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Oregon News.

Polk county has a \$50,000 indebtedness.

The total indebtedness of Douglas county is about \$134,000.

Colonel James B. Eddy, of the state railroad commission, contemplates buying the Plaindealer, a weekly paper published at Roseburg. Colonel Eddy was formerly manager and editor of the Pendleton Tribune.

A telephone company has been incorporated at Heppner, with \$3,000 capital, W. E. Brock and others being interested in the new company. It is called the Blue Mountain Telephone company, and will build a line from Heppner to Long Creek and Canyon.

Milton Eagle: The question of dividing Umatilla county is much like Banquo's ghost to the people of Pendleton, and no matter how much they try to "lay" it, the subject will not down, but restlessly and resolutely arises at every session of the legislature and every election to haunt wicked politicians. The only way to finally dispose of the matter is to divide the county. It is an act of justice due the people and they will never cease to demand that which in all honor belongs to them.

Mayor Sylvester Penneyer of Portland has performed a generous action. He has donated to the city board of charities \$1250, being one-half of his semi-annual salary as mayor. Mayor Penneyer entertains the opinion that the salary of the mayoralty, \$5000 a year, is excessive pay for the performance of the duties thereof, and that \$2500 a year is a reasonable sum for the

services. Since the law is such as to require him to draw his full salary whether he earns it or not, he, therefore, sees fit to give half of it away to deserving charities, and in doing so he out-Pennyers Penneyer.—East Oregonian.

Who Was The Culprit?

An attempt was made to brain Marshal Heminger Sunday night. As he was making his regular rounds he passed through the alley back of Frank's store about 12 o'clock, and when he reached the little gate some one struck him across the eye and nose with a piece of scantling, knocking him down. Al heard the movement and threw up his arm, warding the blow somewhat. As soon as he could recover himself, Al opened fire in the direction of the retreating figure, but to no purpose. No reason is known for the assault, whether the person intended robbing the store, or had a personal grudge against the marshal.—Lakeview Examiner.

The School of Mines.

The United States under an act passed by congress has donated to the mining states a liberal per cent. of the proceeds of the mineral lands sold within their borders for the purpose of maintaining a school of mines in each state. In view of this it is essential that the representatives in the state legislature from the mining counties of Oregon hold a conference so as to secure the appropriation and the establishment of the school in the most prominent part of the mining districts of the state.

The establishment of the school should be in the locality of the mineral belt and Baker City being the hub of the mineral wealth of the state here is where the school should be located. Of course, the Agricultural College at Corvallis, the State University at Eugene and the Willamette University at Salem will have their covetous eye on this federal bounty, but they have no just claim to it. However, if the representatives from the mining counties fail to co-operate and oppose any such attempt, the money drawn from the mining counties will be expended along with every other tax on the people within the Willamette valley. The members from Baker, Union, Wallowa, Grant, Malheur and Harney counties, embraced within the Eastern Oregon mineral belt proper, ought to at once interest themselves in this matter and confer with the members from Josephine, Jackson, Douglas, Coos and Curry, and come to an understanding.

The Democrat believes that if the claims of Baker City are properly presented the school of mines will be located here. Baker City has all the advantages over any other point for the establishment of such an institution and the appropriation should come here by all means.—Baker City Democrat.

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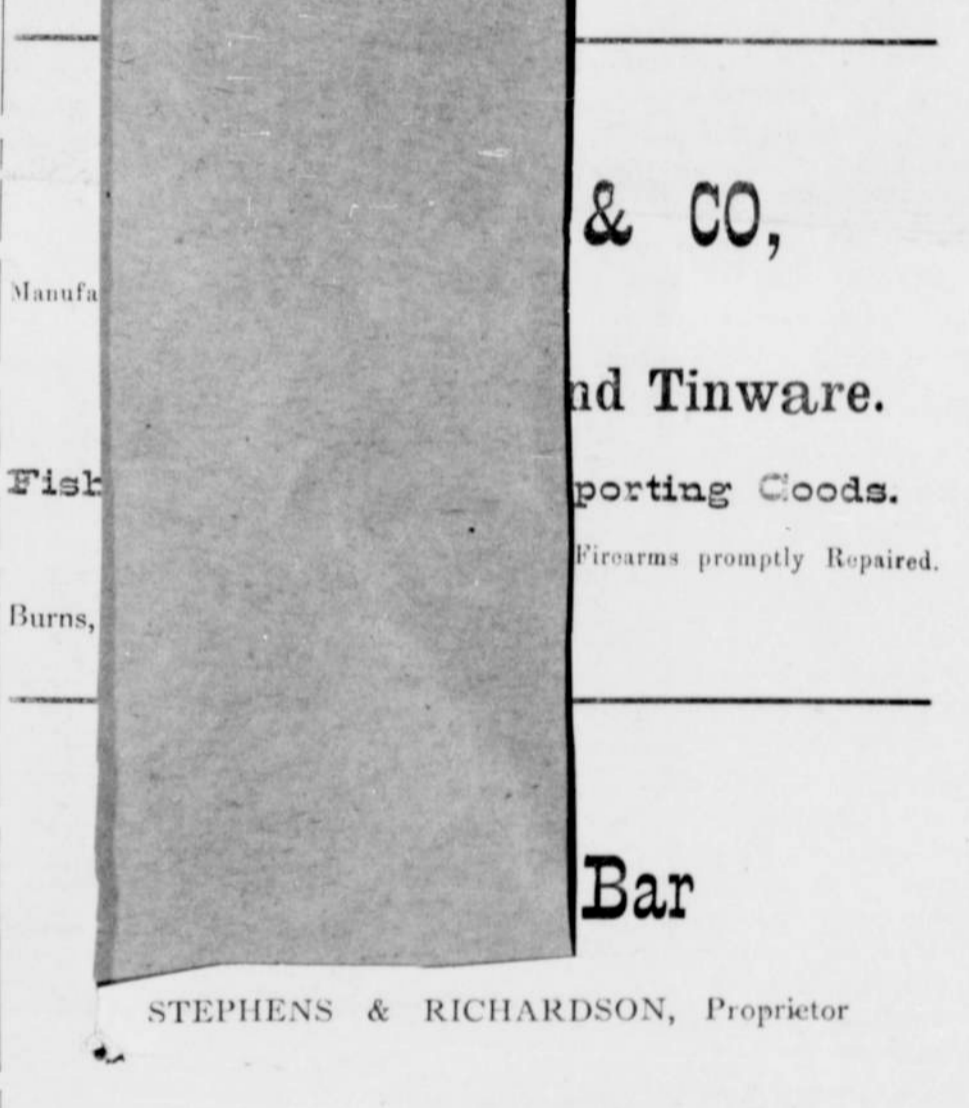
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