

THE OREGON SCOUT.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Young Abraham Lincoln died in London last Wednesday.

The Cleveland Plain Dealer truthfully says: "The great central figure in national politics to-day is Grover Cleveland."

The Republican State Central Committee met in Portland on Wednesday, and designated Portland, April 16th, at 11 a. m. as the time and place to nominate a full State ticket. The convention will consist of 218 delegates. It is recommended that primaries be held on Saturday, April 5th and county conventions on April 9th.

The La Grande Journal peacefully expired last week. A couple of heartless tailors were the attending physicians and killed the patient with a dose of garnishee. The dudes that tried to run it have found out that two papers cannot be made to pay in a town not large enough to support one. They will grow wiser as they grow older.

There is some talk of a convention of democratic editors to be held at Portland about the 20th of this month to discuss the situations that are liable to assume shape during the campaign. We have no doubt such a meeting would result in much good and be a decided benefit to the party, as the newspapers are leading factors in educating the people and moulding public opinion on all important questions.

SOMETIME ago Postmaster General Wannamaker sent us a four-line ad., concerning his ready-made clothing, or something of that sort, which we published according to directions. Our charge for the same was one dollar, but Brother Wannamaker fails to remit, although we have sent the bill to him twice. John is hereby notified that unless he produces that dollar p. d. q. we will paralyze him in our next issue.

THERE is an alleged Judge in Jackson county, by the name of L. R. Webster, who should emigrate to Russia at his earliest convenience, as the methods of that country would exactly suit his taste and the Oregonians have no earthly use for him. He recently fined and imprisoned the editor of the Valley Record for expressing his opinion of the way public officers were conducted in the county. Webster is certainly the most colossal figure of arrogance, stupidity, vindictiveness and meanness to be found in the state.

THE Union State Central Committee has issued a call for a state convention of that party to meet in Portland Wednesday, April 9, at 10 a. m. to adopt a state platform and nominate state officers to be voted for at the next state election. It is recommended that county conventions meet Wednesday, March 29 at 1 p. m. to elect delegates. Each county will be allowed 5 delegates for each senator and representative to which it may be entitled. The State Union party is a consolidation of the Prohibition Labor and other parties except the Democratic and Republican.

HUNT AND HIS RAILROADS.

At a mass meeting of the citizens of Portland held a few days ago it was decided to accept the proposition of G. W. Hunt to extend his system of railways into that city on the condition that the citizens take \$2,000,000 in bonds of the road.

Mayor Van De Lashmutt was chosen chairman, and in his long address stated the object of the meeting. In explaining Hunt's proposition, the mayor said: "The distance from his present terminus, Hunt's Junction, to Portland is about 220 miles, and he proposes to bond for \$52,000 per mile, or \$96,000,000 for 220 miles and he asks Portland to subscribe \$2,000,000, of this sum. These bonds are to be first mortgage bonds and are to draw six per cent interest payable semi-annually. He isto commence building at the Portland end, and for every ten miles of constructed road \$100,000 of the bonds are to be issued, which will have to be paid for by subscribers. The head officers of the road are to be at Portland."

Mr. Hunt stated he expected to build the road the present season and to haul into Portland a good share of the wheat. In building the road, he said, he should follow that route which

was for the best interest of the road and that this would of necessity, be the best possible route for the interests of Portland.

Mr. Hunt has for a long time had his eye on Gray's Harbor as a terminal point for his system of railroads, but has asked subscribers of the towns in the work. He has at last succeeded. A telegram from Tacoma, of the 6th inst, says: "It was learned late to-night that the necessary subsidies having been granted him, George W. Hunt has contracted with the Gray's Harbor Company, of Gray's Harbor, to construct a standard gauge railroad from deep water at Gray's Harbor, to a junction with the North Pacific railroad at a point near Centralia. Mr. Hunt contracts to have the road ready for operation within eighteen months. The contract was filed late this afternoon in the auditor's office at Montesano. Of the subsidies advanced the Gray's Harbor people give \$600,000; Aberdeen, \$13,000; Montesano, \$65,000, and Centralia \$60,000, making a total of \$755,000."

By the successful consummation of his desires in this particular regards it would seem that Mr. Hunt has more plainly shown his hand with regard to his designs in the way of securing a seacoast terminal for his as yet disjointed Eastern line of road than he has ever done before, with a seacoast terminal already secured at Gray's Harbor, it is but natural to presume that he will now push his Western extension toward Centralia and a junction with the road he has just been subsidized to build. His line to the sea, once in operation, would prove undoubtedly a formidable competitor, to the Northern Pacific, and if, as he proposes, it reached deep water by way of the Columbia river and thence verged off at Centralia and joined the Gray's Harbor line, it would compete for the business the Union Pacific has calculated its proposed northern extension would enjoy from Portland to the Sound.

To the people of Union County, these movements of Mr. Hunt are satisfactory. It give us an outlet to various seaport cities and the competition between these and the effect of active railroad competition cannot but be greatly to our advantage.

THE ROAD FRAUDS.

On the 18th of February last Judge Sawyer, a corporation Judge of the U. S. Circuit Court, District of Oregon, delivered his opinion in the cases brought by the United States to declare forfeited the lands of the Dalles Military Road Co., and of the Oregon Central Military Road Co. The bill urged by Grover Cleveland to forfeit these lands outright differed from the one introduced and passed by Senator Dolph, which last preserved the rights of innocent(?) third purchasers of these lands. Of course these lands are all in the name of third purchasers now, and this is Dolph's loop-hole by which the people lost these lands.

Sawyer decides that the suit of the U. S. be dismissed, and that the title of the corporations to the lands in controversy is perfect. The people are left holding the bag. Now the average small fry republicans are applauding such fraud with open mouth.

It is a perfect shame that men who are elected by the votes of many of the honest farmers who have made homes on these lands, and who had confidence in the honesty of their republican office-holders, to be thus treated by Dolph and other corporation officers. But it seems that poor people can expect no relief, as when Grover Cleveland tried to have congress forfeit these lands to the settlers our republican representatives, headed by "our friend(?) Dolph" presented and worked through a bill forfeiting these lands to these heartless corporations; and now a good many of our ranchers will have to either pay these people for the homes they have made or move off on short notice.—Malheur Gazette.

A BENIGHTED EDITOR.

The editor of the Baker City Blade has had a kind of religious awakening, as it were, and has been worrying over some statistics that have come to his notice. He says:

A visionary statistician has figured out that since the creation of Adam there has been 193,000,000,000 of people who have lived and died and that of that number there are 175,000,000,000 of souls in hell and only 18,000,000,000 in heaven. This statistician might have gone still further and told us how these happy and unhappy souls manage to pass away their eternity. His statement has left us in a very unsatisfactory frame of mind.

The brother has, evidently, not attended church as often as he should or he would know that the 18,000,000,000 in heaven spend their eternity in playing on harps and singing hosannas

while the 175,000,000,000, in hell pass the time in weeping, wailing and gnashing their teeth. This arrangement of things may not appear satisfactory at the first glance, but if our brother editor will stop and reflect a moment he will perceive that it is all right. For instance: When all the editors arrive in heaven, which they are sure to do in the long run, you find yourself comfortably located, get your musical instrument tuned up and commence your song; you look around at the gentleman on your right who is drowning your voice with his glad rejoicing, and find that he is a delinquent subscriber who owes you \$3.65 on your weekly edition, besides a balance due on a timber culture notice which you published for nine consecutive weeks and made affidavit to; you get howling mad and very justly conclude that things are not evened up right. Don't you? Well, with the present arrangement you will not be troubled in that manner. The delinquent subscriber will be among the knashers. If the editor of the Blade will look at the situation in the proper light he will find that there is lots of comfort in it.

Notice For Publication.

LAND OFFICE AT LA GRANDE, OREGON,) March 4, 1890.) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the register and receiver at La Grande, Oregon, on April 17, 1890, viz: A. W. EWING, D. S. No. 808, for the E 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec. 14 and S 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 11, T. 9 S. R. 45 E.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Joseph Beck, G. J. Perry, P. J. Brown and D. J. Saunders, all of New Bridge, Or. Any person who desires to protest against the allowance of such proof, or who knows of any substantial reason, under the law and regulations of the Interior Department why such proof should not be allowed, will be given an opportunity at the above mentioned time and place to cross-examine the witnesses of said claimant, and to offer evidence in rebuttal of that submitted by claimant. HENRY RYAN, Register. 3-13-90

Executor's Notice of Appointment.

To Whom it May Concern:— Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed executor of the last will and testament of Peter F. Christian, late of Union county, Oregon, deceased, by the Hon. County court of said county, and has qualified for said trust as required by law. All persons having claims against the estate of the said Peter F. Christian, deceased, are hereby requested to present them with proper vouchers to the undersigned at her residence at Cove, in said county, within six months from the date of this notice. All persons owing said estate are requested to settle the same. NANCY ELLEN BLOOM, Executor of the will of Peter F. Christian, deceased. 2-27-w5.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

Taken up by the undersigned, living about 7 miles southeast of Elgin, Indian valley precinct, Union county, Oregon, one iron-gray mare, 2 years old last spring, branded O on left shoulder, good size. One sorrel horse, 4 years old, three white feet, white face, one light gray, one-year-old horse colt, small white strip in face, as required by law. One bay, one-year-old horse colt, white spot in forehead, one white hind foot, no brands visible. One bay, one-year-old horse colt, white spot in forehead, one white hind foot, no brands visible. The above described animals were appraised by J. R. Johnson, J. E., as follows: The first at \$40; the second at \$25; the third at \$10 and the fourth at \$15. JOSEPH W. CUFFMAN, 2-27.

STRAYED.

I will pay a liberal reward for the return or information of the whereabouts of the following described animals which have strayed from my place at Sanger: One small red and white spotted cow and calf, four years old, branded H on left hip. THOS. ALLEN, Sanger, Oregon. 2-13

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TAKEN UP.

Notice is hereby given that I have taken up the following described animal, on or about the first day of December, 1889, which is now at my place three miles northwest of Half Way post-office, Pine valley, Union County, Oregon. One yellow and white spotted cow; brand on left hip, but not discernible; crop off left ear and slit in right; about 7 years old. Owner will please call, pay charges and take the animal away. W. H. STALKER.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

Taken up by the undersigned, living about 7 miles northwest of Elgin, Oregon, one sorrel mare, branded T H on left side, supposed to be 8 or 9 years old, about 14 1/2 hands high, saddle marks, left hind foot white. The above described animal was appraised by John Hill at \$15. JOEL S. BROWN, Elgin, Oregon. 3-6.

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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

To Whom it May Concern:— Notice is hereby given that the undersigned was, on the 3rd day of February, A. D. 1890, by the county court of Union county, state of Oregon, appointed executor of the estate and last will and testament of D. B. Hills, deceased, and that all persons having claims against said estate are notified to present the same to me, properly verified, at my office in the city of Union, Union county, state of Oregon. JOHN R. CRITES, Executor. Dated at Union, Union county, Oregon, this 5th day of February, 1890.

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