice of her intention to make final proof in support of her claim, and that said proof will be made before the register and recorder at La Grande, Oregon, on January 16, 1890, viz:

Mary Koger. D. S. No. 8090, for the P. S. S. E. 1/4 Sec. 31, and W. 1/4 Sec. 33, T. 28, R. 40 E.

She names the following witnesses to prove her continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: David Boswell, George Hess, John Jones and Archibald Boyles, all of Cove, 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 the same, submitted by claimant. HENRY RISHAVER, Register.

SUMMONS. In the Justice Court of Union precinct, Union county, Oregon. G. L. Bowman, Plaintiff vs. H. C. Glasow and Samantha Johnson, Defendants.

To H. C. Glasow and to Samantha Johnson, the above named defendants:— IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON, you and each of you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled case on or before the 4th day of February, 1890, and that if you fail to appear or answer, in default thereof the plaintiff will take judgment against you for the sum of \$5.25 and for the costs and disbursements of this action.

You will further take notice that this summons is served upon you by publication by order of R. P. Wilson, Justice of the Peace for Union precinct, Union county, Oregon. G. L. BOWMAN, Plaintiff.

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Grand Gift Distribution

According to our usual custom, to show our appreciation of the Liberal Patronage we have received from the people of this vicinity, we have completed arrangements for a GRAND GIFT DISTRIBUTION.

For every dollar's worth of goods bought of us during the remainder of the year our patrons will receive a ticket which will give them a chance to secure one or all of the following beautiful presents:

- First Prize, Two superb pastel pictures. 2 do Elegant parlor lamp. 3 do Large photo album. 4 do Complete water set. 5 do Silver plated cake stand. 6 do Pair vases. 7 do One vol. Shakespeare. 8 do Plush stationery box. 9 do Ladies' work box. 10 do Set ice cream dishes. 11 do Majolica fruit dish. 12 do Scrap album. 13 do Set glassware (4 pieces.) 14 do Music roll. 15 do Oil painting, 24x36.

Drawing to take place Dec. 31, at 7 P. M.

GIFTS for the CHILDREN.

For every twenty-five cents' worth of goods bought of us during the remainder of the year, by the little folks, we will give a ticket entitling them to a chance to draw one or all of the following prizes:

- First Prize, Large doll. 2 " Scrap album. 3 " Box stationery. 4 " Paper weight. 5 " Pair vases. Sixth Prize, Combination bank. 7 " Cup and saucer. 8 " Basket perfumery. 9 " 50 cents' worth candy. 10 " Steam engine.

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38 acres adjoining the city of Union. Will be sold as a whole or in parcels. Good opportunity to secure a cheap home. Price of whole tract \$3,250. 320 acres for miles north of Union; all tillable land; unimproved; Price \$15. per acre.

1320 acres of improved land, fourteen miles north of Union; 200 acres farming land; 200 acres in meadow and balance suitable for meadow or pasture; good fences, buildings, orchard and plenty of water. A good home for a desirable homestead. Price \$15. per acre; one fourth down and balance on three and five year's time. 10 acres adjoining the city of Union. Known as the Moore garden; large orchard; shrubbery of all kinds; hot and dry houses. A fine bargain for any one desiring to engage in the fruit and garden business. Price \$5,500.

190 acres one mile west of Union; fine grain or meadow land. Price \$60. per acre. 320 acres two and one-half miles northwest of Union; all grain and meadow land; well improved. Price \$25. per acre. 320 acres 25 miles south of Union; all fenced, with good wire fence; improvements for plenty of water and one range; 8,000 rails on the place; 150 acres farming land; balance pasture land; good orchard; three miles from timber; fine kill on place. Price \$9. per acre.

210 acres one mile south of Telocaset and nine miles south of Union; 100 acres cleared and 50 acres timber culture; 50 acres good grain land; 50 acres fenced and under cultivation; 5,000 rails on place; dwelling, barn, cellar and out-buildings; good well. Price \$1,400. 100 acres just north of Telocaset and 7 miles from Union; 50 acres under cultivation; 50 acres improved. Price \$11.00 per acre. 100 acres two and one-half miles north of North Powder; 140 acres tillable land; 45 acres under cultivation; good house, barn, cellar and out-buildings. Mortgage \$750. Price \$14. per acre.

1040 acres twelve miles north of Union, in Cove; 600 acres grain and meadow land; balance pasture; well improved; good fences, buildings, orchard, etc., and plenty of water; timber joining same on east. An excellent farm for diversified husbandry. Price \$15.00. 320 acres eleven miles north of Union, in Cove; 200 acres in cultivation; good fences, buildings, etc. A fine farm. Price \$7,500. Ranch of 361 acres, known as the Half Way Station on the road between Union and Cornucopia, and 4 miles from Sanger, has a large story-and-a-half house, barn and stables on each side, wood shed, two wells also a stream of running water on the place; 100 acres of natural meadow land and a fine range of land. This would be a fine location for a milk or stock ranch. One hundred tons of first class hay can be cut each year. Price \$500.

Who wants a saw mill? Here is your chance. Only 6 miles from North Powder. A first class mill, with a cutting capacity of 9,000 feet per day, and has reached 10,000 feet. This mill has a double circular saw, built according to the latest improvement, with first class machinery throughout. Only one-fourth mile from main river, by plenty of good mill timber; water power mill, with water privileges, etc. Easy payments. This is a splendid chance for a millman. Price \$100,000. An 80-acre tract of fine land as can be found in Powder River valley; on warm spring branch; splendid grain or meadow land, and only 3 miles from North Powder. This is a rare bargain. Price \$500.

Three blocks in one tract in North Union, known as the John Eaton place; has large and commodious house, well and substantial constructed in every particular; entire place set in orchard of cherries, pears, apples, etc., also small fruit grow to perfection; entire place can be irrigated; all necessary out-buildings. For a neat residence in Union you can find no better place. This is a chance in a lifetime. Price \$1,750. One and one-half lots in Cove, upon which is an elegant two-story house with eight rooms, all well finished throughout; stable, woodshed, etc., also good well. This is one of the finest residences in Cove. Give us a call and we will suit you. Price \$1,750. Good farm of 100 acres, 1 1/2 miles from North Powder on the main road from Union to Baker City; well finished story and a half house; good barn, stable, granary, etc.; well for barn and one for house; young orchard of 50 trees; beginning to bear; and small fruits in great quantities. This is one of the best farms around North Powder.

320 acres of improved land, 16 miles from Union and 5 miles from North Powder; mostly good tillable land; some meadow land; balance pasture; living water on the place; year round; near timber and one-half mile from school house. Price \$1,900. 12 1/2 acres of good farming land 1/2 two miles northwest of Union; 40 acres under cultivation; small house and stable. Price \$15 per acre. A half block in North Union with nice residence, convenient to business portion of Union, and a very desirable home; small well and necessary outbuildings. Price \$1,000. A block of land in North Union; suitable dwelling for a small family; small barn, wood shed, cellar, etc. A very desirable location on Main street. Price \$1,200. 120 acres of improved land, in Cove; all good meadow land but about 20 acres, which is suitable for pasture. Price \$9. per acre. Also a large number of town lots and blocks. All Letters promptly answered and all information desired will be cheerfully given. Address all communications to WILSON & HACKETT, Secretaries Union Real Estate Ass'n