

THE OREGON SCOUT.

AMOS K. JONES, EDITOR.

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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.

FOR RECORDER.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of County Recorder, subject to the decision of the Republican County Convention. C. D. McDOWELL, Summerville, Oregon.

FOR TREASURER.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of County Treasurer, subject to the action of the Democratic Convention. RICHARD DOWDLE, Union, Oregon.

AT HOME.

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

Keep your optics pointed Unionward.

Chopped corn and oats for sale at Hall Bros. 3-6-m1

About thirty new names were added to our list of subscribers this week.

A handsome front is being put in the old Bon Ton restaurant building and it will be occupied as a saloon.

Several transfers of property took place in Union this week. Our real estate men will have plenty to do from this time on.

Union is 2790 feet above the level of the sea; Summerville 2680; the summit of Mt. Emily 5800; and that of Mt. Fannery 7075.

If you want trees or shrubs of any kind call on Doney & May, of the Cove nursery. Attention is called to their ad. in this issue.

In less than three years Union will be the equal of any town in Eastern Oregon. Capitalists wishing to invest can take this pointer if they choose.

The Union Electric Light Co. have let the contract for the poles and digging the holes, for their system in this city. The work will commence next Monday.

The Farmer's Restaurant, at Summerville, under the management of Mr. J. W. Rhoads, will be found just the place to stop at. See advertisement elsewhere in this paper.

The professional card of Dr. T. McNaughton, of Elgin, will be found in this paper. He is an excellent physician and is building up a large practice in that section of the country.

The county seat question will soon be discussed by every man, woman and child in the county. But that need not cause you to delay another day in settling your Cove drug store account.

Samuel Minnick and family have arrived from Iowa to make their home in Oregon. He was here eleven years ago and concluded, like all others who visit our county, that it was good enough to return to again.

The Frank Bros' Implement Co. have appointed Mr. Corwin C. Coffinberry, of this city, as local agent for their farm machinery. Farmers in this section in need of machinery will do well to bear this in mind. 3-13.

James Murray, was admitted to the county poor farm last Monday. He is a mere boy and his home is in Chicago, being recently from the Sound country. He is suffering from a severe attack of rheumatism and is unable to work.

Considerable counterfeit money is in circulation. Cashier Wright, of the bank here, gathered in a ten dollar greenback this week. It was a very poor imitation and would have deceived nobody had they examined it carefully.

Work on the Hunt railroad is moving right along. About five miles of grade is completed and the camp has been moved further down the valley. We understand that work will be commenced on the other end of the line in a very few days.

Read the new ad. of Frank Bros' Implement Co. in this issue. If you want anything in the way of machinery you will find them a reliable firm. Mr. Coffinberry is their agent in Union and has quite an assortment of machinery on hand.

A farmer gives this method for growing seedless melons: When the vine is three feet long bury the middle of it four inches deep, and let it remain until it takes root. Then cut the vine between the main root and the new one. Watermelons on the vine with the new root will be seedless.

The county court will meet on the 7th of April for the purpose of settling with the sheriff as tax collector. After that time no part of the taxes can be paid in county warrants and 1 1/2 per cent. will be added to the taxes for collection. We remind the taxpayers of this so that they may act advisedly in the matter.

Last Friday, Marshal Hearing of La Grande brought to this city one Charles McLean who was arrested in that place on a charge of vagrancy. He is undoubtedly slightly demented and is as pitiable a looking specimen of humanity as ever walked the streets of Union. Judge Goodall, although requested to hold an examination as to his sanity, thought best to place him in the county hospital which was done. He claimed to be an "orphan boy" and when asked his age said he was 35 years old.

OUR SOCIAL WORLD.

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

Mr. E. P. McDaniel was up from the Cove, Tuesday.

Mr. N. Blum, of La Grande, was in the city, Friday.

Mrs. J. W. Lee, of Teocasset, visited Union last Thursday.

Mr. J. A. Russell, of the Cove, was in the city a few days ago.

Mr. T. M. B. Perry, of Keating, made us a pleasant visit, Friday.

Mr. Jos. Younces, of Wolf creek, visited Union last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Eaton, of the Cove, visited Union, Monday.

Mr. Thos. McWilliams, of Elgin, was a visitor to Union a few days ago.

Mr. Jos. Carroll, of North Powder, was in Union several days recently.

Mr. J. N. Neil and Mr. Jake Simons of North Powder, called on us recently.

Mr. Thos. Childers, of Summerville, visited Union the fore part of the week.

Mr. Freeman Steele and Mr. Geo. Brown, of Pine valley, were in the city this week.

Mrs. O. H. Fay, of the sandridge, was in Union Friday, the guest of Mrs. J. W. Shelton.

Mr. Jap. Stevens, the genial druggist of the Cove, visited his friends in Union, Friday.

Mr. John Blize left Sunday, for the Sound and will make Fairhaven his future home.

Mr. Barney Hubers, Mr. Simon McKinzie and other Summervillians visited Union this week.

Mr. James Lowell writes to have the address of his Scout changed from Snohomish to Schome, Wash.

The Womans' Foreign Missionary Society meets at the Presbyterian church, Friday, March 28, at 2:30 p. m.

Mr. J. L. Alberson and wife of Cornucopia, came down Thursday, and are visiting friends and relatives in the valley.

Mr. H. C. Robinett and family, of High valley, were in the city, Saturday. Mr. Robinett has just proved up on his land claim.

Mr. Alfred Yerbury and wife were up from the depot a few days ago. While here Mr. Yerbury called and subscribed for THE SCOUT.

Mr. Mark D. Scott, formerly editor of the La Grande Journal, and Miss Eva Kuhn, both of La Grande, were married in that city last Sunday morning, Rev. Ellis officiating.

Mr. Bert Huffman, the poet, visited Union a few days ago. He must have kept himself pretty shady, however, as we noticed one lady who was very anxious to find him but was unable to do so. Bert is a lucky boy.

WRITTEN FOR THE SCOUT:— THE MOSSBACK.

When men of energy desire To start the progress of a town, And make the place of some renown; Who hold them back as if by fire? The Mossback.

And when some one from other place, Attempts to help the town along, And cause within a busy throng; Who hold a cyst before his face? The Mossback.

And when with time and money spent, A few with energy inspired, Have gained the point so much desired, Who then so quickly raise their rent? The Mossback.

By vigilance and daily toils, Business starts up, a busy want To make, and each can take a part; Who strives most eager for the spoils? The Mossback.

H. C. EMERY, Union March 25th, 1890.

Sale of Valuable Stock

Among the recent purchases of improved stock that has been added to our valley none is of more interest to our farmers, especially in the lower part of the valley than that made last week by R. T. Childers of Summerville who purchased "English" an 8 year old English coach horse recently bought from Green Brothers of West Union, Iowa, the well known importers of large draft horses. The weight of this horse is about 1,650 pounds, and he is a model of symmetry and beauty. Mr. Childers secured a great bargain in the horse, the price as we are informed being a little under \$1,000. The purchase was made from Lou. Remillard of Butte City, Montana, who is well known to our stockmen. In this connection it also occurs to us that W. T. Martin of the Park, also recently purchased from Mr. Remillard a full blood Norman named "Black Prince" also from Green Bros. His age being 3 years old past; weight 1,600 lbs; amount paid not learned. Union county has long had the reputation of producing horses of all grades equal to any county in the state and this is due to such men as McAllister, Wade Bros., Imbler Bros., Childers, Martin, and others.

The "Eli" Sulky or Gang Plows, the Havana Press Drill and the Zig-Zag all steel harrow with the improvements made for 1890, make the best and most satisfactory outfit of spring farming implements now offered in this market. For sale by Frank Bros. Implement Co., at La Grande, or Island City, and Corwin C. Coffinberry Union.

"MONEY TALKS."

A Few Enterprises Started That Take Our Citizens by Surprise.

EXTENSIVE LAND MANIPULATIONS

The City of Union to be Lighted by Electricity Inside of Forty Days.

An Electric Motor Line to The Depot.

THE WOOLEN MILL SCHEME.

Extensive Additions to Union Soon to be Thrown on the Market.

A Rousing Meeting to Which Some of the Mossbacks and Dealers in Wind Arose Astonished.

The people of Union have been treated to several most agreeable surprises this week. Plans for several enterprises that will greatly benefit the city and which have been carefully concocted between several of the most prominent men of this vicinity and outside capitalists, of which THE SCOUT has been cognizant for several weeks but was not at liberty to speak, having fully matured were, in part, made public this week by the application of R. W. Purdum, trustee, to the city council for a franchise to light the city with electricity. At a special meeting of the council last Monday, the matter was fully discussed and the franchise was granted. The ordinance granting the franchise, which was passed at the meeting under suspension of the rules, fully sets forth the matter and is as follows:

An ordinance granting R. W. Purdum trustee, an electric light franchise in the city of Union.

That the people of the city of Union do hereby give and grant to R. W. Purdum trustee, his successors and assigns the right to construct and operate poles and wires to carry electric currents through, over and across all streets and alleys in said city of Union, and the exclusive right to furnish lights therefrom to said city of Union and the inhabitants thereof for a period of 10 years, provided that said city of Union or its inhabitants shall not be compelled to take and pay for any lights unless they desire to do so, provided further that said R. W. Purdum, his successors and assigns, shall actually commence work constructing an Edison Electric Light Plant within 10 days from the date of the passage of this ordinance, and shall complete the same within 60 days from the time of commencing the work.

Sec. 2. The grantee of this franchise, his successors and assigns shall not charge the city of Union for street lighting more than \$3.30 per month for a 32 candle power street light, or the same proportion for larger lights, and shall not charge the people of the city of Union, monthly, rates to exceed the following schedule:

Table with columns: CANDLE POWER, PER MONTH, ALL NIGHT. Rows for 4 C.P., 10, 16, 32.

The rates on all other sizes of lights to be the same proportion.

Sec. 3. If the grantee of this franchise, his successors and assigns fails to commence the work on the electric light plant within the time herein specified, or fails to complete the same in the specified time, then this franchise shall be forfeited and become null and void.

Sec. 4. If the grantee of this franchise, his successors or assigns shall at any time cease to operate the electric light works for any period of time, except for repairs or on account of unavoidable accident; in which case the period of time allowed for such repairs shall not exceed six months at any one time, then this franchise be and the same is forfeited.

Sec. 5. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and signature of the mayor.

Approved this March 24, 1890.

J. W. KENNEDY, Mayor.

The great benefit that this enterprise will be to the city is obvious to all, but it is only one of the several even more important, that will be speedily set in motion by the projectors. That the company has unlimited means to carry out all their plans the names of the gentlemen appearing in the incorporation papers, which were filed with the secretary of state this week, will fully guarantee. They are, James H. Hutchinson, W. R. Hutchinson, J. W. Shelton and R. W. Purdum. As set forth in the articles the name of the company is to be "The Union Electric Power and Light Company," and it proposes to engage in the business of buying, improving, dealing in and selling real estate, constructing and operating electric power wires and light in the city of Union and vicinity and to do a general electrical business, in all its branches, in Union County, the principal office to be in Union. The capital stock is \$100,000, divided into two hundred shares of \$500 each. The stock is all taken and the company held a meeting and elected their officers last Tuesday and are now ready for active operations. Recent extensive purchases of real estate in and near the city which have attracted considerable attention during the week was the work of this company. These purchases were found to be necessary in order to secure a sufficient water power for the purpose of the company. After a thorough examination of the various sites along Catherine creek it was decided that the most feasible plan would be to purchase the flowing mill and combine the power used in running it with a power that could be secured on the Coffin farm just below there. This was accordingly done at a cost for the mill of \$20,000 and

for the Coffin place of \$15,000. By these deals a power has been obtained sufficient to run the electric light plant, an electric railway from this city to the depot, and have a surplus of one hundred horse power which may be utilized for other purposes.

In order that the plans and purposes of the company might be understood by all our citizens, circulars were distributed calling a meeting for Monday evening. The court house was packed full of interested citizens who listened attentively to speeches by Messrs. Purdum, Shelton and Carroll who explained the intentions of the company and assured the people that every enterprise proposed by the company would be commenced at once and successfully carried out. They also made a proposition to the woolen mill committee to furnish power for the mill at a nominal price. This was done for the purpose of aiding that enterprise as much as possible. Speeches on the subject were made by a number of citizens, some of whom seemed to be a little bit dazed at the rapidity with which business could be done, "when I didn't know anything about it" and in consequence their speeches were rather incoherent. The woolen mill committee, however, met at the council chamber next morning when the following proposition was formally presented to them in writing:

1. This company will construct the necessary power to operate your proposed mill if you will pay special expenses for such construction, or you may construct the power and this company will pay one-half the expenses, provided you do not locate your mill further east in the town of Union than Main street, or if you locate it west to run your mill by water power instead of electric power, we will furnish the water power direct at the foot of our race one and one-half miles west of Union.

2. In addition to the payment of half the expenses above mentioned, this company will charge you of the expenses of operating the power when completed as follows: For a 20 horse power, \$75.00 per month, this company to operate the same at its own expense; for a 30 horse power, \$125.00 per month, upon the same conditions; for a 40 horse power, \$150.00 per month, on the same conditions. Should you operate your mill night and day, these figures would be increased so as to cover our extra cost of operating the power.

Should you find a site on the company's property at or near the head of the Union flouring mill race or at any point west of that where the same does not interfere with the use or operation of adjoining property, this company will donate a site for your mill.

This offer will no doubt be accepted as no proposition could be fairer. It would be cheaper for the mill company than owning the power themselves, and cheaper than they could run it if they did own it.

The Hutchinson Bros. deserve and will receive great credit from the citizens of this place, and business men everywhere, for pushing these matters forward so rapidly, for investing their own capital and for their sagacity in securing the co-operation of outside capital. They are the men for great enterprises and when they take hold of a thing in earnest all opposition may as well withdraw. They mean business now and are fortunate in having such able advisers and helpers as their attorneys Messrs. Shelton & Carroll who, also, deserve great praise for their zeal and hard work in this matter and their untiring efforts in the interests of our city.

In addition to the purchases mentioned above the company have bonded and will purchase considerable land adjoining town on the west giving the Hutchinson Bros. and the company nearly the exclusive ownership of the land on that side. This will be divided up into lots and blocks for a short distance out, then into five and ten acre lots for a short distance further, and the land remaining between that and the railroad will be divided into about forty acre tracts and placed on the market. Nothing will improve the town more than this. It will furnish convenient and cheap places for homes for hundreds of families and will be greedily appropriated by home-seekers. The electric railway will run through the center of this tract and make every location easy of access.

In regard to this railway to the O. R. & N. Co's depot, however, we will say that that is contingent upon the Union Pacific company keeping their road where it is. That company is now considering the advisability of moving the road to the opposite side of Pyles' canyon, by way of this city. Should they do so, and the company just formed sincerely hope they will, the electric line will not then be a necessity and will not be built. Information will be received in a few days of the Union Pacific company's decision in the matter, one way or the other, and if they do not intend to change the road the electric railway will be built and in operation inside of two months.

To our friends throughout the country these evidences of Union's prosperity and permanence will be a source of pleasure and they will be glad with us, but to our enemies, particularly those of La Grande, it will be "another county seat scheme" and they will proclaim it as such. To them we would say: Keep as easy as you can, for before many weeks elapse, and long before the election in June takes place, these enterprises will be fully established and no longer matters of doubt.

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