

NOTICE.

On account of the change made in the management of this paper, all accounts due up to Jan 15, 1891, must be settled without delay. Those knowing themselves indebted to the paper are requested to come in and pay up without further urging.

AT HOME.

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

Fred Jameson, of Sanger, is in the city. Fred Bloch returned from Portland Sunday.

J. W. Chandler, of Cove, called on us this week.

A. J. Goodbrod paid the Cove a visit last Sunday.

Henry Lynch, of the Cove, was in the city Tuesday.

J. L. Carter was on a visit to Baker City a few days ago.

Mrs. Rinehart returned from Walla Walla last Saturday.

A. J. Patten, of Summerville, was in Union Thursday.

Huey Lynch, of Antelope, was in the city a few days ago.

Johnny Lawrence, of the Cove, visited Union Monday.

S. F. Newhard, of the Hot lake, was in town Thursday.

W. C. Cusick, of Wolfcreek, was in the city last Thursday.

R. H. Brown, our popular druggist, is on a business trip to Portland.

L. B. Stearns, of the Cove, made our office a substantial visit Tuesday.

John Bates, of High valley, made us a pleasant visit last Saturday.

W. A. Cates, of Telocast, made our office a pleasant call Tuesday.

County Surveyor J. L. Curtis, of La Grande, was in this city Tuesday.

Frank Hall and George Benson left for Portland Monday for a few days visit.

E. S. McComas, of the La Grande Chronicle, paid Union a flying visit Tuesday.

A marriage license was issued this week to Charles A. Dunn and Ella M. Kennedy.

A. N. Hamilton returned from Portland and Salem Sunday, where he has been on a visit.

J. R. Tolly, of the Cove, called at our office last Saturday and subscribed for THE SCOUT.

O. H. Fay, formerly of the Sandridge, but now living in Salem, was in this city this week.

Lou Remmiller and family left for the Cove, Saturday, on a visit to relatives and friends.

Miss Usher, formerly a dressmaker of this city, came over from La Grande, Sunday on a visit.

W. A. Blain, who has been in Victoria, B. C. for some time past, returned to Union last Saturday.

Mrs. Eva Benson took her departure for Baker City, Monday for a brief visit with friends there.

A. R. Robinson, one of the staunchest supporters of THE SCOUT, made us a pleasant visit last Friday.

Mrs. Charles Wilson, who has been visiting in California for some time, returned home last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bidwell, of Baker City, came down Saturday on a visit. They returned home Monday.

Peter Mercier, who has been working for E. Draper in High valley for some time past, was in this city this week.

The court house is being thoroughly cleaned and renovated, preparatory for the coming term of circuit court.

The firm of Summers & Layne have inaugurated a new method of doing business and will hereafter sell for cash only.

Dr. M. Dittelbrandt, of Elgin, made our office a pleasant call last Friday. He reports times rather dull in Elgin just now.

J. C. Oliver, of the Sandridge, was in town Saturday and ordered the address of his Scout changed from Summerville to Alice.

The East Oregonian has been boycotted by the saloon men at Pendleton, who have been found guilty of selling liquor to minors.

The principal towns of Grant county—Canyon City, John Day Town, Prairie City and Long Creek—all want to become incorporated.

Mrs. Charles Augustus, of Eagle valley, sent in this week and subscribed for THE SCOUT, to be sent to Fred A. Denney, Rockville, Idaho.

Miss Ida Campbell, formerly of this city, and Mr. A. M. Gillis, of Athena, were united in marriage on Wednesday of last week, at that place.

Rev. J. P. Morris went to North Powder this week to assist in the protracted meetings now in progress there. He will return tomorrow.

From Charles Hinckley, who was down from Antelope last Saturday, we learn that there was about a foot of snow fell in that section last week.

Joe Keilbert, the tailor, has moved into the house formerly occupied by THE SCOUT. His wife arrived a few days ago, and he has gone to house keeping.

Great preparations are being made for the coming masquerade ball on the 13th inst. Supper will be served at the Union City hotel. It is expected a large crowd will be in attendance.

A real flying machine is now astonishing Chicago with its graceful gyrations through the air, but this will not save you from trouble if you do not settle your Cove drugstore account at once.

The city council, at a meeting held last Saturday evening, adopted resolutions urging the state legislature to pass the Union city charter bill and the waterway bill at an early date as possible.

THE LEGISLATURE.

Proceedings Reported by Our Correspondent.

THE AUSTRALIAN BALLOT LAW.

Collapse of the Annexation Scheme—Other Matters of Interest.

Salem, February 2.—Proceedings of the state legislature are now beginning to warm up. As bills come up for final passage they are more closely scrutinized than when up for first and second readings. As a result much discussion is now being indulged in. The first two weeks were extremely uneventful, but this rapidly giving place to interesting proceedings, and before the session is over more than one of Oregon's secrets will have revealed himself of opinion on the various issues of the state.

Perhaps the question occupying the greatest amount of the legislature's time during the past week is the proposed railway bill, providing for a boat railway around the entire coast of the Columbia. Resolution after resolution has been introduced in regard to the bill, all tending to the end of opening the river, but so far no definite action has been taken outside of appointing a committee to investigate the subject, and make a report as to the best thing to be done in the premises. A bill appropriating money for it has been introduced and is now in the hands of the committee on rivers. The chances for an appropriation are very good, there being practically no opposition to the measure, but opinion as to the best way to go about it is very considerably divided.

The assessment and taxation bill is very lengthy and its provisions are very complete. It is very doubtful, however, that it will pass. There is hardly a paragraph in it but what has opponents, and if its framers succeed in getting it through, it will hardly bear a re-examination to the one introduced. Amendments of all kinds will be proposed and these may almost entirely change the provisions of the bill. Several other bills affecting the same subject are before the legislature but they will probably be held aside for the one prepared by the committee.

The amount asked for by wagon road bills is over \$200,000, but the committee on roads and highways has scaled them down to about \$92,000, and in this way will probably be recommended by the committee. Many of them will undoubtedly be rejected by the legislature, as it now begins to see that if the extravagance is allowed to go on, it will be a severe reflection on the majority party of the assembly. The appropriations already asked amount to several hundred thousand dollars, and this, too, before any of the state appropriation bills, with one exception, have been introduced, and that was for the expenses of the legislature.

The scheme to annex the southern portion of Union county to Baker county has seemingly collapsed, though it may possibly come up again. The senate adjourned Thursday until Monday and the house followed suit Friday. Much committee work was accomplished during the adjournment, and both houses are ready today to proceed rapidly with business.

It is becoming apparent that the republicans intend to make a political drive at Governor Penoyer at every opportunity. If this should be the case some spicy political discussions may arise, with chances strongly in favor of the governor. He is much more popular now with the people than before his last message. Several members, too, belonging to the republican majority, would probably stand by him on several of his propositions, even against the Joe Simon whips.

The contests to the seats of the Union county members have seemingly been laid aside, and it is thought that the present delegation will not be disturbed.

Much surprise was manifested at the successful passage of the Australian ballot law by the senate, even the way in which it was amended, as it was a well known fact that Simon was fighting it in every way. In the house it was expected to go through, but the change of Simon's tactics was almost a revelation. He has probably considered the unanimous demand for the law and concluded to withdraw his open opposition and accomplishing its defeat by modifying amendments, etc. Should this become a law it will, in a measure, stop Simon's bossism in Portland.

The indications are that some of the liveliest times ever known at Oregon's capital will soon be known. Measures of vast importance, and on which hardly two members of either house have the same opinions will come up for discussion, and the varying interests involved will contribute to the general interest.

THEIR PECULIAR METHODS.

Amusing Tactics Used by Baker City to Influence Taxpayers.

The Baker City Democrat can crowd about as many pure, unadulterated lies in a given space as any paper we know of. For several months past it, and a few of the "ghouls" for which Baker City is noted, have been trying to get the southern end of Union county annexed to Baker county, and to a couple that end have resorted to every method their devilish ingenuity could devise. While not one in ten of the people of that section want to be annexed to Baker county, and while there is not the slightest danger of such a thing being done, we cannot refrain from calling things by their right names when we read such vile misrepresentations as the following which appeared in a recent issue of the Democrat:

"Yesterday Mr. C. H. Duncan returned from a trip to Pine valley, Eagle valley and Sparks and brought with him a petition signed by two-thirds of the taxpayers of those sections, in favor of a remonstrance energetically circulated. The only opposition comes from Pine valley and it is a counted coup by the fact that the people have been misled by misrepresentation, emanating from the city of Union. At Eagle valley the people are solid for annexation—every taxpayer signing the petition, not excepting the County Commissioners themselves, all Union county, who point to many advantages to be gained by the people of Union county being annexed to Baker county. At Sparks the people are also a unit on annexation. Interested as they are, in Union and Baker City being the wickedly divided mining center of Baker and Union counties, the Sparks people are looking to their own interests when they express a desire to be annexed to Baker county. In other sections adjacent to Mr. Duncan's route the same evening in mind on the annexation proposition and says by all means the people should be allowed to come into Baker county."

The fact is that the people of Union, while they have known for weeks that the endearments of Baker City were in the southern portion of this county trying to work up the annexation scheme, paid no attention to the matter as they knew there was no cause for alarm. A few days ago, however, the board of trade discussed a number of ways out there just to see what the Baker ghouls were up to, anyway, and to bring back a remonstrance if it was thought necessary. They have returned and the report they bring of the tactics employed by the ghouls is amusing in the extreme. The Baker City people have resorted to every advertisement and a wonderful lie they could think of to get signatures to their petition, and all succeed in getting a few. They would stall one man with a railroad that would make town near his place, another with a wagon road that would run by his place, another with the information that the court house at Union had fallen down and would have to be rebuilt, another with a lie about the prosperous condition of Baker county, and, etc. They secured the name of Mr. Beattie, an outworn slave, by having him sign his name while he was attending the bedside of his sick daughter, and he signed it "to get rid of them."

The remonstrances brought back, on which are over four hundred names of prominent taxpayers, discloses the fact that the people of Sanger and Cornucopia are almost unanimously against annexation, as are also the people of Pine valley. In Eagle valley, out of 22 men who pay a tax on property, 14 are on the remonstrance, among them such heavy taxpayers as G. W. Moody, P. Boyer, Chandler Bros., Wm. Nash, Eugene Chandler, K. Young, G. T. Perry, David Clark & Son, A. Augustus, Louis Ferguson, A. Swisher, and, in fact, all the taxpayers of the valley. In Sparks, where the Democrat says the people are a unit in favor of annexation, there is a whole lot of people who are not. In North Powder, some dissatisfaction seems to exist, but the remonstrances will be much larger than the petition. The people there have been baited with the ridiculous idea of a motor line from Baker, and by the land across the line being rated by the Baker county assessor very low in order to make the people believe that taxes in that county, on the whole, are not so high as in Union county. Land owners on the farther side of the county could tell a different story, however.

It is very natural for the owners of Baker county scrip and ready to want to secure additional territory for they make money by it; but at the expense of the territory they seek to secure. Without some more of the kind the bankruptcy and utter ruin of the county is near at hand. They are fighting desperately and no doubt think the end justifies the means. While wishing them all the prosperity in the world the rich farmers and miners of Union county do not feel called upon to render assistance, and would like to have a rest.

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A book which is sure to have great popularity, and immense sale, both because of its interesting style and its superb illustrations is "From Manger to Throne," a new life of Christ and a history of Palestine and its people, including Dr. Talmage's account of his famous journey, through and from the Christ-land. The work which is splendidly printed, contains nearly 700 large-sized pages 6x11 inches. It is illustrated with more than 400 grand illustrations, among which are accurate copies of nearly 200 of the famous paintings of the old masters, which have so long enlivened the galleries and cathedrals of Europe, but were never before published in America.

He treats the story of the Savior with great reverence, with unexpected tenderness there being no straining for effect. The work is a history, and in no way sectarian, and is therefore one which every Christian may read with advantage.

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