

"Mayn't I be a Boy?"
"Mayn't I be a boy?" said our Mary,
The tears in her great eyes blue—
"I'm only a wee little lassie—
There's nothing a woman can do.

'Tis so; I heard cousin John say so;
He's home from a great college, too;
He said so just now in the parlor:
There's nothing a woman can do!"

"My wee little lassie; my darling!"
Said I, putting back her soft hair,
"I want you, my dear little maiden,
To smooth away all mother's care.

"Who is it, when papa comes home weary
That runs for his slippers and gown?
What eyes does he watch for at morning,
Looking out from their lashes of brown?

"Is there nothing that you can do, darling?
What was it that pa said last night?"
"My own little sunbeam is coming;
I know, for the room is so bright!"

"And there is the secret, my Mary—
Perhaps you will learn it some day—
The hand that is willing and loving,
Will do the most work on the way;

"And the work that is sweetest and dearest—
The work that so many ne'er do,—
The great work of making folks happy—
Can be done by a lassie like you!"

STATISTICS OF OREGON.

BY A. J. DUFUR.

UNION COUNTY.
Union county is bounded north by the Walla Walla valley in Washington Territory, on the 46th parallel of north latitude; east, by Snake river, which separates it from Idaho Territory; south, by Baker county; and west, by the Blue mountains and Umatilla county—and contains within its limits a large tract of agricultural and grazing land, known as the Grand Ronde Valley. This valley comprises the most important agricultural portion of the county, the following description of which is taken from a prize essay written by W. Lair Hill, Esq., for the Oregon State Agricultural Society:

"The Grand Ronde, lying a few leagues north of the Powder river valley, is a beautiful circular valley, some twenty or thirty miles in diameter, watered by a stream bearing the same name. Surrounded by high hills or spurs of the Blue mountains, its amphitheatrical form relieving its smooth, grassy surface, intersected by a bold stream, fringed on either side by small trees, renders it sufficiently charming, to say nothing of the fertility of its soil, which is unsurpassed."

This county is being fast settled up, but still has large tracts of government land unoccupied, and well adapted to grazing and agricultural purposes. The Wallowe valley, on a small tributary of the Grand Ronde river, is not surpassed for beauty or fertility, and for importance is inferior to the Grand Ronde valley only in its size. The northern portion of the Powder river valley is within the limits of this county, and has already been described. The Grand Ronde valley is surrounded by high elevations, alternating between a luxuriant growth of bunch grass and forests of gigantic fir, larch and pine. The timber from the hills and mountains furnishes good opportunities for obtaining lumber of all kinds for fences and building purposes, while the extensive table and hill lands, covered with grass, furnishes pasturage in almost inexhaustible supplies.

The soil of this valley is an alluvial deposit of decomposed earth and vegetable mould, and contains less of silica, phosphate of lime, and magnesia, and more of alumina, oxide of iron, and organic matter, than that of Powder river valley. This soil is very fertile, producing wheat, barley, oats, and all the other varieties of small grain, in abundance, also the different kinds of fruit, and vegetables, of the most luxuriant growth. It is stated, by good, reliable farmers residing in this county, that from forty to sixty bushels of wheat per acre, with an ordinary system of cultivation, is no uncommon yield. Oats and barley do correspondingly well, yielding from fifty to one hundred bushels of the finest grain to the acre.

The water in this county is excellent, and in abundance for all kinds of milling, mechanical, and domestic purposes, being supplied from the foot-hills and mountains by springs and small brooks, while the Grand Ronde river and its tributaries, in their various meanderings and cascades, furnish mill sites and stock water in abundance the entire length of the county. There is also a number of hot or warm springs in the central portion of this valley, supposed to be valuable for their medicinal qualities, but the water has never received a scientific analysis, and its properties are yet unknown.

The climate of this county is similar in many respects to other portions of eastern Oregon. Dry winters, short and cold; long springs and falls, beautiful and mild, with frequent showers of rain. In fact, the bracing mountain air,

tempering the rays of the summer's sun from a cloudless sky, gives a healthful luxury to the climate of this valley unsurpassed in any other portion of the world. In winter, for two or three weeks, old memories are often awakened, and the monotony of life enlivened by mirth and laughter, mingled with the ring of skates, or the chime of merry sleigh-bells. Snow seldom lays on the ground more than two or three weeks during the winter in this valley, and the farmer generally commences plowing, sowing, and gardening the fore part of March. Stock of all kinds is frequently left to run at large the entire winter, and does well without grain or hay. But the most profitable, as well as the most humane way of treating stock, in this, as well as all other portions of Oregon, is to furnish a good supply of hay from the luxuriant growth of grass in the valleys, and provide sheds, to shelter them from the storms that occur during the winter in this, as well as in other parts of the world.

Indian corn, tobacco, onions, tomatoes, and peaches, can be raised successfully in favorable locations in this valley, if properly cared for. Apples, pears, and plums are being cultivated, and flourish remarkably well. The soil of this valley shows a peculiar adaptation to the growth of the different varieties of tame grass, and especially to red top and timothy. But the luxuriant growth of the wild or native grasses in this valley, known as blue joint, fowl meadow, limber-will, &c., supersede the necessity of cultivating other varieties for hay. The mineral resources of this county are also important, and are surpassed only by the fertility of its soil. The Eagle creek gold mines show the auriferous character of the mountains, gulches, and canons of this county, while the croppings of coal, iron, lead, and copper, met with in various localities, are proof that its mineral wealth has scarcely commenced to be developed.

The immigrant can obtain supplies of all kinds in this valley, with which to begin life in a new country. A good wagon road from the Columbia river to the mining camps in eastern Oregon and Idaho passes through this valley; also, there is a daily line of stages, carrying the U. S. mail, from the Dalles to Salt Lake City. The society in this valley is not surpassed by any other locality as recently settled as this, the inhabitants manifesting in a marked degree a spirit of honest industry, moral integrity, and rural economy; and the stranger, traveling in this vicinity, will find, after a fatiguing day's journey, in this valley, a hearty welcome at the home of the new settler, where, at the close of the day, entire happiness seems to prevail, "and drowsy tinklings lull the distant flocks."

A good common school system has been established in this county, and the inhabitants have shown a commendable spirit in taking measures to secure their proportion of the general school fund of the State, and by adding to it by private subscription and general taxation, been able to furnish as good a system of common schools as is enjoyed in some of the older States. The various religious denominations are well represented in this vicinity, religious services being held on the Sabbath in most of the towns and thickly settled neighborhoods, and the rites of barbarous savages are fast giving way to the worship of the Most High God.

La Grande, the county seat, is a flourishing town, situated about eighty-five miles from navigation on the Columbia river, and is on the stage road leading from the navigable waters of that river to the extensive mining districts of eastern Oregon, Montana, Idaho, and to the Salt Lake valley. This town has eight stores, two hotels, three blacksmiths, one wagon shop, one flouring mill, two churches, one academy, and a post-office.

Union, situated about fifteen miles southeast of La Grande, on the opposite side of the valley, is a town of considerable importance, has a post office, flouring mill, hotel, public school, blacksmith shop, and four stores. Forest Cove is another new town in this valley, with a flouring mill, public school, blacksmith shop, post office, and store. Summerville has a post office, store, hotel, flouring mill, and public school. Oredell has a post office, store, flouring mill, and public school. There is also a hotel, with bathing and summer house, at the Warm Springs, on the stage road from La Grande to Union.

This county has a population of nearly 3,000, with an assessable property of \$400,000, and about 3,000 acres of land under improvement, and covers an area of about \$2,880,000 acres of land. There is also a number of good saw mills situated at convenient points in this county, and the new settler can obtain all kinds of lumber for building purposes, at reasonable rates.

"I came near selling my boots the other day," said Tom Scuttle to his friend. "How so?" "Well, I had them half-soled."

Shepherd Dogs.

Correspondence of American Stock Journal.
About one year ago I purchased a remarkably fine shepherd dog of your firm. Thinking it would be of some benefit to your readers to be made acquainted with the peculiar traits of these remarkable dogs, I send you a few short notes, on the performances of mine. He will bring the cows, oxen, or horses, from the most distant fields, by simply telling him what you want.

Soon after we got him we sent him to watch the sheep that were in a field, one-half of which was in oats. We visited him several times during the day, and found the faithful dog, who was walking with sentinel like punctuality, up and down the boundary line of the two crops, close to which some few of his trust were browsing. Upon the slightest attempt of any sheep to infringe on the oats, he immediately drove them back; but the extent of his beat being very long, he was often sorely put to it, and had to hurry backwards and forwards in rather a laughable manner. Collecting his energies he finished by driving the whole flock to the extremity of the pasture. Then, satisfied with the altered position of affairs, he returned to the boundary line, and lay down with the assurance that they must now feed up to him.

Not long since he accompanied a friend to Chicago, where he purchased a lot of sheep, upwards of 250. At night, on bringing them home, they were turned into a field. The fences not being very good, they broke in with several other droves, and consequently soon all became mixed together. The next morning, without making a single mistake the dog picked out the whole of his master's sheep from amongst the others, almost unaided, and although he had been so short a time acquainted with them, after which he drove them to their destination single-handed.

I was greatly gratified at such an admirable display of canine sagacity. It has seldom, or ever been equalled, never surpassed, for brilliant intelligence and canine observation.

My wife says he is of incalculable value in caring for the youngest children when they are running about the farm, as she always considers them safe under the care of Jack. He will carry luncheons to the men in the most distant part of the farm, and not offer to touch a mouthful.

There are certain peculiarities of character belonging to the shepherd dog well worthy of note. He is a remarkably small eater, and is the least greedy of the entire race; in fact, it is quite astonishing how many hours he will remain true to his post without indulging his appetite; he apparently suffers but little from hunger or thirst. He is of a pensive melancholy disposition, and rarely condescends to join a romp, or enjoy the playful dalliance which belongs to other animals. At the same time, his affections are true and unalterable to his master and his faithfulness, under the most trying circumstances, is staunch even to death; and if we should seek in the canine family for talents and qualities especially human, our convictions unhesitatingly point toward the Shepherd Dog.

The young man who had been traveling about lately, jumping off the train to kiss his sister, and then apologizing when he found his mistake, "has come to grief," and will reform his practices. He tried the thing on, at New Haven the other day, when the damsel raised her veil and said: "Golly, massah; what dat you 'bout dar?"

A quaint writer says: "I have seen women so delicate that they were afraid to ride for fear of the horse running away; afraid to walk for fear the dew might fall; afraid to sail for fear the boat might upset; but I never saw one afraid to be married, which is more risky than all the others put together."

On the 17th of last month, two hundred and fifty immigrants from Austria arrived in Richmond, Va., to settle on land purchased for them in Henrico county. They all have something to begin with.

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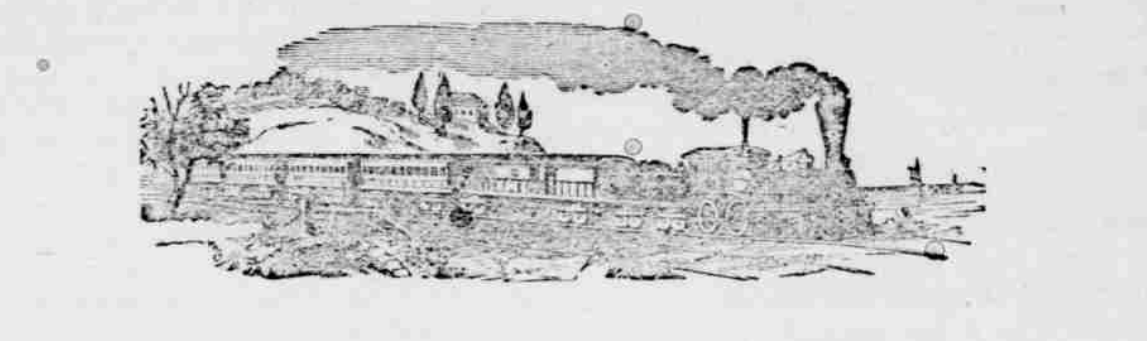
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THURSDAY, the 20th inst.,

to elect officers for the ensuing year, and to transact such other business as may come before the meeting.

Oregon City, Jan. 8th, 1870.
N. W. RANDALL,
President O. F. H. Association.

DISSOLUTION.

The Co-partnership heretofore existing between J. W. Lewis and S. L. Pollock, in Oregon City, Oregon, under the firm name of LEWIS & POLLOCK, was mutually dissolved January 1, 1870. The undersigned will collect all debts due the late firm and pay all indebtedness of the same. It will also continue the business of manufacturing agricultural implements, etc., in Oregon City.

JOHN W. LEWIS.
January 6, 1870.—n3-31

FINAL SETTLEMENT.

In the matter of the estate of Frederick Charman deceased, in the County Court of Clackamas County, State of Oregon.

Notice is hereby given that Arthur Warner, the Administrator of the estate of Frederick Charman, deceased, has rendered for settlement, and filed in said Court, his final account of his Administration of the undivided estate of said deceased; and that

Monday, the Seventh (7th) day of February, A. D. 1870, being a day of a regular term of said Court, to-wit: of the February term, A. D. 1870, has been duly appointed by the said Court, for the hearing of objections to such final account, and the settlement thereof. By order of said Court. Attest:

J. M. FRAZER, County Clerk,
January 4th, 1870.—n3-51