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PINE VALLEY.
A Heavy Increase of Population.

PEACHES ARE GOING TO WASTE.

The Pine Valley Schools—Death of Mrs. Laura Elgin Scott at Baker City.

PINE VALLEY, Oct. 12, 1891.
Weather clear and cool.

The threshing of the valley about "done up."

Any quantity of peaches going to waste in the orchards on Snake river. Miss Lucille Stalker commenced a term of school in Eagle the first Monday in this month. May the success she so justly deserves crown her efforts.

A two weeks' siege of camp-meeting held by the M. E. church, South, near Mr. Painters place in our valley, closed recently, with a number of accessions to the church. Rev. Michaels, the presiding elder, Rev. Fancher of Summerville, Rev. Chamberlain of Walla Walla and Rev. Crego of Pine, conducted the meetings.

Pine Valley people were too busy to attend county fair, but they do fairly well towards increasing the population of their valley, to-wit:—Born, to the wife of James Leep, Oct. 11th, a son, a big little boy; to the wife of Charles Schickram, October 3rd, twins, a boy and a girl; at the residence of her parents in Pine, Oct. 2nd to the wife of Byron Craig of Eagle, a son; to the wife of Freeman Steele, Sept., 25th a son. Freeman says he will belong to G. O. D. P.

Mr. Corpe, of Big Creek, who has been teaching in Pine, closed his term of school last Friday and went over to Grande Ronde where he is engaged to teach. His wife preceded him some weeks ago to teach in Cove. A Miss Thornton, sister of Mrs Corpe will continue the school in the district in which Mr Corpe closed his term. A younger Miss Thornton is teaching in the Fairview district and is evidently giving good satisfaction, judging from the many kind expressions we hear from patrons and pupils. It was our pleasure to spend a short time in her school-room and we were almost as much interested in her variety of "busy work" as were the pupils for whose instruction and benefit it was designed. Other schools are in session, one at Dry creek, Miss Holcomb of Eagle, teacher; one in Sunny Dell district, Miss Lee of Eagle, teacher; one at Pine P. O. taught by O. Kendall, whose work must be appreciated, else he would not teach so continuously.

Died, in Baker city, Monday October 5th, Laura Elgin Scott, wife of Mr. — Scott, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. McNutt of Pine valley, aged near 28 years. News of the severe illness of Mrs. Scott reached her parents on the evening of Sept. 30th and her brothers and sisters speedily started for Baker City arriving there on Friday morning. Mrs. Scott rallied for a time on seeing near and dear ones around her, and word was sent to her parents that she was better, but it was only for a short time, the hand of disease (blood poison and pneumonia) was laid too heavily upon her and on Monday morning, surrounded by loving friends she passed quietly way. The body was embalmed and brought to the home of her parents, from whence after funeral services conducted by Rev. Crego of M. E. church, South, she was followed by a large number of sorrowing relatives and friends to her last resting place in Pine valley cemetery, near her old home. Mrs Scott had been a bride but a few short months. She leaves a husband, a little daughter, by a former marriage, parents, brothers and sisters and friends to mourn her early death. It seems difficult to realize that one, such a short time ago in the bloom of youth, health, and beauty, has so speedily passed away. The mourners have the sympathy of many friends in their bereavement.

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NORTH POWDER ITEMS.

October 12, 1891.

Business livening up.
Grain is coming in with a rush.
Mr. Elmer Hill will soon take his departure for college.

Mr. Dave Beveridge made a flying trip to Baker on Monday.

Mr. Edwards is sole owner of the farmers' alliance meat market.

Mr. Chas. McCurry will go to La Grande soon, to work this winter.

Mr. York started for Portland Monday morning to find a market for his grain.

Mr. Tom Myers and wife have gone to La Grande, where they will make their home.

Miss Mollie Richardson and Miss Mary Shaw will attend school at Baker City this winter.

Mr. Fred Crooke, a school teacher lately from the east, has gone to Hilgard to teach this winter.

Mr. Lunn will soon move on Mrs. Wilcox's place, across the river from town, where he will commence work at once.

Mr. Wm. Warden is preparing to build a coal pit for making charcoal, which he says is cheaper and is as good in his business as stone coal.

Mr. S. Vandear and daughter returned home last week from Walla Walla where they have been visiting friends and relatives.

Messrs. Tom and John Ferguson, with their families, started to Southern Oregon on Friday morning, where they will reside if the climate is suitable.

K. T. Y.

FROM SPARTA.

SPARTA, OCTOBER 9, 1891.

Mrs. A. Garand is building an addition to her house.

Sparta is enjoying the very finest kind of fall weather, with very little sickness in our midst.

Mr. Edward Whitney has been quite sick, but is recovering under the skillful care of Dr. J. G. Lewis.

Jud Cook and Billy McDougall have just returned from an extended trip through Idaho. The boys are looking hale and hearty, and report having had a fine time.

The Thomas Bros. are doing development work on the Gold Ridge property owned by E. E. Clough and J. P. Faul. They are also running some of the rock through the arastra owned by E. E. Clough.

Mr. F. C. Smith, of Detroit, Mich., a civil engineer and assayer, has opened an office in Sparta. Mr. S. also has charge of the Detroit company's mining property here and is pushing development work on the same.

Mr. Harry Bowers, of Eagle valley, has just been moved up here to enjoy our healthy climate and the doctor's skill. The doctor said he could not live two weeks if he did not get out of Eagle valley. We think we have one of the pleasantest and healthiest climates in the world.

The lawsuit between Henderson and Alderman, wherein Alderman was accused of maliciously breaking a water ditch, has come to a finish and Alderman was discharged. It was decided that instead of being a malicious misdemeanor, it was a malicious prosecution, so the evidence clearly proved.

The Hon. J. A. W. gets out for a horseback ride nearly every day now. He has a fine pacing saddle horse and they make the dust fly. Look out for the grey charger when you are coming into town.

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A SMELTER NOW A CERTAINTY.

The Steamboat "Norma" too Large for the River—A Party from Lewiston Examining the River.

Professor C. B. Miller, agent of the American Mining Co. has been staying in Weiser several days, says the signal, having returned from his trip to the Seven Devils. During a conversation with a Signal reporter he was asked if the contemplated erection of a smelter in the camp could be depended upon as a certainty. He said:

"As far as any man can speak regarding the future I feel safe in asserting that it is a certainty. Every one of the company has decided in favor of a smelter and that has been my sole object in visiting the camp."

"Has the machinery, etc., been ordered?"

"No, as yet it has not. Mr. Kleinschmidt has been desirous of waiting until spring, as the road might be closed by the time it arrived here; but, as I find that much can be done yet this fall and as it will undoubtedly be late next season before anything can be done, I shall do my utmost to have everything possible done this fall, in the way of preparing the ground, etc. It is our intention to put in a Reverberatory furnace, which does away with considerable machinery."

"How do you intend to transport the material?"

"At present I could not return a positive answer. As is well known the first intention was to transport by boats, but the Norma has failed, as I almost expected from the first, as it was entirely too large and had not enough boiler capacity. I am satisfied that a small but powerful boat of about 50 tons burden would be successful, and if one was insufficient another could be put on."

"I have read that an expedition has left Lewiston to examine the river with a view of ascertaining if it were not possible to reach the Seven Devils by boats from there. Is it true?"

"I was up there about four weeks ago and Captain Botham, who I think has been sent out by the railroad company, was about to leave on his way up the river with snagging implements and a crew, and it was thought they would attempt to reach the Seven Devils landing. I look for but little from that direction, however, as the cascades are almost too rapid for navigation. There is one thing, though, that I am inclined to expect before another year, and that is to see construction work begun on a railroad to the camp. Should this be the case it will knock out all idea of boats. A road will certainly be successful and make an immense amount of money, the timber alone of that section being object enough for a road."

"From where do you expect the road to be built?"

"Undoubtedly from this side and most probably up the Weiser river. If this is done you will see one of the grandest copper camps in the world. Some have said that there were nothing but "blanket" deposits and that twenty-five feet would take one below every vein in the camp. Such is not the case. The shaft on the Copper Key has now been put down through fifty feet of solid ore which is richer at the bottom of the shaft than at the surface. I expect to see the Copper Key, Standard and South Pencock ultimately diverge into one vein when sufficient depth is attained."

Mr. Miller is a very pleasant and straightforward old gentleman and we are satisfied says only what he believes to be the truth.—Baker Democrat.

WASHINGTON.

News of the Week From Our Regular Correspondent at the Capital.

WASHINGTON, October 2, 1891.

EDITOR OREGON SCOUT:—

President Harrison, owing to the continued absence of his secretary of state, was compelled to drop everything else for the greater portion of this week in order that he might give his personal attention to the very

peculiar state of affairs which our minister reported as existing at the temporary capital of Chili, where it was alleged that American citizens were arrested and a guard placed around the United States minister's residence. Mr. Harrison is commended by members of all parties for the manner in which he acted in this matter. It was represented to him that there were feelings of enmity existing between Minister Egan and members of the temporary Chilean government that should be taken into consideration before he acted officially, and he is reported to have said: "The personal feelings of Mr. Egan and members of the present Chilean government are not to be thought of at this time. It is the dignity of the government of the United States that demands my first consideration." Acting in accordance with that idea Minister Egan was cabled to demand the immediate withdrawal of the guard from the U. S. legation and the release of any American citizens that may have been arrested, and in no long time it was cabled back that the demand had been acceded to. Had it been refused Mr. Egan was instructed to appeal to Captain Schley of the U. S. S. Baltimore now at Valparaiso for protection, and Captain Schley had received instructions to march his force of marines to Santiago if called upon by the minister. In standing by his minister Mr. Harrison has undoubtedly taken a popular step, but the real question at issue is whether a minister to a foreign country has a right to allow his legation to be used as an asylum. Such a thing would not be tolerated in any European capital for an hour, and although it has been the custom of the ministers of all countries to allow it to all in the South and Central American countries where revolutions are so frequent, it is doubted by the best international lawyers whether Minister Egan had any legal right to grant asylum to other than citizens of the United States. It is stated here and generally believed that the Chilean authorities were controlled by certain European influences which are antagonistic to the commercial interests of the United States in this matter.

The pension office is again the center of a perfect maelstrom of accusation and counter accusation. Three employes of that office have made affidavit that young Raum, who resigned some months ago on account of the scandal created by the charge that he had been engaged in office brokerage, approached them with a proposition to have them promoted through his influence with his father, for a cash consideration. These affidavits were carried to Secretary Noble and he has turned them over to Mr. Harrison. Meanwhile Commissioner Raum is by no means idle. He has demanded that Secretary Noble dismiss the three employes who made the affidavits against his son, and has submitted to Secretary Noble a lot of documentary evidence which he claims proves that these three men have entered into a conspiracy to injure him through attacks on his son. The matter will have to be settled by Mr. Harrison, and upon its settlement depends the official existence of Commissioner Raum.

The Chilean rumpus has had the effect of further postponing the various prominent appointments that the politicians have been so hungrily expecting ever since Mr. Harrison returned to Washington.

The effect that small things have upon large ones was never more strikingly exemplified than by the report of Major Pollock, the superintendent of the free mail delivery system, who has just returned from an examination tour of the principal free delivery offices in the west. Major Pollock says that the recent abolition of the custom of compelling carriers to count every piece of mail received and dispatched from the postoffices will result in a saving to the government of about \$300,000 a year, and on account of the time saved by the carriers it does away with any immediate need of largely increasing the carrier force in all sections of the country, as it was expected some time ago would have to be done.

J. H. C.

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