

THE CONDON GLOBE.

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NEW COUNTY BOOMERS.

Now that the legislature is about to convene the never-failing "new county" boomer is abroad in the land again, worse than ever before, and nearly every crossroads village in the state wants a new county struck off so as to make it the county seat. A correspondent writing from Mitchell to the *Prineville Journal* last week, believes that Mitchell would make a good county seat, if only a new county were formed around it, including all of Gilliam county south of Fossil. He presents the very good and picturesque argument that with Mitchell as county seat, many a dollar would be spent there, in the saloons, etc., that now goes to Canyon City, Prineville and Condon. Loaded with a gripsack full of such argument, the new county boomers will ask the legislature to grant them this "long-felt want."

We do not believe that there are half a dozen men living in Gilliam county south of Fossil who would prefer crossing the treacherous, unbridged John Day river and impassible mountainous roads to go to Mitchell as county seat in preference to Condon, which is only half the distance and good roads all the year round. Besides, Gilliam county has not an inch of territory to spare and has no desire to be divided. There isn't a county in the state with the seat of government so convenient to all of its people as in this county at present.

The following sensible advice from the Oregonian will prove interesting reading to the new county boomers and rain-bow chasers:

The legislature will make no mistake if it persistently refuse to consider the schemes for county division that will be urged upon its attention by enthusiastic representatives of towns aspiring to county-seat honors. There is not in the whole state of Oregon a county that would be benefited by being dismembered, nor is there a section that would be made more prosperous by assuming the burden of a separate county organization. There are already several counties possessing but a small population and not enjoying a sufficient revenue properly to support county government. They were created because of the great area of the counties to which they formerly belonged, and the necessity of reducing it so that the people might live within a reasonable distance of the seat of government. This condition does not exist now in any locality where there is a sufficient population to maintain a separate county organization. The proposed new counties consist of territory already within reasonable distance of the present county-seats and enjoying fairly good communication by rail. The demand for new counties is made solely for town-booming purposes, to give towns added importance and the extra business incidental to a county-seat. It is not worthy the attention of the legislature, when so many important matters demand its consideration. Let that body give careful attention to the assessment laws, the employment of convicts, the reduction of salaries, the better government of our state institutions, and other matters of general concern, and give new county boomers a cold shoulder.

A California exchange says: "There is a probability that in the next legislature a bill will be introduced, and possibly passed, to abolish the grand jury system, which is claimed by many to be a useless expense to the counties." Washington already has such a law and Oregon should hasten to avail herself of such a measure. It would save the state thousands of dollars now spent on an old worn out law.

Spain is buying horses in Texas for the use of the Spanish army. Six hundred were recently shipped from New Orleans, and another invoice will follow. But Spain almost goes into spasms when the Cubans purchase any war equipments in this country.

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Efforts will undoubtedly be made to reduce the expenses of the various judicial districts. The additional judge in the third district, the creation of three new districts in Eastern Oregon, do not seem to be confirmed as wise by experience. This was to be expected, for the changes were opposed by practical men familiar with the conditions. Senator Steiwer, a merchant and a practical man, resisted the creation of added districts in his section, and similar protests came from the third district. One judgeship could be abolished in the district of Multnomah county. It will be time enough to restore it when the work has resumed its former volume.—Oregonian. [It is difficult to understand why Morrow county was cut off from the 7th district, as our joint senator, representative, circuit judge and district attorney were all opposed to it.]

Our readers will remember that something over two years ago a man was arrested, charged with horse stealing, and at his preliminary examination before the justice of the peace at Condon the case was dismissed. A terrible howl was raised by several parties who were prejudiced against the complaining witness, because the costs were not taxed up to him by the J. P. The following, clipped from the Oregonian, will be of interest to them: "Judge Eakin decided Saturday that a committing magistrate has no authority to impose costs upon a complaining witness in a state case; that the only remedy a party has who claims to have been wronged, is a civil action against the private prosecutor."

A reader asks: "What is the trocha, so frequently referred to in the dispatches from Cuba?" It is a military defense or barrier, including a barbed wire fence and ditch, extending entirely across the island of Cuba, its purpose being to prevent the insurgents passing from one province into another, or from massing their force for a given movement. The average width of the island is less than 70 miles; in some places it is much narrower than this. It is therefore possible for Weyler with his 200,000 soldiers in Cuba, to string a line of men entirely across the island, and have them so near to each other that theoretically it would be impossible for any considerable number of insurgents to cross the line.

The state board of equalization has completed its work for the year. The board raised assessments \$9,413,293, making the gross equalized value of property in the state \$151,863,114. The exemptions are \$8,684,699, leaving the net taxable property of the state \$143,178,415, or \$1,269,911 greater than that of 1895. The expenses of the session were \$3,840,97. As there is only \$2,925,70 on hand to pay the expenses of the board the coming legislature will be called upon to make up the deficiency. The board raised the Gilliam county assessment from \$1,355,579 to \$1,372,658, an increase of \$17,079.

Judging from reports a great deal of money will be used at Salem in the senatorial contest this month. A big part of the republican campaign fund sent out by the national republican committee was held back from disbursement during the June campaign and is in the hands of those who will know how to use it during the senatorial fight. It is said that Corbett, the Portland millionaire, will spend \$100,000 to secure a seat in the United States senate.

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LEONARD LAFFERTY, Hd. 5557.
for the $\frac{1}{2}$ sec 18 tp 4 s of r 22 e. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: E. A. May, G. S. Clark, G. Schilling and J. J. Earhart, all of Condon, Oregon.
JAS. F. MOORE, Register.

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ISAAC M. SMITH, Hd. 5507.
for the $\frac{1}{2}$ sec 18 tp 4 s of r 22 e. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Nathaniel Scott, G. H. Neel, Henry Perry and G. H. C. Earhart, all of Lone Rock, Oregon.
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GEORGE W. CHAMBERLAIN, Hd. 5923.
for the $\frac{1}{2}$ sec 18 tp 2 s of r 21 e. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: J. F. Thomas of Arlington, Charles Bell, Harry Clay and Albert Miller of Olex, Oregon.
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