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A Little Chat.

EDITOR OREGON SCOUT—

I do not believe that a majority of the people of Union, Cornucopia, Seven Devils and surrounding mining camps realize the benefits they will derive by the building of the Hunt railroad.

It will only be then about 250 miles to Spokane Falls, where a 500 ton smelter is now being erected, and the charges for hauling ore cannot be very high for that distance and it will enable many miners with mines of low grade ore to ship to that place.

It will be a blessing for the whole northwest coast. It is what has long been wanted out here, a large smelter plant for Washington, Idaho, and Oregon. Many mines will pay in the future that have long laid idle. A smelter at Spokane Falls and the advent of the Hunt road will revolutionize mining in Union, and Baker counties. The Seven Devils country alone will be another Butte City in a few years. They are building a steamboat now to run from Huntington

to the Seven Devils mines. It will be a commencement, but one mine up there can more than keep it running. It wants the Hunt road and it will have it in time. The Union Pacific will also build into the camp, in my opinion, before the Hunt road can arrive there. Mr. G. W. Hunt has proved himself too clever a business man to neglect extending his road to those camps.

I staid at his place a number of times, years ago, when he kept the Payette ferry and station. I was slightly acquainted with him and always thought him to be an easy going sort of a man, just about able to run his ferry etc, but he appears to have been somewhat like what General Grant was before the war. He had not found his vocation. By and by the Oregon Short Line came along and lo! the child was born. From that time on he has come rapidly to the front as an able railroad builder and financier.

Some people believe that the road after leaving Union will go up Pyle canyon to Telescott and then down through John Dobbins' farm to Powder river and on down the river. Others think it will go up Catherine creek, striking the point back of the old Wright mill flume and commencing to climb up from there by the old water mill. The old water mill. Ah me! many days of hard work, in years that have gone, have I done at that confounded old mill. Hauling lumber and slabs—slabs! the very thought of these green wet slabs make me sick. One summer Johnny McLain and myself hauled away a pile about as large as the mill. We thought we would get away with the slab pile, but it got away with us. The more we hauled the larger it grew. Johnny said to me with the sweat running down his face: "You can pass me out on slab hauling; if I ever am rich I will hire a nigger to do this kind of work, it is not fit work for a white man." I am sure I heartily agreed with him. Johnny is now rich or at least enjoying a competency and is now traveling in Europe, visiting the scenes of his childhood days in old Scotland. May he have a pleasant visit and a safe return.

Sometime in 1863 Mr. Benington started to build the old water mill on Catherine creek. Two-thirds of the town of Union has been built from lumber from that mill, also most of the buildings on the farms at this end of the Grande Ronde valley. Mr. Benington and old man Craig (not Pap Craig) built the dam and it has stood the strain of high water, but if it ever brakes some of the people that live along the banks of Catherine creek will think that hell has broke loose at noon. The old mill will take a new lease of life when the railroad goes by as it will have a market for all the lumber it can saw. Mr. Charles R. Hains is replacing the old machinery with new. Success to you, Charley, and the old water mill. May it for many years to come still go rumbling, grumbling and growling along as it has done since first it was built, twenty seven long years ago.

C. F. HINCKLEY.

WALLOWA COUNTY POLITICS.

Effect of Republican Management—The Sophistry of Protectionists—Some Starting Figures For the Farmers to Reflect Upon.

EDITOR OREGON SCOUT—

The Republican County Committee of this county, at its last sitting, communicated what a man's beliefs and intentions must be to vote in the republican primaries held yesterday.

1st. A belief in the republican policy of American markets is required.

What does this mean? If this combine of solons meant, the republican policy of robbing the many to enrich the few, why did it not say so? Protection of to-day and robbery are synonymous terms, and the republican party is in favor of this "policy."

In the state of Kansas 1800 mortgages have been placed in the hands of one law firm with orders to foreclose.

The farms of the states of Ohio, Illinois and Michigan are mortgaged to the "protected" to the amount of one billion dollars. This sum of money expressed in dollars by words, or figures is incomprehensible. I will simplify it so that a school boy can grasp its immensity. Sixteen silver dollars weigh one pound, avoirdupois. In one billion silver dollars, then, there are 62,500,000 pounds or 31,250 tons. To move this in wagons, a ton to the wagon, and two horses to the ton would require 31,250 drivers, 31,250 wagons and 62,500 horses. Giving 40 feet to each team on the road, we have a continued train of wagons 235 miles in length. Think of this you believers in the "republican policy of American markets," and be guided by reason, and not led by prejudice.

If 62,500 horses be required to move the mortgaged indebtedness of three states of the United States how many would be necessary to move the whole mortgaged debt of the Union. Ask these toiling debt-ridden farmers the cause of their trouble and they will say to you, "We have no home market for our surplus. If we were permitted to dispose of our farm products in foreign markets for what we are forced to buy at home, and then be permitted to land our goods in New York free of duty, we could soon liberate our farms from debt; but this we are not allowed to do; and yet we are told by the Wallowa County Republican Committee, "You cannot enter the kingdom unless you favor the republican policy of American markets."

This Committee further said, one to be entitled to vote at the primaries must favor "reform in our system of voting to the end that every elector in the nation may vote a free ballot and have it fairly and honestly counted." This stripped of its verbiage, is rendered thus: "If you vote for me your vote is fair but if you vote for the other fellow you'll be counted out." Proof. We quote from Mrs. Grundy: "L. J. Rouse's lieutenants, to-day, April 3rd, voted a 'block' of three democrats, thereby electing Rouse delegates. Rumble's marshals will contest, claiming fraud. At Three Buck, Rumble voted a 'block' of four democrats, thereby electing Rumble delegates. Rouse's lieutenants swear they will contest, claiming fraud, "consistency etc."

Third qualification: "And who desire republican ascendancy in Wallowa county." My God! What cheek! If the readers of THE SCOUT all knew what "republican ascendancy" has done for the people of this county, I should be spared the painful duty of telling them. A republican J. P. through "ignorance" sentenced a young man, for a slight offence, to the penitentiary at Salem. A republican sheriff through "ignorance" defaulted in the sum of thirty-nine hundred dollars. A republican county court through "ignorance" has created a debt of not less than twenty thousand dollars for the taxpayers of the county to meet. If this, all this were not so, I should not tell you. The "who-desire-republican-ascendancy-in-Wallowa-county" clause forces me to tell the truth, though I do, or do not wear trousers—though I do, or do not ride a horse like a man.

CAROLINE C.

IN THE SOUTH.

President of the Long Leaf Pine That

is now being cut in the

State of North Carolina.

Every Old Hand Scout.

In the series of letters heretofore, frequent mention has been made of the demand for the lumber from the pine forests of the South, its uses and value. In this letter the other products of the long leaf pine tree will be described. They are tar and pitch, and spirits of turpentine and resin. The first two products are taken from the tree as it is cut for lumber; the first two are taken from such trees and parts of trees as cannot well be used for lumber.

These four important articles of commerce are usually called naval stores. They fill a place in the necessities of life which nothing else can fill. Four substances have been named as products of the long leaf pine, but there are only two crude products; viz, tar and turpentine; and both are obtained from the life blood of the tree. Turpentine is the most important product of the tree, in its preparation for market an immense capital is invested, and a large number of men engaged. Expenses have been made from the business, and its demands for facilities of transportation have led to the building of many hundreds of miles of Railway. The Carolina Central and the Raleigh & Augusta are striking instances of roads built at the demand of turpentine and naval stores, and handsomely supported by the same business.

For obtaining turpentine the trees are first barked from one to three boxes being cut in a tree according to size. These boxes are cut with an axe made long and narrow for that business. They are cut inward and downward from four to six inches deep, and extend from one to two-thirds of the distance around the trunk of the tree. They are to receive the turpentine which drips from the fresh end of the sapwood cut into. These boxes are cut for one cent apiece, and last through the lifetime of the tree. In a week the lower end of the cut sapwood becomes coated or dried, and the turpentine ceases to drop. A man then goes around and with a tool made for the purpose, having a heavy weight at one end and a cutter similar to a chisel at the other, cuts away in both directions from a line which runs straight up the trunk of the tree, a cup of bark and sapwood, leaving the lower end fresh and uncovered. This cutting, called chipping and pulling is repeated once a week through the season, which lasts from April to October. When the boxes become filled with the crude turpentine it is dipped out with paddles, put into barrels and taken to the distillery. The still heats the turpentine until it evaporates, and the vapor into the still coils and condenses the vapor into the spirits of turpentine of commerce; a liquid with which all Northern people are familiar. That part of the turpentine which will not distill is drawn off, strained through cotton, put into rough barrels, and is known as resin.

Eight thousand boxes are called a "crop," which one man is expected to chip once a week through the season; the chipping being done by others. Heating and chipping for turpentine removes from the tree a large part of the bark and sapwood. The growth of the tree is retarded, and the sap or turpentine settles largely in the cut part of the trunk, making what is known as fat or lightwood. If you injure your finger you know that Nature sends a large supply of blood to the injured part, and it either runs out or settles into blood blisters and black and blue spots. So with the injuries inflicted on the pine tree to get turpentine. This wood will burn from a match, and gives a brilliant light; very many dwellings using no other light. It is very heavy, splits and breaks easily, and a nail driven into it brings the fat and wood grains to the surface instead of forcing them inward. This light wood when baked or partially consumed in an inclosed space, similar to a coal pit, Paris with its accumulated store of fat; that is tar. When tar is boiled and refined it becomes pitch. Very little tar is now produced in the South. The use of iron steamships instead of wooden sailing vessels, has greatly reduced the demand; even when tar is needed, coal tar has almost crowded out the cleaner and more wholesome product of the long leaf pine.

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Mr. John Miller and wife of Milton are visiting at Adam Crossman's. Mr. Miller is a brother of Mrs. Crossman.

Miss Brooks commenced a term of summer school in the Chandler district Monday.

The Cove public school is better attended than was expected and another teacher will be hired. Here is an opportunity for some aspirant to secure a two and one half months school in a primary department at fair wages. There will be room for any outside scholars who may wish to come. Terms \$1.50 per month.

Mr. Jas. Hendershott started to Portland on a brief business visit last Sunday.

The republican county ticket generally meets with approval in this vicinity. Mr. Carter for recorder and Mr. Eaton for clerk are both very popular men known to be gentlemen of integrity as well as ability and will receive a large vote irrespective of party. This is as it should be. Voters with county interests at heart will cast their ballots for the best man whether he may be republican or democrat. Mr. Guild will surely be elected assessor if his popularity is the same throughout the county as here.

The dullest man present at the republican convention had no trouble in perceiving that La Grande is alive to her own interests and it probably is not a discredit to her that she is. But we, on this side will find it a very great convenience if well enough is let alone and the county seat allowed to remain where it is. Party lines should be drawn very slack. Whether competent democrats or republicans are elected to fill the offices amounts to very little but it is important that the county be not compelled to pay a needless expense and build up a selfish town which would ruin all others could it only prosper.

A prominent Union attorney was seen on the bottom hunting, the first of the week, with three geese, two deer, nine ducks, a curlew and jackson rabbit. It takes an expounder of the law to get everything going.

Mr. Ed Chrisman has returned from the Willamette valley. He says it just rains all the time down there.

Mr. Mel Campbell and wife will start to-day for Schome, Wash., to look after real estate investments. Miss Pearl Payne will accompany them as far as Seattle.

EAGLE VALLEY.

Stock and Stockmen—Bee Culture—Farming—The Eagle Creek Bridge.

Farmers are cleaning out their irrigating ditches, making gardens and planting their spring crops.

The alfalfa fields are green.

Out of a thousand tons of hay that was raised here last season not enough remains to feed the work teams, but by the 15th of June we will have plenty of hay again. We will go to mowing by that time.

Mr. Ben Longley, is buying and selling sheep by the thousands.

Mr. John Frazier has his sheep on the range and is putting the finishing touches on his Makinson ranche.

The Payette nursery of Idaho will, to-day, deliver thousands of fruit trees in Eagle valley at forty cents apiece. There will be large quantities of all kinds of fruit trees planted here this season.

Our bee men are making all preparations for more bees and more honey.

Our stock are all right now. After a long winter they are wading around in bunch grass.

Your correspondent interviewed Dr. Moratt, of Sparta, a few days ago. He says he has some of the richest mines that are to be found in Eastern Oregon. Sparta will come to the front this season.

The democrats will send a good delegation from Eagle valley to the county convention—men that will look to the best interests of the county, and if possible, select the best candidates.

The ranchers here have had a hard time this spring, burning and burying dead cattle. Several dirty devils have thrown the carcasses in the clear running water of Eagle creek from which a number of families are using the water. I think from what I can hear that the law will be put in force. No good citizen will be guilty of such outrages.

Mr. Wm. Koenig has repaired the Eagle creek bridge. The bridge is better now than it ever was for the reason that better and heavier timbers have been put in. We understand that the county court will come and receive the bridge shortly. We know that Mr. Koenig is a fast workman. He says that the reason the bridge fell down was that the road overcer did not tighten up the rods. It may be that the bridge would have stood if he had.

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