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BREVITIES. Fresh candies at Walker's. Fresh oysters at Stanfield's restaurant. Emesley Ridenour, the Leader man, is in to-day. A good waiter can find employment at Golden Rule. No. 1 quality of timothy hay is for sale by T. F. Rourke. G. W. King can now be found in new office above the postoffice. A son of J. F. Daniels, residing in Clifton, is quite sick with pleurisy. Good meals at all hours at the French restaurant, J. W. Stanfield, proprietor. C. J. Whitaker has the largest denture of any dentist in Eastern Oregon. There are now cases of smallpox in Clifton, according to a newspaper correspondent's story. The Baker City Democrat, it is said, is going into hot water because of its all too numerous plagiarisms. The R. T. K. Co. will take views of buildings inside or outside, 7x10 in at \$3 for six or \$5 a dozen. Charles McMorris, of Weston, has been being for some time with neuralgia in the face, the trouble being so severe as to require his close confinement to the bed. H. Clifford, the well known Camas man, who formerly owned the town of Alta, and now owns a large portion of the town, is in Pendleton to-day being court.

Mr. B. Campbell, of the O. R. & N. Co., while in town this morning had his attention called to the price of coal, and after a moment's study he said upon his return to Portland he would "cut the rate" a little, enabling the people to get fuel cheaper. He said that coal selling at \$19 a ton in Pendleton was worth \$12 in Portland and he would see if he could not get the figure considerably nearer the Portland price. The present rate on coal from Portland to Pendleton is \$3.10 a ton in car-load lots. The EAST OREGONIAN will announce the reduction as soon as it occurs. Much ignorance of the geography of the country in which they are located is evidenced at both Union and La Grande. In the former place, if La Grande is mentioned, the speaker is assailed with questions: "La Grande, did you say? Why, where is it?" And just as much lamentable ignorance exists in La Grande also as to Union's whereabouts. What is the cause? The casual observer in promenading down Court street is particularly impressed with the display of fancy groceries in the show window of Despain & Howard. They have dressed their window with an elegant assortment of canned and pickled goods, all of the very finest quality and calculated to delight the most fastidious epicure with their tempting array. The EAST OREGONIAN is requested to state that a committee of young men have been investigating the matter and found the majority of garden gates in Pendleton in sad need of repair from hard usage. They recommend the purchase of new gates by fond parents, so that when the "leaving act" is indulged in there may be no danger of a catastrophe. Probably the largest two-year-old stallion ever brought to Pendleton was the recipient of many admiring compliments this forenoon as he was shown on the streets by his owners, Messrs. Thompson & Brown, who purchased him during their recent trip to Canada. He is over seventeen hands high and tips the scales at 1740 pounds. Emesley Ridenour, of the Leader, has commenced a series of articles in his paper, relating to his experiences in Alaska, where he resided for a year. The first article appeared in last Friday's issue, and was full of interest, the manners and customs of the Alaskan Indians being depicted in Mr. Ridenour's well known graceful style. In the report of the recent railroad meeting published in this paper, the fact that the Pendleton brass band serenaded Mr. Hunt and the meeting was unintentionally omitted. The band members were collected through the efforts of J. F. Robinson, and gave the meeting a musical "send off" which was much appreciated. John Hermo, the well-known farmer, who was arrested recently on the charge of stealing a wagon seat, failed to appear in Justice Garrett's court at the time set for his examination, owing to a misunderstanding in regard to the hour. It was agreed, however, that he should be released on the payment of the costs in the case. Manuel Carlson and James S. Farrell will leave on this evening's train for Tacoma. Mr. Carlson, who has been connected with both the Tribune and East Oregonian in Pendleton, and is a practical printer and newspaper man, will enter Tacoma's journalistic field. The Umatilla is now the abiding place of numbers of white fish, which rival the celebrated mountain trout in delicacy of flavor, and are just the right size for a fine fry. A grab-hook is used in their capture, as they do not bite at this season of the year. The Villard House office and bar-room were crowded last evening with representative citizens from all parts of the county, and hearty greetings and shakes of the hand were numerous as friend met friend from the East, West, North or South. The Willamette baseball club of Portland is taking steps toward re-organization and placing its players for the coming season. The Stars may give the Webbeet a rub again during the baseball campaign, and will be in a good condition to rub hard. Bates Cavanaugh, a West Point cadet from Dayton, W. T., stood at the head of a class of 105 on examination day in that rigid military institution. This means much honor for the young cadet, and Dayton's people should be proud of him. Hazlett, the "pilgrim printer," is traveling in this direction, and is expected to drop into the EAST OREGONIAN office at any moment. He has been doing the Eastern end, having been manipulating antimony a few days on the Eagle. The train from up the branch brought in a cloud of witnesses and jurors to attend the circuit court, which opened to-day. They are also looking in from the country round about, and "court week" bids fair to be a lively one. Charlie Bullfinch, formerly of Weston, bought two lots in Tacoma, not long ago, paying \$1600 for them. He sold them a few days since for \$9000. This sounds like a fairy tale, but is doubtless true. There will be a regular convocation of Kunkie Lodge, A. F. and A. M., this (Monday) evening at 7:30. Work in the second degree. A cordial invitation is extended to visiting brethren. The salvation army now salivating the Dalles is headed in this direction say reports, and Pendletonians may soon expect an attack from these valiant "soldiers of the cross." The Thomson-Houston arc dynamo, at the electric light station, will be in operation again to-morrow evening, the break in the machinery having been fully repaired. J. Bloch, the Centerville merchant, was down on a business trip Saturday, returning Sunday morning. Fred Carson, an employe on the O. R. & N., is on the sick list. He is lying quite ill at the Villard. John Boyse and R. I. Yerxa, two prominent Fosterites, came up on the train yesterday morning. W. F. Butcher, Centerville's justly celebrated lawyer, is in town "attending court."

VINSON LETTER. A Batch of Well-Written and Newsy Items From the Land of the Stockman—"Stop the Appropriation?" VINSON, Or., Jan. 24, 1889. To the Editor of the EAST OREGONIAN. Having laid some very important items aside, which have become rusty with age, I will endeavor to chronicle a few of the freshest, and try and post them myself to-morrow, which is the most difficult task in these out-of-the-way places. With but one exception, all the stockmen have been feeding more or less, for a month, only a few days intervening. Two inches of snow on hard, frozen ground, has caused all this. Cattle, poor to begin with, were brought home, and tons and tons of fine barley hay thrown out to them, when the ground was barely covered with snow. There is absolutely nothing for cattle and horses outside of pastures on upper Butter Creek; and the poor creatures, climbing up the steep hillsides, frequently lose their footing, and are precipitated to the bottom, if it is a mile away. Four horses lost their lives in this manner a few days ago, three being killed outright, while the fourth, after sliding a distance of three hundred yards down a steep incline and landing in a barb-wire fence at the bottom, was able to get up. She was mangled and bruised, however, and the coyotes and magpies soon began their work. With these terrors surrounding her, the brave little animal still clung to life, and maintained her feet for three days, when Mr. Silas Padgett and I shot the poor creature through mercy. Sheep are doing better. There will be something near 80,000 head wintered here this year, most of which look fairly; though they have also been fed, except the two bands of Salisbury Bros., which have had access to a large, fresh pasture, and look remarkably well. They have had losses, however, from coyotes getting after a bunch which the herder accidentally left out one night. These brutes have become very numerous and bold of late, and we are glad that the county is contemplating giving a bounty for their scalps. Mr. Ed Campbell contemplates fencing next season. Mr. J. M. Lightfoot had a fainting fit while loading hay at Jas. Nelson's a few days ago, and fell to the ground. Jim brought him to after a little while, by carrying water from the creek near by in his hat and dashing it in his face. Mr. Lightfoot had been complaining some that morning. He had attended a ball the evening before, and was probably overcome; no serious results. Deputy Sheriff Waugh passed through this precinct last Saturday, summoning jurors and witnesses for circuit court. C. O. Bowman is one of the fortunate (?) from Ridge, so when you hear a fellow laugh all over town at once, you may know he's that. Will some one who is posted and unbiased please give a brief history of the litigation regarding the State agricultural college, and inform the readers of the EAST OREGONIAN how it happened to fall into the hands of a church. I am not alone in this ignorance, having inquired of several parties who were as much in the dark as myself. It is against the spirit and ground work of our government to help, either directly or indirectly, any church, by legislation, aid, or probably better say, by letting them "feed at the public crib." Therefore, if said college is governed or owned exclusively by any sect, "stop the appropriations." Yes, grangers north of Pendleton, you were right in your resolution, "stop the appropriations." Kon. Koehler arrived last evening with his bride. The boys gave him a charivari which is the second round-up he has had since being married. S.

ANELEVATOR. A Large and Commodious Structure to be Built in Pendleton by Peavey & Co., of Minneapolis. This morning Messrs. B. Campbell and C. W. Johnson, of the O. R. & N. Co., and Mr. E. C. Mishner, of F. H. Peavey & Co., grain merchants of Minneapolis, were in town for a few hours. The EAST OREGONIAN ascertained from the gentlemen that a large grain elevator would be built in Pendleton at an early day, the site having been selected this morning, and other preliminary arrangements made to handle next year's grain crop, and in order that the farmers tributary to Pendleton might receive as much or more than those tributary to stations on the Northern Pacific and Hunt's roads. The EAST OREGONIAN is informed that the farmers of this section will have every advantage for handling their grain, and that the expense in the purchase of grain sacks as heretofore, will be unnecessary. The elevator to be built here by Peavey & Co. will be of ample capacity to handle any amount of wheat quickly and conveniently. That Pendleton is to be made the center of the system there is not the least doubt, and everything will be done to accommodate grain-growers and other shippers. A more extended description of the elevator system of Peavey & Co. will appear in a further issue of this paper, probably to-morrow.

Mr. C. W. Johnson, superintendent of the O. R. & N. Co., informed the E. O. man, while he was in town this morning, that freight trains would hereafter leave Walla Walla at an early hour in the morning, coming this way, arriving here at nine or ten o'clock A. M. The passenger train will continue to run on the present schedule. The change in the freight's time will be very convenient to people along the line of the Walla Walla branch who wish to come to Pendleton and return the same day, and it will be of great value to Pendleton's business interests. The change was made in answer to the request of the Pendleton Board of Trade and others. Mrs. M. Marshall writes from San Jose, California, that she will subscribe \$250 to the Hunt railroad subsidy, and authorizes a friend to put her name down for that amount. If the people who own the property on which Mr. Hunt wishes to locate his depot and yard will dispose of it at a reasonable figure, Pendleton will have Hunt's road, that's dead sure! All depends on these property owners. What are your prices, gentlemen? Walla Walla Journal: The two small-pox patients are getting along very nicely, and the seven men, quarantined in a room over Massan's wagon shop, are as rugged as young cinnamon bears. If nothing shows itself by next Tuesday they will be turned loose. From all indications, the thing has been nipped in the bud. Rumor hath it that a "murder most foul" has been committed in Pendleton, with a prominent merchant as the assassin, deadly strychnine as the weapon, and the merchant's own dog as the victim. Further and more startling developments are expected, for the spirit of the deceased canine is crying for vengeance. G. W. Hunt met the Dayton people Saturday. He made them a proposition to build his road to that place for a subsidy of \$45,000, right-of-way from Waitsburg and depot grounds. The Dayton people propose to accept the offer, and have commenced work already. Albany Herald: R. S. Shackelford, the alleged veterinary surgeon, who has been in Eugene for some time running his cheek for what he could, was arrested as a vag Tuesday and fined fifty dollars, in default of which he was sent to jail. Electric Lights are being placed in a large number of residences throughout town. Their superiority to kerosene is becoming manifest to the average Pendletonian for the lighting of residences as well as business houses. Mr. Hunt's proposition to extend his road to Dayton for a subsidy of \$45,000 and right-of-way was enthusiastically received by the people of that place, who know a good thing when they see it. Canyon Cityites are very wrathful because the case of Pat McGinnis has been appealed to the Supreme court. They believe the wretch ought to hang, and the sooner the quicker. Prosecuting Attorney J. L. Rand and T. C. Hyde, Esq., arrived from Baker City on last evening's train, to be in attendance on the opening day of the circuit court. E. D. McLaughlin, Milton's attorney, is among the legal gentlemen who have centered in Pendleton for the purpose of attending court. Long Creek town has sent a delegation to Salem to labor in the "third House" in the interests of the proposed Hamilton county. Salem is assured a woolen mill provided the necessary power can be arranged for. Charlie Bowling, the druggist of Adams, is in town.

REDUCING WESTON'S LIMITS. The bill for reducing the corporate limits of Weston from 373 to 70 acres, recently introduced in the Senate, was referred to the committee on corporations, and an unfavorable report is expected. A petition was circulated by John Moorhouse and signed by quite a number of Weston's people, asking that such a bill be passed, but a counter-petition obtained a larger number of signers, and Moorhouse's efforts to lobby his bill through the Legislature will probably be frustrated. It was introduced by Senator Wager, but it is learned that he will make no effort to secure its passage, believing that the sentiment of Weston is against it.

"Rare Chance." Nice eight-room cottage on Water street for rent, and the following household goods for sale dirt cheap: One Zerlina heating stove. One Columbia cook stove, No. 8. One walnut bedroom set. Three carpets. One extension dining table. Possession of property given February 1st. For further particulars call on E. H. Wheeler, at his residence on upper Water street, Pendleton, Oregon.

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Mr. Tom Halley, who lived in Pendleton at one time and was a great favorite, writes from the Washington & Lee University, in Lexington, Virginia, at which he has been a student for several years past, for five copies of the New Year's edition of the EAST OREGONIAN. He says that Mr. Charles Cox, of Oregon, is at present visiting him, and they were having a great time sleigh-riding with the belles of Lexington, of which there is a great supply.

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