

AT HOME.

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

The Hunt road is progressing rapidly. Furnished room to rent. Enquire at this office.

The indebtedness of Union county is about \$85,000.

The Union county jail is one of the best in the state.

The Presbyterian college will be built this summer.

Vote for Penneyer, the honest old champion of the people.

Work on the Union electric railway is moving right along.

The electric lights of Union will be turned on in a very few days.

Negotiations are being made to establish water works in Union.

Small house for rent on Main street. Enquire of Mrs. L. B. Rinehart.

The Union brick yard will soon be turning out brick of fine quality.

Mrs. Allie Denny, of Pine valley, made our office a pleasant visit this week.

Mrs. Rinehart, the milliner is receiving some magnificent goods, all of the latest styles.

We believe that Henry Rinehart is the best man for county judge and hope to see him elected.

Members of the Union Labor party will find their platform and state ticket published elsewhere in this issue.

Mr. W. E. Bowker has opened the lively stable opposite the City hotel and is now ready to accommodate customers.

Mr. J. N. Haggerty and Miss Magale Utz, also Mr. Peter Bloom and Miss Louise Utz, all of the Cove were married in this city, Tuesday.

The flag made by the Cove people to be used at the first celebration ever held in Union county was used July 4, 1863 instead of 1890 as stated in our last issue.

The court house in Union is a good and substantial building sufficient for all county purposes for ten or fifteen years to come. This is the truth. Taxpayers be not deceived in the matter by the La Grande schemers.

H. H. Briggs, an old resident of this county, died suddenly while sitting in a chair, at his home on Big creek, a few days ago. He leaves a large family and many friends to mourn his loss. The remains were buried at the Park.

When a man has been found faithful, obliging, competent, and honest, why not employ him to attend to our official business for a reasonable length of time? Turner Oliver is that kind of a man and should be made county clerk. Vote for him.

We have not the space to mention the names of friends who have called on us this week. Suffice it to say that nearly everybody in this section of the county have visited Union during the past few days and many of them paid their respects to THE SCOUT.

Will any conscientious taxpayer in the county even if it would suit him better to have the county seat at La Grande, give his vote to assist a lot of irresponsible hirelings to get it there against the wishes and interests of four-fifths of his fellow taxpayers? We do not believe that many will do so.

There is one man that will certainly be defeated if honor is to be regarded as above party fealty. We allude to A. N. Hamilton, republican nominee for sheriff. The recent evidence of his illegal charges for taking prisoners to Salem, and the evidence is conclusive, is enough to everlastingly kill any man.

President G. W. Hunt writes to Hon. L. B. Rinehart, that he will return from New York in a few days and will be in Grande Ronde valley sometime between the 5th and 10th of June to pay off all bills due for March and April. Mr. Hunt writes that he has been detained longer than he intended but his negotiations have been entirely successful.

A large number of letters received from local correspondents have been crowded out of this and last week's issue of THE SCOUT. We trust our correspondents will overlook this and send in their letters regularly, hereafter. After this issue we will get back into the old groove and devote more attention to local news and county correspondence. All of you send in a good letter next week and rejoice with us over the retention of the county seat.

The judge and clerks of election in every precinct should be careful that the law is strictly complied with in making their returns. The poll books should be certified to, sealed with sealing wax, and transmitted to the county seat by one of the judges or clerks. During the noon hour the ballot boxes must be securely sealed and guarded. Two ballot boxes must be used, one for the county and one for the state.

The La Grande Gazette speaking of J. H. Slater's effusion in that paper says: "Owing to the great hurry in getting the Gazette to press, the article prepared by Senator Slater on the first page was not properly connected, and reads rather disconnectedly. This is simply a result of being in too big a hurry." This analogy is timely, indeed. The article was so "disconnected" that it was impossible to dovetail it with anything in the way of sense or reason.

Governor Penneyer addressed the people of Union at the court house last Tuesday and was warmly greeted. The governor stands pre-eminent in the hearts of the laboring men and they will give him a rousing majority next Monday. A contrast of the benevolent and honest countenance of Penneyer with the crafty, cunning, avicious Shylack, depicted in the face of Thompson, is enough to decide the matter without a comparison of their records or hearing their speak. The governor made us a pleasant visit while here.

SOME SOLID SHOT

La Grande's Peculiar Method of Figuring—Accumulation and Liquidation of Debt.

THE ALLEGED INDEMNITY BOND.

Agreement to Pay For Something That May or May Not Exist.

A CUNNING LITTLE SCHEME.

What Summerville, Cove, Alice and the County at large Have to Thank La Grande For.

TELECAST, May 27, 1890.

EDITOR OREGON SCOUT:—Some weeks ago the Gazette made much ado endeavoring to show the people how easy it would be to make up \$25,000, at a 2½ mill levy, and shows the taxpayers how nicely they can pay it up in about three years. To base its calculations on however, it starts out with the net assessable property of last year at \$2,800,000 and after figuring down the column awhile has it up to \$1,000,000.

Now the territory embraced within Union county has been settled about 28 years and the last assessment shows that we have acquired \$2,800,000 worth of property, which is at the rate of \$100,000 per annum, and are now in debt, as a county, about \$75,000. Just think of it! Only \$100,000 per annum for the last 28 years and still in debt seven-tenths of our yearly gain, but our redeemer has come at last. For 28 years hundreds and hundreds of our best and most intelligent men have been striving with this problem of accumulation, and liquidation of debts, and their combined efforts have failed to devise any means by which we can accumulate at the rate of more than \$100,000 per annum.

But now there appears in our midst a great and wise man. He takes a bit of paper and smites it with a Faber, when lo and behold, our property at once increases in value from \$2,800,000 to \$3,000,000. He smites it again and behold, the change is still more magical, and our property valuation increases from \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000; and then we see our valuation increase without any effort on our part, \$1,200,000 per annum. Nor is this all to convince us of his wonderful power. He places a debt of \$25,000 upon us and again smites his bit of paper with his Faber and it vanishes. He then offers any person \$25.00 to prove that his figures are incorrect. In view of the liberal proposition of this great mathematician, we feel inclined to be as liberal on our part. If he will convince us that he honestly believes that \$25,000 will be all that Union county will require for the construction of new county buildings in case the county seat is moved to La Grande. If you believe it is all that the county will require for the construction of new buildings, you must admit that the new buildings will not be as good as we have at present, for you have already admitted that the present buildings are worth about \$45,000, and if you claim that you expect to construct better buildings than we now have, you must admit that you have been misrepresenting the case to the people by claiming that \$25,000 was all that they would be asked to put up. At about this stage of your argument, however, a bond appears upon the scene and says:

"Whereas, said sum of \$25,000 would be inadequate for such purposes, and by the removal of said county seat, the county would lose the value of its present county buildings," etc.

The Gazette in endeavoring to defend and endorse said bond must necessarily endorse the allegation therein that \$25,000 is "inadequate," and that the county would "lose the value of its present county buildings," two points which it has always contended would not be the case.

Now let us refer for a moment to an article in the Gazette by Hon. J. H. Slater, in which he says:

"Six thousand dollars will build a better court house, furnished and complete, than the one we now have. Less than \$900 will build the walls of the jail and the cells can be removed and set up again at no great expense."

Allowing \$1000 for the removal of the cells, we find that Mr. Slater can build us a better set of buildings than we now have for \$10,000; yet in the very next sentence he says:

"Thirty thousand dollars is all that ought to be expended for a court house and jail, in case the county seat should be removed." It will be seen that this last estimate is \$20,000 more than he first says they can be built for, and \$9,000 more than they claim we can expend under Sec. 6 of the enabling act.

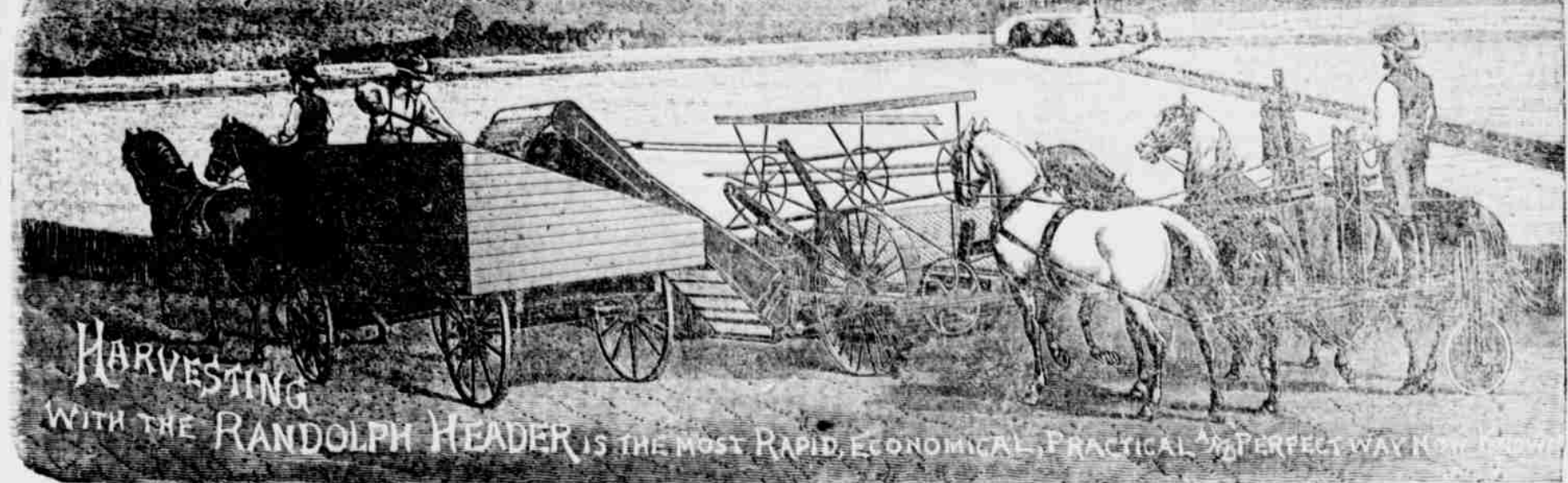
All of the above estimates shown, appeared in the Gazette at different times, in a disconnected manner and for one purpose only—to catch the vote of the taxpayer—but if there is a man in Union county who can take the above figures for a basis and tell us what La Grande's estimate on the cost of removal is, he can surely stand at the head of the profession as a mathematician.

But now let us refer again to the bond, and let the taxpayer figure on it a little and see if he can come to any conclusion as to what he is to get on said bond for the buildings, even if its collection could be enforced. The bond reads:

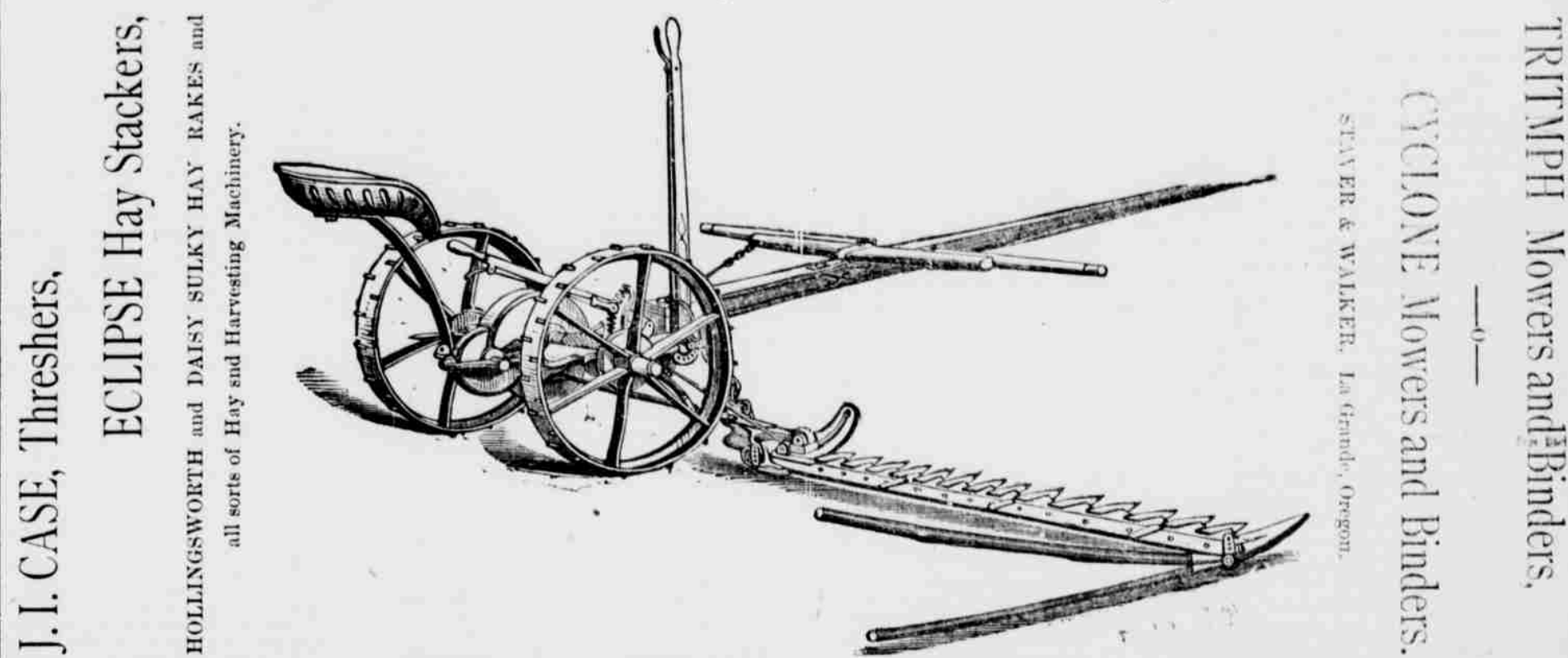
"It is agreed by the undersigned and they hereby undertake that they will pay to said county of Union within ninety days after the county seat of Union county, state of Oregon, shall be located at the town of La Grande, in said county and the records and offices thereof shall be removed to said town, and upon the request of the county court of said county, the value of the county buildings, exclusive of furniture and fixtures of said county as they shall be found to exist when a removal of said county seat to La Grande shall be consummated."

STAYER & WALKER, LA GRANDE, OGN.

SELL THE
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MANUFACTURERS OF RANDOLPH HEADERS,
STEELE MOWERS AND STEEL RAKES.



Improved Randolph Steel Frame Header, -- Empire Binders and Mowers,
With More and Greater Improvements for 1890 Than Any Other.



DON'T BE A CLAM, BUT BUY WHERE YOU CAN BUY the BEST and CHEAPEST.

This could not be enforced until ninety days after the "removal of said county seat to La Grande shall be consummated." This consummation could not be until all the furniture and fixtures etc., which the county could again use in its new buildings, which would include the steel cells of the jail, were taken out and removed to La Grande. Ninety days afterward the bond, if legal, could be enforced for the value of the buildings as "they shall be found to exist." Could the people be duped into surrendering their county buildings on any such conditions or contingency? The taxpayers might possibly wake up some morning and find that the buildings did not "exist" at all, except in a few smouldering embers, and the bondsmen would be released, as the buildings could not be found to "exist."

Now let us see under what obligations the people of Union county are to this great city, La Grande, that they should go down into their pockets to honor her with expensive county buildings, or to honor her with their votes for county seat, even if La Grande should furnish the buildings.

We need not go back a great ways in the history of the county to ascertain that nearly every precinct in the county is in some way obligated to La Grande for favors extended. The southeastern portion is under obligations for her continued efforts to kick them out of the county. Union and Island City can never repay the favors extended in securing a relocation of the O. R. & N. road through Grande Ronde in such a manner that no point in the valley could have railroad facilities but La Grande. When the Elgin branch was located La Grande placed Summerville under obligations by not allowing the railroad company to spoil her town lots by cutting them up for right-of-way and depot grounds, but kept the road back on the Sandridge about four miles. And the Cove, well it owes its body and soul to La Grande, and should never forget her in time of need, by a vote of at least "one majority."

Had it not been for the fact that La Grande, eighteen years ago, "seen to it" that the "one majority" should not be placed as a burden on the people of the Cove, she would have been compelled to enter the county seat race sixteen years ago against Union, and would no doubt to-day, and probably for all time to come, have the county seat on her hands. The Cove no doubt has reasons to feel thankful that La Grande rendered such timely assistance and relieved her in her hour of need. But of course the Cove must be humored a little just now and La Grande "tickles" her by saying that there is sure to be a railroad from the "center of population" right straight into the heart of the Cove in the near future, of course it must tickle Summerville a little also, and tell them that they shall have a little railroad on the side also, four miles long, to connect them with the "keyhole."

But the embryo town at the junction on the Sandridge is likely to have an abnormal growth so the senator just places his massive heel upon her and says: "You shall sell only an occasional broom, plug of tobacco, a few nails and a little coffee and sugar," and it is hoped that the little town will be obedient, and like all other towns of our valley, reap its reward.

W. A. C.

THE PIONEERS.

A Pleasant Reunion Held in This City.

A PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.

Preparations Made for Future Meetings in this County.

The meeting of the old pioneers of Union county for the purpose of having a social reunion and organizing a Pioneer Association, which took place in this city last Saturday was a complete success in every respect. Probably one thousand visitors were in attendance, representing every part of the county. A huge streamer was hung across the intersection of Main and A streets on which was painted in large letters "Camp Here. Welcome! Good Wood, Water and Grass." This was the first thing to be seen by the old pioneers and their families who commenced arriving early in the morning and by ten o'clock the streets were thronged with gray headed men and women and their happy children. About 11 o'clock the Union Silver Cornet Band discoursing excellent music marched down Main street and up C street to Nodine's grove, followed by the vast throng, where ample preparations had been made for their reception. While the people were assembling they were entertained with music by the Union Cornet Band, and were delighted with the music made by the band which came over from La Grande, led by Mr. J. R. Kellogg, an old pioneer. This band consisted of a flute, played by Mr. Kellogg, and a base and tenor drum. This old fashioned music probably awakened memories in the breasts of the old people present that the louder and complicated notes of the cornets failed to do.

Judge A. C. Craig as marshal of the day kept everything moving properly and when all were assembled order was called by E. S. McComas and General Stevens, of North Powder, was elected president, and Benj. Brown and Green Arnold, of La Grande, and J. A. Childers, of Island City, vice presidents. A short address of welcome was then delivered by T. H. Crawford, after which the meeting adjourned for dinner.

The dinner, consisting of all the good things to be found in this bounteous land was spread on long tables in the grove and the visitors enjoyed themselves greatly discussing the viands and contrasting the same with the rather limited fare of the early days in Grande Ronde valley.

After dinner Mr. M. Baker, of La Grande delivered a short but interesting address in place of W. W. Baker, of Portland, who was unable to attend on account of his ill health.

Mr. J. R. Kellogg then rendered the old song "Uncle Sam's Farm" in regular old pioneer style.

Judge E. C. Brainard, of Union then read an excellent poem which he prepared for the occasion addressed to "The Old Pioneers." The poem will appear in our next issue.

The remains of the old flag, described in last week's issue of THE SCOUT, was then presented to the Union Pioneer Association in a neat little speech by T. H. Crawford.

After singing by the choir the people repaired to the court house preceded by the two bands. The building was jammed to suffocation by a surging mass of humanity and if any of them had any fear of the "old pile of brick and mortar" falling down it was not apparent in their actions.

The chairman appointed a committee of five consisting of B. W. Grandy, of La Grande; Mrs. Jas. Hendershott, of the Cove; Benj. Brown, of Island; Terry Tuttle, of Summerville; and E. S. McComas, of Union, to arrange the basis of a permanent organization and report the same.

A permanent organization was then effected by the election of Gen. J. H. Stevens, president; E. S. McComas, secretary and Benj. Brown treasurer.

On motion the president was authorized to appoint one vice president from each precinct in the county, also an executive committee of five to select the time and place for holding the next annual meeting. On this committee were appointed L. B. Rinehart, D. A. McAlister, John McDonald, W. B. Boothe and Benj. Brown. The meeting then adjourned.

About five o'clock the people assembled near the school house to witness the balloon ascension by the aeronaut, Prof. Lang, which was effected in a very satisfactory manner. A dance in the evening at Davis' hall terminated the day's pleasure. Taken altogether it was the most pleasant, social and friendly gathering ever witnessed in Union county, and it is to be hoped that many more such gatherings will occur. All honor to the old pioneers!

THEY MET DEATH.

Two Young Ladies and a Gentleman are Drowned in Grande Ronde River.

As we go to press news is received of the drowning of the two daughters of Mr. Wm. Boothe, aged 18 and 14 years, and a young man aged 21. They were out boat riding on the Grande Ronde river near their home in Lower Cove, and it is supposed the boat capsized. The boat was found and the bodies belonging to the young man, but the bodies have not been recovered yet. Full particulars could not be obtained.

The County Indebtedness.

The La Grande Gazette with a total disregard of truth keeps reiterating that the enabling act does not allow an appropriation of more than \$25,000 for county buildings, and also, that the indebtedness of Union county is not more than \$45,971.93. The Gazette knows it lies when it makes these statements. Section 6 of the enabling act allows an appropriation of \$25,000 and a 2½ mill tax annually, for an indefinite period. Any one who will look at the clerks report published in THE SCOUT April 11 will see that the indebtedness cannot be far from \$85,000. He will observe the credit of \$45,836.93 "estimated current taxes applicable to the payment of warrants." Now if these taxes were applicable to the payment of warrants issued for expenses last year the net indebtedness of the county on April 11th would have been \$45,971.93, but such is not the case. They are applicable to the payment of warrants to be issued for expenses during the coming year, and it is safe to say that expenses between this and April 11, 1891 will be more than \$40,000. Therefore that amount should not be credited in the clerks report in estimating the actual indebtedness of Union county at the present time.

Auction Sale.

Notice is hereby given that we will sell at public auction, at John Elliott's corral in the city of Union, on the 7th day of June, 1891, the following described property to wit: One horse, four cows, two yearlings, one wagon, plow, harrow and other farming implements, household goods, etc. Terms of sale: All sums under five dollars, cash in hand; over five dollars, ninety day's time with interest and approved security.

N. E. & S. D. FICKLIN,
Administrators of the estate of W. T. Ficklin, deceased.

Lost, A Pocket Book.

On Saturday, May 24th somewhere between the Cove and Union, a red pocket-book containing papers, tax receipts, and a five dollar greenback. Any one finding the same and leaving it at T. H. Crawford's office will be given the five dollar bill and receive the thanks of W. T. S. Johns.

Farmers, Remember

That Mrs. L. B. Rinehart takes all kinds of produce in exchange for goods.