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CORRESPONDENCE.

S. Messenger has a new reaper and mower which is doing fine work.

It was a long time but now they have caught it on Williams creek, I mean "base ball."

More hay has been cut on Applegate than ever before, and perhaps there will be cheap feed for stock next Spring.

At Jerome Priarie the biggest celebration of the 4th was held with Carson and others as orators. Lots of fun frolic and feed. Said to be the most enjoyable celebration ever held in Southern Oregon.

Weather cool but very favorable for the harvest work, which has been pushed along very energetically for about three weeks. Next week the grain harvest will begin, which looks fine but how it is going to yield I cannot say.

Water on Briggs creek so low that mining operations for the season almost suspended. No news from Silver creek. Recently A. & W. Hyde from Dakota Territory, and their families, came here to live. They are looking around for locations.

The champion sawist is Adam Wimer of the Murphy creek saw mill. He knows how to set his saw and how to make smooth, even and No 1 lumber. In a few weeks I think I will report the erection of a 30 foot arastra for grinding quartz—preparations are now being made for the same.

The markets at present are all taking a vacation, not even a whisper heard about the matrimonial market, in fact the conclusion of most of the bachelors is that it would be better to repress the market entirely until we get railroad communications with Crescent City, a new wagon road or a [illegible] of the sun.

As to the vegetable crop [illegible] can be predicted now, but the prospects are very flattering, except the weeds got too much the start of some of the gardners. Corn will be but a short crop as the weather has been too cool. Beans look well, and if there is a good yield of what are planted, Applegate is able to supply all of Southern Oregon. Take the prospects as a whole and they are quite good. The health of the people excellent, not one case of sickness on the river that I know of.

WILDERVILLE, OREGON, July, 13, 1879.

ED. SENTINEL:—The celebration at the Grange hall on Jerome Prairie was considered a success. The attendance was large considering—perhapsas many as five hundred persons in all. Where they all came from is a mystery. The best of order prevailed and very general enjoyment. O. E. Topping, Esq., of Williams creek, read the Declaration and Hon. S. H. Carson delivered the Oration. Several excellent toasts were in order and responded to by C. Schieffelin, Esq., of Jackson county, and Messrs. A. H. Carson, O. E. Topping and M. S. Dean of Josephine. The Glee Club, led by Prof. M. S. Dean, and composed of the following singers: Misses Sarah Burns, Farinda Borough, Celesti Borough, Mrs. C. Burns, F. Burns and J. I. Knight, rendered the day more pleasant by the singing of several National and Grange songs. Two free swings were kept constantly running all day long. The young folks enjoyed this amazingly. So much for opposition. The small boy seemed exceedingly patriotic as the continual popping of that nuisance the fire cracker would lead us to believe. The dance at night was also a success—over eighty tickets sold.

Considerable sickness prevails in the neighborhood, and one death on the 11th. Toil, youngest daughter of Hon. D. L., Green died of Lung or Typhoid fever on that day. His eldest daughter is also sick and not expected to live. Mr. B. F. Sloan has two children sick with the same disease.

The race of matrimony has been running high down this way lately. The following is a list of the happy couples who have been joined together in happy wedlock: Near Jerome Prairie, by Justice Brown, Mr. Thomas Murry, and Miss Ella Miller; Mr. Charles Agee, and Miss Nannie Mail; Mr. Marshal Woody, and Miss Matilda Mills, all of Josephine county. Beat this! Who next?

Crop of hay and grain above an average we think. HAWKEYE.

CORRESPONDENCE.

BIG BUTTE, July 17th.

Chas Snider is seriously ill.

Ed. Smith is our champion troutist.

School will continue until the first of August.

Several thunder showers during the last few days.

A dangerous frost on the night of the 4th inst.

Pat McMahon purchased a load of hides in this vicinity yesterday.

Mr. Geo. Kennedy, formerly an employee of Pat Dunn of Ashland, is gardening extensivly in this locality.

J. P. Parker hada finger accidentally and seriously cut, with a knife about three weeks ago, which he will probably lose.

Mrs. Chambers of Jacksonville, has been visiting her son, M. S. Perry and family, of this place, for a short time and returned home yesterday.

The celebration on the Fourth at Big Butte was a success. Much credit is due the committees of arrangement and music. Mrs. Stought was at the head of the former, and Mrs. King conducted the latter. A good dinner. Ed. Smith marshal, C. A. Cary reader, W. H. Parker delivered the oration. A base ball game during the day, a "way up" dance at night. Several Eagle Pointers were here.

REPORTER.

CLEANED OUT.—French Pete, a gaucky, green looking chap, got away with the sporting fraternity of Yreka lately, and left a few days ago with a big stake of coin. He was here some 12 years ago, having run a dray for Charley Hoffman. His first introduction in town lately was as an assistant with a surveying party, having a bundle of iron pins in his hand with red flannel strings tied to them. He hung around watching some poker games, when he was invited to take a hand, [illegible] out three or four twenties, as though it was his all, which the boys of course went for, but didn't get. On the contrary Pete bursted all who took a hand. Every effort was then made to cinch Pete, first by playing in together against him without success, and then forming a "cow" or in other words making a pool and pitting the best players against him. It was no use, however, as Pete invariably came out the champion poker sharp, to the utter disgust of several who lost large quantities of their loose change. Pete being an excellent violinist, after winning all the coin in sight, would give the boys a tune to soothe their sorrow. He had a keen sharp eye, and could detect in the countenances of the players, or bystanders, when his opponents held good hands. Oftentimes he let his coin go as a bait, so as to encourage greater risks by his victims. He will probably turn up somewhere else as a poor plebian, only to make another raise from professional sharpers looking for "greenies."—Yreka "Journal."

A CHEAP QUARTZ MILL—Amongst the most important and promising inventions of the day is the Huntington quartz pulverizer, now on exhibition at A. Fish & Co' Machine shop No. 9 & 11 First Street, San Francisco. It will grind to the pulp the hardest quartz or iron ore. It is 30 inches in diameter, 8 inches in the face, and will crush 16 and 25 tons per day, according to the nature of the ore, through a 40 screw with 8 horse power, weight 2,000 pounds. Louis Blanding, the inventor, is thorougly testing its capabilities. He has the benefit of an experience of 20 years and if he succeeds in satisfactorily proving it to be a cheap and effective substitute for an expensive quartz mill he will materially benefit the State as well as his own bank account. The price of the pulverizer is only $500 and the rock biter, a necessary appendage, $250 more making the total outlay, freight to the mountains excepted of $750 for a complete outfit for the development of a quartz ledge.

HARBOR OF REFUGE.—The board of engineers, consisting of Colonel Stuart, Colonel Mendell, Colonel Williams, Colonel Gillespie and Lieut. Payson, all of the U. S. A., will leave San Francisco on the 17th inst., by special steamer and visit all points on the coast as far as the Columbia river, for the purpose of selecting the most eligible location for a harbor of refuge. After the site is chosen the board will sail for Astoria, and will reach that point about the 1st proximo.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY FAIR.—The premium list for the coming Fair has been made out and will soon be published. More liberal prizes are offered for several articles than were awarded last year, and many new features will be presented to add greater interest and enthusiasm. The Fair will be opened on Wednesday, Oct 1st, and continue in session four days, until Saturday evening. On the first day all articles must be entered and arranged prior to 4 o'clock P. M., and at 10 A. M. on next day the pavillion will be opened to visitors. On Friday the pavillion will be closed from 8 to 10 A. M. for the examination of articles by the committee or Judges appointed, and on Saturday, the last day, the premiums will be awarded, closing with annual election in the evening. Extra efforts will be made to make the pavillion an attractive resort for visitors each evening during the Fair. At the Agricultural Society race track there will be a number of races each day, the programme which may be found advertised elsewhere in the JOURNAL, and for which all the horse men in Northern California and Southern Oregon are making great preparations towards showing off their nags and corraling the purses offered. For the penalized weight running age race, 3 in 5, free for all horses owned in the district, the 2 year olds will carry 75lbs; 3 year 90lbs; 4 years, 103 lbs; 5 years, 110lbs; 6 years and upwards, 115lbs; mares and geldings allowed 3 lbs off. The other races will be governed by the usual rules. Stalls and stables will also be fitted up at the Society Park for the accommodation of animals intended for exhibition and competition for premiums. Arrangements will also be made with butchers and bakers to supply parties wishing to camp at the Park while the Fair is in session.—"Yreka Journal."

THE COLUMBIA. [illegible] San Francisco Commercial Herald" pays the following glowing tribute to the Columbia River: "In many respects the Columbia river is the grandest on the continent. Fourteen hundred miles above its mouth it is as large as the Sacramento river is at Rio Vista, and it rolls to the sea with increasing grandeur all the way. Where it hews its way through the Cascades, a new and gorgeous picture is painted every moment, and after the mountains are passed, it sweeps in perfect purity and immense volume to the sea. It is washed by the most magnificent mountains in the union, and where the river joins at the ocean there is an everlasting war of waters, which is as beautiful as it is terrible. By and by when communication with Oregon is cheap and comfortable, people will cease to go to Europe in the summer, but will see the Cascades of the Columbia, and as they watch will grow to be better Americans, as they more fully realize the claims which their native land has upon their admiration. The Mississippi has greater volume than the Columbia; the Hudson makes rival pictures which are as fine as any painted in the Cascades, but there is a power, a beauty, a purity and a wildness about the river of the west which is altogether unapproachable in its charms."

Thomas W. Knox writes from the Lotos Club, New York, to Postmaster-General R[illegible] two letters, [illegible] by [illegible] of March to go around [illegible] opposite directions. The [illegible]ter made the circuit in e[illegible] including a four days d[illegible] kohama, and the other [illegible] thirteen of which were consumed in detention at Yokohama, which have been avoided by an arrival at port two days sooner. The time [illegible] by the more rapidly transported of letters, or by any yet reported [illegible] postoffice department, has greatly surpassed re[illegible] mailed by a young [illegible] office of Superintendent [illegible] which accomplished the circuit of the world westerly in seventy-one [illegible]

We have been requested [illegible] Register of the land office to [illegible] that in making final homestead claimants must present their [illegible] at the Land Offie, or if they [illegible] take advantage of March 3d, [illegible] make the required proof [illegible] Judge, or in his absence the [illegible] the court, that witnesses, [illegible] the claimants must appear [illegible] Judge or Clerk. In other [illegible] proof of witnesses in final [illegible] cases cannot be accepted w[illegible] before a Notary Public or [illegible] officer not authorized by [illegible] testimony in homestead [illegible]