

THE OREGON SCOUT.

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The Oregon Scout has as large a 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 Paragraphic Record of Recent Happenings in and Around the City.

Mr. H. F. Burleigh sold his lots in North Union, this week, to Mr. Brown, for \$800. Col. Dow had a stroke of paralysis last Monday and is now lying in bed quite sick. Several communications came too late for this issue. They will appear next week. Warners celebrated yeast cakes for sale at the Cove drug store. Fresh and only 10 cents. We learn that work will commence on the railroad from La Grande to Elgin in a few days. Judge Fee, by reason of strict attention to business and impartial decisions, is becoming a great favorite with the people. We do not publish the grand jury report as it contains nothing of importance. They found 15 true bills and 5 not true bills. Mr. A. T. Neill last Tuesday received a telegram apprising him of the death of his mother. The sad intelligence was certainly unexpected. Mr. Nick Ficklin, administrator of the estate of W. T. Ficklin, deceased, has rented the farm near town to Chas. P. Miller, one year, for \$485. The weather for the past few days has been colder than at any time this winter. Several mornings the thermometer indicated ten degrees below zero. Mr. D. B. Davis has been appointed by the county court of Wallowa county as sheriff to serve the remainder of the term caused by the resignation of Kiehnart. An adjourned term of the county court will be held Saturday for the purpose of appointing judges and clerks for the June election. The regular term will commence next Wednesday. Prof. Lelente's memory system is creating greater interest than ever in all parts of the country, and persons wishing to improve their memory should send for his prospectus free as advertised in another column. We are informed that a dead cow or two are in the creek just at the edge of town. We mention the fact so that those parties who live below here who use water out of the creek may know what they are getting for their money. At a ball at Hardam, Morrow county, last Thursday night, Zeo Dickens shot and killed his brother Wake Dickens. The murdered man was escorting his brother's wife to supper and his brother's jealousy, when he fired the fatal shot. The murderer gave himself up and is now in jail at Heppner. Our esteemed contemporary, the Eastern Oregon Republican, suspended publication last week, Editor Middleton who has been gone for several weeks having failed to show up. We understand, however, that the stockholders will revive the concern and place it in charge of Mr. Laule Davis. In all probability there will be an issue this week. The suit commenced at the recent term of court against parties for the right-of-way for the Hunt railroad were all compromised and withdrawn with the exception of the suit against Hutchinson Bros. This suit never came to trial and will have to lay over till next term. We do not know why it was not called up, but judge that it was on account of the stupidity of our lawyer who failed to have notice served on one of the brothers. This is to be regretted as it will necessitate a break in the work nearly in the edge of town.

AT WORK.

Grading Commenced in this City on the Extension of the O. & W. T. Railroad—Union's Supremacy Assured.

Last Monday a party of O. & W. T. surveyors, headed by Chief Engineer Riffe and consisting of J. G. Cutler, Wm. Lore, W. J. Sloan and C. B. Mitchell, arrived in this city and immediately commenced cross-sectioning preparatory for the grade work. Wednesday a force of graders arrived from Pendleton and will make their camp at the race course below town. The vacant buildings there will be utilized during the cold weather. The men inform us that a number of car loads of implements are at Pendleton, but as no freight trains were running yesterday they will not arrive till this evening. A larger number of graders will follow, and dirt will be flying rapidly in a day or two. Chief of Construction, Mr. Pat. Dwyer, will employ any teams and men in this vicinity who want work. Mr. Hunt has never went back on an agreement yet. In this instance he is several days ahead of time. Three cheers and a tiger for Hunt! Let the county rejoice!

For Sale.

Half interest in a saw mill with 20,000 feet of logs on the yard. Also half interest in five yokes of cattle, including yokes, trucks and chains. Also half interest in mill site, good timber surrounding, within six miles of Elgin, Terms reasonable. Call on or address S. M. BLOOM, 2-20-ml, Cove, Oregon, Commendable.

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OUR SOCIAL WORLD.

Brief Personal Mentions—Epitome of the Week's Amusements.

Mr. Wm. Stafford made us a substantial visit this week. Hon. E. E. Taylor, of Indian valley, called on us Monday. Mr. H. J. Geer, of the Cove, made us a pleasant visit, Friday. Mr. Pat. Kearns, of Sanger, sent in this week and subscribed for THE SCOUT. Mr. Lee Moore, of Kamela, called on us this week and subscribed for THE SCOUT. Mr. J. B. Norval, son of Senator Norval, and Miss Hug were united in marriage last Sunday. Mr. C. J. Duffey, of Cornucopia, entertained us with his genial presence for awhile last Sunday. Mrs. Rosa Hensley, of Castle, Montana, came down a few days ago on a visit to her mother in High valley. Hon. James Hendershott, of the Cove, called on us a few days ago. Jim, as usual, has everything sized up about right. Mr. Tomp. Carroll took his departure for the east last Sunday to attend to some business. He will probably be gone several weeks. Mr. Wm. Koenig, the Cove architect is now in Eagle valley for the purpose of seeing what can be done towards repairing the damaged bridge across Eagle creek. Mr. L. R. Holmes and Mr. H. H. French, of the Cove, were in the city, Saturday. As usual they dropped in on us for a few minutes' chat. We are always glad to see them. Mrs. Joseph Lynch, of McMinnville, who has been visiting friends and relatives in Cove, was in this city Monday on her way to Telocaset to visit her brother-in-law Mr. Huey Lynch and friends. Mr. J. A. Rumbley called on us this week and subscribed for THE SCOUT. A few days ago he bought the La Buff ranch on Elizabeth creek above town and will make that his home. He paid \$2,500 for the place. Mr. Peter Goyette and family, of High valley, were in the city this week. While here Mr. Goyette called on us and subscribed for another copy of THE SCOUT to be sent to his brother, Israel, Goyette, Wauregan, Conn. The Dan Morris Sullivan Combination, gave an entertainment in this city Tuesday evening to a fair sized audience who were much amused. Josie Sullivan is a cunning little actress and as Kitty, completely captured the audience. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Harris returned from their bridal tour to the Sound, Sunday, and on Monday evening were the recipients of a surprise party by their many friends. The evening was spent most pleasantly. Mr. and Mrs. Harris will return in a few days to Port Townsend where they will make their future home. THE SCOUT joins in wishing them a long life and unbounded happiness. The memorial services of the Knights of Pythias of this city took place at Wright's hall last Wednesday evening. The impressive ceremonies were witnessed by a large number of people. Outside of the regular order of the services was the presentation of an elegant gold headed cane to District Deputy Grand Chancellor O. F. Bell by the members of the order. This token of esteem took the old Knight entirely by surprise and he was visibly affected. It was a deserved tribute to one who has done more for the upbuilding of the order in this city and state than any other man.

TRIED FOR BIGAMY.

An Old Fellow's Rocky Experience in Matters Matrimonial.

Dr. Anthony, of Anthony creek, was arrested and brought to Union last week on an indictment by the grand jury, charging him with bigamy. The case was tried by jury last Thursday. The facts, as near as we can learn, are as follows: Dr. Anthony is an old resident of that section, having come to the county in '38. He reared a family of five daughters and three sons, all of whom are grown and married. It is said that in his time he has had sixteen sons-in-law and has been a good papa to them all. He is probably about 65 years old and his first and legal wife is about the same age. It seems that some time ago he decided to get a divorce from his wife, and applied to some shyster divorce firm in Chicago, who manipulated the case for him and obtained what purported to be a decree of divorce issued by the court at Box Elder, Belgham county, Utah. He then married a younger woman, who is about forty years of age, and has been living with her ever since. The instructions of the judge to the jury was to the effect that the decree of divorce referred to was illegal, but if the jury found that the defendant really believed himself to be divorced they were to find him not guilty. It appearing to the satisfaction of the jury that the old fellow fully believed himself at liberty to commit matrimony the second time, they rendered a verdict of not guilty and the defendant was discharged. The most curious and amusing part of the whole affair was that the two ladies were on very friendly terms with each other, and slept together at the city hotel where they were stopping. The trial terminated rather late at night and the old fellow came to the hotel and made for the room of his last wife preparatory to going to bed, as usual. He was stopped by Judge Goodall, the proprietor, who told him it was very evident if he passed the night in there he would have to sleep with both the ladies as they were sleeping together. The much married man said he did not want to sleep with the old one but would like to go to bed with his last wife. This was peremptorily denied him, and, having received some good advice by the judge, he was escorted to another room. It is quite evident that he does not realize that if he is brought up again on the same charge that there will be no mitigating circumstances connected with it and severe punishment will follow. Next morning they all took their departure, happy as the classic mullocks when the tide is coming in.

FOR SALE—household and kitchen furniture.—H. F. BERLESON.

TELOCASET TATTlings.

Feb. 24, 1890.

Mrs. Emily Gorman, of Baker City is down this week, visiting friends and relatives.

From the recent snow, one would imagine the winter just opening up anew.

Mrs. J. W. Lee has been quite sick for some weeks past but at present is improving.

The struggle with our tillers of the soil now, is to procure seed grain. It seems a scarce article this spring.

Jack Richardson, formerly of North Powder is night operator at this place. He is kept awake pretty near all the time by the great rush of business.

Mat Espen, the gentlemanly foreman on section 68 is thinking seriously of engaging in the ranch business near here. We hope he will fully conclude to do so.

The telegraph office is now to be found on front street in the pump house, just behind the water tank, close to Lee's cow corral.

The great game of whist is all the go at this city. The section "Micks" are too good for the "hobo" operators, and so the operators come out second best in the mystic manipulation of the pasteboards.

A brother of Mrs. John Cates is visiting at Telocaset. The young man came all the way from Missouri, and is much pleased with the appearance of Oregon. Who is not?

Frank Leavitt is pulling the lever of the extra engine that plies between this place and North Powder, on the end of the long freight trains. It will be remembered that Frank is the man who was badly scalded in a wreck in Colorado, some years ago, and whose mutilated corpse was patched up safe and sound with small bits of skin from 23 different persons, one of which was a negro. How is that for a skin story?

John Hanson has gone to Union to swing the hammer and blow the bellows in Johnson's blacksmith shop. John is a good workman, and we wish him success.

The recent term of school taught in Pyle Canyon has been a satisfactory one. All the pupils have made more or less progress under Miss Tiakham's management.

Wm Cates is thinking of starting a tobacco stand in connection with the post office. No doubt it would yield him a handsome income, as the use of that "varmint" is common with old and young in this part.

(Minister.) "It is a straight and narrow track to heaven, my friend." (Section Boss, not expecting to live.) "Any loose joints, or broken rails? Any snow to shovel, or rocks to roll? Any flagging to do on windy days?"

There is some talk of giving a social dance at the old summit hotel, next Friday evening. All are respectfully invited to attend, and also invited to bring shot guns, supper, all the girls they can, and no "pisen".

Newly launched into the field of literature, is S. P. Putnam's lecture, "The Glory of Infidelity." Mr. Putnam brings out in all its fullness and vigor, that world-wide fact, "that all men are created free and equal," in the realm of thought, action, and belief. It points with a guiding finger to the future, when the world shall be better and nobler, when mankind will be brothers in one fraternal bond of love. The time is coming when creed will be dead, and freedom will be holy. Men can't live long under a burden without finding some way of setting it aside.

County Teacher's Institute.

Remember the County teacher's Institute begins on Wednesday, the 5th of March. Day sessions will be devoted to the discussion of branches of study and educational topics. Evening exercises will consist of lectures, addresses, recitations and choice music. All persons interested in educational matters are cordially invited to attend. Hon. E. B. McElroy, Prof. Strange, Prof. Kittredge and Supt. Whitney are to give addresses during the evening.

The First Shovel of Dirt.

Quite a number of our citizens will witness the breaking of ground for the railroad to-morrow about noon. Mr. Hunt has requested that Mrs. L. B. Rinehart throw the first shovelful of earth.

Call and Settle.

All parties indebted to us 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.

SUMMERVILLE.

A Readable Budget of News by Our Regular Correspondent.

Wm. Fine passed through yesterday with two loads of goods for Elgin.

Mrs Thomas Childers returned home Thursday from the land of red apples where she has been spending the winter with relatives.

Grandma Meguire is laying very low with gravel, at the residence of her son-in-law, W. E. Woodell. It is very doubtful if she ever recovers.

Grandfather Hammock who is very old is lying at the point of death at the residence of John Prone. His demise is looked for hourly.

Our literary is still running in full blast. From the present progress it looks as if the young folks were coming to the front.

The Rev. Silvanus returned last week from the Willamette where he has been preaching to a Welch settlement near Spring Water. He reports the country one batch of mud and was very glad to again be where he could stand on top.

Stock of all kinds are looking fine in this locality and Indian valley. The loss this winter will not amount to one per cent. We are led to believe that we have the garden spot of the Pacific slope. There will be any quantity of hay and grain for sale in the spring and all farmers should feel proud of the situation.

While the political bubbles are coming up to the surface, the good democrats of Summerville and vicinity are not losing sight of their champion for county clerk, Turner Oliver. It is about time the old mossbacks of the party take a back seat and give room for rising headlights of the party. We have plenty of men who have never been to the front who would bring the strength of democracy to the support of a good ticket selected and nominated by democrats and not by ringsters and tricksters. When our primaries come let men whose democracy only reaches back to their residence in this county step aside for one time, and then old Union county will again roll up the majorities for the party as recorded in the past. This is a democratic county and a little common sense will prove it.

COVE CULLINGS.

Cove, Feb. 26, 1890.

The most furious snow storm of the season occurred Wednesday of last week when six inches of the beautiful fell in a very short time. Last Sunday four inches decended.

A year ago to-day spring had come in earnest, the roads were good, almost dusty, birds were singing, geese flying, and trees budding.

Wm. Minor has come in from Snake river where he says the severe weather has proven very disastrous to stock. He has suffered considerable loss and may drive what remains to the Cove for the rest of the winter. It seems hard that after having accumulated a good start in the stock business by long and patient toil the fruits of a man's industry, must succumb to the raging elements over which he has no control.

The Cove will furnish a number of outfits to assist in the good work of constructing the new railroads in the valley.

It is whispered that a pair of Cove's well known youngsters will launch their boat on the troubled sea of matrimony in the approaching future.

On account of bad roads Mrs. Ertton's Anniversary ball was not very largely attended.

All interested should attend the school meeting next Monday at 2 o'clock P. M. The present incumbent M. B. Rees should be re-elected director as he has made a good and efficient officer and worked for the best interest of the school.

Cove capitalists will form a syndicate for purpose of building a motor line from Cove to the Hunt railroad. This will fill a long felt want.

This morning was the coldest of the year being 20 degrees below zero.

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DIED.

JONES.—At his residence in Island City on Tuesday, Feb. 18, 1890, of heart disease, Mr. T. E. Jones, aged 43 years, 8 months and 2 days.

Mr. Jones was born June 16, 1846, in South Wales. He moved with his parents to Bristol, England, in 1849; came to America in 1860; was married in this valley Aug. 9, 1874, to Clara Ruekman, who he leaves with three small children to mourn his death. Two years ago Mr. Jones was elected Justice of the Peace in Island precinct, which office (up to the time of his death) he filled with credit.

Man's Inhumanity to Man.

EDITOR OREGON SCOUT:—

By observing humanity in general of all classes, and conditions, how many do we see that are ever ready to say and do unto others that which they would be unwilling to have said or done unto themselves? Inhumanity is not displayed only in committing of the greater crimes against others, but there are many ways by which inhuman acts are done. A man under force of circumstances is compelled to solicit work of another who is able to pay him a fair price for his labor, yet the rich man will only offer to pay a price much less than the real value of the labor, and the poor man must except or fail to get food for his family, thus is the poor man inhumanly dealt with, and he feels that he is not dealt fairly by, so is tempted to retaliate, which he does by slighting his work and doing less than he would have done had he been paid a fair price. Thus both are doing injustice, and causing ill feelings to be engendered, each against the other, which injustice often rebounds upon each, to their hurt. The one fails to procure help when he needs it, and the other fails to get employment tho' he may suffer for subsistence. As a last resort the poor man is forced to ask alms. He is a stranger to the surrounding country yet an honest man. He is met by rebuffs and words of contumely, and goes on still meeting with epithets of abuse, till with him "forbearance ceases to be virtue" and for force he commits theft. Soon officers of the law are after him. He is taken before the court, and there is compelled to hear vile epithets of abuse, against his character by those that plead against him. He is pronounced guilty and placed in the penitentiary. There he stays till the law is healed of its sore. While there he has his food, and clothes that are sufficient to designate him as an inmate of the prison, and receives but little if anything else. He is given his liberty and returns home to find his family scattered, but few know where they were only the family of a thief, and who will care for such? He seeks for those that were once his friends but they are his friend no more. He is driven from their doors as one that is branded with an indelible vice. Hatred is thus engendered in his breast, and he stops not at petty thefts but his crimes increase, till at length he commits murder, for which he is again brought before the law, sentenced, and is executed. Then the people will say "he has just deserts" little thinking or caring for the trials and temptations that he passed through that were long striven against before he fell from the paths of rectitude. Let us for a moment look into the workings of politics as conducted in our nation. Two or more parties are in the field, each one striving to gain the ascendancy in controlling the workings of the government. The difference in the parties is so little that it is hard to be discerned. Each party is not wholly consistent with itself, but after much "wire pulling" and "log-rolling" each party places a candidate before the public for their suffrage. Now, each party will use all manner of vile epithets against the opposing candidate, often uttering opprobrious epithets that are damaging not only to the candidates but hurtful to their families. This is inhumanity. Possibly I will say more on this subject at another time. H. C. EMERY

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ELGIN!

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ELGIN!

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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

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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 Philipps creek, for domestic use, irrigation and protection against fire.

ELGIN

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