THE ELECTION.

Union Chosen as the Permanent County Seat by an Overwhelming Majority.

The Result, Politically, as Estimated From Latest Returns.

A VICTORY FOR THE TAXPAYERS.

Disgraceful Scenes at La Grande and Island City.

Pennoyer is Elected Governor by Five Thousand Majority.

Notwithstanding the inclement weather of the preceeding day or two election day dawned pleasant and propitious. In this city the polls were opened at 8 a. m. and were conducted in an orderly manner. Politics was almost lost sight of and the county seat question was the prevailing topic of the conversation. Jos. Jones and R. E. Bryan who were present from La Grande as representatives of that town were invited to act as challengers or to attend the polls in any capacity they saw fit as Union expected to have a fair election and would have nothing to conceal from anybody. They declined to act in any capacity no doubt being fully aware of what kind of a reception Union's representatives were to meet with at La Grande. The voting went on in a quiet and orderly manner till 6 o'clock p. m. when the polls were closed. The number of votes cast was 418 every one of which represented a bona fide citizen and legal voter.

About eleven o'clock the representatives sent to look after our interests at La Grande returned home having been repulsed by the election officers at that place and jeered at an intimadated by a howling mob of drunken ruffians.

Our representatives to the new town were Attorney J. R. Crites, Judge A. C. Craig, and Mr. Al. Goodbrod. Mr. Crites went as a representative of Union (one of the candidates) carrying the proper credentials from the city council. Messrs. Craig and Goodbrod went as challengers and carried the proper credentials with them showing that they had been regularly appointed for that duty by the democratic and republican county central committees. Before the polls were opened, Mr. Crites informs us, he appeared before the judges, presented his papers, and asked to be allowed a seat in the chamber while the voting was going on. While Mr. Crites was speaking a dutchman by the name of Proebstel yelled: "Put out the Union man! We can attend to our own affairs." This was seconded by the mob outside. Mr. Finn, one of the judges of election seeing how the affair was to be conducted resigned, and O. Ralston, without the formality of an election by the bystanders, as the law directs, was selected to fill the vacancy. One of the regularly appointed clerks being absent F. T. Dick was selected in a similar manner, to take his place. Mr. Crites and the others were then ordered out of the room. The alleged judges then selected one of Snodgrass' clerks and a barber to act as "challengers." Mr. Crites while on the porch outside the house, met Dr. Honan and asked him to present the matter to the judges, but Dr. Honan refused. Mr. Crites then went to the window and made a formal demand to be allowed his rights. He was peremptorily refused by the judges and ordered to get outside the ropes. Craig and Goodbrod also, formally demanded their privelege of acting as challengers but were similarly repulsed. Mr. Crites then asked that a minute of his demand and the action of the judges in the matter be entered upon the records, and withdrew. Attorney C. H. Finn, who seems to have been the only sane man in La Grande, returned, and citing the judges to various authorities urged them to admit Mr. Crites as he undoubtedly had a right to be present. At this juncture the voice of Prebstel was heard vociferating "Me and Cage Baker settled that question down at the office." The judges seemed to think that was sufficient and Mr. Finn, seeing that further talk was useless remarked that "If Proebstel and Baker have 'settled it' the supreme court can have nothing to do with it and there will probably be no appeal. In my opinion, however, such actions will invalidate the election." He then left them to their own sweet will, and what will be forever recorded as the most disgraceful election ever held in the state of Oregon, commenced.

Messrs. Marion Carroll, Wm. Wilson, and S. L. Hunter, who were sent to represent us in the old town, had a similar reception, and came home early in the day.

During the day a lot of hired bruisers paraded the streets and the right of any man to cast his vote was not allowed to be questioned. In the forenoon a special train arrived from Kamela, in Umatilla county, having on board about 75 or 80 men. These men were voted at Hilgard, and voted again upon their arrival at La Grande, and it can be proven that some of them voted two or three times while at La Grande. A company of 125 "dagos" who had been working on the branch road arrived early in the day and cast their votes. These had been voted earlier in the day at Island City. They arrived at Island City in wagons and were stopped just at the edge of town, and were formed into squads of about ten men each, the ballots were given to them, and they were herded to the polls and voted. Several prominent manipulators of La Grande were there to see that the work was done properly. It is said by those who were present, but powerless to prevent it, that it was the most disgusting spectacle they ever witnessed. Most of the "dagos" were drunk and after voting were hurried on to La Grande to hold high carnival with their ilk at that place.

The vote at La Grande run up to 983, clearly showing an illegal vote of, at least, 400. The managers there evidently thought it was sufficiently large to give La Grande the county seat, and not wanting to have any more cast than was necessary, desisted. It would have been just as easy to have had twelve or fifteen hundred ballots in the box as the number they did have. They were wrong in their estimation of the vote they would get in other portions of the county, and missed their calculations about 350 or 400, as the returns show that they are beaten about that much in spite of all their rascality. Had a fair election been held Union would have come out of the contest with at least 800 majority.

It would be impossible this week to publish a reliable table showing the vote by precincts, as the official returns are not all in. In fact it is very difficult to form an estimate, as only fragmentary information can be had from La Grande precinct. They seem to be as mum over there as so many clams. We have delayed going to press one day in order to get definite information from there, but have been unable to do so. From what information we have, Union county will give Miller, dem., a majority of 50; Pennoyer, dem., 700; McBride, rep., 100; Bonham, dem., 62; McElroy, rep., 18; Webb, dem., 267; O'Brien, dem., 33; Clifford, dem., 547; Hyde, dem., 432; McAlister, dem., 79; Wright, rep., 302; Sanders, rep., for county judge, is elected by two or three hundred majority. L. Lang, dem., for commissioner, is probably elected. J. T. Bolles, dem., for sheriff, is elected by over 600 majority. Turner Oliver, dem., for clerk, will have a majority of nearly 900. J. S. Elliott, dem., for recorder, will be elected by a small majority. J. D. Guild, rep., for assessor, is elected by a small majority. E. C. Brainard, dem., for treasurer, will receive 500 majority. A. J. Hackett, dem., for school superintendent, is probably elected. J. L. Curtis, dem., for surveyor, is probably elected by a small majority. Joel Weaver, dem., for coroner, will receive a small majority. Union receives a majority for the county seat of about 430.

From all information received at this time it is evident that the whole republican state ticket is elected with the exception of Pennoyer who will, without doubt, receive a majority of at least 5000.

WALLOWA COUNTY.

Our Wallowa county correspondent says: "The weather continues propitious alike to farmer and stockmen. The acreage being sown exceeds any former year. Farmers were never more hopeful of a plenteous harvest. The deep snow lying on the mountains is not only a guarantee of frequent and copious showers during June and July, but is a gracious assurance to the miller that his mill need not stand idle for lack of water. Grass was never better, though stock are quite thin, yet in a little while they will be getting fat."

THE COVE.

Result of the Election Held in That Place.

THE NEWS OF THE PAST WEEK.

The Machine Shops Probably to be Moved From La Grande to Union.

COVE, June 4, 1890.

The measles have about disappeared from Cove.

S. B. Burroughs will probably move his steam planer to Elgin in June.

Mrs. Flora Lynch and daughters Ettie and Lela were visiting relatives in the Cove last week.

Strawberries are beginning to ripen. The late heavy frost did not seem to do particular damage to the fruit.

The Rev. B. Wistar Morris, of Portland, is passing a few days in Cove. He held services Monday evening.

Mrs. S. G. Shaw, of Eugene, arrived from Portland Thursday on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Jasper G. Stevens.

Wheat is a scarce commodity in this neck of the woods, a few thousand bushels are held in Union at sixty cents per bushel.

Lost, between Jake Conner's and Cove, recently, a ladies' black scarf. Finder will please leave the same at the drug store.

Mr. Moore, representing Lawton & Co., of Atchinson, Kansas, is in town for the purpose of subletting the Union and Cove mail contract.

L. B. Stearns has received the contract for building a commodious furniture store in Elgin. He will commence operations at once.

Mrs Shoemaker, William and John Shoemaker and wife, have gone to Wallowa County on a visit to relatives. The Messrs. Shoemaker will extend their trip to the Snake River country with a view of looking over that region for a desirable stock range.

Notwithstanding the fact that the ground squirrels have been persistently poisoned, trapped and shot for several years, they are very numerous this spring. The little pests are being destroyed by thousands, otherwise they would account for a very large quantity of grain.

The latest reports are that as soon as trains are running through Union over the so-called motor line, the round house, machine shops, railroad blacksmith shop, etc., will be removed from La Grande to Union, and the latter place made the end of a division. This move will increase the population of Union over 500 not counting "dagos."

The census enumerators for this district, E. B. Conklin and E. T. Foster, have entered upon their duties, and thus are priviliged to propound all kinds of impertinent questions. If they ask you in regard to the color of your grandmother, answer them at once or you may expect Uncle Sam's police to camp on your trail.

Voters for La Grande were very unpopular here Monday, and were the recipients of good-natured though earnest taunts on every side. The community did not seem to have anything against La Grande as a town, but felt like entering a protest when calling to mind the many long, cold trips they must take across the valley should the county seat be moved to La Grande.

There is never a thorn without a rose. In case La Grande comes out second best the good people of that place will probably feel quite independent of Cove when looking at the election returns and will not feel under obligations to burden themselves with the expense of purchasing of Covites the luscious berries and juicy fruits they have been wont to take to the La Grande market.

The election in Cove passed of quietly, though much feeling over the county seat contest was manifested. The precinct gave Hermann's opponent in 1888 a majority of 17, this year 15; so, politically, we have been at a standstill. Bolles received the highest majority, viz: 68; A. J. Hackett, 44; Brainard, 37. James Hendershott for justice and Adam Crossman for constable, were elected by handsome majorities on the prohibition ticket.

The drowning accident which happened near Wm. Boothe's residence, Wednesday of last week, was a very sad affair. Mr. John Bennett, a young farmer living near Summerville, had come to see some horses which he intended purchasing. Mr. Boothe having started for Telocaset that morning, Frankie and a younger sister decided to point out the stock which were across the river. The only means of crossing was an old skiff which was hard to manage and easily upset. It is supposed that the boat was overturned about the middle of the river, and the young man, who was unable to swim, probably drowned at once, as his body was found near the crossing. The girls floated further down, perhaps clinging to the boat. From the rigidity of the arms it is thought that Frankie, on being plunged into the water, very cold at this time of the year, was seized with cramps. The younger girl appeared as if she had died without a struggle. When the boat was found, and the fate of the young people known, hundreds of people repaired to the scene, but the bodies were not recovered until next day, dynamite and grappling hooks being used. A large number of sorrowing friends and relatives attended the funeral Saturday, Rev. Mr. Powell conducting the ceremonies and preaching the sermon. The girls, in particular, were well known here and favorites with all, and the community extend genuine sympathy to the sorrowing family in their great loss.

WOLF CREEK BUDGET.

The Lumbering Business—Barn Burnt—Spearing Salmon—Personal Notes.

W. A. Charnes has sold his farm to Henry Bauer.

The Charnes boys have completed fencing their ranch on Wolf creek.

Wm. Gilkinson of Ohio is visiting his uncle Jas. Gilkinson, of Wolf Creek.

Crops are growing nicely and the farmers are expecting an abundant harvest.

Dave Lee and H. Wicks have the contract of delivering logs at the Stoddard mill.

John Simonis has proven himself an expert fisherman having speared near forty salmon this spring.

By the carelessness of some of the "kids" of North Powder Dave Lee's barn was burned last week. Loss unknown.

There is quite a business in sawmilling on Wolf creek, there being about 20,000 ft. of lumber delivered at North Powder daily.

Rumor has it that quite a number of old bachelors have about concluded that it is not good for man to be alone. How about it Willis C?

Some of the minor events of Wolf creek are that Johnny Y. has a nice idea; Johnny O'B. has a very sore eye. We don't know the nature of it, but ask Lucy.

The good people of Wolf creek organized a S. S. at that place recently. Milton Hughes, supt. Jno. O'Bryant, second assistant supt, Miss Emma Hand secretary; teachers not selected yet.

M. D. (not mule driver) was on Wolf creek not long since with a black eye that was caused by a stick of wood. Some said that was nothing to the bruise his heart received by—pardon us, Dora.

W. A. Charnes will leave Oregon about Sept. for the sunny clime of Louisiana where the frogs sing sad requiems to the slow departing chills and fever. He is wanting a change of climate on account of rheumatism.

EAGLE VALLEY ITEMS.

The Eagle valley mountains, which contain snow nearly the whole year round are situated about twenty miles north of the valley. They are, sometimes, called the Granite mountains.

Some of the farmers on the west side of Eagle creek are making preparations to dig a ten mile ditch. This valley already has about 5 or 6 irrigating ditches in which about ten or fifteen persons are interested.

Mr. E. Samis has just completed a large flume across Powder river, in this valley, for irrigating purposes. It is about 135 feet long, supported by heavy braces and iron rods. It is the only flume between Baker City and Snake river. The flume is supplied with water from Eagle creek which never goes dry. Mr Samis is making a decided success of his farming here. In fact he is a success at anything he undertakes.

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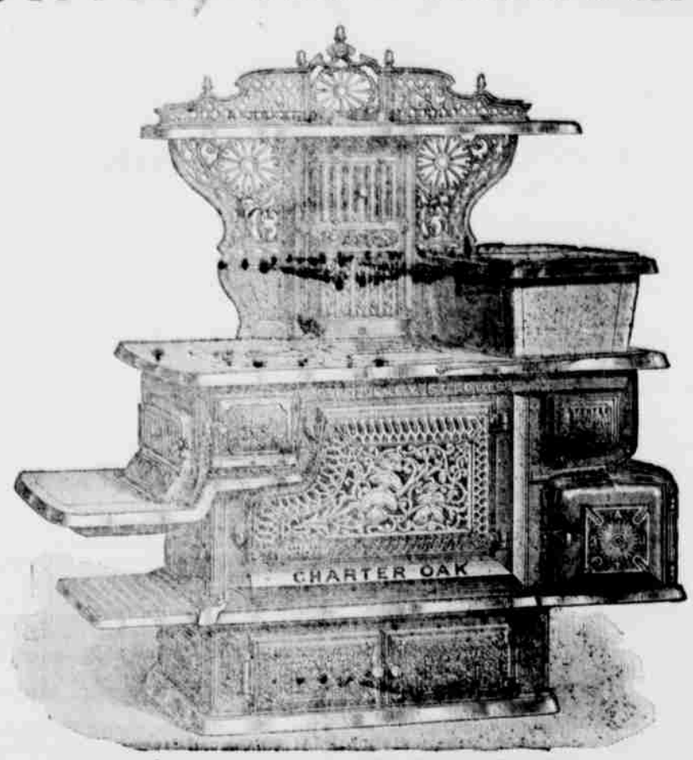

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