

# THE OREGON SCOUT.

AMOS K. JONES, EDITOR.

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

For a full description of Union County see inside pages.

## AT HOME.

A Paraphrastic Record of Recent Happenings in and Around the City.

If you want money at low rates, go to J. R. Crites at Union.

Several interesting communications are crowded out of this issue.

The city recorder has had several drunk and disorderlies up before him this week.

Some of our farmers are plowing and many others will follow suit in a few days.

The snow has about disappeared in this section and the weather is pleasant for this time of year.

A disastrous fire occurred in Echo, Emmet county, on the 8th inst. The loss is estimated at \$18,000.

Attention is called to the advertisement of the O. & W. T. railroad company, which commences in this issue.

Gentle reader, go into your back yard, dig up the old can of hoarded wealth under the apple tree, and pay up your account at the Cove drug store.

Our Summerville friends speak of C. D. McDowell as the proper man to run for city recorder at the next election. They may be about three-thirds right.

Circuit court convened last Monday, Judge Fee presiding. Several interesting cases are on the docket and an unusual number of lawyers are in attendance.

The land contest before the commissioners of the general land office, taken up from this district, between S. C. Stimpson and James Howell has been decided in favor of the latter.

An attachment suit was commenced in the county court last Monday by the printers in the Republican office, against editor Middleton, to secure payment for wages amounting to nearly four hundred dollars.

A social dance will be given at Wright's hall, Cove, on the evening of February 21st, by Mrs. M. H. Eaton. The best of music has been secured, and an excellent supper will be served. Tickets including supper \$2.00. Everybody is invited.

Mr. Taylor Green Jr., came down from Malheur county Tuesday and says that the snow was 37 inches deep on a level in that country this winter, and that sheep, cattle and horses were dying by the hundreds. He says the sheep in Malheur county will be almost wiped out.

Complaints have come from various sections that THE SCOUT invariably arrives several days late. We shall investigate the matter and remedy it if possible. We have not failed, but once or twice, to mail the paper to our subscribers on Thursday. They will confer a favor on us by notifying us if they do not receive it on time.

Marshal Hearing came over from La-Grande yesterday having in charge Richard Wilde and Thomas Roundtree, and turned them over to Sheriff Hamilton. They are charged with the crime of larceny in a dwelling, having entered the residence of W. T. Bartusue of La-Grande and carried away numerous articles of value. The grand jury will attend to their case.

Thos. Arthur, a rancher on Brownlee creek, near Brownlee ferry on Snake river, was instantly killed while asleep in his cabin, a few nights since, by the descent of an avalanche of snow, which covered the house to a depth of forty feet. His wife was visiting friends in Pine valley at the time. The body was recovered by his brother James and a party of assistants, and taken to Pine valley for burial. Mr. Arthur was well liked by all who knew him and his death is much regretted.

## Stock on Snake River.

Mr. Dick Frampton returned from Snake river a few days ago, where he has been looking after his stock. He was unable to cross some of the streams on account of high water and did not get to see any of them. He reports the loss of stock in that region quite heavy this winter. The snow was sixteen inches deep on a level where snow seldom falls to any depth to speak of. Wm. Roth, who has a large amount of stock in that vicinity, has been housed up in his cabin all winter and his stock are on the hills. It was impossible to look after them on account of the snow and blinding storms, and up to the time Mr. Frampton left he did not know whether his stock were dead or alive, but it is likely most of them are dead. Dick says Snake river is very high now and running at a rapid rate. He saw one small house and a large amount of timber floating by. Mr. Frampton will return again in a few days to look after his stock and it is to be hoped he will find them all alive. This is the first year for a long time that stock have not wintered in good shape in that vicinity.

## Railroad to Aberdeen.

A dispatch from Gray's harbor says: "H. W. Hunt, railroad builder, made a proposition to the people of Aberdeen last night, to build a road from some point on the Northern Pacific through their town. He asked for \$150,000 in lands at present value, and depot and freight yard grounds, and promises that the road shall pass through Aberdeen. It is doubtful if his terms will be accepted."

## Commendable.

All claims not consistent with the high character of Syrup of Flgs are purposely avoided by the Cal. Fig Syrup Company. It acts gently on the kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the system effectually, but is not a cure-all and makes no pretensions that every bottle will not substantiate.

# OUR SOCIAL WORLD.

Brief Personal Mention—Epitomes of the Week's Amusements.

Mr. Jas. Turner, of Big creek, called on us yesterday.

Gen'l Stevens, of Clover creek, was in the city this week.

Uncle Jake Collins, of Summerville, was in the city this week.

Mr. Neil Morelock of Summerville, made us a pleasant visit Tuesday.

Mr. James Jones, of Pendleton, subscribed for THE SCOUT this week.

Mr. H. P. Campbell, of North Powder, made us a substantial visit Tuesday.

To-morrow is St. Valentine's Day. The young folks are making the most of it.

Mr. Joe. H. Logsdon, of Kansas City, Mo., subscribed for THE SCOUT this week.

Miss Susie Taylor, of Monroe, Iowa, sent us a subscription to THE SCOUT this week.

Mr. S. M. Harrell, of Indian valley, sent in a few days ago and subscribed for THE SCOUT.

Mr. and Mrs. Johns, of Baker, are in the city this week, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Deacon.

Mr. E. J. Brooks writes to have the address of his SCOUT changed from Island to La-Grande.

Mr. George Schenck, of Jasper county, Iowa, sent in and subscribed for THE SCOUT a few days ago.

Attorney Meachen, of Summerville, is in the city attending court. We acknowledge a pleasant call.

Mr. E. H. Pratt, of Haines station, called on us a few days ago and subscribed for THE SCOUT.

Mr. Thos. J. Lemons orders the address of his SCOUT changed from La-Grande to Harlo, Idaho.

Judge J. A. Fee and District Attorney J. L. Rand called on us this week. Both of them subscribed for THE SCOUT.

Miss Nellie Tall, of La-Grande, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Striker, in this city. She will remain until after the 14th.

Mr. Chas. Schiedhauer, of North Powder, called on us Tuesday. He thinks of locating on the Sound in a few days.

Remember the social dance at Davis' hall to-morrow night. A good time is anticipated. Tickets, including supper, \$2.

Miss Usher, the fashionable dressmaker for Mesdames Rinehart & Gager, has been visiting in La-Grande during the week.

Mr. L. A. Robertson called on us. Tides and subscribed for another copy of THE SCOUT to be sent to his father in Wadkill, Mo.

This office acknowledges a pleasant call during the week from Mr. J. E. Younces, of Eagle valley, who is here attending court.

Hon. Dunham Wright has been dangerously sick at his home at Medical springs for several days past, but was some better when last heard from.

Mr. George Patten, of Summerville, is the happy father of twins—a boy and girl. They arrived last Sunday. There is nothing mean about George. Shake.

Mr. James Gikison, of North Powder, called on us Tuesday and subscribed for another copy of THE SCOUT to be sent to J. M. Gikison, Orsego, Ohio.

The following marriage licenses were issued by County Clerk Neill this week: D. R. McKenzie and Cora C. Davis; H. D. Drake and Afton H. Clark; J. J. Myers and Luella Deloit; W. A. Kirby and Jessie Curtis.

Preparations are being made for a grand ball to be given in this city on the 17th of March by the Knights of Pythias. Further particulars will be given later on.

Attorney Wm. Smith, of Baker City, is in the city attending court. He is over-run with business, and has already taken a prominent place among the attorneys of the district.

Blue Mountain Lodge No. 28, K. of P. will hold public memorial services at their castle hall in this city, next Wednesday evening, in memory of the death of J. H. Rathbun, founder of the order of Knights of Pythias. All are cordially invited.

A "progressive toe pulling" was given at the residence of Mr. Geo. Baird last Friday evening. A number of the young folks of the city were present, and all expressed themselves as having had an enjoyable time. These parties, though scarcely introduced on this coast, are growing quite popular, and give promise of superseding all former modes of entertaining gatherings of young folks.

## Snow Slide at Cornucopia.

By a late mail we learn that Cornucopia was, on the 9th inst., visited by two snow slides more damaging than the first ones that occurred some three weeks since. The volume of snow which was precipitated down the mountain side was immense. The home station of the tramway was entirely destroyed, damaging the work some eight or ten thousand dollars. No lives were lost. Another higher up in the mountains buried the Burdette cabin, crushing it like a feather. This is something new in the history of that district and we trust it will be the last—for this year at least.

## Lectures.

The following are the dates and names of the speakers for the Tuesday evening lectures to be held in the M. E. church in Union. Tickets for full course of lectures, thirteen in all, one dollar, or ten cents for single lecture. Proceeds to be used in improving the church building.

February 20, Rev. R. B. Parker; March 5, Marion Davis; March 12, Wm. T. Wright; March 19, Lewis J. Davis; March 26, Turner Oliver; April 2, A. J. Hackett; April 9, Marion Carroll; April 16, J. L. Carter; April 23, Dr. C. H. Day; April 30, E. E. King; May 6, J. B. Crites; May 13, T. H. Crawford; May 20, J. W. Shelton; May 27, Grand Concert at Wright's hall.

## Call and Settle.

All parties indebted to me are requested to call and settle their accounts without further delay.—C. VICKERY.

# Circuit Court Proceedings.

Wm Meacham vs John Carr et al.; continued for term as per stipulation filed.

I. R. Dawson vs R. E. Drake; continued for term for service of summons.

W. T. Carroll admr vs G. W. A. Stansell and C. W. Hamilton; dismissed.

N. F. Ficklin vs Joseph Ficklin; dismissed.

Jas M. Mitchell admr vs Daniel Chandler et al; dismissed.

Oregon Railway Extensions Co vs J. A. McWhirter; dismissed.

L. Snyder vs Ellen L. Gore and W. H. Enos; default and judgment for \$135 and costs.

Henry Dray vs J. W. Dray; continued for the term.

H. H. French vs S. M. Bloom; continued as per stipulation.

Davis & Rankin vs La-Grande Creamery Co et al; continued for the term.

Williams & Groat vs Kellogg & Panch; continued for the term for service of summons.

M. R. Rees vs Jacob Connor; continued for the term as per stipulation.

R. E. Bryon vs Wm Reading; dismissed at plaintiff's costs.

H. P. Gregory & Co vs Kellogg & Panch; continued for the term for the service of summons.

Susan Williamson et al vs S. E. Deal and R. W. Deal; sale confirmed.

State Insurance Co vs O. R. & N. Co; motion to set aside service of summons sustained.

Board of Commissioners vs S. A. Mahaffey et al; sale confirmed.

The A. P. Hoteling Co vs J. C. Clayburn et al; continued for the term.

A. E. Eaton vs Orin Skiff et al; sale confirmed.

A. E. Eaton vs E. F. Baker et al; property ordered resold.

Board of Commissioners vs D. A. McAllister admr et al; sale confirmed.

Eliza Ann Simons vs Caroline and Charles Schiedhauer; same.

D. W. Lichtenhaler vs D. F. Moore; same.

Dan Marx vs Chas. Goodmough; continued for term.

J. B. Worster vs — Dray; sale confirmed.

J. T. and Jos. Wright vs J. M. and F. M. Haynes; sale confirmed.

A. J. Buckman vs Minnie Buckman; default; Wm Smith referee.

Chas. Schiedhauer admitted to citizenship.

State vs Hill; not a true bill and defendant discharged.

State vs Fowls & West; re-submitted to grand jury with instructions to return not a true bill.

Laura Burgess vs Joseph Burgess; default; A. C. Williams referee.

A. E. Eaton vs O. R. & N. Co; jury returned verdict in favor of plaintiff for \$150 damage for one horse killed.

## An Explanation.

Being hurriedly called away last week, to Weston, we left the local department of the paper to be filled up by reporters. Upon our return we found, with regret, that several articles had been published, which, had we been present would not have appeared. Among these was the article concerning the Hutchinson Bros. for their action in refusing to give the right-of-way across their land, to the Hunt railroad. While it would have pleased us and the citizens generally had they done this, their refusal to do so is hardly a sufficient cause for newspaper criticism. Any man who has by industry and economy accumulated property certainly has a right to do exactly as he pleases with it and no one should dictate or point out the way he shall invest it. So far as the "effigy" business is concerned, we are quite sure that no representative citizen of Union or vicinity ever advised anything of the kind. We trust that this will remove any wrong impression that may have been made on the minds of our readers by the article in question.

## Letter List.

List of letters remaining uncalled for at the Postoffice at Union, Oregon, for the month ending January 31, 1890:

Austin William F	Horton M
Bloom D L	Graves & Harrison
Benson Mrs Jane	James W G
Brittain J J	Johnson C W
Curtis Miss Ruby	Larin J H
Chamberlain P A	McGurk J
Decker Mrs N	Nitze Charles
French Mrs E W	Rice Miss Lillie
Hale I G	

Persons calling for any of the above letters, will please say "advertised."

Mrs. E. A. ALGER, P. M.

## A Safe Investment.

Is one which is guaranteed to bring you satisfactory results, or in case of failure a return of purchase price. On this safe plan you can buy from our advertised druggists a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. It is guaranteed to bring relief in every case, when used for any affection of Throat, Lungs or Chest, such as Consumption, Whooping Cough, Bronchitis, Asthma, Influenza, Croup, etc. It is pleasant and agreeable to taste, perfectly safe, and can always be depended upon. Trial bottles free at R. H. Brown's drug store, Union, Oregon.

## Call and Settle.

All parties indebted to me are requested to call and settle their accounts without further delay, as delays are dangerous. Now is the accepted time.

1-2-12 BENSON BROS.

## MARRIED.

KIRBY—CURTIS.—In this city, Saturday, Feb. 8, 1890, W. A. Kirby of The Dalles and Jessie Curtis, of La-Grande, Rev. S. M. Driver officiating.

DRAKE—CLARKE.—At the residence of Mrs. E. A. Alger, Feb. 10, 1890, Rev. Parker officiating. Mr. H. D. Drake and Mrs. Afton H. Clarke, both of this city.

Cupid again has caused surprise.

With little bow and dart;

He looked his victim in the eyes,

Then pierced him through the heart,

And then went fishing, I declare

A novel bait did take;

And oh! he caught a lady fair

While baiting with a Drake.

We'll wish them joy for years to come

And hope for no misdeeds;

Long may they have a happy home

For all the little drakes.

H. C. E.

# DIED.

JONES.—At his residence in Weston, Emmet county, January 31, 1890, after a brief illness, W. R. Jones, aged 78 years, 11 months and 4 days.

Deceased was father of the editor of THE SCOUT and the Jones Bros. of this city, who arrived at his bedside too late to see him alive. The funeral took place from the residence at eleven o'clock, February 3rd, and although the day was very stormy the remains were followed to the Weston Masonic cemetery and deposited in their final resting place by a considerable number of sorrowing friends and relatives. At the cemetery the following tribute to his memory was paid by Mr. L. S. Woods.

FRIENDS.—We have this day assembled to pay the last sad tribute of respects to an honest man.

It is customary on occasions like this for some person to make remarks eulogizing the memory of the dead; what better can be said, if truthfully said, than that the "Old Squire," as his friends loved to call him, was an honest man, for is not he the noblest work of God? We can say of him, too, that his religion was not the religion of churches and creeds, he believed in the religion of doing good to his fellow-man, and lived it. I do not think his head could have rested easy on his pillow at night, if he knew he owed any man a dollar. The needy and distressed never asked him for help and were turned away unrelieved from his door. He recognized every man as his brother, and his ideal heaven was big enough to contain them all. He was cast in much too large a mold to be a bigot, and he despised bigotry in others. He never went behind the door to express his sentiments, though not with the majority, and not popular. Still, he allowed others the same liberty of opinion he claimed himself, and treated it, when honestly given, with respect. Friends, this man's life since he has been a citizen of this town is like an open book, known and read of all men, and I have never heard him accused of a single ungenerous or mean act. He was strictly temperate in his habits, he never used intoxicants, tobacco in any form never stained his lips; doubtless he had petty sins and follies, who has them not? but he had as few of them as any man I every knew. Weighed in a balance against his virtues, they are as a handful of feathers against a cube of granite.

It seems to me friends, that W. R. Jones' life can be profitably used as an example by all of us, that when our life's work is done, it be as well done as his, that when the last dread messenger comes, we can wrap the drapery of our couch about us and meet death as bravely and fearlessly as did he, with no shadow of fear or demon of remorse to disturb our last repose.

What can be said now to comfort the sorrowing widow and children of our friend just gone from sight? Alas! words are inadequate to describe the sorrow of the bereaved, afford comfort, or replace the loss.

We can say of the deceased, that he believed in a Great Creating Power, whom we call God; that he believed in a future existence; why? Because he had been relieved of his old pain racked body he had worn as a garment for so many years, he is relieved of physical suffering, and why in his case, should there be any mental distress? No, rather let us hope, and reason points that way, that if the thin veil could be lifted, and we could see across the threshold into the other life, we should find our friend adapting himself to new conditions, and all is well with him.

Mr. Woods then read the following brief biography prepared by the children of the deceased:

"William R. Jones was born in Green county, Kentucky, Feb. 7th, 1811, which would make him 78 years 11 months and 4 days of age at the time of his death. He had three sisters and one brother, all whom are now living with the exception of one sister, who died a number of years ago. Born of hardy and courageous parents such as were the men and women who first settled Kentucky, he inherited that spirit of independence and self-reliance, which have ever been his predominate characteristics. Thrown upon his own resources when but a very small boy, by the death of his father, he resided with his uncles in Tennessee and Alabama till early manhood, when he married and settled in Bloomington, a town now known as DeKalb, in Buchanan county, Missouri. In the year 1850 he became imbued with a desire to emigrate to the comparatively unknown and distant land of Oregon, but being too poor to equip himself for such a long and arduous journey he spent that year in constructing a wagon and making such other preparations as were needed and in the spring of '51 he joined one of those bands of brave hearted and strong-armed pioneers who were among the first to conquer the western wilderness, and mark out a pathway for that advancing civilization which has made our fair Oregon what it is. Moving slowly day by day, suffering incredible hardships, constantly contending with hostile savages, the party to which he belonged pressed steadily onward toward the setting sun, across the Rockies, over the Blue mountains, passing, probably within sight of the spot where we are now assembled, they crossed the Cascade range and entered the fertile Willamette valley, just as winter was setting in. He with some of his companions settled in Lane county, where he made his home and afterward laid out a small town known as Cloverdale.

He brought two books with him across the plains, and these he would not part with, although many articles of more value had to be sacrificed. These were Robert Burns' poems and a volume entitled "The Millwright's Guide." The year following his arrival—in '52—he was induced by some of his neighbors, who were acquainted with his mechanical ingenuity, to attempt the building of a flour mill. To do this seemed almost an impossibility, as the castings and iron necessary for its construction were not to be obtained. Hearing there was for sale, at Portland, a pair of mill stones, he walked there, a distance of 125 miles, secured them and made arrangements for their shipment. He walked back again and commenced work on the mill, which, with the aid of the book above mentioned, he succeeded in successfully building; every wheel of which was of wood. This mill supplied the settlers of that part of the territory with flour, and was, if we are informed correctly, the second mill of the kind built in Oregon. We mention this as an illustration of his strong character and indomitable will. By reason of his position as owner of this mill, he was enabled to render great assistance to the famishing immigrants who arrived in 1853 many of whom yet live to render testimony of his generosity and assistance in those trying days. No man ever passed his door hungry without his wants being supplied. For many years he lived in Lane county, and with the accumulation of his industry reared a large family, consisting of four sons and five daughters, of whom two sons and two daughters are living to mourn the loss of a father, friend and advisor whom they loved and honored beyond the compass of mere words to express. Though grown to mature years and able to take care of themselves, each one of them ever turned, in hours of trouble, to "father" relying on his strong heart for support, knowing that his counsels would direct them in the way of right and that his loving sympathy would soothe them as no one else's could. Though his heart is pulseless now and his lips are closed forever; though this day seems darker than any that has ever dawned before; though life will henceforth contain a tinge of sadness not to be effaced, they feel a proud satisfaction in being the children of such a man. His example all may emulate with profit. He placed honor above price and while he scorned everything which appeared to him mean and base, his heart went out in pity to the poor, the unfortunate and the suffering. The most unhappy moments of his life were caused by the contemplation of sufferings in others. He was all kindness, gentleness and truth. If he erred, as all men often do, it was an aberration of the head, not of the heart. You who know him since he came to Weston some twelve years ago, must be acquainted with his character; but those most intimately connected with him can understand his tenderness and nobleness of heart. It was his good fortune to have his declining years and last days on earth cheered and made easier by the love and care of a devoted wife, to whom he clung with an affection that was pathetic, a love that will last until they are reunited in a home where death can never come. Quiet and unassuming he lived, and it was his wish to be laid to rest in as quiet and unostentatious a manner as possible. While he belonged to no church; while the creeds of the orthodox organizations of the day appeared to him irrational and wrong, he believed in the immortality of man and had an abiding faith that somewhere, in another life, he would be reunited with his children and friends who had gone before. In this hope he lived and died and death has stamped the seal of sincerity upon all his utterances. Who will say that his hopes are not realized? His calm features speak of peace at last, and his spirit now, as in life, will not refuse the help of loving friends nor disdain the prayers of any honest man."

## Merit Wins.

We desire to say to our citizens, that for years we have been selling Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Dr. King's New Life Pills, Bucklen's Arnica Salve and Electric Bitters, and have never handled remedies that sell as well, or that have given such universal satisfaction. We do not hesitate to guarantee them every time, and we stand ready to refund the purchase price, if satisfactory results do not follow their use. These remedies have won their popularity purely on their merits.—R. H. Brown, druggist, Union, Oregon.

# ELGIN!

## The Great Trade Center of Grande Ronde

## AND WALLOWA VALLEYS,

And the distributing point for Union and Wallowa counties.

## ELGIN!

The Junction of Two Great Railroad Systems, the Union Pacific—Oregon Railway and Navigation, and the Northern Pacific—Oregon and Washington Territory or "Hunt System."

## ELGIN!

Of all the flourishing towns and cities in Union county ELGIN is the only one that enjoys the distinguishing feature of occupying a beautiful site in the center of a valley, making it monarch, absolute, of the situation.

## ELGIN

Is surrounded on the east south and west by the greatest wheat growing country on the Pacific coast and will be connected, direct, with ocean transportation on Puget sound.

## ELGIN

Is surrounded by foothills of the Blue mountains that are covered from base to summit with a dense growth of pine, fir and tamarac timber that can only be equalled on Puget sound.

## ELGIN

Has Water Power of sufficient capacity to supply unlimited manufacturing, and arrangements are now being made for the erection of extensive grist and saw mills and other manufacturing industries.

## ELGIN

Is surrounded by low foothills that have proven to be the best fruit-growing land in Eastern Oregon. Being entirely free from the sweeping winds that prevail in other sections, the snow lies on the ground all winter, a sure guarantee of a good wheat and fruit crop.

## ELGIN

Can be supplied at nominal cost with pure, sparkling, cold water from Phillips creek, for domestic use, irrigation and protection against fire.

## ELGIN