

OUR SCHOOLS.

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An Excellent and Able Corps of Instructors Engaged for the Present Term.

If there is one thing more than another of which our citizens feel proud, it is the public school of Union. That the people of this district favor a good public school, and the very best of buildings and appliances for the comfort and convenience of patrons, is evinced by the large amount of money expended for this purpose during the past summer.

The building in use for the past few years was a two-story brick structure, 43x55, with four recitation rooms. For the past two seasons it was necessary to rent outside buildings in order to accommodate the increased number of pupils. The advisability of securing more room was discussed at several meetings last spring, when it was finally decided to build a good and substantial addition to the old building and to bond the district in a sum sufficient to complete the work. The bonds were successfully disposed of and the contract let to Dion Keere, of Walla Walla, for the construction of the building, 43x64, and for the addition of another story over the whole, and for cementing the outside of the entire building, the contract price being \$11,205. The plans and specifications of the building were drawn by J. T. Jones, a competent engineer of Walla Walla, and the construction of the building was superintended by A. I. Jones, his brother. The material and workmanship throughout are first-class. The first two stories are of brick, with 14 foot ceilings, while the third story is of Mansard design built of wood, with 12 foot ceiling, the exterior being covered with steel shingles. The roof of the building is covered with tin, there being but little wood exposed, making the building almost fire proof.

At present only seven recitation rooms are complete ready for use, and while as yet only five teachers have been employed, it is thought one or two more will be required before the end of the present term of school. Besides the recitation rooms there is a private room for the principal. All the rooms are provided with the latest improved furniture. The third floor of the building remains uncompleted at present, but if necessary three or four more large recitation rooms can soon be added. So it will be seen that ample preparations have been made for several years to come, as the building is capable of accommodating about 500 pupils.

The school is divided into nine grades. The course of study includes, besides the regular common school studies, Physiology, Book-keeping, English Literature, General History, Composition, Physical Geography, Civil Government and Physics. The pupil on completing the course will be presented with a suitable Diploma of graduation, signed by the Principal, Board of Directors and County School Superintendent.

The teachers employed for the present term are Prof. C. B. Leatherman, principal, Mrs. R. E. Wilkiow, Miss Cora M. Compton, Miss Eva Leatherman and Miss Rose E. White. They are all able instructors and come highly recommended. The school is now progressing nicely and we have yet to hear the first complaint.

CHURCHES AND SECRET ORGANIZATIONS.
In this line Union is also well supplied, and good, moral society prevails. For the benefit of some of our eastern readers who may think this country hardly "civilized," we will say that it is far ahead of many of the older states in this respect. Good school houses and church buildings will be found in every section of Union county, where good schools are maintained at least six months each year.

Union has three substantial church edifices—the Methodist, Presbyterian and Episcopal, where services are held every Sabbath, besides numerous meetings through the week.

The Masonic fraternity have a finely equipped hall and a large number of members. Regular meeting nights, the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. There is also a chapter degree of this order which meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

The Odd Fellows own a fine brick hall in this city, and the lodge is in a flourishing condition. They hold meetings on Friday evening of each week. The encampment meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

The Knights of Pythias, although not long established, have a membership equal to any of the other organizations. They hold meetings on Thursday evenings of each week in the Odd Fellow's hall.

Preston Post, No. 18, G. A. R., has several members and holds regular meetings on the third Saturday of each month.

"Go West, Young Man."

If there is anything that will make the average resident of Oregon or Washington tired, it is the published description of this section which an Eastern editor palms off on his readers after making a flying trip through the states. Through the kindness of one of our subscribers, says the Elgin Recorder, we were permitted this week to read one of these effusions from the pen of the editor of the Vandalia Union, published in Fayette county, Ill., who spent the whole of six days and nights, when he wasn't sleeping, in examining the country from Illinois to Puget Sound. It is very apparent, to anyone who is acquainted with the extent of the country traversed, that he was well qualified to give his readers a cor-

rect description of the extent, climate and productions of the great North west, about as much so in fact as a person who had lived all his life in the back woods of North Carolina. This gentleman's main object, we presume, is to prevent persons living in his vicinity from removing to this section, as his comparisons between the states west of the Mississippi and Illinois are not very favorable to the former. He gives particular attention to the Dakotas, Montana, Idaho, Oregon and Washington and intimates that a journey through these states will convince a resident of his state that they are better off where they are. Now while this may be true we don't want the people of Illinois, or any other state, to take this gentleman's "write up" as a correct description of Oregon, as any one can see, by perusing his article, that he was in the state but a very short time and only mentioned that part of the state in and about Portland, and all he found there to complain of was the rain and the evergreen vegetation, both of which, we believe, would be a welcome sight to the residents of his state, especially when they were experiencing a drouth. We do not want the good people of Illinois, or any other state, to be deceived in regard to the climate or productions of this great and growing section of "Uncle Sam's" domain, but we want them to understand that Oregon is so

MINING NOTES.

Items From the Cornucopia District.

LIST OF DEVELOPMENT WORK.

A Report on the Mines of this Promising District—Large Shipments of Bullion the Past Season.

The Oregon Gold Mining Company have put in a chlorinating plant and are working it to its fullest capacity. The concentrates are being successfully treated, saving 93 per cent. There are 400 tons of concentrates in the mill and it is the intention of the management to increase the capacity of the plant in the spring.

The Davis mill, which has been doing good work, is closed down for the present on account of a land slide. This mill is a Huntington plant of 10-ton capacity.

The Hope mill, a 5 stamp plant with two concentrators, has also closed down for the present.

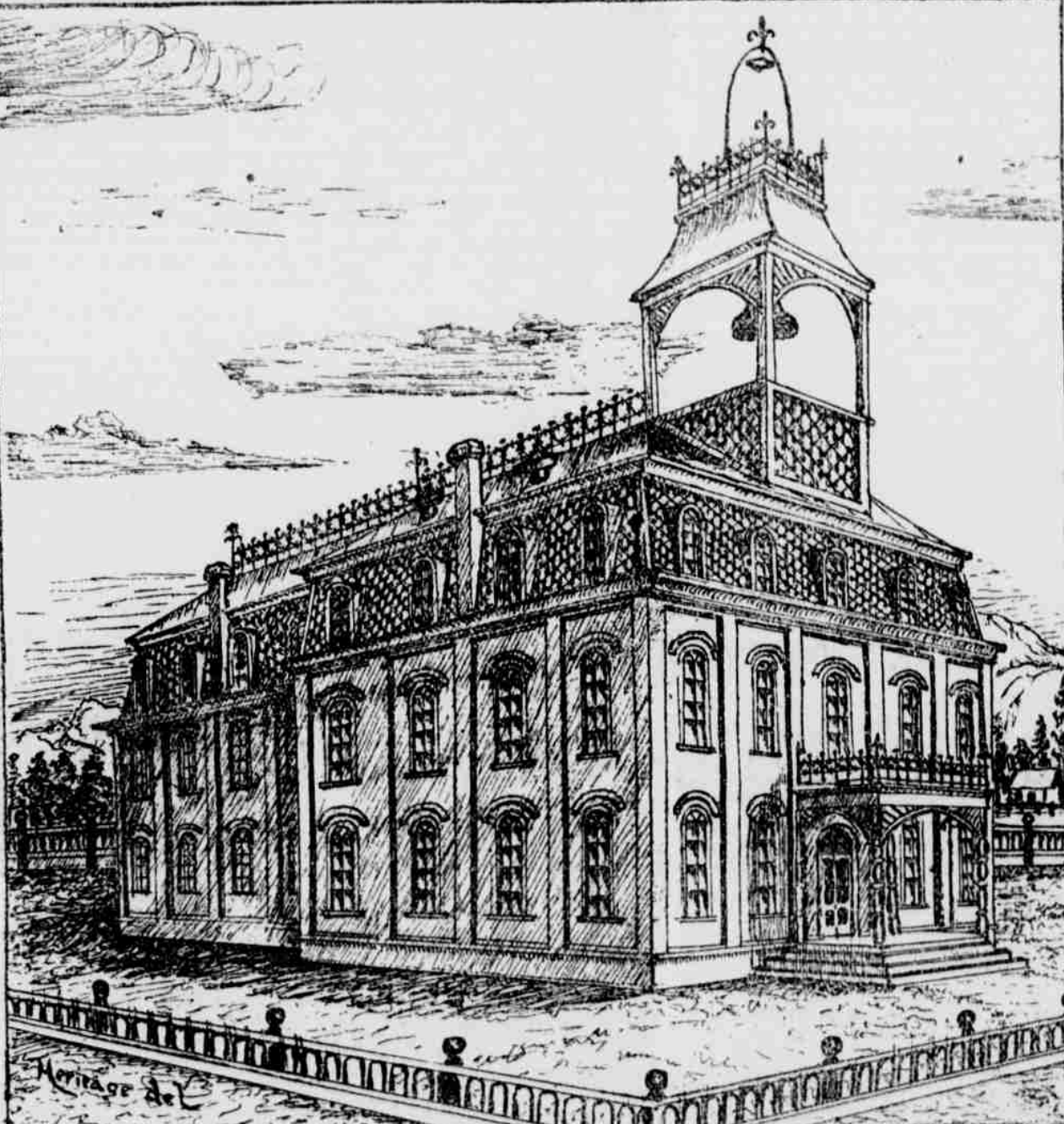
Fred Steen has a Huntington plant on his property which he will put up in the spring.

Mr. Steen has constructed over three miles of road from his property to Cornucopia, at an expense of \$2,000. For several seasons past he has been work-

Cornucopia indeed has a bright future.

The Seven Devils district, in Idaho, is manifesting no little activity in mining matters. A large amount of development work is being done in all of the mines near the Old Peacock. Mr. Adams, aided by three men, has opened up a good ore lead in the Badger mine. A shaft of twenty feet has been sunk on the Confidence. The Black Garnet is down thirty feet and shows good ore. The Victoria shows a thirty inch vein of rich gold and silver and peacock ore. On the Tamarack the ore body is found to be twenty to thirty feet wide. Mr. Towlesley, now at work on the Bodie mine, has found a very rich body of gold-bearing rock, free milling. The Standard has been tunneled fifty feet and shows up well. On the Copper Key mine, owned by Boston capitalists, a shaft has been sunk fifty feet and shows rich bodies of copper ore. The work will be pushed till a depth of 100 feet is reached. The air is being forced into this mine by water power. The section will unquestionably have a decided boom this coming year.

The mining industry in Eastern Oregon is becoming more and more a regular everyday legitimate business. The spasmodic booms and reports of fabulous assays are of no special use to a country, and one over-boomed property that lies idle and produces no mineral is more of a detriment to a country than if it had never been disturbed with a miner's pick. But when an approximate idea of the ore body has been ascertained and a



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extensive that it affords a great variety of climate, but none of the nature to which the gentlemen refer, that is, "the blizzard-breeding mountains," as such things are wholly unknown here, being confined to the prairie states, among which is his own. We want them to understand that such a thing as failure of crops is unknown here, and that the soil and climatic conditions are such that the products of the soil are as varied as any state in the Union and that thousands of acres of fine agricultural land are lying idle, only awaiting the advent of the industrious home-seeker to become beautiful and productive farms capable of supporting a dense population. We say to the young men and young women of Illinois, or any other of the older settled states, who are in search of homes or employment, that Oregon's diversified products offer greater inducements than any other section of the United States. Here you can secure land that will produce from 20 to 50 bushels of wheat to the acre, from 40 to 100 bushels of oats or barley and from two to four tons of hay, or you can secure a quarter section of timber land, the timber of which will make you more money than you will likely ever own in Illinois, and you will have the land left. If this does not suit you, you can secure as rich mineral land as there is anywhere. And remember that you can find climate to suit the most fastidious, unless you seek the land of drouth, cyclones and blizzards, and if the word of Horace Greely and your humble servant is not sufficient evidence of these facts come and see for yourself, but don't come with the expectation of examining the whole country west of the Mississippi in six days, as Oregon alone is nearly twice as large as the state in which the Vandalia Union is published.

ing his ore by the arastra process, but now that he has a mill, increased outputs may be looked for.

John Carey has run in one hundred feet on his Last Chance property and from a six inch vein has developed a six foot vein. This property is well developed and with this last one hundred feet, one of the best looking properties in the camp has been opened up. Mr. Carey will ship a large amount of ore to Tacoma for reduction next season.

Mr. Beers has further developed the Parsons mine by an additional 150 feet, and a large and well defined ledge is exposed.

The Union, the property of Ainstead & Co., has been worked all summer and operations will be continued all winter. The company has worked a large amount of ore at the Hope mill and a carload was shipped to Tacoma. The most satisfactory results were obtained. They will put in a milling plant next season.

Carey and Pierce have developed a fine property in the Red Maiden, and a fine three foot vein is in sight. They expect to go down on the property in the spring. This mine is situated just below the celebrated Simmons group.

A large amount of assessment work has been done during the past season, and most encouraging results followed.

There will be at least three mills in operation in this district by the first of July.

A carbonate discovery has been made near the Hope mill. The ore carries considerable free gold.

More bullion has been shipped out of Cornucopia during the past season than any year in the history of the camp.

It is the intention of the Oregon Gold Mining Company to repair their tramway with the opening of spring.

A large number of new discoveries have been made this year.

A great deal of ore will be shipped to Tacoma next year, as the results from all previous shipments are entirely satisfactory.

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