

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.

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 DOWNSIE, Union, Oregon.

AT HOME.

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

Fresh fancy crackers at Hall Bros. Nice lemons at the Cove drug store. Fifty cents per dozen.

Go to Hall Bros. and get some of that pure maple sugar. 4-3-12

The work of grading the Hunt road from this city is progressing rapidly.

A young man by the name of Ollie Morrison was adjudged insane, at Baker City last Saturday and sent to the asylum.

Several transfers of property took place in Union this week. The prices paid show that real estate here is considered valuable.

New and elegant designs in wall paper and decorations for the spring trade just received at Brown's drug store. Call and see them.

We are informed that the Telocaset postoffice will probably be discontinued on account of no one being willing to serve as postmaster.

Several interesting communications were crowded out of this issue. One or two of them had no signatures attached and would not have been published anyway.

Both the Baker City Reveille and Democrat have been enlarged and much improved. Nothing could speak more forcibly of the prosperity of the city in which they are published.

"Tip" Parrent, an old pioneer of Eastern Oregon, died at his home on Meacham creek last Sunday after a three days illness. The remains were deposited in the Weston cemetery.

The La Grande Gazette's silly attempts to make it appear that the work on the Hunt road in this valley is a "county seat move" a "bluff at the U. P. system" etc, etc, must be getting nauseating to its readers.

Mrs. R. J. Mc Williams, of Elgin, died suddenly last Saturday night of epilepsy. When she retired at night she was as well as usual but in the morning was found dead. The remains were deposited in the Summerville cemetery, yesterday.

For the purpose of improving the seed wheat of the Willamette valley, a carload of Australian white wheat has been imported by grain dealers of Albany, which will be sold to farmers and wheat dealers. They say Oregon farmers need a change of seed wheat.

In mentioning the purchase last week of "English" the celebrated horse by Mr. Childers, of Summerville, we stated that it was R. T. Childers when we should have said J. A. Childers. J. A. is the lucky man who owns the horse flesh and don't let it escape your memory.

Layne & Summers will soon have their hardware store and tin shop open to the public. Their goods are being received and opened in a very few days Union can boast of having a complete and first-class establishment of this kind. Something that has been needed for a long time.

The post holes for the electric light plant are being dug and several loads of the poles have been brought into town. The electric light contractors intend to do the work as quickly as possible and make a record for themselves. It is safe to say that in about one month Union will be lighted by electricity.

A peculiar state of affairs has come to light in regard to real estate in La Grande. It seems that while the town site was in possession of the O. R. & N. Co. they mortgaged all their property for \$6,000,000, which of course, included their property in La Grande. The company have since got the property off their hands, and were glad enough to do it, but the mortgage remains just the same.

The most terrific cyclone or wind storm ever known, passed over the state of Kentucky last Thursday, demolishing many small towns but doing its greatest damage in the city of Louisville. The district in that city laid waste comprises an area of three miles long and half a mile wide. Hundreds were crushed to death beneath the falling houses, and the scene was appalling in the extreme.

The editor of the Goldendale Sentinel gave notice recently that a certain man in the town could find sufficient muscular exercise by calling at that office, instead of whipping his wife. About twenty have taken it as a personal challenge, and the editor is very likely to have more than he can properly manage. There are some men who are always hit at every remark a newspaper makes, if it comes within a mile of them.

OUR SOCIAL WORLD.

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

Mrs. Gager has gone to La Grande.

Mr. John Boyd was in the city Monday.

Mr. Gid. Benson is down from Wood river.

Mr. George May was up from the Cove, Tuesday.

Mrs. F. C. Middleton, of Portland, is in the city.

Mr. S. G. White was up from the Cove, Saturday.

Mr. James Bloom, of the Cove, called on us Monday.

Mr. H. A. Nebel, of La Grande, visited Union, Sunday.

Mr. J. Long, of Indian valley, was in the city this week.

Mr. Fred Mayotte, of High valley, called on us Saturday.

Dr. Jay Guy Lewis and wife, of Sparta, are in the city.

Mrs. J. W. Lee, of Telocaset, visited Union last Tuesday.

Mrs. Frank Mitchell, of the Cove, visited Union, Saturday.

Mr. Oliver Perrin, of the Cove, called on us a few days ago.

Mr. E. J. Couper left on a business trip to Portland yesterday.

Mr. H. J. Geer, of the Cove, made us a pleasant visit Monday.

Mr. Mark Stevens was up from the Cove the fore part of the week.

Attorney Carroll visited Cove the fore part of the week on business.

Mr. W. S. Ezell, of Indian valley, made us a pleasant visit Saturday.

Mr. J. M. Parker, of the Cove, made us a pleasant visit last Tuesday.

General Tannat, of Farmington, Wash., was in the city several days, recently.

Mr. Henry Striker and Mr. H. A. Hughes were up from the sandridge Monday.

Mr. W. S. Ford will soon remove his family to La Grande to Pendleton.

Mrs. S. C. Zuber, of La Grande, was visiting friends in this city last Monday.

Mr. Wm. Constable and wife, of Lower Powder, visited Union a few days ago.

Mr. J. M. Berry and Postmaster Dick, of La Grande, were in Union last Friday.

County Surveyor Kimbrell called on us Saturday. He is about the busiest man in the county.

Our old friends James Turner and Joe Dolly, of Big creek, made us a pleasant visit Saturday.

Mrs. L. B. Rinehart has moved her millinery store to the building adjoining Johnson's barber shop.

Mr. E. B. Hill came up from the Sound, Monday. He finds it absolutely necessary to visit Union occasionally.

The Friday evening meetings of the literary society are getting to be quite interesting and are well attended.

Mr. Egbert Coffinberry took his departure for Pine valley last Wednesday. He will cultivate his farm there this summer.

Mr. Wm. Woodell, of Summerville, visited this city last Monday. While here he enlivened our sanctum with his presence for a little while.

Miss Ella Green, who has been quite sick, is improving rapidly. She left yesterday for a few months' visit with relatives and friends in Wash.

Mr. George Denney who has been in Southern Oregon for some time past, arrived in this city Tuesday, en route for his home in Pine valley.

Attorney Shelton and Mr. James Hutchinson, who have been in Portland for a week past on important business, are expected home today.

Mr. T. F. Gooch, of North powder, made us a pleasant visit last Tuesday. He sold his farm of 200 acres to Mr. M. S. Hughes, of Haines, this week. Consideration \$5,925.

Mrs. L. B. Rinehart took her departure yesterday for Portland and Corvallis. She will be gone a week or two. During her absence her millinery store will be in charge of Mrs. Archie Johnson.

The Women's Presbytery Society of the Eastern Oregon Presbytery will hold a meeting for praise and thank offering, Friday evening, April 4th, at the First Presbyterian church, La Grande.

Mr. J. E. Stearns, of Rocky Bar, Idaho, who has been visiting friends in the Cove, passed through this city Tuesday on his way home. He was accompanied this far by his father, Mr. L. B. Stearns.

Rev. J. F. Brouillard, who has been in Yamaoka, Canada, for several months past, writes to us that he will arrive at his home in Island City on the 10th inst. and will hold service at the church there on the 13th.

Mr. Charles McClure, of La Grande, visited Union last Tuesday, accompanied by his sister-in-law, Mrs. Thomas McClure of Illinois, who, with her sons and daughter, arrived in Grande Ronde last Thursday on a visit.

Mr. George Beidleman who has been in Moscow, Idaho, for several months past, returned home this week and will remain here, as he thinks Union is good enough for him. The many friends of George are glad to see him back.

Sheriff Cress, of Council Grove, Kansas, passed through here last Wednesday night en route for Salem, after a prisoner who had done some forgery and escaped to that place. He got his prisoner and returned by way of California. Mr. Cress is a cousin of Mr. Arch. Johnson of this city.

Mr. G. F. Carel, who has been in St. Johns, Mich. for some time past, is on his way back to this country. He writes to have the address of his SCOUT changed to Malheur City, and says that since he left here he has broken seventy head of horses to drive. He will bring one or two fine horses back with him.

Come to the Center.

All persons knowing themselves indebted to us are requested to come forward and settle immediately. Those to whom we are indebted will please present their bills.—J. M. FRY & Co.

A Letter From Pine Valley.

March 24, 1890.

EDITOR OREGON SCOUT:—

The SCOUT of the 20th inst. says: "If there is a man in the county who can give one good reason why the county seat should be removed to La Grande or moved at all at this time we would like to hear it." While we know not what may be the interest of the remainder of the voters of the county that will induce them to vote for a change in the county seat this coming June, yet we can give some reasons why a goodly number of the voters of Pine and Eagle valleys will support La Grande for the county seat. Only the other day one of the most prominent citizens of Pine valley said that while one year ago no one thought then of a change in the county seat, yet today he knew of fifty voters in Pine valley who would march up to the poles next June and vote for La Grande for the county seat. This change in the feeling of the voters of the valley he attributes to the mistreatment of the people of Pine and Eagle valleys by the county courts, judges and county judge. And particularly in the manner in which the ranchers and taxpayers of Pine and Eagle valleys have been treated by these officials is simply outrageous. It is an appalling fact that the county court of this county which should be the most unbiased and unprejudiced office in the county is controlled and manipulated by the set of avaricious merchants at Union. Every act of the county court has been against the interest of the people of these two valleys. Unquestionably it is the best interest of a rancher "to buy where he can buy cheapest and sell dearest." And no doubt, if this be the case the best place for the people of Pine and Eagle valleys to do their trading is Baker City. Not only is Baker City the market place for the people of these two valleys, but there they can find a large assortment of goods from which to make their selection, also they can find there a ready cash market for their surplus produce. But such has been the malignant desire of the people of Union and especially the county court to compel the ranchers of these valleys to do their trading at Union that whenever a petition from this portion of the county praying for the opening out of roads is presented to the county court the first question that agitates the judicial mind of the county judge is, "Will the road assist the people of Pine and Eagle valleys in reaching Baker City?" If it does, the present debt of the county becomes enormous in the mind of the learned judge and under the plea of not wanting to increase the debt he rejects the petition, but upon the other hand if the judge sees that the road will by any possibility assist the people of these valleys in reaching Union, he is "rod hot" for the road. As evidence of the declaration that the county judge disallows the road if he sees it will be advantageous to Baker City we point to the Eagle valley and Sparta road. Here was a road that would have been of incalculable benefit to these valleys but an appropriation was refused by the county court. And in substantiation of the assertion that if the proposed road would be of benefit to Union the county court did not hesitate to allow the opening of the road and grant an appropriation for the same we can point to the so-called Union and Cornucopia stage road. Here is a road that cost the taxpayers of this county many thousands of dollars and whose wild and weird stillness is unbroken save by the tri-weekly rumbling of the passengerless stage. This road was constructed simply for the purpose of carrying out the concerted plan of the people of Union to compel the people of Pine valley to do their trading at that place. If Union thinks that the patient people of Pine will let such outrages go unresented she is badly mistaken, for the people of this valley do not propose to be bulldozed by such brazen tactics. The people of Pine and Eagle valleys will know if they support La Grande for the county seat that La Grande in return will assist them in withdrawing from this county.

Respectfully,

J. W. KNOWLES.

And so the above are what Mr. Knowles considers "good reasons" why the county seat should be moved to La Grande. We do not think so and the only thing that prevented his communication from going into the waste basket instead of the paper is that we thought his letter might do some good by the utter absurdity of the arguments he set forth therein. According to his own account a "prominent citizen" says that many of the people of that section will vote for La Grande because of "mistreatment" by the county commissioners and judge. Allowing that their complaint is just (which it is not) what has the town of Union got to do with the commissioners and judge and why should it be held responsible for their actions? The home of one of the commissioners is in Eagle valley, the home of the other is near Summerville and the home of the judge is near La Grande. Mr. Knowles says that "every act of the county court has been against the interest of the people of these two valleys." No statement could be more false and we do not think that any sensible man in Eagle or Pine valleys will believe it. The records of this county will show that the county court has expended more money in the way of opening and improving roads, building bridges, etc. in the last four years, in the precincts of Eagle and Pine, according to the tax paid, than in any other two precincts in the county. A blind unreasoning prejudice is not creditable to any man, but it seems to be Mr. Knowles' only stock in trade. His statement in regard to the condition of the Union-Cornucopia road and the amount of travel over it

is without truth as everybody knows. The road was built for the benefit of Cornucopia and the Pine creek mines, the broad-minded projectors of it well knowing that if those mines could be developed it would benefit the whole country. That Eagle and Pine valleys have been greatly benefited by the demand for their products at Cornucopia cannot be denied, and to the extent that the road has benefited Cornucopia it has benefited Eagle and Pine valleys. How silly and feeble the argument of Mr. Knowles is when he says "This road was constructed simply for the purpose of carrying out concerted plans of the people of Union to compel the people of Pine valley to do their trading at that place." Isn't that an argument for you? If in addition to building this road the people of Union had built a high wall around Pine valley and placed guards thereon to prevent the inhabitants from getting out except by way of the road Mr. Knowles' statement would be doubly, but the wall was not built and no know of building to prevent the people from trading at Baker if they wish to. But weary weary of this nonsense. The only thing that Mr. Knowles says that is worthy of attention is that "the people of Pine and Eagle valleys will know that if they support La Grande for the county seat that La Grande in return will assist them in withdrawing from the county." Is that Mr. Knowles' special advocacy for he is an emissary sent out by La Grande and has his work to do accordingly by insinuations. All those, however, in that section who may want to withdraw from the county, and who swallow that bait will find that after La Grande gets the county seat it will have need of their assistance in putting up expensive county buildings and will suddenly become such an affliction for them that it will be impossible to let them go. We have great faith in the good sense of the people of Eagle and Pine notwithstanding the above effusion by the south end mountpeice of La Grande.

EDITOR SCOUT.

A Comprehensible Error.

Information was received here Saturday last of petitions and recommendations being presented to the postal department asking for a discontinuance of the mail service between Union and Cornucopia, an increase of service between Baker City and Cornucopia and the establishing of service between Keating and Medical Springs via Sanger. Now we have no objections to the increase of mail service on the Baker route or any other route nor to the establishing of new routes but it is certainly an outrage to attempt to deprive us of a mail service as important and necessary as the one between this city and Cornucopia. During the past winter the Cornucopia mail was the only mail that arrived here regularly and on time and it is a necessary service for the convenience of a large number of people. The persons directly responsible for this outrageous proceeding are certainly very ungenerous and spiteful to say the least, if not possessed of a mean, low down spirit. We should like very much to behold these persons and see if they are not possessed of very long ears, a braying tongue and a treacherous mean disposition.

In Trouble.

The unhappy mayor of La Grande, Mr. C. H. Finn, was assaulted at the Union depot last Thursday by one of his subjects known as Jim Dray. The mill is said to have lashed pretty quick and was pretty lively while it lasted. We did not learn the cause of the unpleasantness. Mayor Finn seems to have about as much trouble in governing his municipality as Sancho Panza had in governing the island presented to him by Don Quixote. La Grande is infested with a gang who do their work on the klu-klux plan and delight in decorating the door of his honor, the mayor, with pictures of skulls and crossbones, coffins and strange hieroglyphics full of personal and unpleasant suggestions. The mayor should hang a few of them. This, however, should not be done till those wretches have cast their vote and manipulated the ballot box in such a manner as to give La Grande a majority for the county seat.

Malheur County Politics.

The democratic county convention for Malheur county met at Vale last Thursday and nominated the following ticket: Representative—H. C. Elns. Sheriff—J. F. Fell. Clerk—E. H. Test. Treasurer—J. W. Sevey. Assessor—R. Worsham. Coroner—A. Turner. School Superintendent—W. Thompson. Surveyor—J. R. Johnson. Delegates to State Convention—C. H. Murray, W. O'Brien and R. Boers.

Fruit Trees, Etc.

I wish to call attention to the fact that I have a general assortment of fruit trees, for sale, cheap for cash. Special attention is called to my pruned and plum trees, either by the thousand or in less quantities. I will sell for cash at reduced rates. The age of all the above trees is three years. —H. J. Green, Cove, Oregon. 4-3-12.

Take Notice.

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