

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Baker county aspirants for official position are making themselves known by announcements in the papers which is right and commendable.

The City council of Baker recently passed an ordinance which imposes a tax upon about every occupation in the city. This was deemed necessary in order to meet the indebtedness against the city and to provide the wherewith to keep the municipal machinery oiled.

The Gazette, organ of the "gang" over at La Grande had a lengthy article last week on the county seat question. We would like to publish it in full but have not the space this week.

We have not been informed as to what progress has been made by the right-of-way committee who have been at work on the Hunt line, but learn from parties from the lower end of the valley that the workers there were very successful and about all the right-of-way has been secured.

SUMMERVILLE.

A good many of Summerville's best citizens left Sunday and Monday for Union to attend court. Treat them well, as it is hard to tell what they have done.

The right-of-way for the Hunt system is about all adjusted and all feel happy that the prospect for work on the road is so near at hand.

Marshal and Arthur Oliver are hauling lumber to the Augreen ranch, which they bought, preparing to build a residence thereon.

The cases in justice court for the last few days have been disgraceful in the extreme, but such things have to come about to rid a country of a nasty set of filth.

As the political pot has begun to boil we advise the democratic party to keep their eyes on Turner Oliver as the proper man for county clerk.

G. J. Weir, who has been in this vicinity for some time looking after the interests of Staver & Walker, has learned Barney some things that he very much needed to know, and we hope that the schooling will help Barney to accomplish something.

It is astonishing how the Gazette tries to show up our worthy Governor as being a bad man. But nothing better could be expected from this source. Penneyer will be our next governor and the Gazette will continue to give the combination to "the key hole."

My friends, who is your twenty-five-dollar-per-ton hay? The winter is broken and the grass is green on the

hills. Stock are looking fine, none have died in this or Indian valley this winter, and thousands of tons of hay are left, and the people are happy and prepared to feed all of Hunt's teams when they come to work. Good!

Wm. Patten and Sam Brooks returned from Portland during the week where they saw the great flood in the Willamette river at that place which they speak of as being awful in the extreme. So far as destruction of property is concerned they feel safer on Grande Ronde soil.

The Bonanza Brewery is receiving two coats of paint on the outside, which will help the appearance of the building very much; but we would advise George to give the inside about 200 lbs of soap, ten thousand gallons of Mill creek water, well applied with broom and brush, and relieve the town of a horrible stench.

While La Grande, Union and Elgin are having their boom, keep your eye on Summerville. She has the soil, water, timber and the best location for a town of any place in Union county. We would advise those looking for a good locality in which to invest, to come and see our town at least. Our people are civil.

We were somewhat amused at your correspondent "Molke" from the Park when he spoke of that Rev. Johnson trying to abuse the minds of the people in regard to Tom Paine. This is the same good man who is reported to have said on the streets of Summerville that he had drunk whiskey enough to float a horse from town to Willow creek.

Summerville needs a shoemaker. Some good workman would do well to come here and locate, as work would be plenty and the pay good.

Our literary is running in full blast every Wednesday evening and good times are being had by all who attend. Come out old and young and enjoy yourselves.

OLD BLACK JOE.

WASHINGTON.

An Interesting Letter from Our Regular Correspondent at the Capital.

WASHINGTON, (D. C.) Jan. 31, 1890. EDITOR OREGON SCOUT:—

It is stated to-day that Harrison has offered Secretary Noble the place on the Circuit bench in the Southwest, left vacant by the elevation of Judge Brewer, of Kansas, to the Supreme Court. Secretary Noble is said to have taken the matter under advisement but his friends believe that he will not accept.

The House of Representatives has had bad luck with its reading clerks. Clerk McPherson tested the candidates before the men were selected, but unfortunately he only tried them on Washington's Farewell address in print. Now it develops that the best man of the lot, so far as vocal powers go, having a voice that could be heard all over a boiler factory, cannot read manuscript.

Martin Maginnis, one of the Democratic Senators-elect from Montana, occupied a seat upon the floor of the Senate yesterday. The other Democratic Senator-elect, millionaire Clark is still in the city, and the Republican Senators-elect are expected to arrive this week.

Neither the Republicans or Democrats will be seated. The Republicans' Commissions are signed by the Secretary of state, while those of the Democrats bear the autograph of the Governor. None of these sets of credentials, therefore, are in legal form, and on this technicality, unless the Republicans can discover some ingenious basis for adding two to their majority, there will be a halt. In such an event the credentials would likely be returned with the opinion that no election for

Senators from that state had been formally completed. In such an event Governor Toole will appoint two senators to hold until the legislature meets. The Republicans would be quite well satisfied with such a plan, as they say that there is no doubt that the legislature to be elected next summer will have a working Republican majority.

The number of public building bills introduced this session is something amazing. There have already been two hundred and forty-five such bills laid before Congress, being a larger number than were presented during the entire Fiftyeth Congress, and triple the number introduced during the first two months of its first session.

The Senate will undoubtedly continue its discussions of the race problem and the sectional issues throughout the present session. On both sides the orators seem to fairly revel in the debate. The debate during the past week has consisted mostly of defenses of and attacks on Jefferson Davis.

The story of silk ribbons imported by a New York dealer, contrary to law, through the mails, and having woven into them the words "John Wanamaker Costumes, Philadelphia," is being enjoyed by the Democrats and will undoubtedly be made the subject of a Congressional inquiry.

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