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EDITOR.

Thursday, Jan'ry 23, 1890.

A GREAT DRAWBACK.

Every winter Union is besieged by a great many people who come here to live during the winter months. The main inducements which bring these lishes the summaries of the assessment winter residents here is the extreme rolls except the new county of Sherhealthfulness of this locality, coupled man which was not in at that time, vantages. Union has never had suffi- to be an effective eye-opener for the will be one of unprecedented activity, other, and the whole county assessment | 684,670. and aside from the large number of summarized, showing the whole value dwellings and buisness houses that will of each different kind of property in be built by property owners, there will | the county, the gross value of all, the be a greater demand than ever for indebtedness in the state, etc., and a houses to rent. The property holders balance struck, showing the net taxaof the town should see that this de- ble property in the county. mand is fully supplied and endeavor to induce immigration by erecting pleasant homes for new comers.

Nothing is so much needed in a growing town, with an invitating outlook ahead of it, as a reliabe building association formed by a combination of local capital or by the establishment of a branch to some reliable and honest national organization of the kind. The recent organization of the Union branch of the Washington Building, Loan & Investment Association, of Scattle, will likely prove of much benefit to the town, in fact, is sure to if the werkings of the organization is as represented.

It should be the aim of every citizen to use all honorable means in his power to advance the interests of the town and to make its numerous natural and acquired advantages known to all with whom he comes in contact. While Union has moved slowly for several years past, the time is at hand for it to take its place among the thriving and progressive cities of the land, and each and every one of its citizens has a chance to make the most of favorable apportunities and in building homes and fortunes for themselves, assist in the general prosperity of the town.

FOREST DELL DOTLETS.

PINE VALLEY, Or., Jan. 15, 1890. two feet.

Grand masquerade ball at Cornucopia on the 15th inst.

Thermometer sixteen degrees below zero on the morning of the 9th inst.

Literary society in Sunny Dell district draws great crowds-apparently more crowds than either literary or society.

Miss Ballard, who spent the holidays in the valley, expressed herself as well pleased with the young folks and with her visit generally.

We learn that Rev. Oliver will begin a protracted meeting in Sunny Dell district Sunday evening. It is to be hoped better order will prevail than has heretofore at the literary.

Mr. Jacobson who had a band of 1200 sheep is said to have lost about 1000 of them. He was warned repeatedly against taking them there to winter and has paid very dearly for his experience.

At the I. O. O. F. installation of offi cers, recently, the following officers were installed: K. A. Leep, N. G.; H. D. Landrum, V. G.; J. A. Denney, P. Sec.; Henry Foster, Rec. Sec.; A. R. Stalker, Treas.

There has been a protracted meeting at Pine valley under the auspices of Rev. Oliver of the M. E. church. Cold weather causing but a small attendance the meetings adjourned until more favorable weather.

We are assured by Dr. O'Connor that he never authorized anyone to mention his name as an aspirant for office. However, the doctor is competent to fight his own battles and we expect to see a communication from him soon.

We learn that Rev. Yokum, who by the way has on several occasions (we don't know who was to blame) failed to put in an appearance to fill appointments that had been made for him, did not come to Eagle, owing to the fact that he was requested by people there not to do so, for fear of the meetings causing spread of dipththeria, of which there has been two or three cases there, recently, and as Rev. Yokum did not come to Eagle he also failed to get to Pine. To those who know the fatal nature of this terrible scourge, it seems a wise plan to defer all such gatherings for a time. CARRIE R. DOVE.

A NUTEFOR THE SOLONS. A Curious State of Affairs Shown up for

the Information of the People.

City and County Official Paper. EDITOR SCOUT :-"Figures won't lie" is an old adage, but they make liars out of very many people in Oregon. The assessment rolls for the various counties in Oregon are now on file in the office of the secmaking a statement of the resources of Oregon in its New Year's edition pub-

belonging to another, and when the one takes it out of his assessment as in as a note or account, and since no indebtedness is allowed outside of the state, the indebtedness claimed by individual tax-payers in Oregon should, by outsiders to our citizens, and which are assessed in our state, One class and swear to it if necessary. of property is listed as "Money, notes, accounts, bonds, shares of stock, county orders, etc.," and it is safe to say that in Oregon the two items-notes and accounts-do not aggregate over one-half of the whole list in value, and hence the indebtedness in the state ought not to be over one-half as much as the "Money, notes, accounts, bonds, Pyle canyon, were pulled on Sunday shares of stock, etc." But the returns evening. show that all this class of property aggregates only \$16,253,725, while the indebtedness claimed amounts to \$35,-598,179, or more than twice as much county orders in the state.

Now it is probable the indebtedness is given in about right. If so, the of stock etc., in Oregon in truth aggre-Freeman S, has his best girl again. gate not less than \$70,000,000 while Snow in the valley to the depth of the assessors return but little over \$16,000,000. Now who is it owns these bonds, money, etc. that escapes day night in a sleigh. They found taxation? Is it the men in ordinary circumstances or is it the wealthy class? But let us take a few of the counties representative of the different parts of the state and compare them:

COUNTY.	Acts, Bonds, Stock, &c. giv- en in to Ass'r,			ness Cl'd.		
Multnomah	\$1	722	310	\$10	170	560
Umatilla	1	973	120	9	660	2610
Marion		833	080	2	370	520
Union		972	765	1	405	600
Lane		589	421	1	292	192
Linn		486	008	- 1	794	357
Baker.		307	40G		780	252
Douglas.	WW. Lawren	747	610	1	128	655
Clatsop		630	478	1	040	580
Clackamas		325	348	1	375	011
Wasco.		614	597		927	1600
Yambiil.	- A	320	028	1	719	937
Coos		424	664		389	601

| Money Notes | Indebted

Does any one in Oregon beheve that Umatilla county has \$250,000 more money, notes, bonds &c. than Multnomah county with her city of Portland and her score of millionaires? Multnomah county says so, and then claims \$7,500,000 more indebtedness than Umatilla, and Multnomah county the tongue lasher of the E. O. R. sessments just the same as those of Umatilla county did. Does any intelligent person in Oregon believe that tion. Union county has \$140,000 more money, etc. than Marion county with her city of Salem and flourishing manufactures and banks? Marion county says so, and then claims \$965,000 more indebtedness than Union county, while Lane county with her thriving Eugene City, claims more than twice as much indebtedness as she gives in money, notes, accounts, etc, and Linn county with her rich and beautiful city of Albany, tries to beat Multnomah by claiming three and one-half times

as much debt as she has money, etc. But let us drop the rest and examine Multnomah county a little further. hay is not abundant. Multnomah county contains the city of Portland which claims to have over howling in the ears of the wearied 60,000 population. Her people claim populace yet. The carcass of county that she is the richest city in proportion to population in the world. She claims no less than twenty millionaires. to be safe to sally forth in the hunt for Her real estate transactions for 1889 subsistence in the county sheep folds. amounted to \$14,000,000. Her manu-

facturing output amounted to \$20,000, 000. She claims that she has \$63,000,-000 invested in wholesale and retail trade, not including incorporated banks or railroad incorporations. The last statement of her ten principal banks to \$2,368,750.32, or a total bank capital in those ten principal banks of \$8,518,retary of state, and the Oregonian in | 750.32. These published bank statements must be sworn to the same as the assessments of her individual taxpavers. The deposits in the banks ought to amount to really as much as the bank stock proper, and yet the with our superior schools and other ad- and these published summaries ought bank stock alone of ten of her banks amount to five times what the whole cient dwellings to accommodate the honest tax-payers of the state. When county gave in as money, notes, aclarge influx of people and they have each tax-payer is assessed, he lists his counts, bonds, etc. to the assessor. It always experienced great difficulty in various kinds of property, giving it in is humiliating after reading the statis obtaining tenantable houses. Had fif- supposably at its true cash value, and ties of Portland's trade and wealth as ty dwelling houses been erected in then lists his indebtedness in the state gathered and arranged by the Orego-Union last fall there is no doubt and strikes a balance which is the net nian, to notice that the gross value of that all of them would now be occupied taxable property, or the amount on all property of the whole of Multnoby people, the most of whom would which he pays tax. These individual man county, as given to the assessor conclude to make Union their perma- assessments are placed in the assess- for the year 1889 is \$40,099,000, and nent home and identify themselves ment roll of the county, the same after taking out indebtedness and ex- ture of occupying a beautiful site in with our interests. This coming year | kind of property and values under each | emptions she pays taxes on only \$29,-

From the foregoing we must conclude that Multnomah county gives in the most dishonest assessment in the state; that Umatilla and Yamhill honest assessment; that on this class transportation on Puget sound. Now it is very plain that every debt | of property Eastern Oregon is assessed owed by one man is a note or account | fully twice as high as Willamette valley, while Willamette valley counties claim fully twice as much indebtedness etc. as Eastern Oregon counties.

The cyil lies primarily with the tax-payers who give in a dishonest assessment, and it is hard to devise a when added together, be less than the satisfactory remedy, for it is true that notes and accounts assessed, by the there are people who are strictly honest value of those notes and accounts owed in every other business transaction, who are good and law-abiding citizens, and yet will lie about their assessment,

TURNER OLIVER.

TELOCASET TATTLINGS.

A Heavy Storm Tne "Bloods" of Union

January 20, 1890. The two engines that have been off the track for several days past, in

Wednesday, the 15th inst., was the roughest day ever experienced by the oldest settlers of this place. The

storm did not check till 9 o'clock p. m. The Pyle canyon school has been as the whole of the notes and accounts running with only five or six scholars, added to the money, bonds stock, and | The roads were too bad for the ones fartherest away to reach the school

Telocaset school has been suspended on account of the deep snow and its growth will be phenomenal as soon money, notes, accounts, bonds, shares | bad weather. The scholars are nearly

> Four gentleman from St. Louis, who had been delayed in Baker for five days by blockade, passed by Frisome drifts on the road that made tears stand out in their eyes-and their frame shake.

Wesley Titus, of Ramo Flat, has been confined to his house for a few The Union Real Estate and Mining days past with that indefatigable La Grippe. Its grip is loosening and he is around again.

It seems that the young bloods of Union are having a war over the fair and \$5 per month payments. The sex and some slei h riding is about to price of lots will be raised 10 per cent. end in a fracas. It must be enjoyable on the 15th of each month during the to take a girl riding and expect your back to be broken on your return by a jealous individual with blood in his eye and a gun in his boot.

(Minister-Sunday night.) "Ah my on the wall. Do you know what it was my dear Christian brethren and sisters? (Barkeeper-suddenly awakening.) "If you can't pay don't play. Looks like you'd ought to remember from one night to the next."

What a pity another Noah Webster don't arise and invent a few more words to be used in this combat between the Pine valley pedagogue and tax-payers solemnly swore to their as- The present edition is far too short and narrow to supply the missels for this onslaught. County seat and Doc. O'Connor are getting quite a ventila-

> There is one book recently published that is destined to create a wider sensation than any other ever put in print. It is Stanley's explorations in the African continent. These latter days are opening up wonderful things to the eyes the world. When blind faith dies, glorious reality will

> Some of the highest snow drifts are piled up around here this winter that have ever been known. They would strike awe to the bosom of a veteran-Alpine guide or a Dakota rancher. Stock can scarcely navigate, Sleds are let down some places in Pyle cansnow shoes. Wee to the man whose

> We don't hear the political wolves office is not scented by the hyena, perhaps. Or perhaps their gaunt legs are too weary from the recent storms SIR SINGLE.

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