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A Word to Our Patrons.

Ever since the establishment of THE SCOUT we have been very lenient with our subscribers, relying on them to pay when most convenient to themselves, and we are pleased to say a majority of them have responded very regularly every year.

THE SCOUT is not a charitable institution and only asks of its patrons what is honestly due it upon subscription and advertising accounts and this we must have. To those who have responded regularly we are greatly obliged; but why should others equally able to pay lag behind?

We will place the limit for which these accounts must be settled at November 1st, and all parties who are owing us on advertising, or one year's subscription, must settle by that date.

Thanking our patrons for past favors, and soliciting a continuance of the same, we remain Yours Most Respectfully, THE PUBLISHER.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The assessor of Astoria returns \$3,000,000 more property in that city alone than the county assessor returns for the city and county combined.

It is said President Harrison contributed \$500 to the republican campaign fund in New York. He is evidently of the opinion that it is a useless expenditure.

Democratic clubs should be organized in this county. They are springing up all over the State, and through them the proper organization of the party for the coming campaign can be made.

The Riverside Press and the San-Francisco Bulletin, both republican papers, have discovered, by sending correspondents to the Temescal mine, that it is not being worked at all, and that this is in order to raise the price of foreign tin.

In the city election in Indianapolis, (Harrison's home) last week, the democrats gained a sweeping victory, electing the whole ticket by from 1500 to 3000 majority. This is the second time the democrats have carried the city in twenty-five years, and is significant.

The Boston Journal thinks that with the large democratic majority in the next House, "it is certain that blundering" will be continuous and colossal. That may be so. But if it is more colossal than the blundering of Mr. Reed's majority in the last congress, which caused the unprecedented overturn of last November, it will be a marvel, indeed.

When an old-established weekly newspaper in Delaware was absorbed by a rival, a few years ago, it was discovered that a family of Scotch Presbyterian farmers, named Rankin, had been taking the newspaper continuously for one hundred years. The Rankins were a bit nonplused at the change, but the head of the family promptly subscribed for the victorious rival, and is probably still taking it.

"The Scout has purchased the Baker Reveille's old cylinder printing press."—Republican.

The above paragraph is self explanatory. The Republican is evidently worried on account of THE SCOUT'S improvements and tries to infer that the press which we recently put in is an old concern and does not amount to much. The fact is the press has not been in use any longer than the Republican press and cost new about three times as much.

THE new Australian ballot law recently passed in this state will receive its first general trial at the elections next June. The first experience will be rather an awkward one perhaps to many. There are many little details which, while they may be simple enough after a little practice, may seem quite complicated at the first trial.

THE citizens of western Kansas are about closing a contract with Professor Melbourne to water some 2,000,000 acres of farms at 10 cents an acre for the sea on. This is cheap enough, surely, and at the same time it is very remunerative to Mr. Melbourne; but how are they going to decide whether it is the professor or Jupiter Pluvius that does the watering?

"If there is a man in this audience," exclaimed Gov. Campbell, "whose wages have been increased by the McKinley bill, let him stand up." And no man stood. There is no such man in the United States of America. Out of 63,000,000 people there is not one man who has realized the promises of McKinley in one cent's addition to the wages he is receiving, though millions of dollars have been added to the cost of the necessities of life.—Nashville American.

THERE was taken to the insane asylum at Salem Thursday evening, says the East Oregonian, Mrs. R. G. Patten, from Sunnyside. Her husband is also crazy, and was taken there with her. He has been trying to work the mind cure on her, and as a result the reason of both has been dethroned. The state asylum, which already consumes half of the revenue of the state, is daily increasing its number of patients, there being today over 720, more than at any previous time.

It is not to be wondered at that Baker county is continually attempting to steal a large slice of Union county's territory. The state is going to sue that county for delinquent taxes some of which have been due since 1873. The amount due is \$12,245.49. In no year since 1873 has she paid her taxes in full and it is no wonder that she wants to acquire more taxable property. We are of the opinion, however, that it will be a cold day when Baker county becomes possessor of the southern end of this county.—Elgin Recorder.

An eastern writer in speaking of the prospect of a good price in potatoes says that next spring will probably bring a demand for western potatoes that has not been felt for several years. Potatoes should therefore be well housed and kept ready for an emergency. This is all right; the east can pay just as high a price as it wishes for potatoes, and if it wants good ones the place to get them is right here in Oregon and Washington. The farmers of these two states would just as soon get \$1 or \$1.50 per bushel for their potatoes next spring as to sell them this fall for from 25 to 60 cents.

In less than two weeks the November elections will have taken place and the results thereof be known. A great contest is being waged by the democracy in Ohio, Iowa, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania, though against tremendous odds, especially as the republicans are straining every nerve and spending millions of dollars to be successful. All are hitherto reliable republican states in presidential years, but many predict a democratic victory in some of them. The Times is not so sanguine, however. If the democracy carries any of them it will be just so much of a gain, and a big one, too. It has everything to win and nothing to lose in those states.—Jacksonville Times.

WHEAT PRODUCTION.

Among the great wheat-raising states as given in the advance sheets of the monthly report of the agricultural department, Oregon and Washington stand at the top notch.

In the yield per acre for wheat Oregon and Washington stand two and one-half and three bushels per acre above the general average, it being fifteen bushels. This fifteen bushels is three bushels above the average for the years from 1880 to 1890 inclusive, making Oregon's yield of the country per acre, and Washington's still further above.

The average of Oregon per acre for wheat is seventeen and one-half bushels per acre, or two and one-half bushels above the general average. The average of Washington is eighteen bushels or three bushels above the country in general.

WHY IS IT?

There seems to be a persistent desire on the part of a few individuals of this city to keep up a constant talk and ill feeling in regard to the Summers affair, and some go so far as to intimate that Mrs. Summers met her death by foul means. Such parties are too cowardly to come out and plainly state by whose hands and by what means the lady met her death. The fact is they have no ground for thinking that she came to her death by any other means than the facts brought out by the coroner's jury. The continued talk and newspaper comments in regard to the affair is only for the purpose of creating an ill feeling and injuring certain parties in business here. It is not natural for a paper like the Oregonian, printed three hundred miles from here and wholly unacquainted with the facts, to be continually stirring up the matter and urging the grand jury to investigate the case at the next term of court, unless aided and urged to do so by parties from this section. Such reports and comments are an insult to the coroner's jury and the physicians who investigated the matter.

THE SCOUT would not attempt to question the finding of a jury who was in session about two days giving a thorough investigation of the cause of the death of Mrs. Summers or any one else. They were sworn to do their duty, and surely did not sign a document against their will. Besides the verdict of the jury was corroborated by two competent physicians who also made a thorough examination of the dead body. One of the proprietors of the Republican was a member of the Coroner's jury and signed the verdict, yet it can be plainly seen that that paper is trying to create an ill feeling in regard to the matter. The Baker City Democrat of Oct., 29th, says:

"Persons who have recently visited Union say that there is a general feeling in the community that the death of Mrs. Summers has not been properly investigated and many are outspoken in their belief that the lady was the victim of foul play. The newspapers of the town have been entirely too reticent on the subject and if there is evidence showing that the woman did not commit suicide and that suspicion falls upon any person as her murderer they should make every effort to bring the guilty to justice. The Republican intimates that all is not right in the following: 'Nearly ever paper in the northwest has commented upon the mysterious death of Mrs. Summers and almost without exception take issue with the coroner's jury report. They think the matter should be investigated by the grand jury.'

So far as THE SCOUT being "entirely too reticent" is concerned, it is not our desire to keep the matter continually before the people. We have too much respect for the remaining family and friends of the deceased to keep the matter constantly before them. We think they have already had enough burden to bear without being harrassed with newspaper comments every week in regard to the sad affair, and we would not now mention it only in justice to them, their friends and the coroner's jury who investigated the matter. If M. F. Davis or any other member of the coroner's jury was not satisfied with the investigation, he had no business to sign the verdict. If he is satisfied with the verdict he should hereafter refrain from publishing such items as is referred to above by the Democrat.

The men comprising the coroner's jury are honorable and respected citizens of Union, who were sworn to do their duty, and after a thorough investigation are certainly better able to judge than the Oregonian or any other outside paper.

Besides this, Chas. F. Hyde, district attorney, was present with his deputy, R. J. Slater, both competent and honorable officials, and there for the purpose of seeing and undertaking to find out if a crime had been committed and after investigating the case to that extent that all of the evidence surrounding the case had been exhausted, they with the coroner's jury said, IT IS SUICIDE.

Let the grand jury investigate the matter. Let them sift and sever. It is something that those most interested desire to have done.

The unfortunate death is lamented by all; but that spirit that would lay murder at the door of an innocent party and one most bereaved, without cause, is treading upon dangerous ground. To say that the press of Eastern Oregon, as the Oregonian has said, are too reticent upon the matter, is to say that Eastern Oregon is made up of criminals or those that would hide and conceal the perpetration of crime and endorse the same by silence.

If the circumstances in this case, which have been closely watched and looked after by those representing THE SCOUT, shown the least cause or provocation for further investigation, it

would have said so. As it is, knowing the circumstances, knowing the coroner's jury, knowing the strict investigation had, and all other circumstances surrounding the case we only have to say: That what could have been done has been done. Unprejudiced minds are satisfied.

BUILD GOOD ROADS.

The farmers complain of the amount of their taxes, but they seldom complain of the bad roads in the vicinity of their farms. They think their taxes are burdensome, but it seldom occurs to them that bad roads are more burdensome. A farmer who pays taxes to the amount of \$100 pays as a rule, twice that sum, annually for repairs of damages to harness and farm vehicles and for extra feed for his mules and horses. Horses and mules which pull heavy loads over bad roads require much more feed than those which are in use where roads are good, and they become worn out much sooner. A horse in constant use on good roads will be serviceable several years longer than one used on bad roads.

The farmers seldom think of the cost of bad roads to them, but if asked to work a few days on the roads they grumble. Most of them regard work on roads as time thrown away. The reason they do not appreciate how great the loss is which they suffer on account of roads is that it is so gradual that they do not notice it. But they suffer the loss nevertheless.

Good roads are a fair indication of the prosperity of a community. It is worthy of notice that thrifty and prosperous people live along the line of good roads, and their homes have a comfortable appearance. As a rule they are people who buy newspapers and the latest books. Good roads are such a help to them in getting their productions to market and enable them to effect such a saving in horse flesh and in repairs to wagons and harness that they can afford many little luxuries.

All the money lost and won by grain gamblers in their "operations" comes at last out of the grain-growers and bread-eaters.

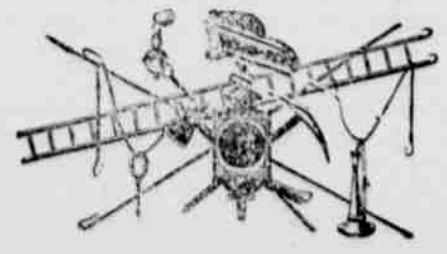
A Good Showing.

Sheriff Bolles made his settlement with the treasurer Tuesday, on the delinquent tax list for 1890. Following are the figures.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Total taxes charged \$17,864.82; To sheriff's assessments \$26.49; Total \$17,891.31; By amount collected \$14,592.61; By amount delinquent \$3,298.70; Total \$17,891.31.

According to the above figures it will be seen that there is but \$3,298.70 remaining uncollected, which is a most creditable showing. Of this amount something over one thousand is upon mortgages, upon which the county has a lien, and there is a great amount charged to non residents and transient which can never be collected, which goes to show that Mr. Bolles has collected up pretty close.

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