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EDITORIAL NOTES.

To place Turner Oliver in the clerk's office for the next two years is a guarantee that the office will be kept up to its present standard of excellence. We believe that the people had better do it.

THE county buildings at Union are amply sufficient for all purposes for ten or fifteen years to come. Let every taxpayer bear that in mind and not be deceived by the ballot box stuff- and they hereby undertake that they ers of La Grande,

and the prices asked for the same, we judge the people there are fully alive to the situation and are anxious to get

In 18 months 68 woolen mills have been sold out by the sheriff in Philadelphia alone. This is the reign of high-tariff Ben, be it remembered, and mer than under Cleveland all the Republican orators will have to do is to make bigger promises.

THE Lexington Budget carries at the head of its editorial column, the Republican State ticket, with the exception of Thompson, for whom it substitutes the name of Pennoyer; every republican paper in the state which has any regard for the welfare of the people should do the same thing.

Do the taxpayers of Union county want to pay one hundred or one hundred and fifty thousand dollars to move the county seat to La Grande and erect new buildings? That is about what they will have to pay if the county seat is moved from Union. Read carefully section 6 of the enabling act which is published in another column.

THE Gazette says that if a county court favorable to Union is elected there will be no limit to their deviltry, or words to that effect. We did not know that Union had a county court picked out to elect. Has La Grande? Sanders, lives at North Powder; the 000 will be found inadequate, and all democratic nominee, Mr. Rinehart, the taxpayers will have to do is to we desire to call their particular attenlives at La Grande or Summerville. We will repeat, what we have said before, that we know nothing about Mr. Sanders, as he is a new man in the county, but we are acquainted with Mr. Rinehart and believe that he will paper it is written on. So far as the do the fair thing at all times. If he is signatures to the bond are concerned, elected we will think the people have we are not acquainted with but a few acted wisely. CAN the people of a whole state be bought? Are the honest republican voters of this state like cattle to be driven to the polls in blocks of five to vote for the millionaire banker Dave Thompson? A prominent republican leader in Linn county says Thompson said he would be elected if it takes \$100,000 to secure it. This is a challenge to the very virtue and integrity | ple. of the republican masses of the state. This means exactly this : A challenge that if the republicans will not vote for him he will buy them. Backed by a score of banks all over the state, in Thompson declares his ability to see cure his election, whether it be the voice of the people or not.

THAT PRECIOUS BOND,

ANOTHER "ARGUMENT" SQUELCHED .

The agreement made by La Grande, with itself, to indemnify the taxpayers | says;

for the loss of the present county buildings in case the county seat is removed to that place, besides being utterly worthless, illegal and fraudulent on the face of it, is quite a curiosity in the mand. This same mill also has shinway of its provisions and is almost, if not quite, as cunningly devised as section 6 of the enabling act. Read this portion of the bond :

be inadequate for such purposes and by the removal of said county seat the county would lose the value of its present county buildings used for county purposes, at the present county seat, it is agreed by the undersigned will pay to said county of Union with

in ninety days after the county seat of Union county, state of Oregon, shall be | for farmers with produce etc., to dis-FROM the amount of property adver- located at the town of La Grande, in tised for sale in the town of La Grande, said county and the records and offices thereof shall be removed to said town. upon the request of the county and court of said county, the value of the county buildings, exclusive of furniaway while they can, at any sacrifice, ture and fixtures of said county a removal of said county seat to La-Grande shall be consummated.

It will be seen by the portion that: we have italicised that they propose toeven if wool should be lower this sum- pay what the county buildings are worth ninety days after the county seat and the records and offices have been located at La Grande. We imagine the county baildings would notbe worth much at that time unless it would be to the city of Union, and the at the new court house built at a cost city would probably not want them as it already has buildings of its own.

Again, when the county seat and records have been located at La Grande for ninety days La Grande agrees (with itself) to pay so and so "at the request" of the county court. If the bond is a legal and binding document, why not "at the demand" of the county

court? The fact is the county court can demand nothing and should it have occasion to make that "request" it will be taken by the La Granders as an indication of great verdancy on the part of the court, and a good joke on "the d-n fool hay-diggers who don't live in a railroad town" as a La Grander recently designated the honest

toilers of this county. The statement is made that "\$25,000 would be inadequate" for the crection of county buildings. Very likely; The republican nominee for judge, Mr. and if the county seat is moved, \$100,

The La Grande Gazette of May 9th

The Gazette is informed on good authority that a certain shingle mill about sixteen miles from La Grande finds a market for all its shingles in fact can hardly keep up with the degles offered for sale in Union with no sales. Union people have indulged in extravagant promises of an impending boom that would take the country by storm, but it is apparent that the Whereas, said sum of \$25,000 would been is still a thing of imagination only

The Gazette refers to the shingle mill at the Cove, Our Cove correspondent, in a letter published last week, dated May 7th, two days before the Gazette published the above says:

La Grande with great gusto claims to be the banner town of the county positiol. Yet some poor deluded Coveites want there last week and didn't profit by it either. One had a load of A I butter. He offered it at twentyfive cents per pound, the usual price, rather than to make the long journey ty cents. These great snatchers of country produce still would not take

the offering so the butter had to be brought home. A young man also took over a few thousand shingles from Burrough's mill which are known to be of No. I quality and finally was offered the magnificent price of \$1.25 per M The owner concluded to bring his load back and use it for wood. Every Coveite should vote for La Grande. We can go over, transact our business of only a 21 mill yearly tax making our TOILET ARTICLES, county and state tax then 294 mills, remain over night and pay well for the privelege, and hauf our pumpkins and amothy grass home the next day.

Give your entire attention to the 'awful condition" of our court house, brother Gazette, and don't try to mayour mental faculties will bear up under it, we do not mind telling you that all the saw mills in this section of the country will not be able to furnish the shingles that will be demanded at Union this summer.

READ AND REFLECT.

The enabling act for a vote on the relocation of the county seat has been published several times in these columns. The section providing for the appropriation of money for the erection of new county buildings, in case of removal, is the section that is of the greatest interest to the taxpayers and tion to it. It is the most cunningly The whole business, however is a devised and deceptive piece of English, farce and there is not a competent imaginable, and entirely in keeping lawyer, having a reputation to sustain, with the worthies who constructed it.



We are in the field with a much larger and better stock but couldn't sitract attention, then of goods than ever before, and can show more and greater imas they shall be found to exist when back with it, he put the price at twen- provements for the season of 1890 than any other house.

Do not fail to call and see for yourself. FRANK BROS. IMPLEMENT CO., La Grande and Island City.



CONTRAST THESE STATEMENTS.

The La Grande Gazette, figuring on ing the figures to suit itself, says:

In fact the county is really in debt to the amount of \$45,971,93. And even this does not take into account the value of county buildings, which would leave the county almost practically free from debt.

with the above it says

Union may say to the contrary, the leviation of the sorrows of the people present court house building is unfit and unsafe as a public building of this character. **** Who says the Union court house is good enough? No one but Unionites.

The court house unsafe and not the rot dished up each week by that bread. organ of corruption, the Gazette, is enough to make the tax-payers weary, and turn all honest men sick.

who will say the bond is worth the Read it carefully : of them, but if the rest are to be judged

dance up and pay it.

for a bond on a thousand of them.

THOMPSON AND PENNOYER.

The Portland Mercury (Rep.) says: omes the one expression that Governor Pennover is the friend of the peo-

This is a good recommendation, But what of Thompson?

Who claims that Thompson is a riend of anybody but Thompson?

which he owns a controlling interest, of millions. Yet when men, women construction of new county buildings. and children were without shelter and When is the county court empowered city, what did Thompson do?

tribution.

the county indebtedness, after construe- time of the Nanaimo coal mine horror to exceed \$25,000 may be appropriated, in British Columbia, three years ago, and any tax not to exceed 21 mills was then a resident of Tacoma. Along may be levial annually for the purwith kind hearted Robert Wingate, of pose of creeting county buildings in the Tacoma National Bank, beneath a case the county seat is moved from sweltering sun, the two started out Union. All we ask is for any one who next morning to collect funds for the doubts this to get any competent school The reader will observe that the families of the unfortunates. Mr. isacher or grammarian to diagram that Gazette, in order to make it appear | Wingate headed the subscription with | section and see if he does not say so that the county is not much in debt. \$100. Everybody was visited and in a too. The Gazette cays that the enaadmits that the county buildings are few hours we had \$2500. Among bling act was gotten up by La Grande worth about \$45,971,93, yet the only others called upon were the mill factory men in the interest of La Grande. "argument" it has left why the county | employes and the sailors on the ships | We don't doubt that in the least and seat should be moved is that the in port. Their contributions were if the taxpayers of the county allow county buildings "are a pile of rotten liberal in every case, and even the themselves to be caught with such a brick and mortar" and utterly value- poor laborers, illy paid and worked bare hook as section 6 of that cnaless. Almost in the same column from morning till night, in more than bling act they will have no one to blame a dozen instances, contributed as much but themselves and the La Grande No matter how much the people of as Portland's great banker for the al- schemers can well afford to laugh.

of a country foreign to our own.

ten dollars per hour from his eighteen | Union. Let the people bear this in banks alone.

good enough and yet of sufficient value to unfortunates whose hearts were were abandoned and La Grande to offset an endebtedness of \$45,971,93! overflowing with grief and whose permitted to rotain the "Key to the Isn't that consistency for you? Verily stomach's begged for a morsel of Keyhole" how much would the value

> This is Dollar Mark Thompson. Oregon feel toward such a man?

Section 6. Should the legal voters of said county decide to change the location of said county seat, and should the same be located at some other point than where the same is now by these we would not give fifty cents | located, the county court of said county shall not have the power or authority to appropriate any sum of money to exceed \$25,000 for the constuction of new county buildings, and shall not have power or authority to levy any tax upon the property of said county in excess of two and one-half (23) mills From every portion of the state on the dollar of the taxable property of said Union county annually for that purpose.

Just analyze that section and see the authority is confered on the county court to appropriate at least \$25,000 and levy a tax not to exceed two and He is a num of wealth, the possessor one-half mills. What for? For the weeping for bread, in a neighboring and authorized to appropriate \$25,000 and levy a tax of two and one-half A niggardly ten dollars was his con- mills? Annually,

It is very plain that under the pro-

This present prosperity of Union Doney & Thompson's income is more than county is due to the enterprise of mind. If the two lines of railroad now He gave less than an hour's income being constructed in Union county of property throughout the country decrease in one day? Taxpayers, figure How do the great-hearted people of it up and judge what Union has done for you.