

THE OREGON SCOUT.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Simon subsidizes. When Lotan says "thumbs up," up they go.

The Union Labor party will cut quite a figure in politics in Umatilla and several other counties in the state during the present campaign.

Several attempts have recently been made upon the life of the Czar of Russia and he is in mortal fear that some of his subjects will succeed in getting his scalp. It is to be hoped that his fears will be speedily realized.

The democrats throughout the county, to a man, should attend the primaries next Saturday and see that the very best men are selected as delegates to the county convention which meets on Monday the 21st of this month.

The census is to be taken during the month of June, commencing on the 2nd, and ending on the 30th. No doubt quite a number want to do this work but after reading the law and instructions, penalties, etc., etc., it don't prove to be as soft a layout as most unoccupied persons want.

The cry of surplus is no longer heard in the land. There is no surplus. It was, but is not. It was born under a robbing republican system of taxation and grew to plethora off the tribute of the poor. It has been cut down by republican waste, and where a mountain was we find a well.

The article in a recent issue of THE SCOUT entitled "Where men grow great" by B. W. Huffman has aroused Mr. D. W. Shehan, a young attorney, of Enterprise, who, in the last issue of the Signal takes issue with Mr. Huffman in a very able manner. It pleases us to see these young giants cross swords with each other.

J. S. ELLIOTT announces himself in this issue as a candidate for the office of county recorder subject to the decision of the democratic convention. Mr. Elliott has lived in this city for many years and is well known by nearly everybody in the county. If nominated we imagine he will make it extremely interesting for his opponent.

Mr. J. T. BOLLES, of Cornucopia, announces himself in this issue of THE SCOUT as a candidate for the office of county recorder subject to the decision of the democratic convention. Mr. Bolles is well known, particularly in the southern portion of the county, as a successful merchant and business man and it is quite probable that the democracy could not do better than elect him for their candidate.

Nothing can do more to weaken confidence in the code of doctrine of any religious denomination than the public controversies that are going on relative to scriptural interpretation and practice among the adherents of the particular creeds. The technical discussion and trial upon points of doctrine among Congregationalists at Andover, and the attacks made upon the doctrines of the Presbyterian church within their own organizations are matters of universal comment. That much of this proceeds from a spirit of selfishness among the disputants, there is no doubt. Its effect upon mankind will be to weaken its allegiance to creeds and quicken the sense of individuality in spiritual affairs.

We are reliably informed that T. H. Crawford of this place is again quietly canvassing the district for the democratic nomination for district attorney. Mr. Crawford was honored with this nomination in 1888 and was defeated by the present incumbent, who was unknown outside of Cornucopia and Baker City, and in these places was only known as a very young man without practice or experience. Mr. Crawford ran behind his ticket in that campaign in nearly every county in the district, falling behind Judge Ramsey in his own county, when Mr. Ramsey was not personally known by a dozen legal voters in the county. The result should have satisfied Mr. Crawford that he is not wanted in the capacity of district attorney at least. There are many reasons why Mr. Crawford should not be elected, that would not be suppressed in the coming campaign should he receive the nomination.

SOME FIGURES FOR THE PEOPLE.

Any one not acquainted with the facts would be led to believe by reading the statements and reports put in circulation by the LaGrande newspaper that the town in which it is published is the most prosperous one in the state, that its finances are in the best condition, that its merchants and business men are unembarrassed, that its homes are paid for, that all its inhabitants are happy and well-to-do, that its permanency is assured, that its future prospects are in the most flattering kind, and in consequence of all of these it is the proper place for the county seat, which should at once be removed from Union to that place.

While we know that these statements are erroneous in nearly every particular, a bare assertion on our part to that effect would probably have but little weight. Statistics and figures from the county records bearing on this subject, however, cannot be controverted and must be taken as a true exhibit of the resources and financial standing of the various precincts in the county. The SCOUT has taken the trouble to get these statistics and the last assessment of this county shows that in Union and LaGrande the amount of net taxable property, the indebtedness, the amount of mortgages on property and the number of mortgages on file are as follows:—

Table with columns: NET TAXABLE PROPERTY, DEBTS, MORTGAGES, etc. for UNION and LA GRANDE.

Thus it will be seen that while Union pays taxes on \$134,665 more than LaGrande, LaGrande has an indebtedness amounting to \$18,855 more than Union, secured by 63 more mortgages than Union has. The above figures are exclusive of railroad property in both precincts as amounts belonging to each could not be separated on account of the railroad company's property in the county being assessed in bulk.

This is a true comparison of the financial standing of Union and LaGrande. Now let us compare their natural advantages as they are related to Union county.

LaGrande is situated in the extreme northwestern portion of the county, surrounded on three sides by rugged mountains that contain at present a few logging camps, but which in a year or two will be entirely depopulated. Its growth heretofore has been on account of its being on the line of the O. R. & N. Co.'s railroad which made it the shipping point for a considerable area of country, but as any one can see, the building of the Elgin branch and the O. & W. T. extension to this valley will take away four-fifths of its trade and entirely divest it of importance as a shipping point. This result is inevitable, and in a year or two, no matter whether it secures the county seat or not the town will retrograde and become of little importance.

Union, on the other hand, while it has labored under disadvantages during the past few years, is destined by reason of the building of the O. & W. T. railroad and consequent development of its unequalled water powers and other natural advantages, to become a city of considerable importance. This is inevitable and no matter whether it loses the county seat in this contest or not, the result will be the same. Instead of being located in a remote corner of the county it is in the exact center and will be easy of access, by rail, from all quarters.

This is a true comparison of the natural advantages of Union and LaGrande. Will the taxpayers vote an enormous tax upon themselves to remove the county seat to LaGrande at this time? We do not believe they will.

In looking up the records to make a comparison between Union and LaGrande we also took down the net taxable property of all the other precincts in the county and as the figures may be of interest to some of our readers we subjoin them here:

Table with columns: NET TAXABLE PROPERTY, SUMMERVILLE, COVE, INDIAN VALLEY, ISLAND CITY, etc.

According to population, LaGrande is the poorest precinct in the county if not in the state, yet it has the effron-

tery to ask the heavy taxpaying precincts of the county to take upon themselves an increased taxation and give it the county seat, while at the same time it can not give one plausible reason why they should do so.

THAT MORTGAGE.

The LaGrande Gazette takes us to task for stating that the townsite of LaGrande was mortgaged by the O. R. & N. Co. while in their possession along with other property in their possession. It says:

There is not a word of truth in it from beginning to end. The \$6,000,000 "blanket mortgage" executed by the O. R. & N. Co. never included a foot of ground in LaGrande outside of their road bed, right-of-way and depot grounds. Secondly, the railroad addition to LaGrande was never in the name of the O. R. & N. Co. and has always been transferred by trustee.

THE SCOUT has no desire to misrepresent the facts in the case. It believed it was stating the truth and has had no evidence yet sufficient to cause it to think otherwise. Its information was derived from a mortgage now on file among the records of this county, given in 1879 by the O. R. & N. Co., to the Farmer's Loan and Trust Co., of New York. The property mortgaged by the O. R. & N. Co. is described as "The property, real, personal and mixed, heretofore acquired or hereafter to be acquired wheresoever situated." The railroad addition may have been transferred by trustee to individual owners, but that trustee was C. F. Helcomb, and while we do not know that he was trustee for the O. R. & N. Co., it is certainly very reasonable to presume he was. If the title to the property was good why was its validity called in question and "passed upon" by the legal luminaries mentioned by the Gazette? We know nothing about the property being "passed upon" and whether our conclusions were right or wrong, we certainly cannot be blamed for mentioning the matter as an item of news.

MAKING CLOTHING DEAR.

The Republican Tariff bill is intended to make clothing dearer and tobacco and alcohol cheaper.

"The woolen duties are arranged," says a Protection organ, "to give the manufacturers compensation for the new [higher] duties on wool and 40 per cent on goods and 60 per cent on clothing."

When in the history of government was it ever before proposed to diminish the burdens of the people by increasing the taxes on their clothing?

The duty on wool is raised, to delude the farmers, though the price of domestic wool has steadily declined for twenty-five years under the highest tariff in the world, and is lower to-day than it was under the "Free Trade" tariff thirty years ago. The manufacturers, struggling under competition with foreign mills which get their material untaxed, are offered "compensation" in the form of higher duties on imported wools which the people of this country persist in buying despite their tariff enhanced cost.

But where does the "compensation" come in for the great body of the people? Their clothing is made dearer or they are compelled to wear shoddy. Is it "compensation" enough for this and other exactions, reaching from the hat on the head to the shoes on the feet, to have a Republican spoils-monger distribute the offices through the Platts and Quays?

The LaGrande Gazette says: "Jay Brooks, H. Anson, E. S. Coy, F. Newlin, A. H. Kerr and a number of other business men have bought lots in the Elgin terminal addition this week." "Elgin terminal addition" is good, but why not call Elgin "the third ward"? This suggests a solution of the county seat question that we had not thought of before. Why cannot LaGrande take in Elgin as the third ward and Union as the fourth ward, and then instead of quarreling about which ward the court house shall be in, just keep the present county buildings and let them stand as they are, in the fourth ward for awhle? It strikes us that this is a remarkably bright idea and should be adopted by the LaGranders.

The republicans of Union county will assemble in convention, at the court house in this city, to-day, to put in nomination a ticket to be voted for at the coming election. As the republicans think they have a good show to elect most, if not all, their candidates this year, there will probably be more aspirants than usual, which may result in petty jealousies and heart burnings. THE SCOUT sincerely hopes that the convention will select the very best men in the party for their standard bearers—men who have their best interests of the county at heart—competent men. Then if any or all of them are elected the people may safely trust to their management.

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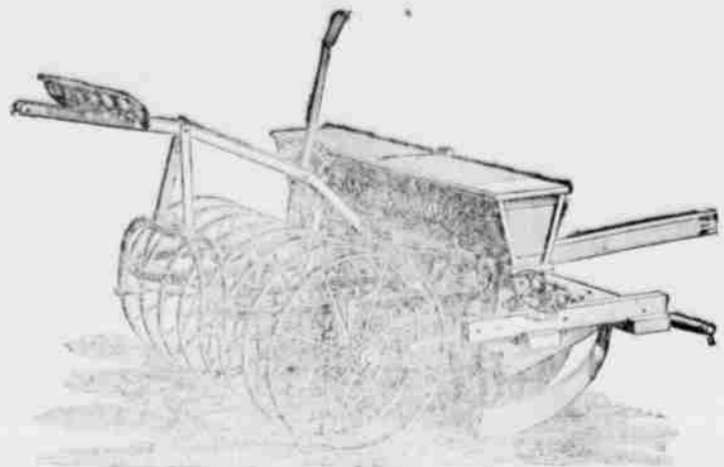
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Notice For Publication. Land Office at LaGrande, Oregon, February 12, 1890. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed in the office of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the register and receiver at LaGrande, Oregon, on April 12, 1890, viz: A. W. EWING.

D. S. No. 308, for the Ely, NE 1/4, Sec. 14, and S. 31, Sec. 14, T. 2, S. 1, R. 12 E. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Joseph Beck, C. H. Crain, P. J. Brown and G. T. Perry, all of Mayfield, Oregon. Any person who desires to protest against the allowance of such proof, or who knows of any substantial reason, under the law and the 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 BISHOP, Register. 2-20-90

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE. To Whom it May Concern: Notice is hereby given that the undersigned was, on the 2nd 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. Hirs, 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.

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, and also one sorrel horse, 4 years old, three white feet white face. One light gray, one-year-old horse colt, small white strip in head, no brand visible. One bay, one-year-old horse colt, white spot in forehead, one white hind foot, no brand visible. The above described animals were appraised by J. R. Johnson, J. P., as follows: The first at \$30, the second at \$25, the third at \$10 and the fourth at \$10. J. JOSEPH H. FEMAN, Elgin, Oregon. 2-27.

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