

# Oregon Scout.

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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

IDAHO and Wyoming have been admitted to the Union. Rapidly are the stars increasing in the crown of the Goddess of Liberty.

COMMISSIONER Bennehoff, of Eagle valley, retires from office with credit, and the respect of the entire county. He performed his duties conscientiously and was an efficient officer.

ANY book of poems which has the word "tyrant" in it can not pass the Russian frontier. The Czar thinks it a direct hit at him. An English book was lately tabooed because it had the sentence, "God's free air." All the air in Russia belongs to royalty.

We don't think that Wannamaker is cheek by jowl with the Dietz, as has been reported. If he is, the postal service would be better than it is, and much profanity would be prevented. The service is the worst ever known in this country. It comes very near to being no service at all.

SLATER, the second ward politician of La Grande, has published another "manifesto" in the Gazette in which his remarkable power in slinging figures together is exercised to the fullest extent in trying to show that his burg is "a bulgin' for'ard" at a fearful pace, as it were.

THE ordinance presented to the council to be acted on next Monday, granting a franchise to a railroad company to construct lines through the streets, is one of great importance and should engage the attention of the people as well as the council. We think the council should study the matter carefully before throwing any obstructions in the way.

Mr. Isaac R. Birt, manager and traveling correspondent of the Northwest Pacific Farmer, Portland, Oregon, was in Union about three weeks ago and took a number of subscriptions, also several donations of money to pay for a write up of the town. As yet we have not received the paper and have not seen any write up of the place. We would like to hear from Isaac at his earliest convenience.

THE newspaper that does its duty in protecting the public interest is sure to make enemies. But what of that? Enemies rather help a newspaper than do otherwise, especially when their hostility is generally known to arise from an independent and public-spirited course on the part of the journal that incurs their displeasure. The paper that stands by the public interests is on solid ground, and the people will heartily support it in its advocacy of their rights. In every small town or city there are persons who think themselves entitled to control everything, and that opposition to any of their proceedings is an offense akin to a personal grievance or affront. They want to boss the community, newspapers included. They lack apprehension or understanding of the true function of a newspaper in its relation to public interests, and if they could have their way the local press would be simply the organ of their private interests and selfish aims.

LAST Tuesday county clerk Neill, as the law directs, drew cuts to see which man he should issue certificates of election to, for commissioner, W. E. Arnold or L. Lang, they having received an equal number of votes at the recent election. Mr. Lang was the lucky man. Neither of the gentlemen were at the drawing and we presume do not recognize the right of the county clerk to dispose of the matter, as the election is to be contested. Mr. Arnold has assumed the duties of the office, there being nothing to prevent him doing so at this time.

County Judge Sanders took the oath of office, Monday, and at once opened probate court. We have no doubt he will give satisfaction as judge. Mr. Turner Oliver, clerk, Mr. John Elliott, recorder and Mr. J. T. Bolles, sheriff, took charge of the offices, yesterday. Mr. Oliver has not selected his deputy, as yet. Mr. Oliver has exhibited excellent judgment in retaining Judge Bell as his deputy. No better selection could have been made. Sheriff Bolles, we are pleased to note, is exercising great care in the selection of deputies, of which he will have two. He has chosen W. R. Usher, of Eagle, as one of them. This appointment is highly satisfactory and will meet with general approval as no man is more favorable known than Mr. Usher.

THE La Grande Gazette in speaking of the contest entered by some of the candidates who were counted out at the recent election says: "It is evident that the contest is not for a party victory or personal emoluments, but to gratify a local spite." We wonder if the Gazette really thinks so, or could point out the place where this spite is located. Out of the five contestants, three of whom are democrats and two republicans, but one—Mr. Hackett—resides in Union. Mr. Wright lives on Big creek; Mr. Good-nough at Island City; Mr. Lang in Pine valley and Mr. Kimbrell at North Powder. If the action of these men indicate a local prejudice it is as wide as the county. But their action, as the Gazette well knows, is not prompted by prejudice or spite nor for the sake of personal emolument, but upon high moral grounds, believing it to be their duty to do so in the interest of law, order and good government. Knowing themselves to have been honestly elected by the legal voters of the county, they no doubt feel a pardonable pride in this and would, naturally, like to establish the fact before the world. While the frauds perpetrated at La Grande were outrageous in the extreme and practiced with but little attempt at concealment, it may yet be difficult to mass sufficient evidence to throw out the precinct as the men who were guilty of these crimes, unscrupulous and cunning as they are, will not hesitate to swear to, and manufacture counteracting testimony. The gentleman, who are endeavoring to ventilate the matter will have the hearty sanction of the people. If they are successful in the attempt and their efforts are instrumental in bringing to justice the gang of ballot box stuffers of La Grande who have been a standing menace to the county for several years past, it will be a matter for congratulation.

In the retirement of O. P. Goodall and A. T. Neill from their positions as judge and clerk of this county, we take pleasure in expressing our appreciation of the services they have rendered, and believe we but reflect the sentiments of the people when we accord them praise. Judge Goodall has occupied the most trying and important office in the county for four years, and during the whole time he has not, to our knowledge, relaxed his vigilance or efforts to advance the interests of the entire county. This he has done without favor or prejudice to any man or locality. In the fearless discharge of his duties he may have made a few enemies, but these are entirely creditable to him. He has been the most watchful and painstaking judge that Union county ever had and deserves the thanks of the people. Mr. Neill assumed the duties of county clerk four years ago, and under his careful and intelligent management the office has been transformed into a model of neatness and is conducted upon a system of thoroughness and order that has made it recognized as the best kept office in the state. It is not every day that such men as these are found. We hope their successors will prove themselves equally capable.

THE East Oregonian issued a splendid Fourth of July edition with a magnificent birdseye view of Pendleton, as a supplement. This enterprise on the part of the publishers of that paper should be, and no doubt is, fully appreciated by the people of Pendleton. The East Oregonian is at the head of journalism in the Inland Empire and is doing a noble work not only for its own section but for the entire state.

At the June election the vote for Representative in Wallowa county was a tie between Gowen (Rep.) and Barnes (Dem.) At the special election held last week to decide between these two men, Barnes was elected by 23 majority, not-with-standing the county is largely republican. The people evidently, selected the man they thought could represent them best.

If the census just taken comes within twenty per cent of showing the correct figures on anything sought to be enumerated it will be doing a great deal better than we think it will. Twenty per cent, deducted from or added to, the size of a man's nose would make a difference, but that much will probably make no particular difference in the census figures.

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## WOLF CREEK.

News of the Week as Noted by Our Regular Correspondent.

July 6, 1890.

Delightful weather. Al. Graham has moved to his ranch near Haines.

Some of the ranchers are preparing to begin baying. Some are having hay stacked by the ton, paying 90 c. per ton.

William, Jacob, John and Louie Simonis spent the Fourth at the North Powder lakes fishing; capturing over 200 of the finny tribe.

The farmers seem to have a great deal of trouble in securing help in their harvesting. The saw mills employ so many men that idlers are scarce and only "bums" can be found idle.

The Wolf creek school closed the 27th ult. The school was to have been four months, but hot weather, the Fourth, and harvest time induced the teachers to prevail on the directors to have a vacation until Sept. The first month the enrollment was 38, daily attendance 32; second month enrolled 44, daily attendance 36; third month enrolled 46, daily attendance 39. The school is well advanced and the pupils are good workers.

The Fourth at North Powder, was a nice social gathering. The programme had to be changed some, on account of parties not performing duties assigned them. The choir was a volunteer one picked upon the ground, led by Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Stevens. The Liberty car was a grand success in every part. The oration by Prof. Stewart Williams did great honor to the occasion. The masterly manner in which Prof. Williams handled his subject showed that he has the welfare of the American people at heart. The afternoon programme consisted of athletic sports such as foot racing, jumping and horse racing. Harold Parker proved to be the champion athlete; winning in each of four contests; viz. foot race one jump, running one jump, and two hops and a jump. At night a grand ball was given in Spencer's hall, nearly 100 numbers being sold.

## HIPOCRATES.

### WALLOWA COUNTY.

A Bright Outlook—Stockmen Improving the Breed of Cattle and Horses—Result of the Special Election.

UPPER WALLOWA, July 6, 1890.

All hail our natal day.

Rains have been frequent and satisfactory.

Streams whose sources are up in the snow-drifts are at full tide.

Our horseman have decided that the Cayuse must go. This pony has served a purpose long and well: but like his original owners he is doomed; and in a few decades he will live only in stories that are told.

Cattle men say their crop of calves, this season, falls far below the average. Perhaps the cause of this short age is traceable to a lack of fodder and better grades of cattle, properly cared for, might be more profitable to handle.

There is pushing activity among our sawmill men. There are four mills, in this end of the valley, and they are running on full time with full crews. The owners have many unfilled orders for lumber to build large barns, the old being too small to hold the immense crops of hay and grain that are ripening for the sickle.

Our special election resulted in the choosing of Mr. Barnes as Representative, by a small majority. Democrats are jubilant, republicans despondent. The friends of the respective candidates were very active before and at the polls. Much was said and done that deserves censure. It is better to punish fraud with the strong arm of law, than to meet fraud with fraud. The election of Mr. Barnes was not the result of his popularity, but the result of Mr. Gowen's weakness in conducting the campaign. Had Mr. Gowen absented himself from the county, during the first campaign, his success would have been assured; but his public talks not only humiliated his friends but angered his opponents.

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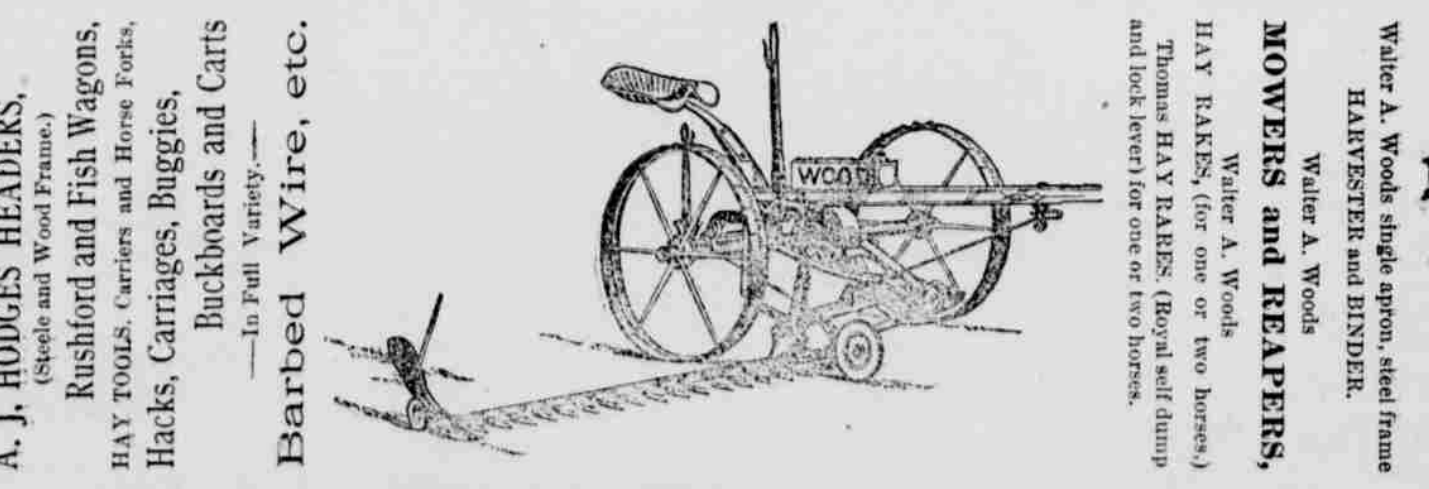
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