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WASHINGTON.

News of the Week From Our Regular Cor-
respondent at the Capital.

WASHINGTON, July 19, 1891.

EDITOR OREGON SCOUT:—

Secretary Foster's recently expressed
opinion that certain bureaux of the
treasury department could be abolished
without injuring the public service
and that a million dollars a year
would be saved thereby, has raised a
commotion in the government depart-
ment. The official barnacles whose
highest ambition is to help some other
official do nothing and draw a big salary
for it are up in arms and declaring
that Secretary Foster knows nothing
about it and that more officials, not
fewer, are what is needed.

Not being familiar with the particu-
lar bureaux referred to by Mr. Foster,
it would be folly to say whether he is
right or wrong, but no business man
who is familiar with the general meth-
ods of the government departments
can deny that with the exception of
half a dozen bureaux where the work
is peculiarly exacting—even in those
there are drones by the score—there
are throughout them all at least two
men employed to do what one man
would do in private employ. Why
doesn't somebody reform these depart-
ments? the reader naturally asks.
The task is too great for any one man.
Every one of these thousands of
bangers on to the government teat
has political influence, and many of
them wield a powerful social influence
which is a lever that never fails to
move things in Washington, and the
moment that any head of a depart-
ment lets it be known that he thinks
of putting his department on a strictly
business basis he is overwhelmed with
obstacles placed by these various in-
fluences, and being only human, he
soon gives up the unequal fight.

The greatest object in life of the old
fossils who have for years controlled
the routine work of the departments is
to drill the new clerks that come in
from time to time into their methods
of doing everything by the slowest and
most complicated and roundabout
ways, and the new clerks soon fall into
the habit of doing as little as possible
and at the same time complaining of
being overworked, just as the old ones
do. While it would involve many in-
dividual hardships it would be the best
thing that could happen for the coun-
try at large if, when the next presi-
dent comes in on March 4, 1893, every
employee of the government high and
low should be changed. The fossils
would say that such a change would
stop the wheels of the government
machine, but it isn't true. There is
nothing in the administration of the
affairs of this government that a good
business man is not capable of under-
taking without a day's preparation.
He wouldn't follow the antiquated
methods of the fossils, but he would
introduce new and better methods and
put the departments upon the same
footing as large private business estab-
lishments which would save many
millions now wasted and at the same
time greatly expedite the public busi-
ness.

The news that is being received
here concerning the farmers' alliance
is constantly becoming more puzzling
to the politicians in the old parties.
For instance, a gentleman just re-
turned from a business trip through
Virginia, and who is a business man,
not a politician, says: "The democ-
rats are going to be surprised when
the vote in Virginia is counted at the
next election. The farmers' alliance
and the republicans have joined hands
against the democrats and many dem-
ocrats, believing that Cleveland will be
the nominee of that party, have an-
nounced their intention of joining the
new combination, which will, in my
opinion, elect at least five members of
congress and its electoral ticket." This
is indeed news, for it had been gen-
erally supposed that in all the
Southern states the alliance and the
democrats were working together, al-
though in some of the states there is
known to be considerable friction.

The Chilean insurgent steamer Itata,
which a few weeks ago caused a decid-
ed difference of opinion to be expressed
in the cabinet, is again the subject of
contention in official circles. Mr.
Blaine from the first advised against
pursuing the Itata on the ground that
we had no right to interfere with her
outside of our own waters, but on an
official opinion of Attorney-General

Miller, backed up by the active sup-
port of Secretary Tracy, the adminis-
tration decided to go for the steamer.
Now it appears that the chances favor
the court deciding against our right to
hold the Itata, and the opinion is ex-
pressed that should such be the decision
and the insurgents ultimately
succeed in getting control of the Chi-
lian government, we will be called upon
to pay a big indemnity for having
taken the Itata and brought her back
to San Diego. There are some nice
points of international law involved
and the Chileans have engaged emi-
nent American lawyers on both sides
of the question. J. H. C.

FROM EAGLE VALLEY.

EAGLE VALLEY, July 17, 1891.

Health is good.

Mrs. Jeff. Lorred is dangerously ill.

The weather is warm, the thermom-
eter registering 100 degrees in the
shade one day this week.

Mr. C. Hyde, of Baker City, has
been in this valley for several days
past on business connected with the
courts.

The recent rains have caused a
small amount of hay to spoil in this
valley, yet the farmers expect to have
some to spare to the stockmen of the
outside.

A meeting was held a few days ago
to make arrangements for the Harvest
Home picnic. It was agreed that on
account of the late maturing of fruit it
would be best to have the picnic on
the 20th of August instead of the 1st
as they generally have it. A grand
time is expected, as the fruit will be
ripe and haying will be over in this
valley as well as in other places. We
put it on the 20th to accommodate
others as well as ourselves. Further
particulars will be made public soon.

On Monday night one dark iron
gray mare mysteriously strayed or was
stolen from the corral of W. D. Nash.
As near as I could learn the mare was
in the corral with about ten head of
horses and belonged to S. L. Smith.
Tuesday morning the bars were found
to be about half way to the ground,
and none of the horses out. John
Fraser also missed a saddle about that
time which is generally supposed to
have gone away with the mare. A
man is also missing. He mysteriously
disappeared and was for a few days
supposed to be under arrest, but was
turned loose. Men have been looking
for the horse. There have been a few
suspicious characters in this valley for
about three weeks. Owners of saddle
horses may do well to keep an eye
open for such fellows as that. K.

FROM SPARTA.

SPARTA, O., July 12, 1891.

We On Lung Co. are running a
hydraulic in Maiden gulch.

The school here is progressing nicely
under the supervision of Mrs. Scott.

Bouyer & Whitney are working a
gang of Chinamen at their placer
claim.

Mr. G. W. Mann, of Romeo, Mich.,
is visiting J. B. Alderman. They have
been visiting Mr. A's sister at Sturgill
Bar, on Snake river, the past week.

Wilson and Ryan are treating some
of the rock from Clough & Reed's
mine (the old Waldron ledge). They
are working it in E. E. Clough's ara-
stra.

We see the Hon. J. A. Wright out
for an evening horseback ride occa-
sionally. The gentleman is an expert
horseman and cuts a fine figure on
the hurricane deck of a cayuse.

We are having some very warm
weather at present—too warm to rustle
much news; in fact times are quite
dull at present, no quartz mining be-
ing done here now to amount to any-
thing.

C. D. Reed has gone to Baker City
on business. Mr. Reed, Master May-
nard Reed and Master Roy Perkins
intend going to Snake river next week
to assist Mr. Beezley in the rodero.
We expect they will all come back
full fledged buccaros.

KNOW MORE.

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Preaching every Sabbath at 11 a. m. and
7 p. m.; Sabbath school at 10 a. m.; Chris-
tian Endeavor society, Tuesday at 7 p. m.
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urge parents to bring their children to
church that they may be nurtured in mor-
ality and piety. W. J. HUGHES,
Pastor.

MEDICAL SPRINGS.

Rich Mines Near by Waiting for Develop-
ment—A Hot Place.

MEDICAL SPRINGS, July 20, 1891.

Geo. W. Dillon, of Summerville,
was on our streets this week.

C. J. Wilson and his niece, Viola
Wilson, are visiting relatives in Cove.

Engineer Plulbrick, of La Grande,
paid the springs a flying visit this
week.

Crooks Barnes gives notice that he
now has on hand an unlimited supply
of saffron, having harvested his new
crop; and to you whose premiums
are due come forward.

The alliance now has a beef wagon
making regular trips twice a week,
supplying its many customers. Fresh
beef is now not an uncommon thing
in any farmer's house.

Rev. Carper, just fresh from the old
dominion, preached two excellent
sermons on Sunday. He is a pleas-
ant, old-fashioned gentleman and we
are glad to learn will visit us again in
the near future.

Johnny Warnell is at the springs
and says he is doing nicely. Johnny
is an ambitious, energetic young man
and we hope to see him speedily re-
cover from his present illness.

F. P. Duncan and Mike Huff, of
Baker City, are rusticiating at the
springs. Fred is all broke up; his
best girl has gone back on him. He
says nobody but a base ballist stands
any show in Baker City.

N. D. Boley, proprietor of the Cor-
nucopia and Union stage line, passed
over the line today. He is inquiring
the price of grain and hay. Now,
farmers, you that have grain and good
timothy hay to sell, get in and bid.

We notice Adam Crossman, Charles
Olsen and Sam White, all of Cove, on
our streets. Sam is looking for bear,
Charley wants a good gold mine, and
Adam has made an examination of the
springs and is just like that other
Dutchman—thinks h—l not one mile
away.

C. J. Finn is testing the ore of the
ledge he recently located near the
springs and is well pleased with the
results. There are many other ledges
in our vicinity that should be made to
yield up their thousands of tons of
paying ore, but do not for the want of
capital and the hardy miner to take
hold of them and develop them. One
great trouble seems to be that they
are too convenient to roads and settle-
ments, and the means of obtaining
supplies, timber and all things neces-
sary to run a mine can be had at too
little expense. If they were but lo-
cated on the high granite ranges
where it would cost thousands of dol-
lars to construct a road or trail to
them, how the people would run over
each other to get there and secure
claims.

COVE CULLINGS.

COVE, Oregon, July 22, 1891.

Everybody come to the dance Fri-
day night.

Why don't everybody talk the hotel
business up?

The prospect for a large crop of
raspberries is very good.

Miss Ella Ellsworth has been the
guest of Mrs. J. A. Russell the past
week.

Haying has commenced in earnest,
and the crop is better than many an-
ticipated.

Sam White, Adam Crossman and
Charles Olsen have gone on a trip to
the Malheur.

Mrs. Joe Edgar, of the Leland House
Portland, is visiting friends and relatives
in the valley.

Foster Bros. have sold the large lot
of flour they had on hand. Do not
know the price realized.

Don't forget that E. P. McDaniel &
Son keep on hand a supply of butter
barrels and everything else you may
enquire for.

Cove base ballists No. 1 expect to
have a match game on their grounds
next Sunday. Union had better not
tackle the second nine.

About 80 full sized barrels of butter
have been packed in Cove this season,
besides from 100 to 500 pounds being
shipped fresh every week.

Large quantities of cherries are be-
ing hauled from Cove. H. J. Geer
has at least 1000 gallons. The cherry
crop is the best ever known.

Large quantities of shingles are be-
ing hauled from the Cove. We can
boast of the only self-feeder and regu-
lating shingle machine in the country.

A grand ball will be given Friday
night July 24th, for the benefit of the
first and second base ball teams. We
hope the dance will be liberally pat-
ronized for the boys deserve it.

Quite a number of La Granders were
over last Sunday, among whom were
J. M. Berry and wife, J. McKennon
and wife, and others. They seem to
know where to come for a pleasant va-
cation.

Alex Cochran has resigned his posi-
tion with the M. & M. Co. and will re-
sume work with another implement
firm immediately. Alex is a good
salesman in his line, and will do well
anywhere.

Crop-Weather, Bulletin No. 19.

The observer of the Oregon Weather
Bureau, of Portland, Oregon, has is-
sued the bulletin for the week ending
Saturday, July 18, 1891, the same be-
ing based upon reports received from
147 correspondents, which is as follows:
Careful estimates of the wheat crop
of Oregon and Washington show that
both states combined will have for
export at least thirteen million bushels
of wheat; if the present indicated
yield continues, which in all probabili-
ty it will, this may be increased to
fifteen million bushels or more.

WESTERN OREGON.

Weather.—Warmer, generally cloud-
less weather has prevailed. The tem-
perature ranged in heat of day from
83 to 95 degrees, except of course
along the coast, where it was cooler.

Crops.—Wheat harvest has begun
in many sections and the yield is
heavier than was anticipated. Spring
wheat harvest will be two weeks later.
The hay crop was extra good and its
harvest is now about over. Oats, bar-
ley and rye are promising very good
yields. The codlin moth has made its
appearance and damage from them is
expected. The hop yards have been
sprayed and so far the ravages of the
hop lice have generally been con-
trolled. Apples will hardly be an
average crop. Peaches continue to
promise well. Prunes, plums and
pears will be fully an average crop.
Gardens are doing well and vegetables
are very plentiful.

EASTERN OREGON.

Weather.—Very warm cloudless
weather has prevailed. Temperature
above 90 degrees in heat of day is
generally reported. More complete
reports show that the rains of the 10th
and 11th were even heavier and more
general than reported last week.
Some damaging frosts occurred in
sections of Morrow and Willowa coun-
ties on the 5th and 6th inst.

Crops.—A few acres of wheat have
been cut in Umatilla county and by
next week wheat harvest will be in
fine operation. All reports indicate
the best harvest now about to begin
that has been experienced for many
years. The grain is plump and heads
well filled. Barley, oats and rye are
promising. Hay harvest is yet in
progress and it is very heavy. Fruit
prospects throughout this section are
very good. A bountiful harvest is
assured.

B. S. PAGUE,

Observer, U. S. Weather Bureau,

An Old Newspaper.

On the 15th of last month, the
Baltimore American celebrated its one
hundred and eighteenth anniversary
by the publication of a big trade edi-
tion. As a souvenir, a fac simile of
the first number printed in the year
1773 was issued. The most interest-
ing feature of the first number is a
long real estate advertisement of
Colonel George Washington, of Mount
Vernon, Virginia. Letters and tele-
grams were received from all parts of
the country giving congratulations
and reminiscences in connection with
the anniversary. One was from Sam-
uel Sands, now ninety-two years old,
who, as a "printer's devil" in the
office of the American in 1814, when
all the men connected with the paper
had gone to defend Baltimore against
the British, set up in type "The Star-
Spangled Banner" from the copy
which Francis Scott Key, the author,
brought to the office.