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OLD STEMORIES.

Written for Tax Scott.) Ala ves, e'en now, though the skies may be And faries may be dinging their sweet roan delays, I can see in old Union some memories-

weet memories.

The fresh, green beautles of by-gone days, A few straggiling boys, some dear bonnie Some sages, whose brows are all wrinkled and gray. Some far-reachin; hills, that great the high mountains, A few spreading fields that go blooming

A printer or two, a poet, a school girlarenna judy crowd, and a homestead so charming. Where all of life's pleasures in sweetness A sidown's with trees, full-leaved over-

And promises precious we promised to B. W. H.

LETTER FROM ATHENS.

Athens, (Greece,) Jan. 23, '89.

ED. OREGON SCOUT:ler surroundings.

Greece!

Where grew the arts of war and peace Where Delos rose and Phoebus sprung! Eternal glory gilds them yet, But all-except their sun is set!"

How expressive was the eloquent the rock-ribbed cliffs that overlook the gulf of Salamis two centuries after-

"A king sat on the rocky brow That looks on sea-born Salamis; And ships in thousands lay below, And men in nations-all were his! He counted them at break of day, And when the sun set where were

they?" Ave, even after the wear and waste of centuries, and after the gentle Greek had fallen, the Muse could wander over the sacred ground and lisp the words that years has not drowned! How sad it seems to think of what has once been on this little, but beautiful, strip of land! Some of the tiercest and bloodiest of battles have drenched the soil with rich blood; charges have been made that still ring on the pages of history with the clang and clash of armor, the shout of the victor, the stifled moan of the fallen, Here has the glad carth drank their the tread of legions, and with yells for vengeance. And so, just to one side, where Athens lifts up her pretty And now there breathes this haunted domes, there centuries gone the gentle old sages in cloaks and sandals would gather a crowd of listeners As quick, as far as they." about them in some cool, delightful veranda and would read from the rolls. Into the lap of Fame of papyrus that have borne some of the richest eloquence that has ever Half Fare | been penned by the facile pen of man, and under the flowery canopy of the near temple the tender fingers of the daughters of the land of Solon and den burg on the O. R. & N. Co's. line Pericles have warbled on the Grecian lyre some of the daintiest melodies that the genius of man has ever put to music. Strange mingling of tenin its richness, heroism in its lofty grandeur! All on the same soil! All nourished at the same thresholds! All fed by the same mother and adored by the same lover! The same sun made bloom the wreathes to deck the

touch. From the low vales back from the luscious fruit. This is the chief export of Greece, but other fruits, such

sent off by ship loads. The country near Athens is some-

the Turks it has been in a ruined state. The Gothic and Ionic pillars still stand. The massive arches, the granite collonades, the high bay windows overlooking the street, the stairways of whitest marble, all these are here. but decaying and crumbling from

The people are classic men and women. Noses arched, and smooth harbor is progressing slowly. The who had acted dead soldier in the cut, hair long and wavy, dark, restless eyes, soft, dark skin, athletic figure, yet, and work cannot go on to any ad- not accustomed to the wild roar and broad and tall, a loose cloak thrown vantago. some boys with good qualities, hanging over the left shoulder, knee panis, sandals and a richly made loose cap-this is nearing completion, when equipped fifty cents a day. A man offered us a hardy, not more hereig looking, but lis will lead the west "some day when or row a boat. We bought a nickles A girl with soft eyes and a peach blossom hardy to drudgery. They all hear a still life leasens have been learned." A few tender words, some smiles of the stamp peculiarly brave yet cumning. Some thirty families from the east lady had to look twice before she could always been so. When the for could houses to cont. Some new cottages our greasy hands until it was black, by pure bravery and hereism, then he date persons without homes. Greece is the finest country in Eu- They still look upon their country as frogs make, the night molodious with | pride of many people to think of ridrope. You may talk about climbing the first and only country in the their songs, and the larks wake the ing in a box car with empty willow the glittering slopes, and leaping over world that should be praised. One stillness of marriag to time with their baskets, paper buckets, axel grease, the snowy abysses of the Alps, or of cannot blame Lord Byron for leaving carols to the budding trees, and yet it buggle tongues, burlap sacks, eet. but wandering along among the ruins of his native home, his friends and people like Maxim Rastern Oregon. The it did not injure our pride as much as

with the droll Greek, and his still drol- a heroic nation in a final effort to gain | recourses the sweet freedom that had so long idea. Only a man whose life was Where burning Sappho loved and sung, awake and responsive to the cries of looked at the broken monuments that the makes nam friendly, but money adorned her ramparts. He saw her: lyre broken and masterless at the foot. genius of Byron, when as he sat on of the invader. He heard the songs this plant had quite an excitement she had sung so sweetly agest gone. of his own responsive soul, he went to depurted for the city boarding house at to teachers is the same as the old law

from their ruin.

when none dream of it, and re-established hand for the support of the right. lish their name, their fame. "Here has the Persian thousands stood!

blood On old Plataea's day

The sons of sires who conquered there, With arms to strike and souls to dare, "Some sunny day, not far away,

Will drop a wreath that will array Greece's ancient, glorious name. CARL ROSS,

The Baker City Democrat, a paper

published at the inflated and tax-ridsome 30 miles south of here, has awakened to the fact that if Hunt's road is built to Union it will eventually be pushed on through the Lower derness in its tenderest form, eloquence | Powder and Eagle and Pine valleys, thereby cutting off that entire section from Baker City. In order to assist in preventing this calamity that paper has suddenly become very much interested in the welfare of another bankrupt burg in this county, known brow of all of them? The little green as La Grande, and is evidently very islands that stand alone on the coast anxious to see the Hunt road defeated of the Agaean, and close by Greece, and the county seat moved, imagining, are like some lonely tree on a desert. no doubt, that if these could be ac-The waves ripple up to them, then complished, they could manage to recede silently as if awed with the annex the southern portion of Union county to Baker, and their last hope for redeeming it from utter ruin, theresea, vast foot-hills stretch, literally by realized. Go ahead, Mr. Democrat. covered with currant bushes red with Throw mud at Union as much as you please, spend your breath in milating your municipal bladder, pray to the as figs, dates, prunes and peaches, are legislature for assistance in sinking artesian wells to moisten your sterile. soil, whoop up your magnificent mines what desolate. Here and there a ham- -which mostly lay in adjacent let stands deep buried in a grove of counties-incur indebtedness till it willows or fig trees. The broken stone | will cost every poor devil who happens walls have crumbled. The ground is to get a home there, one hundred mostly untilled. The city is as pretty dollars on every thousand he possesses, as it has been since its palmy days, yearly, for taxes. Whoop her up. Since it was pillaged centuries ago by Your opportunities are grand.

CENTRALIA LETTER.

Chymeter, (W. T.) March 4, 1889; A slight log everturag the valley. this morning but cleard away by noon. The surveyor came from Chemalis

Hanson's addition.

is the modern classic. Greek. The once this will be the fixest hotel be- job of herding sheep, but it was across working classes look more rough and tween "Foreland and Theoma. Centra- the river and neither of us could swim

They can face danger to the uttermost, came to the vicinity of this place last tell wether it was a nickle or not, for but stratagem is their forte. It has week, and failed to some extent to get both of us had carried it by turns in be outdone by cunning, he was out will soon be seen a for that purpose By close calculation we made our done. When he was to be overthrown in this city, and then we can accoma | daily walks so accurate that we got to

was overthrown by the Greek legions. One is reminded of suring when the trains got there. It may injure the the winding Rhine, but it is nothing ple, and going down to this fair, beaut country on this country on the blessed with we thought it would our shoes to walk compared with spending a few weeks tiful land to aid this grand old relie of a splereded alimate above its many track, and track walking is a job that

This city supports two chusches one "The Isles of Greece! The Isles of been denied them. It was a grand M. M. and one Haptlet. Also a V. M. U. A. is in successful existence and the fallen would have done it. He diriving to all appearance. Organiza-

Chalalis, a town four miles south of

community a ugo over the cooks at the He saw the sturdy brow knit with botel attempting to assume the role wards, he sung to the tune of the later | trouble in the shades of the overhangs of draggist, and preserting an overing war cloud. He saw her fate these of croton oil for a cake made extrembling in the balance-his natura pressly for a coll in person working at revolted. When the mighty strains of the hotel. The person ate the cake, last session of the legislature with ancient Greece vibrated on the chards and the cook a negro, with an assistant reference to the granting of certificates

> carrying on the banner his hand looked up the annals of her history. So with the tall into that

> > FROM TACOMA TO UNION. Union, March 12, 1889.

EDITOR OREGON SCOUTS-Some people may think it is a pienie to leave home and to be flush with money, to take in the eyelorama, the opera, take beat rides, a walk to lake linion, to lake Washington and fifty cents for every turn you make and to look ahead for support to nothing more than the virtuous qualities of a rusty printers rule, but we, for two of the slingers of antimony in the world, can give the ones who are contemplating a trip, a law good bits of advice and some excellent pointers on the matter-and f it is allowable we will reverse. Greely's advice to "Go west" to "Stick to what you have, and let the west stick together with its mud and log." Of course "boys are boys" but we came nearly making this time worn maxim a fallacy, for we were nearly skeletons

when we got to Union. As most all of you know, Centralia, W. T., is about 400 miles from Union. You all know that at four cents per mile, the fare would be sixteen dollars to that place, and if you have gone very deep into the technicalities of Brook's Normal Written Arithmetic, you are well aware of the fact that sixteen dellars minus one dellar and six bits equals fourteen dollars and twenty five cents, so we lacked the difference of these two sums of having the necessary amount of "stuff," Well, every body who has experienced a financial panic knows the dreams and plans that will enable one to make a raise that flit to and fro in your mind. You know how many air castles and mansions of imagery loom up before Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever you, when you forget your lank purse Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, fortune, and how low down your lip or money refunded. Price 25 cents per drops when the sad fact comes box. For sale at Brown's drug store,

gus ing to you in its fullness and

VIEWE.

At first we were going to write travelling editorials for the country papers along the line, and then by so doing build up a cheap but gratifying repto-day, to survey town property in utation that would carry us successfully back to "home and mother." Work on the cross road from Gray's We had heard of one of our townsmen work of surveying is not completed eyclorama at Portland, but we were clash of battle, so we could not think The new three and a half story hotel of wallowing in red ink and sand for worth of bread on the road and the

> the different stations just as the freight men who love to admire the beauties of nature generally do. The beauties of nature were a secondary consideration to us. The beauties of the cuisine art were firstly. We can give any person information now in regard to the stations, the springs, camping places, good houses for "hand outs," and all the little bits of advice that relate to genuine tramp life.

B. W. HUFFMAN.

THE NEW SCHOOL LAW.

The new school law enacted at the her rescue. He died while she was la-sherm. All is levely and the cook's except in the following particulars:

Certificates of the third grade are to helped to uplift for one time more in Washington is to be admitted this be good for one year and shall not be issued to the same person more than brave! The flowery vales of Greece comes full flosiged with colors thying, once. A teacher who obtains a third will some day be restored to their for and wealth glowing in her coffers, grade certificate, must at his next exmer beauty, their former supremacy! She will make an important addition amination pass up to the second grade. The grand temples that are now full- to the Union. North and South Dako- But he has a year in which to prepare ing to ruin will be rebuilt-uplifted to with Montana comes to us hand in for this advance. A second grade hand at the same time. We will be certificate is good for two years but The people are not satisfied and a allowed all the many rights and privile shall not be issued to the same person constant storm is brewing. Her some gas that are shadly connected to other more than once. A person holding a will rise in their might some day, states, and shall give our heart and second grade must, at his next examination must pass up to a first grade, but he has two years in which to prepare for the advance. Teachers who have secured first grade county certificates, in accordance with the provisions of this act, shall be entitled to recive a first grade state certificate without further examination, provided they have taught three years successfully in the public schools of this state and are recommended by the county superintendent and the county board of examiners for the same, and have paid the fees as required by the laws of Oregon. Teachers who hold state certificates, as above set forth, and have taught four years successfully in the public school of this state, shall be entitled to a state diploma, provided they pass an examination before the county superintendent, or the board of county examiners, in book-keeping, composition and physical geography, and are recommended by the county superintendent and county board of examiners, and have paid the fees as required. Teachers who hold state diplomas, as above described, and have taught not less than six years successfully in the public schools of this state, shall be entitled to receive a state life diploma, provided they pass an examination before the county superintendent or the board of county examiners in the additional branches of alegbra, English literature, Oregon school law and general history, and present a recommendation from the county superintendent and board of county examiners, and have paid the required

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