

**THE OREGON SCOUT.**

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**EDITORIAL NOTES.**

The maliciously inclined papers are now circulating the report that the recent flood in the Willamette valley washed everything away except the mortgages on the farms.

The East Oregonian sizes it up in a nutshell, as follows: "What is Protection? It is taking from a thousand men what they need and deserve, and giving to one man who neither needs nor deserves it."

The Portland Welcome says the democrats can carry Oregon next June "if they have sense enough to take advantage of the present condition of affairs." It is to be hoped they will have sense enough.

An exchange figures it up like this: It is a little rough on the criminal. They get the weakest minded, most ignorant men possible for the jury, and then speak of trying the poor unfortunate by a jury of his peers.

The council of La Grando, a few months ago, mortgaged the town to secure \$20,000 with which to construct water works. The money has been on hand for some time but no move has been made to commence the work, until last week when the council appropriated \$2,000 to sink an artesian well "for the purpose of supplying the citizens with water." The remaining \$18,000, we presume is to be used in causing a suction through the "key-hole" sufficiently strong to draw the county seat in that direction.

More towns die for the want of confidence on the part of the business men and lack of public spirit than from any other cause. When a man in search of a home or business location goes into a town and finds everything brim full of hope over the prospects of the place, and all earnestly at work to build it up, he soon becomes imbued with the same spirit, and as a result he drives down the stakes and goes to work with the same interest. It is the duty of every citizen to try and make a live, enterprising town of the one in which he lives. When you are working or saying a good thing for your town you are accomplishing all the more for yourself.

**OREGON'S GOVERNORS.**

The first governor of the territory of Oregon was George Abernethy, from 1845 to 1849. He was followed by Gen. Joseph Lane, who filled the gubernatorial chair from March to August, 1849. After him came Major John F. Gaines, from 1849 to 1853; Geo. L. Curry, July to Nov., 1853; John W. Davis, Nov., 1853 to August, 1854; Geo. L. Curry, 1854 to 1859.

The state was admitted Feb. 14, 1859. The state governors were, John Whiteaker, 1856-1862; Addison C. Gibbs, 1862-1866; Geo. L. Woods, 1866-1870; Lafayette F. Grover, 1870-1877; S. F. Chadwick, 1877-1878; W. W. Thayer, 1878-1882; Z. F. Moody, 1882-1887; Sylvester Pennoyer, 1887-1891.

Of the above, all of the territorial governors are dead; and of the state executives, Gibbs and Woods have joined the silent majority.

Abernathy came to Oregon in 1840, and was one of the originators of the provisional government, which was in force until the organization of the territorial government. Gen. Joseph Lane was the Democratic candidate for Vice President on the Breckenridge ticket, in 1860, and at the opening of the war threw his influence in favor of the South. He refrained from taking any active part in the effort to disunite the republic, and retired to Roseburg, where he died in April, 1881. Governor Gaines was reported to have been killed by the Indians, near Fort Boise, Idaho, in 1854; nothing further is known of his fate. George L. Curry died in Portland July 28, 1878; Governor Davis resigned August 5, 1854, and left for his former home in Indiana, where he subsequently died.

Of the state governors, John Whiteaker is Collector of Internal Revenue at Portland, where he resides; Addison C. Gibbs died in London, England, Dec. 30, 1886; Governor Woods died in Portland recently; L. F. Grover practices law in Portland; S. F. Chadwick is a lawyer at Salem; W. W. Thayer has adorned the supreme bench, and Z. F. Moody is in business at his home at The Dalles.

longest. He was about 80 at the time of his demise, having been born two years after George Washington's death. Abernethy was 70, Gibbs had rounded 61, Davis 60, Curry 58, Gaines 60, Whiteaker is 70, Woods was 59, Moody is 58, Grover is 65, Thayer is 61, Chadwick 63, and the present chief executive is 75.

Grover was the only Oregon governor who was elected two terms, but he did not serve them, having been elected United States senator before the close of his second term.

Gov. Woods, was the only one on the list who had filled the governor's chair in a state and territory.

**SCHOOL LAWS.**

The following extract from the Amended School Laws of Oregon, is published for the benefit of district clerks in the county.

Section 42. Districts shall not be entitled to their proportion of the school funds at the disposal of the county school superintendent unless they shall report to him by the first Monday of March of each year, and shall have had a school taught in their district of one quarter's duration in each year; provided, that the entire school funds received annually by each school district from the apportionments of the five-mill county school tax and the irreducible state school fund made by the several county school superintendents shall be exhausted within and during the year for which such appointments are made and shall be expended for school purposes only; provided further, that no part of the five-mill county school tax and the irreducible state school fund, herein before mentioned, shall be applied in paying for school sites or the building or completion and seating of school houses ready for occupancy; provided further, that a new district shall not be required to have a school as aforesaid for the space of one year from the date of its organization. When a district has forfeited its school money no recourse whatever shall be had to obtain the same.

**WHO WOULD BE PRESIDENT.**

The question is often asked, who would be president in the case of the death of both the president and vice president? In January, 1886, after the death of Vice President Hendricks, a law was made fitting this case. If President Cleveland had died and been succeeded by the president of the senate, the spectacle would have been witnessed of a change of administration from democratic to republican, contrary to the will of the people, who elected a democrat president. To obviate this awkward difficulty, to provide that the highest officer in the country should be of the political party that prevailed at the last election, a special law was passed.

It declared that, in case of death or removal of both the president and vice president, the secretary of state should be president. In case of his death or removal, the chair will be filled by the secretary of the treasury, then by the secretary of war, and after him by the attorney general, post master general, secretary of the navy, secretary of the interior, in the order named. In case of the disability of all these, there would still be the secretary of agriculture, who was not a cabinet officer at the time the law was made. If therefore, Harrison and Morton should be removed, Secretary Blaine would be president. The nearest the country ever came to realizing the condition to be met by this law was in 1865, at the time of the assassination of Lincoln. If the plan of the conspirators had succeeded, president, vice president and secretary of state would have all been removed by the plot that killed Lincoln.

**SUMMERVILLE.**

A Readable Budget of News by Our Regular Correspondent.

The weather blustery but not cold. Stock doing well.

The health of the country good.

Boxing matches all the go. Some come off with well pasted heads.

Thos. Childers who was bitten some time ago by a hog is recovering after several days of suffering.

Several Elginites were in during the week.

The dance given at Rinehart's hall the night of the 14th was enjoyed by all present.

Joe Bernbaum who has been absent for some time returned Monday last fixed for a fight.

Herman Geer one of the Cove's best citizens, paid Summerville a visit during the week.

Everybody is anxiously waiting the advent of Hunt and his outfit in the valley.

J. R. Laramore of Sidehill, and C. E. Oliver of Brimstone, will both close their schools in about one week.

Mr. McLaughlin, of Bates County, Missouri, is among us and calculates to stay, as he thinks well of the country.

The literary is running at Rinehart's hall every Wednesday night and all who attend seem to enjoy themselves. Mrs. G. G. Patten who gave birth to twins on the 9th inst. is doing well. The little ones are quite a curiosity to the people of the town.

Mr. S. M. Quin, formerly of this place, died at Paris, Arkansas, on the 8th inst. of pneumonia fever. Mr. Quin had made many friends while living here. He leaves a large family and many friends to mourn his loss. Mrs. G. G. Patten, of this place, is his daughter and it is to be regretted that so much would come to mar the happiness of one who is universally respected by all.

The political star was discovered by some wise men in the southwest who followed it until the star stopped directly off our town and Elgin, when they began to make some inquiry as to where the promised Messiah was located. They finally succeeded in finding him on a string stretched from the key-hole to Elgin. The consumer of foul air at the head running down to anything that could be traded for votes to the tail. But it is suspected by some that the tail will not wag to suit the dog and the whole thing will collapse.

There are indications of a greater acreage of grain being sown the coming spring than ever before. Most all farmers who had not fully broke up their ranches are opening up all the new lands possible, and making every preparation to put in all the lands that will bear seeding. Besides a great many acres are being set to timothy and alfalfa grass, as hay in the near future will be more profitable to the farmer than grain, much easier handled. Extensive stock raising in this locality will soon be something of the past as there is no more money in the occupation.

According to reports by the Oregonian our assessor Mr. Guild, of Union county made himself heard in the meeting of assessors of the state in favor of the tax-payers and common sense. He has made a good officer and the republican party could do no better than to renominate him for the office. Mr. Guild is a young man with quite a family, and is a cripple for life but not like a great many who have not been so unfortunate, he is always on the rustle and earns his living wherever he is.

As wrestling matches seems to be all the go in Baker City this winter we wish to make the announcement that Summerville has a man that can throw Mr. Pasco two best in three falls, in Rinehart's hall in the town of Summerville, in two weeks after making the match, for five hundred dollars, and the winner to take the gate money. This man is not from Australia or Mexico but lives here, and has for many years.

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JOHN R. CRITES, Executor. Dated at Union, Union county, Oregon, this 8th day of February, 1890.



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