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BREVITIES.

S. M. Bray, formerly of Curry, is now a resident of Ellensburg, W. T.

We hear some complaint of a potato rot in this section. The trouble is confined to late planted crops.

Dr. Elgin, James Aiken and Robert Lowe have taken twenty-acre tracts of mineral land in the Sixes country.

Mr. Averill has a force engaged to get out timbers for the new bridge, but the wet weather proves a serious hindrance to fair progress.

Some California turfmen will reach out this way for Maplewood before long. They have a way down there of gathering in Oregon's fast horses.

Mr. Jas. Williams was up to Coquille City last week and while there engaged the Odd Fellows' Hall, in which he is to give a grand ball New Year's night.

"Sammy Tilden," second in the late Coquille races lacks everything of being a slow coach. He is a fine animal, rather heavier of build than the average Woodbury.

Curry county is destined to become famous for the number of fast horses bred and reared here. In this particular she already enjoys the eminence of front rank over all the other twenty-four counties in Oregon.

Louis Knapp entered his two-story sorrel in the first race at the Coquille fair against the Woodburys, mile heat. Louis says the distance he brought up in the rear was too great to conveniently compute. Moral: Enter scrubs in scrub races.

SOUR GRAPES.—Our tattooed neighbor down at Ellensburg has had a perpetual attack of sour grapes ever since the Recorder stepped straight to the front rank of local journalism. Last week he said: "If you want a 'live' local paper printed at home! 'Alive' with grammatical and syntactical errors—about a gross each week—and generally very gross. And such 'printing!' It has no parallel either 'at home' or abroad. Further on he says he will not print 'objectionable quack advertisements!' How long since? Only since the whole batch were ordered out on account of the execrable presswork which generally defaces the sheet. One of the most 'objectionable' ads. has all along heretofore enjoyed the prominence in his sheet of long primer type leaded. He says he is above offering premiums. How long since? Of course no one will have forgotten that he offered the *American Farmer* gratis in the effort to secure subscribers to his sheet, which, especially about that time, no one could read. And then, it is not a mark of very remarkable 'life' in a local paper to be debauched all over with repeated ads.

GONE AND DONE IT.—Our bachelor friend, John N. Langlois, having concluded after very mature deliberation that single blessedness was not just the right thing, sat himself about the discovery of a helpmeet to accompany him along the remainder of his journey of life, and finally found her in the person of the accomplished Miss Ella Rudolph, and bore his prize off in triumph to his wigwam at the New Lake dairy. No cake.

YET ANOTHER.—Although Jos. Nay has sold Maplewood he has another world-beater coming on, which he calls "Maud M." She is a picture to look at, and if she don't render a creditable account of herself in the not distant future, there is nothing in the appearance in an animal at her age.

REMOVAL.—To-day the Recorder office and "all appurtenances thereunto or in anywise belonging" will be removed to the building opposite the postoffice.

THE SCHOOL MEETING SATURDAY.

Pursuant to legal notice the voters of School District No. 13 met in considerable numbers at Denmark Saturday last to pass upon the advisability of levying a tax to complete the school house, and for the transaction of any other proper business. It was soon apparent that the majority of those assembled were opposed to the completion of the house on the site heretofore selected, donated, and deeded to the district. It was claimed that the location was such as not to adequately accommodate the greatest number either at the present time or prospectively. Upon a vote being taken the proposition to levy a tax was negatived, whereupon a motion to elect a Committee of three to select a site and report their doings at an adjourned meeting to be held Saturday, Oct. 18th, was carried. Messrs. Haft, Dodge and Hawkins were elected as such Committee. It seems to be the preference of the majority to locate the site at the point where the lands of S. J. Culver, E. Dodge, N. C. Lorentzen and J. F. Cox corner together. Leaving out of view Messrs. J. A. Cox, D. E. Stitt, S. T. Malehorn and Wm. Cox, the site in contemplation will be eminent-ly the proper one, and it is probable that the boundaries of the district will be so reformed as to throw the three first-named into the north side district, if the proposed relocation of the school grounds shall be accomplished.

DROWNED.

Oscar Inberg, step-son of Capt. H. Strahan of Ellensburg, was drowned in Regue river on the afternoon of Oct. 6th, in attempting to cross the river on a mule, at one of the fords about two miles above town; the ford is one which has been used all Summer, but at this time the tide being well in, young Inberg found swimming water and his mule becoming unmanageable, he was finally thrown loose from it, and the general supposition is that he was disabled in some way by the animal, as he did not seem to make any effort at swimming ashore, although the water was perfectly smooth and the river not very wide at that point. Mr. Hume's crew of fishermen were a few hundred yards from the drowning man, and in full view, but before they could reach the spot, the young man sunk to rise no more. One of the boats was within a few yards of him the last time he came up but could not reach in time; immediately the sea was thrown out, and a haul made for the body, but without success, and during the afternoon there were a number of unsuccessful hauls made, and although the river has been dragged thoroughly and a number of cartridges of giant powder used, the body has not been recovered up to this writing.

COOS COUNTY.

Lizzy Prien is the name, and Peter Nelson is the captain of the vessel launched at Parkersburg on the 29th.

The lumber is on the ground for Sengstaeken & Smith's new building at Marshfield, and the carpenters have already commenced work on the building.

Our young and enterprising blacksmith, Steve Gallier, is about starting a laundry in this place. This will afford a rare opportunity to get your skirts ironed.—*Herald*.

Lytle post, No. 27, G. A. R., Coquille City, organized last June, now numbers 44 members, most of whom are Western men and all of whom are said to be native-born citizens.

Haynes & Co. last week shut down their logging camp at Kentuck slough and took their cattle to the ranch at Coos City. They put in 1,300 logs this season that averaged about 900 feet to the log.

Charley Hanscom of Coaldeo raises Jap Yoakam 22,193 feet on that big day's work of his in putting in logs. Hanscom tells the *Herald* that he once hauled in one day 41 logs that sealed 78,843 feet.

The bridges across the sloughs and gulches between Coaldeo and Marshfield are now finished. This will enable horsemen and foot-passengers to travel through from Coquille to Marshfield.

It is stated that Capt. Littlefield has secured the Radcliff rock, at the mouth of Coquille river, and adjacent lands, for the Government. We understand it is the intention to build a light house on the rock.

A deed was recorded in Douglas county last week conveying 63,143 acres of the old Coos Bay Wagon Road Co. lands, by W. H. Besse to the Oregon Southern Improvement Co. for a consideration of \$81,715.

Capt. Reed received orders from the owners of the Coos Bay, to proceed to San Francisco on that vessel, for the purpose of completing arrangements to build a side wheel steamer mentioned in a former issue. The vessel will be built in the ship yard at this place.—*News*.

Frank Sheridan languishes in jail and thereby pays his fine at the rate of \$2 per day, while his victim of the knife, A. C. Frick, will soon be well enough to leave the county hospital. The *Mail* shouts when it says that the tax-payers of the county would have been winner if that fisherman's frolic had ended with the demise of both principals in the fight.

The work of improving and enlarging the capacity of Dean & Co's mill No. 2 (the Lobree mill) goes on, but with only a limited force of men, the proprietors not manifesting a disposition to hurry the work in the face of the present dullness of the lumber trade. When the proposed improvements to this mill have been perfected it will have a cutting capacity of 60,000 feet per day, and the improved machinery being put in will enable the mill to manufacture lumber at least 50 cents per thousand cheaper than the mill at this place is now doing. All of the refuse at mill No. 2 will be carried away by machinery and the number of men necessary to run the mill will be about a half dozen less than the number employed at the mill here.—*Mail*.

SCHOOL LOT.—It is said that Mr. Dodge will donate one acre of ground at the corner had in contemplation by the majority at the meeting Saturday, and sell an additional acre for \$10 and donate the proceeds toward the driving of a well on the premises.

FIGURES MAY LIE.—For instance, A, B, C and D do a job of work for the sum of \$60. A is entitled to one-third, B to one-fourth, C to one-fifth and D to one-sixth of the sum; what will be the share of each? Get out your fabers.

A "SCALP" LAW WANTED.

To the Editor.—I saw in a late issue of your paper a note from Doc Wilson stating that the panthers had been playing hell with his sheep. Now, does not the idea suggest itself that at the coming session of the Legislature a law should be passed placing a bounty on the scalps of these rapacious and destructive animals that infest our mountains and prey upon the poor as well as the rich man's stock? I have heard it argued that a bounty law would bankrupt the county. Is it not as broad as it is long? The value of property yearly destroyed by panthers, bears, lynx and other destructive animals is considerable. Now, would not the proceeds of such stock go a long way toward paying bounties on and exterminating these *hyas mesache* quadrupeds? The writer has heretofore been engaged in the stock business on this Coast, and knows how to sympathize with Doc Wilson or any one else in the wholesale destruction of his flock by the ravages of wild animals. If the question in regard to a bounty law is of interest to the people of Southwest Oregon, or Curry alone, why not discuss it through the columns of our local papers? Let us hear from others on the subject that are more directly interested than your humble servant. Also whether a State Assayer would not be beneficial in the development of the State's mineral resources.

Respectfully,
Sixes Mines, Oct. 4.

ELLENSBURG ITEMS.

The schooner Stranger is due at this port.

It now takes forty to carry the mail between this place and Port Orford. How many will it take when we get a daily mail?

A heavy run of salmon during the week—1,400 at one haul of the seine—and Mr. Hume sent to Smith River for a tug load of laborers to take care of the fish.

The Rogue river packet, Slim Jim Capt. S. H. Miller, has been making regular trips during the past week, and is furnishing the town with a good supply of first class ash wood.

Father Hienrich, of the Catholic Church, is spending a few days in town this week, attending to the offices of his Church. He is an affable, scholarly gentleman who makes friends where ever he goes.

Lively times in Judge Dewey's Court this week caused by a young man going visiting where he was not asked; and the trouble ended in a little whittling with a pocket knife. The young man who was arrested was discharged by the Court with a reprimand.

THE RACES.—The fair last week at Coquille City was a success from every point of view, and particularly so was the racing program. Though the track was entirely too new for swift speeding, the time made by the winners of the various races was excellent. For the first race of one mile J. L. Nay's Maplewood, Aiken's Sammy Tilden, the Gallier mare and L. Knapp's Robin Hood were entered, Maplewood coming in first, Sammy Tilden second and the rest in the order named. Time, 1:53. For the half mile heat race Silver Tail, of Douglas, Maplewood and another horse were entered. Maplewood won, distancing Silver Tail the first heat. The most diverting occurrence of the fair was "Silver Tail" getting distanced by Maplewood. The owner of the Douglas county horse entered him in the half mile and repeat race, being sure he would distance all competitors and thus be relieved of "repeating." The said owner set the distance stake himself, and immediately saw the "biter bitten," for it was Silver Tail who was "left," behind the fatal stake.

THE LATEST NEWS.

Ohio State election comes off to-day.

There are 273 patients in the Insane Asylum at Salem.

Prohibitionists claim that they will poll 100 votes in Yamhill county.

Bancroft, the historian, celebrated his 84th birthday on the 4th at his home in New York.

Mormons are leaving Tennessee, in compliance with the vigorous demands of the people.

The procession at the Cleveland demonstration at Buffalo on the 5th, was eight miles long.

Mr. J. A. Stratton has been appointed Clerk of the Supreme Court, vice T. B. Odeneal, resigned.

The steamer Texan made the trip from Liverpool to New York in six days and ten hours, the fastest time on record.

Washington Bartlett has been nominated by the Democrats and W. C. Merry by the Republicans for mayor of San Francisco.

The will of Private Henry has been filed for probate. It simply devised his pay and property to his parents, brother and sister and was written in pencil on a scrap of paper about the size of a postal card.

The lighthouse steamer Manzanita was announced to sail from San Francisco on the 9th with supplies for northern lighthouses. The Government has made an appropriation of \$87,000 for a new steamer, work on which will be commenced at San Francisco this month. After the completion of the new vessel, the Manzanita will be sent to this State to take the place of the Shubrick.

A special to the *Omaha Republican* of the 3d instant tells of the murder of Harry Percival, wife, infant child and a young man living on a neighboring farm, about ten miles west of Fullerton, in Nance county, Nebraska. The mother and child were shot in their bed; the father was found beside a hay stack, with two bullets in his body and partially consumed by hogs, and the young man was shot in his bed. Percival's house was robbed and everything of value in money and jewelry, except his wife's watch, was taken. The deed is supposed to have been committed by a farm hand and partner, both of whom are missing.

THE RECORDER.—There is no country paper superior to the Recorder in the particulars of choice, fresh, instructive miscellaneous reading matter, in addition to local and editorial matter of importance. Thirty-three wide columns filled with instructive, interesting and amusing reading each week is a feat few papers have ventured upon. Readers of the Recorder find in it such a variety of reading as to make the paper a necessity to while away spare hours and to interest and instruct themselves during the long Winter evenings now at hand; and all for \$2 50 a year. Or, for \$2 75 the Weekly Call or St. Louis Republican in addition. Or, for \$2 50 in advance, both the Recorder and Chicago Weekly News, or the Recorder and Northwest Farmer and Dairyman will be sent for one year. The opportunity is presented for readers to secure the largest amount of excellent reading matter for the least possible price.

MAPLEWOOD SOLD.—It is said that the purchase of J. L. Nay's Maplewood last week at the fair by R. Zumwalt was for R. D. Hume, who will add the now famous flyer to the number of fine horses already on his place across the river from Ellensburg. By the way, some years since Mr. H. brought up from California a fine mare with a Thad Stevens colt by her side. We have heard nothing from either of late.