## THE ORECON SCOUT.

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## THE CONVENTIONS.

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 Clause Spreckles may become milin the nomination of a ticket that seems to give general satisfaction. There was an entire absence of local predjudices, or, if there were disturbing elements of that kind they were too weak to make themselves felt. In cor sequence, taken as a whole, an extremely strong ticket was placed in the field, with the offices so judiciously distributed throughout the county that there can be but little, if any, reason for disapproval. We are well pleased with the way things were managed and while not personally acquainted with some of the candidates have no doubt that they were selected, by the convention, with a view to their fitness for the positions they will be called upon to fill, if elected, and are men whom the convention believed would have the best interests of the county at heart. We cannot, truthfully, say this of the republican convention and we believe there are many republicans who will coincide with our views in this matter as considerable dissatisfaction exists among them at some of the nominations made and at the way in which their convention was manipulated. The schemers of La Grande with Snodgrass at their head, managed to run things to suit themselves. If the entire republican ticket is elected, at least one-half the officers will be residents of La Grande or its immediate vicinity, and one-half of the remainder will be in full accord with anything La Grande proposes to do. Several prominent men from that place who were in attendence at the convention boldly asserted that "we intend to have La Grande mea for candidates. The county seat question is above every thing else with us and if we have enough votes to give us the county seat, we have enough votes to elect our men. If we have not enough votes to secure the county seat we don't care a d-n who gets the offices." That was the spirit that ruled the republican convention and we do not believe it will be endorsed by the people of Union county. It is but justice to say, however, that there are several men on the republican ticket who are entirely honest and conscientious and should not be held responsible for the actions of the convention. It may also be said that, in all probabiliy, there are democrats in La Grande, so blinded by local predjudices that they look upon the action of the conventions in a manner just the revese of what we do. The tickets, however, are before the people and their merits and the fitness and qualifications of the respective candidates will be better known and more fully discussed later on.

## 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 machi- Roseburg. nery 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 The democratic county convention classes, they should reflect well upon City. the above language. The sugar tariff tax is now over 65 per cent on the imported article. And that such men aslionaires we have been paying \$160 for each dollars worth of sugar for the last | Portland, twenty years. This tax falls upon the poor, the same as on the rich; for every civilized family in the county time sugar. There are those who defend Eakin. the demand for a high protective tariff on sugar, and feed us on the grand hope that sometime in the future we may have, perhaps, two or three sugar refineries to which a few farmers can | sell a few sugar beets. It will be safe to add, that the manufacturer will set the price on the beets as well as on Gazette to the effect that the "Union counthe sugar and that the enterprise is ty court house is a dilapidated piece of arfor their own especial benefit. Must we, an intelligent reasoning people, court house purposes and that any one continue to pay 106 cents for every | whose mind is not steeped in stupidity and dollar's worth of sugar we buy, that whose judgment is unprejudiced, will be Spreckles and a few others may amage millions of dollars and in return give us only the delusive hope that in some The present court house was completed way a few farmers may possibly make in 1878. Within about one year after its a little more money by raising sugar | completion the foundation slightly settled, beets, than they now do at some other kind of agricultural industry? In 1887 ter of precaution, caused a number of heavy we imported \$71,000,000 worth of iron role to be run through the building sugar, paid a duty of \$58,000,000 to each way, with heavy iron bearings or the government and about \$7,000,000 within on the ends of the rods on the to the home producers. Now for the sake of protecting a few sugar-planters. these cracks that might occur by the furwe are taxed sixty-five million dollars, ther settling of the foundation. Since that and every one who buys sugar, pays from 60 to 90 per cent more for it than it should cost them. It would be better to lot 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. The two processes of pensioning men are about the same.

**WENGEANCE 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." On which the Alta thus comments : While we hearti ly approve the killing of the heartless canal boatman, we object to this confident assertion that heaven did it. Consider for a moment, if heaven can throw an express train at a man who deserves to die, it can also pull out of the canal an innocent child who deserves to live. We are quite tired of a heaven that seems to be incorporated merely for the purpose of acting as executioner to the wicked, while it never is credited with lifting a finger to help the good in extremity. This hangman notion of heaven is fatiguing. This wrath and vengeance business should not be transacted at that place at all. It should run in and find Charley Ross, and, if it is in the killing business, it should act in behalf of some women in extremity beset by a hellion, alone, by a dark hedgeside at night. Then is a time when its policy powers are needed, but we know of no instance in which they have been on | W T Wright, E S McComas, S J Deering, E that beat at the right moment. Seriously it is unbecoming in a modern newpaper to feed the fires of superstition by any such ascription, which is unnecessary to enliven the zeal of the religious and is really a drawback to intelligent piety.

REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

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

Congresman-Binger Herman, of

Governor-David P. Thompson, of Portland.

Secretary of State-George W. Mc-Bride, of St Helens.

Treasurer-Phil Metchan, of Baker

Supreme Judge-R. S. Bean, of Eugane City.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction-E, B. McElrov, of Salem. State Printer-Frank C. Baker, of

Prosecuting Attorney-Sixth District-J. L. Rand.

Circuit Judge-Sixth District-R.

THE COUNTY COURT HOUSE.

Statement by Over One Hundred and Fifty of the FromInent Citizens of Union

Concerning its Present Condition. The reported statement of the La Grande

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chitecture; that it is not nor never was a safe building; that it is unfit and unsafe for forced to acknowledge these facts." call for a statement from those who are familiar with and know the facts.

causing some small cracks in the walls of the building. The county court, as a matoutside of the walls, forming a complete brace and stay to any further opening of time the foundation has not perceptibly settled, nor have these cracks become any furger, and the building is just as safe and secure to-day as it was the day it was completed.

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 Ln 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 t few brick 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.

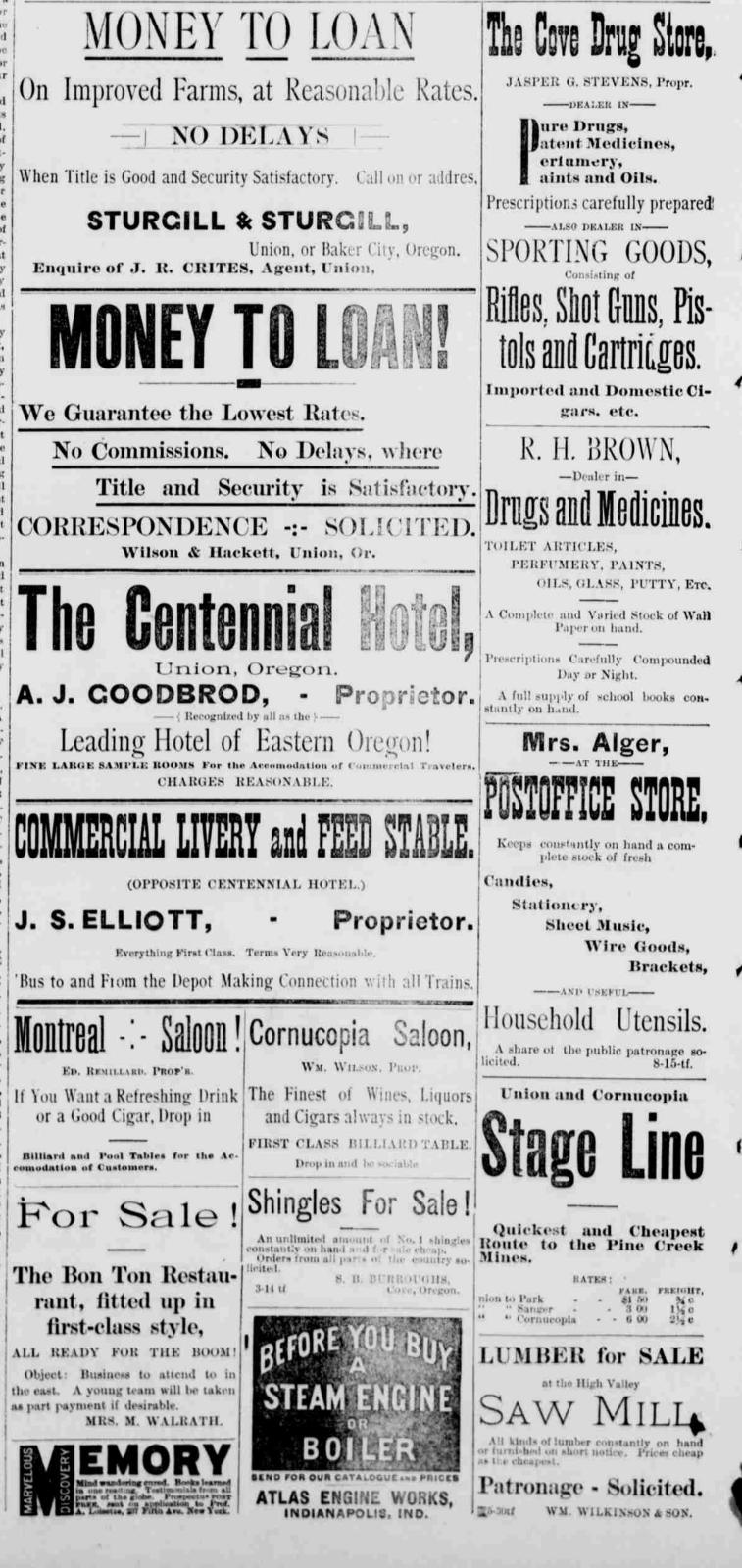
We further assert that every taxpayer in ind about Union bitterly oppose any and



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CALL ON US OR OUR AGENTS BEFORE PURCH



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. The figures are on record, however, and cannot be coutroverted. The Gazette says that in making assessment estimates THE SCOUT omitted corporations and non-residents. THE Scour omitted nothing but the O. R. & N. Co's property and that was also omitted in the estimate of the Union precinct, The reason for that was that the O. R. & N. Co's property is not assessed in the precincts, but is given in a lump. La Grande may count every dollars worth of property in its precinct belonging to residents, non-residents, transient men and corporations and the fact will still remain that Union pays more taxes by thousands of dollars.

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. They want the county seat as badly as bargain, however, and these worthys | success. will hardly have their desires gratified. Baker City cannot deliver the hobby horse.

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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. The same proposition will be made to that city that was made to Portland, namely, to guarantee the interest on two million doll rs bonds. Hunt has only just commenced his work as a railroad builder.

THE Daily Oregon Blade, published at Baker City, has reached our table. It is as bright as a new dollar, puba little boy ever wanted a hobby horse lishes all the latest telegraph news, and would give as unreasonable a price and is entirely creditable to the city in to get it. It takes two to make a which it is published. We wish it

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

di 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 ufficient 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.

Jos Wright, William swiger, E. W. Davis, Thos Wilkinson, M Wilkinson, John A Green, Sam Benson, J M Green, L B Rinehart, J H White, Geo Baird, C H Dry, G F Hall, SL Hunter, JM Johnson, WF Mitchell, F E Foster, J C Summers, H D Drake, B Chancey, W H Huffman, Ed E Cates, J J Odale, C E Robins A M Benson, J B Thomson C Vincent, Wm Wilson T P Ficklin, J A Gallaway, D Cory, J T Jones, H C Emery, Win Hamserty, R Eakin, T C Bracon, T H Cooper, Ed Remillard, P M Cofiin, Ed Jervais, M M Hall, Louis Dupre, E H Parker, Wm Raley, W R Hutchinson, W Sherman, S A Parsel, Duke Wood, M Heritage, Frank Haynes, D Y K Deering, Corwin C Collinberry, R H Brown, A Levy, B F Wilcon, W D Beidleman, J W Kennedy, A N Gardner, T H Crawford, G W Har ris, S C Miller, Geo Wright, I G Giffillan II Lowis, Samuel Truesdale, J D Carcoll, H L Deacon Sr. R H Lloyd, M F Davis, W H Ostrander, F.M. Slooum, N Tarter, G W Benson, J Spray, Eugene Chase, Mark Stevens, L.J. Boothe, S.T. Ulm, John R.Johnson, S M Haynes, A K Jones, G B Dotson, 7 M Jones, William James, E C Brainard, Charles C Coffinherry, C E Davis, S M Driver, E F Springer, C F Miller, A Garren, John H Hanson, A Chancey, John S Effiott, I F Phy, I N Gronwell, A E Eaton, Ferd Bloch, T H Foster, Wm Hutchinson, B Logsdon, S.O. Swackhamer, Stephen Conner, S P Green, D H Layne, N F Ficklin, A Cook, John Nodine, Geo W Ames, CL Blakedee, J M Carroli, John Perley, W M Stoker, Wm Wilkinson, J E Tuttle, Leon Levy, D. I. Carroll, Whit A.Hall, T. B.H. Green isr, A.Johnson, Fred Nadine, John D.Johnston, J.W. Shelton, Joshua Bradford, W.B.Blabeslee, W.Frister, L.J.Davis, C.H. Prasnitt, O.McKeiver, B.McKeiver, Geo Blacker, Win Frasler, W.F.Davis, A.J. Goadhrod, W.F.Thompson, O.P.Jaycox, John Haynes, John Mitchell, A.J.Hackett, P.B. Wisson. D. Wilson.

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A Pointer For You.

If you want to make every dollar do full duly, eatch on to some of the cheap bargains in farm or city property now officient by Wilson & Hackett, managers Union Real Estate Association.