

THE OREGON SCOUT.

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THE CONVENTIONS.

The democratic county convention held in this city this week, of which a full report is given elsewhere, was probably, the most harmonious convention ever held in the county and resulted in the nomination of a ticket that seems to give general satisfaction.

The figures, taken from the tax roll, which we gave to our readers in our last issue showing the amount of taxes paid by La Grande and Union makes the Gazette wince and it worries through nearly two columns trying to prove something to the contrary.

SNODGRASS and Blum, of La Grande, attended the republican convention at Baker City recently for the purpose of seeing what could be done about trading off the southern end of Union county to Baker for its influence in moving the county seat to La Grande.

MUST WE PAY THE TARIFF?

When asked the effect of the proposed reduction in the duty on the sugar or beet-sugar industry of California, John D. Spreckles replied: "It will kill it. If the proposed bill passes we shall not put up the machinery for the second refinery, but will send it back to Germany."

If any of our readers believe that tariff cheapens prices in this country or benefits the laboring or poorer classes, they should reflect well upon the above language. The sugar tariff tax is now over 65 per cent on the imported article. And that such men as Clause Spreckles may become millionaires we have been paying \$166 for each dollar worth of sugar for the last twenty years.

It would be better to let Spreckles ship his machinery back to Germany and put him on the pension roll, as it is much cheaper to feed and clothe his body, than to satiate his greed by tariff.

"VENGEANCE OF HEAVEN."

A Jersey canal-boatman neglected to rescue his drowning child when he could easily have done so. Shortly afterward an express train run over and mangled him to death. The San Francisco Chronicle calls this "the vengeance of heaven."

RECENT railroad information makes it plain that Mr. Hunt will in a very short time continue the building of his road from Union up through the southern portion of the county to Snake river, thence to the Seven Devil region there to connect with a line to be projected from Salt Lake City.

THIS Daily Oregon Blade, published at Baker City, has reached our table. It is as bright as a new dollar, publishes all the latest telegraph news, and is entirely creditable to the city in which it is published. We wish it success.

Or you lose it. If you want a cheap lot in Union, call quick or you lose it. Call on Wilson & Hackett, managers Union Real Estate Association.

REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

The republican state convention, recently held in Portland, placed the following ticket in nomination:

- Congressman—Binger Herman, of Roseburg.
Governor—David P. Thompson, of Portland.
Secretary of State—George W. McBride, of St Helens.
Treasurer—Phil Metchan, of Baker City.
Supreme Judge—R. S. Bean, of Eugene City.
State Superintendent of Public Instruction—E. B. McElroy, of Salem.
State Printer—Frank C. Baker, of Portland.
Prosecuting Attorney—Sixth District—J. L. Rand.
Circuit Judge—Sixth District—R. Eakin.

THE COUNTY COURT HOUSE.

Statement by Over One Hundred and Fifty of the Prominent Citizens of Union Concerning its Present Condition.

To the PEOPLE OF UNION COUNTY:—The reported statement of the La Grande Gazette to the effect that the "Union county court house is a dilapidated piece of architecture; that it is not nor never was a safe building; that it is unfit and unsafe for court house purposes and that any one whose mind is not steeped in stupidity and whose judgment is unprejudiced, will be forced to acknowledge these facts," call for a statement from those who are familiar with and know the facts.

The present court house was completed in 1876. Within about one year after its completion the foundation slightly settled, causing some small cracks in the walls of the building. The county court, as a matter of precaution, caused a number of heavy iron rods to be run through the building each way, with heavy iron bearings or washers on the ends of the rods on the outside of the walls, forming a complete brace and stay to any further opening of these cracks that might occur by the further settling of the foundation.

Not one of the circuit judges has at any time refused to hold court in this building, nor did one-half or any part of the western wall cave in about six years ago, or at any other time, and we characterize these assertions in the La Grande Gazette as wilfully, knowingly and maliciously false and untrue. The only excuse for these assertions by the La Grande Gazette is the fact that about the year 1882 a portion of the court house roof on the west end was raised by a heavy whirlwind or tornado, causing a few bricks from the top of the wall to fall in on the court room floor. This was just before the convening of circuit court, and the court room being out of repair, circuit court for that term was held in the Methodist church.

We further assert that every taxpayer in and about Union bitterly oppose any and all efforts toward condemning the court house and erecting new county buildings at Union for the reason that the present county buildings are perfectly safe and amply sufficient and in every way commodious for county purposes and that they will fully meet all the necessities of the county in every respect for many years to come.

- Dated this April 15, 1890.
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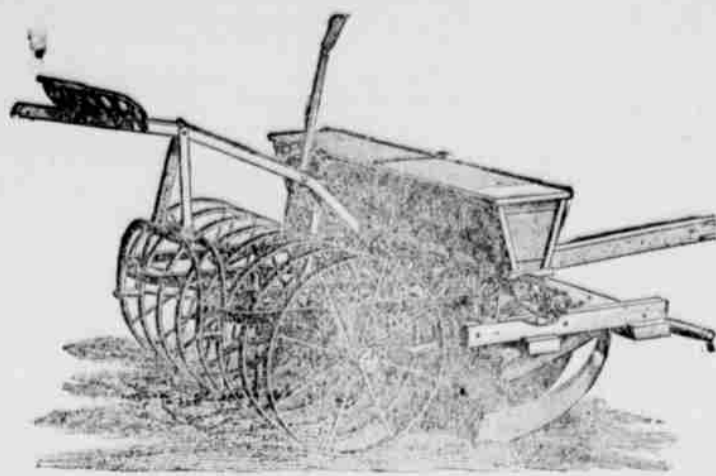
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