

EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE Athena Press has been changed to a semi-weekly. This action on the part of the management is commendable.

THE Christmas number of The Wallowa Chieftain, if the expectations of the publisher do not fail, will be a rare literary treat. A well written history of Wallowa county will occupy part of the fourteen pages that will comprise the issue.

THE assessment of property in Oregon for this year will probably be from \$6,000,000 to \$10,000,000 larger than it was in 1889. If the other counties in the State could have shown as great a gain in wealth for time as Union county, the sum total would have reached nearly five times that amount.

BISHOP WALKER, of the diocese of Minnesota, is having built at the Pullman Palace car works a miniature church on wheels. It is proposed to make regular visits to all the small villages along the line of the railroad that are too poor to support a minister. This odd church will comfortably seat about seventy people.

While the red men are flocking about a man whom they claim to be Messiah, and indulging in ghost dances in his honor, a party of people called the pre-millennialists have gathered together in New York in annual convention and are predicting the speedy coming of the Lord. In this instance the Indians have got the start of the pre-millennialists.

THE Kansas farmer who was elected a district judge will take a sixty days course at Ann Arbor University to fit himself for the bench. It used to be considered that, beside an elementary legal education, it required the "incubations of twenty years" to make a man a judge; but the farmers alliance of Kansas has squashed all that old fashioned nonsense, and they are perfectly right. What is needed is more good common sense and less law.

THE character of Iago is more heartily despised than any other portrayed by Shakespeare, and yet it is not an unfamiliar character. The crafty, cunning, treacherous, hypocritical, unscrupulous, lying and cruel attributes of Iago are frequently combined in men we meet every day. They are soon found out, however, and receive the contempt they deserve. A man is liable to be injured by having anything to do with them, even in the capacity of an enemy.

THE reckless pension policy of the Harrison administration is in a fair way to bankrupt the government. About the first thing to occupy the attention of congress will be the pension deficiency bill. It will call for upwards of \$60,000,000, and when the new pension laws go into effect next year it will require an appropriation of over \$100,000,000. It should be remembered that the greater part of this large sum never reaches the deserving soldier, his widow or his orphans.

ANYONE who will take the trouble to visit the recorders office and look over the deeds filed from day to day, might make some interesting observations. No two deeds are alike except they come from the same office. Nearly every law firm has a form different from his fellow practitioners. Other States regulate the form of deed of general warranty and the result is a uniformity very desirable. Then printed records are brought into use and time and labor saved and many a lawsuit prevented. There is much need of a deed blank which would be used exclusively, and this with other matters will probably occupy the attention of the legislature of 1891.

JUDGE FEE is rapidly growing in popular favor, as a conscientious and able judge, among the lawyers and litigants as well as the taxpayers of the sixth judicial district. Speaking of the recent term of court held in Baker county, at which Judge Fee presided, the Baker City Democrat says: "Circuit court for Baker county has been in session two weeks, and a very lengthy docket has been disposed of in an expeditious and economical manner. Hon. Jas. A. Fee, judge presiding, is spoken of in the highest terms of praise, not only by the bar but by the leading citizens throughout the country. His opinion as a jurist as well as his executive ability are in accord with the taxpayers of Baker county."

THE Roseburg Review says: "For president of the United States, Grover Cleveland; for vice-president, Sylvester Pennoyer. That is a ticket that would go in upon a tidal wave of enthusiasm. The people are tired of the hypocrisy of republicanism by which monopolists are enabled in the name of protection to rob the laborer and producer. The people demand an honest government economically administered and that taxes should go into the public treasury and not into the pockets of Carnegie, Wannamaker and other blood suckers."

OUR editorial sanctum is given to hospitality. No person is any more welcome, however, than one who brings an item of news even though it concerns himself. To make this business successful an editor of a weekly newspaper is compelled to devote most of his time to work inside the office. He naturally considers every man who furnishes him with an item to make his columns more newsy and interesting, as a benefactor. We hope that none of our readers will feel the least hesitancy in visiting our office or approaching us on the street with a request to publish such an item. The more interest we cause you to have in the paper the more welcome will its visits be.

EVERY State and territory in the Union should pass stringent tramp laws. In this way the nuisance may be abated to a certain extent if not entirely obliterated. The law recently enacted by the legislature of Iowa for the care and punishment of these indolent individuals is a good one and will undoubtedly have the desired effect of either ridding that State of their obnoxious presence or transforming them into wide awake and energetic people. It provides that any male person sixteen years of age or over, who is physically able to work, who is wandering about begging or idle, and who cannot show reasonable efforts to secure employment, shall be deemed a tramp sent to jail and put to hard work.

IN ALL probability the voters of the United States will have the pleasure of voting for the two undoubted leaders of their respective parties in 1892. Since the present session of congress convened a careful investigation of the feelings of the leading republicans discloses the fact that Blaine is almost the unanimous choice of the republicans. It is even said that but one man, Treasurer Huston, predicts the nomination of Harrison in 1892. It is equally certain that Hill will accept the senatorship from New York which leaves Mr. Cleveland a clear field for the nomination. No one pretends to dispute the fact that these two are shrewd men and the leaders of their respective parties, and the race, if made, will be strictly on the merits of the two platforms. The personal fight was made in 1884.

COUNTY officers in the State of Washington elected in November, will assume their duties under the new law, which fixes salaries, and will turn the fees over to the county. In most cases the salaries are ridiculously low where capable services are demanded by the public. Yet the law is a step in the right direction. There are counties in this State where fees received by county officers are out of all proportion to the work of the incumbent. A law which provides that each county officer, now paid by fees, make quarterly reports of his receipts and expenditures to the county commissioners, and be allowed to return only a fair compensation for his own services say from \$4,000 to \$7,000 per year, might solve the problem. The balance turned into the county treasury would be quite an item in some cases.

Eastern Oregon's Products. We glean the following from The Dalles Times Mountaineer: Until within the past few years Eastern Oregon was known only for its boundless pastures; but recently its exports of wool and wheat has placed it in the list of the most productive portions of the northwest. For some time past wool raised in this portion of Oregon has found its way into the Boston market, and wheat raised east of the Cascades has been sold at a good figure in Liverpool. The only means of transportation has been the one line of railroad, and as the cultivation of acreage has increased these have apparently decreased until the present season thousands of tons of wheat are exposed to the elements. The emergency has arisen when the Inland Empire should do something to help herself, and the available remedy is by water communication with the ocean. Every town tributary to the Columbia should combine to put on a fleet of boats to move our products to seaboard. As soon as this is done the government will un-

derstand our needs and will give us liberal appropriations for the improvement of the great artery of commerce for the northwest—the Columbia. When it is known that we have an outlet for our productions, capital will be attracted in this direction, and the development of our natural resources will begin in earnest. These matters are worthy the consideration of our citizens, and will be stimulative of future progress and prosperity.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Of School District Number 5, Union, Union County, Oregon. The assessment of said district having been completed by the clerk thereof for the year 1890, and the same having been returned to the board of directors on this 10th day of December, 1890, notice is hereby given that the directors of said district will sit as a board of equalization on said assessment upon the 20th day of December, at 2 p. m. A. D. 1890, and will meet at the city hall in the city of Union, Union county, Oregon. All persons deeming themselves aggrieved by said assessment will give attention to this notice, and attend and present their objections to the board at the time before mentioned. Dated at Union, Oregon, Dec. 10, 1890. JAMES RAYMOND, School Clerk.

DANGEROUS PURGATIVES.

A City Policeman's Experience. Mineral pills and drastic purgatives so irritate the mucous coatings of the stomach and bowels, that they often leave the system in worse condition than before. In fact their cathartic action is due to their irritation. The danger attending their steady use is apparent. The new laxative principle in Joy's Vegetable Sarsaparilla gets its cathartic action by increasing the mucous secretions and gently stimulating the stomach. It is purely vegetable, does not lose its effect, is effective and absolutely safe to be taken occasionally or continuously by the most delicate persons.

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THE CRY OF MILLIONS!

OH, MY BACK! STOP IT NOW, SOON IT WILL BE TOO LATE.

I have been troubled many years with disease of the kidneys and have tried many different remedies and have sought aid from different physicians without relief. About the 15th of April I was suffering from a very violent attack that almost prostrated me in such a manner that I was bent over. When I sat down it was almost impossible for me to get up alone, or to put on my clothes, when kind Providence sent Dr. Henley, with the OREGON KIDNEY TEA, to my hotel. I immediately commenced using the tea. It had an almost miraculous effect, and to the astonishment of all the guests at the hotel, in a few days, I am happy to state, that I was a new man. I will recommend the tea to all afflicted as I have been.

G. A. TUPPER, Proprietor Occidental Hotel, Santa Rosa, Cal.

Treasurer's Notice.

All County Warrants presented and not paid prior to November 12, 1885, will be redeemed to that date. Interest ceases December 10, 1890. E. C. BRAINARD, County Treasurer, Union, Or., Dec. 10, 1890.

GRAND MASQUERADE BALL

At Wright's hall, Union, Thursday Evening, December 25, 1890.

The best of Music has been secured for the occasion, and an excellent supper will be served at the CENTENNIAL HOTEL, and will be gotten up under the personal supervision of Mr. Al Goodbrod, the mere mention of whose name making it certain that a dainty collation will be spread upon his tables.

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WOOD WANTED.—Parties desiring to pay their indebtedness to this paper, in wood, can now do so. 7-17-91.

FURNISHED ROOMS FOR RENT.—Mrs M. J. Chancey, Corner Second and B St., Union, Oregon. 7-17-91.

HEADQUARTERS FOR SANTA CLAUS

HALL BROTHERS!

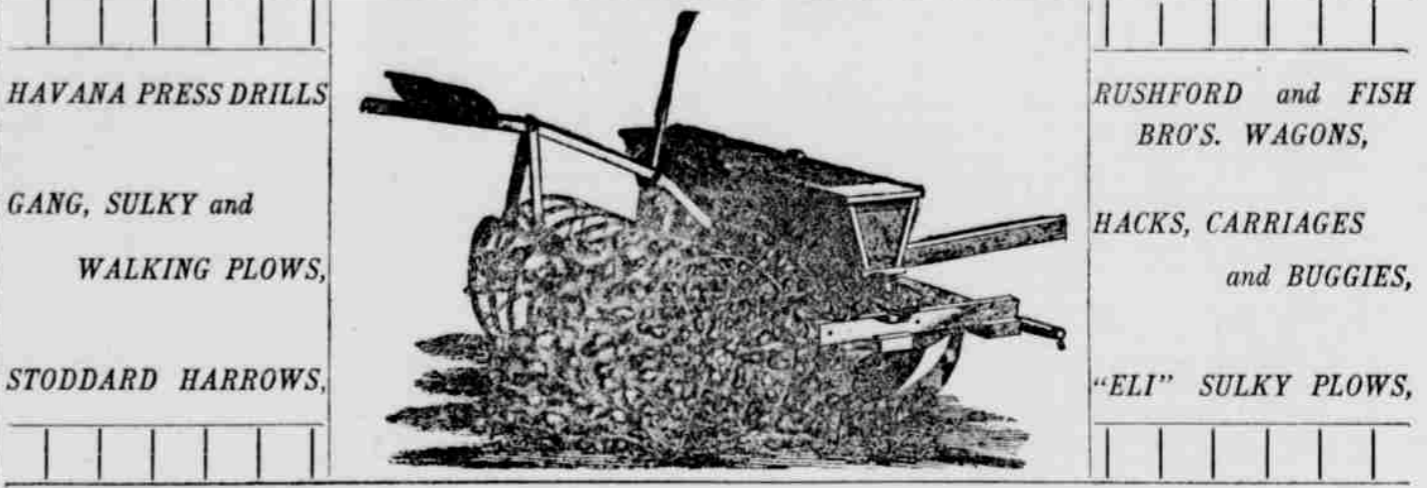
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SHERIFF'S SALE ON CHATTEL MORTGAGE.

TO ALL WHOM THIS NOTICE SHALL CONCERN: Know ye that whereas on the 15th day of May, 1880, there was filed in the clerk's office of the county of Union, a chattel mortgage bearing date of that day, made by James Robbins and Isaac Curry the parties of the first part, and E. B. Hill, the party of the second part, whereby the parties of the first part mortgaged to the party of the second part, one Clydesdale stallion named "Dominion," style No. 854, Clydesdale Stud Book of Canada; color, bay, star in face, white hind feet; foaled August 11, 1880, and which mortgage was to secure the sum of \$300.00 according to the tenor of two certain notes and interest at ten per cent, per annum; one of said notes being payable Nov. 1, 1880 for \$300.00 and the other for \$500.00 payable Nov. 1, 1880. And, whereas, under and by virtue of the law in such cases made and provided, the First National Bank of Union, delivered to me the undersigned, sheriff of Union county, Oregon, a certified copy of said chattel mortgage, and by endorsement on such copy, stated that it was the owner of the notes described in said mortgage, and directing me to take the property described in said mortgage and sell the same as provided in said mortgage, and I having in obedience to such order taken said property into my possession, and it being provided in said mortgage that said property may be sold after giving one week's notice of such sale in a newspaper published in the county of Union and State of Oregon. I hereby give notice that on Monday, the 5th day of January, 1891, at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, I will sell all the right, title and interest of James Robbins and Isaac Curry or either of them, in and to the above described property. The sale will take place at the stable of W. E. Bowker, on Main street in the town of Union, in Union county, State of Oregon, at public auction, for gold coin in hand, to the highest and best bidder. Dated at Union this 16th day of December, 1890. J. T. BOLLES, Sheriff. By W. R. USHER, deputy. 12-18-w2

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