

Letter from Grant County.

CANYON CITY, Or. July 21st, 1875. ED. FARMER: We have just returned from camp-meeting, and being in a sentimental and reflective, as well as a moral mood of mind, we have concluded to make a few notes of the religious, social, educational, financial, and other interests of this county.

A CAMP MEETING

Was held under the auspices of the M. E. Church, Elder Caldwell, presiding, Rev. A. J. Joelyn, pastor in charge, and Rev. Abe Edes of Grand Ronde Valley, assistant minister. The place selected for the meeting, is in a beautiful grove of majestic pines, and on a clear mountain stream, known as Pine Creek, distance from Canyon City about seven miles.

Here upon this consecrated ground, on last Sabbath, were gathered people of all classes, from different parts of the Valley, and we must say that we never witnessed a more attentive, orderly, and polite assembly at any camp ground within our knowledge. We do not claim for superiority in morals, nor yet a higher order of cultivation in this respect than those of older and more favored communities; but for some cause or other "holiness" does not exhibit its "avelled" or deformed head, to such an extent, as in many other places claiming greater celebrity and morality.

The morning services were opened by Elder Caldwell delivering a sermon from the following text: "Upon this Rock will I build my Church, and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it." He showed by the most logical reasoning and scriptural deductions, that the Rock referred to, is Christ, and that the Orthodox Churches are only branches of the Living Vine. The meeting was interesting and instructive throughout; and the labors of the ministers blessed with the happiest results, about 15 members being added to the church.

By the request of some of our citizens S. B. Parrish, of

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visited, a few days since, a large band of Indians in Fox Valley, adjacent the settlement; and had a "big wawa" with them. This band, with old Sano-holla as their chief, is composed of roving camas-digger Indians from the Umatilla, Warm Spring, and Columbia tribes. They acknowledge no reservation and will not accept so much as even a blanket from an Agent of the Government. Sano-holla has taught them that the game of the forests, the fish in our waters, and the grass upon a thousand hills belong to them; that their departed warriors will some day come forth from their mossy beds, and with them again possess the lands. This is a part of their religion; and to which they cling as tenaciously as a Mohammedan does to the Koran. But while they will accept nothing direct from the Government, they are perfectly willing to receive these useful articles from other Indians who do pick up things "lying around loose" in the settlements, or slay a fine buck that dares to trespass upon their lands. Our citizens have become tired of this annoyance, and many cattle have mysteriously disappeared. We had scolded the presence of these Indians and our losses by them, until "forbearance" comes to be a virtue; and therefore in the absence of another authority to act in the premises, called upon Mr. Parrish, whom we believe has been equal to the emergency; real vidi vici. He told them that he was a man of peace on the part of the Government, but that if ever he heard of their killing stock belonging to white men that he would put the U. S. Soldiers after them, and wipe them out of existence; that if they annoyed the settlers in any way, they should not be permitted to even dig camas in these mountain valleys.

In short, we think the general Indian Agent Brown ought to "gather them up" place them upon their respective reservations, and teach them the art of agriculture.

Maj. Triunble, with his command, Co. H. 1st Cavalry, passed through here a short time since en route to Ft. Walla Walla. Col. Ous, of Camp Harney was subsequently been ordered to the same post, and if not prevented by the civil authorities, will take up his line of march in a few days.

THE PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY

In this county, are in a prosperous condition. Daniel Clark Grange, which now numbers nearly 80 members, has united with the Harmonic Order of Prairie City in erecting a two-story building, 65 feet in length for the accommodation of the respective Orders; the Grange taking the lower hall, and the Lodge the upper hall. Canyon City and Mt. Vernon Granges contemplating uniting for the purpose of building a large hall.

THE WEATHER

Of this season has been different from that of any former period within our knowledge. Up to the latter part of May it was cold and disagreeable. Fruit nearly all killed by a heavy freeze on the 25th of May. Tender vegetation seemed almost at a stand-still until the first of June. Since then, the weather has been growing warmer, until it has actually become hot, the mercury standing, at times, as high as 100 deg. in the shade. Lightning and thunder are of almost daily occurrence, while the electric current sometimes comes in such close proximity that it really seems dangerous to be out. Showers of rain are more frequent than ever before, and as a consequence, grains and vegetables of all kinds are looking well. The native grasses of the plains and mountain sides are better

than for many years past, and horses, cattle, and sheep are rolling in fatness.

THE MINES.

Miners are still at work, water being more abundant than usual at this season of the year. The reports from Olive and Burnt rivers are quite flattering, some heavy specimens having been picked up by B. Howard and others. The Middle Fork quartz ledges are being more fully developed. Additional machinery for the purpose of saving the finer silver and gold was shipped for the Cabel claim a few days since. Hillis and Elliot, of Marysville, have opened extensive hydraulic diggings in the hills above town, and they are now considered among the best placer claims in the county. W. M. V. Thompson, of the same place, is running two hydraulics with good success. New discoveries have been made in the creek above Canyon City, while the lower portion, or John Day mines, under the supervision of Wolfinger, are extensively worked by Chinese. And now, in

CONCLUSION.

Permit us to state that, although we are favored with the increase of flocks, the improvement of herds, the prospect of a bountiful harvest and prolific mines, yet our general market is limited and money scarce, or but little in circulation. We need better facilities for the transportation of our surplus products, or, what is better, the establishment of home manufactures, thereby converting the raw material into availability for consumption, and creating a permanent home market. Wm. Clark, superintendent of the Winemucca Wagon Road is now at work on that line, and if cheaper transportation is not secured up the Columbia our merchants will import direct from the Central Pacific Railroad to this point, distance about 275 miles.

W. R. Dumbler, G. W. Chief Templar, is now among us, and will hold forth in the Good Templars' hall to-morrow evening, the 25th.

D. B. B.

TELEGRAPHIC.

New York, August 2.—The sale, under order of the U. S. court, of the franchise and property of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, which was to have taken place today, has been postponed until August 12th.

New York, Aug. 2.—Judge Morris, counsel for Tilton, this afternoon served a notice on Sherman and Sterling, attorneys of record for Henry Ward Beecher, to be prepared to answer in a new trial on the first Monday in September.

LONDON, Aug. 2.—A dispatch from Madrid says Alfonso's troops continue successful. Several important victories were gained last week. The Carlists are evidently approaching dissolution. Lizarraga, with three thousand Carlists, is in the citadel at Seo De Urgel. Spanish funds are plenty, owing to the improved prospect.

MADRID, Aug. 2.—An official dispatch announces that Gen. Weller has routed the Carlists under Sabales at Calcedonia. The Carlist General Dorregary is at Benja. The projected constitution declares the state religion to be Roman Catholic. The government is obliged itself to maintain its worship and its ministers, but nobody shall be molested on Spanish territory for religious opinions or in the exercise of their respective worship, so long as the respect due to Christian morality is paid. Protestants may have churches with open doors and celebrate worship inside, but there must be no manifestations on the streets.

Photographs Copied and Enlarged.

Mr. B. K. Myers, formerly of Salem, is now traveling for orders for J. Wilkins, the well known photographer of San Francisco. He has received already a large number of orders from Salem, Silverton, Independence, Albany and other towns in this valley. He takes pictures of any kind—photographs, tintypes, daguerreotypes, etc.—and sends them to San Francisco, where they are copied and enlarged according to the order. The work is done in the most perfect manner, the finished pictures are elegantly framed and can be paid for on delivery. The cost is from \$5 to \$25.

Independent Mass Meeting.

According to previous notice there was a meeting on Saturday afternoon, July 31, at the old Court House, to elect delegates to represent Marion county in the State Congressional convention to be held August 10. Jacob Conser of Jefferson was chosen chairman and Geo. P. Holman, Secretary. Delegates were elected as follows: A. Hovenden, Henry Smith, Jacob Conser, George P. Holman, Thomas Townsend, Tilton Ford, J. M. Brown, D. Hancock, after which the meeting adjourned.

The Alden Fruit Drying Company of Salem have commenced to dry plums already.

THE MARKETS.

State of the Wheat Market.

We have made private arrangements for receiving reliable reports of the Liverpool and San Francisco wheat market up to the time of going to press, and give the following as the latest quotations: The Liverpool market for average California was steady at 11s. 6d. per cental for spot wheat, and orders on San Francisco were 33s per quarter of 500 for immediate shipments.

The San Francisco market was firm at \$2 12 per cental for average lots.

Portland papers give the market there at \$1.75 to \$1.25 per cental.

Salem mills are offering 90 cts per bushel.

LONDON, Aug. 3.—The Mark Lane Express, in a weekly review of the corn trade, says the cereal crop just reaching maturity has been saved by the fine weather. We may yet have a moderate harvest in good order. The upward movement has stopped and prices relaxed, partly in consequence of foreign arrivals, which are unusually free, but the current rates scarcely reach an average, and are still below those of last year. The harvest in France is progressing rapidly, but the general reports indicate less than a fair average yield, although in Paris and Marseilles prices have fallen two shillings, Belgian and German markets show a similar change. Official accounts of crops in Austria and Hungary show there is more likelihood of a deficiency than surplus.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 3.—Fine wool dull; lower medium grades active; 100 lbs. 22s; fine and medium, 23s; do coarse, 22s; do California fine and medium, 25s; do do 22s, 23s.

State of the Wheat Market in California.

From the S. F. Commercial Herald of last week we take the following, which gives full particulars of the late rise and fall of the Liverpool quotations and describes the then condition of the wheat market in California:

A week since reference was made to the rapid advance both here and elsewhere—the total rise for the past fortnight being from \$1 75@2 25 for new crop, with an occasional lot of choice old at \$2 27 1/2 per oil for milling. At the advanced rates many large purchases were consummated in the interior and a number of cargoes placed here for account of shippers; more willing to buy grain than to accept charters to the United Kingdom at 42 or thereabouts. On the 20th of July prices reached the highest altitude, say \$3 25@2 27 1/2, but before the opening of Exchange on the 27th, Liverpool cablegrams were received noting a decline for the 24 hours of 8d@10d. This unexpected intelligence staggered all buyers, both here and in the interior, and trade immediately ceased—buyers with one accord withdrawing and offering only \$2@2 10 for lots, which the day before they would gladly have purchased at \$2 20@2 25. The standing order sent by the Granger oracle to the country was "not to sell." The result of this is manifest—many large crop owners that could have closed out their entire crops at high figures and pocketed the cash, have now to stem the current for a while longer and take the chances of a future market. Transactions for the week as reported embrace the following: July 21st, 100 tons choice old milling, at \$2 25; 100 tons do, new, \$2 15; 224, 3,000 tons for export, \$2 20; 2,000 cts old milling, \$2 25; 2,500 cts do very choice, \$2 27 1/2; later on, 20,000 tons for export at \$2 20; 1,000 cts new, \$2 20; 1,000 cts old, \$2 27 1/2; 5,000 tons sold at \$2 25@2 27 1/2 for new and old. For the past two days no business of importance has been done, and we very much question whether \$2@2 10 could be obtained at date for any considerable quantity of choice wheat. The market closes flat. We submit the Liverpool Wheat market of July 23rd, 1875—average, 10s 2d@10s 7d; club, 10s 6d@11s 2d. 1874—average, 11s 3d@11s 6d; club 11s 9d@12s 3d. 1873—average, 11s 8d@11s 11d; club, 12s@11s 3d. Since the above was placed in type we are informed of two purchases that were concluded on the 27th of 500 tons each for export, at \$2 15@2 20, respectively.

HARVEST IN LANE.—The Eugene Guard says:

The farmers of Lane county have commenced cutting the early sowed grain, and from present prospects the crops will yield as much as was anticipated. The early sowed grain is well filled, the grain being full and plump. Grain that was put in early, or put in with cultivators or drills is from twenty to fifty per cent, better than late grain, or that sowed broadcast and covered with harrows. Hence it is demonstrated that it pays handsomely to cultivate the soil well, put your grain in in proper time, and cover it with a cultivator or put it in with a drill. Grain must have time at the proper season to grow, and it must be put in the soil deep enough to get substantial root or it cannot thoroughly mature. Our farmers have had experience enough by this time to prove to them that the early sowed crops without properly cultivating the soil. This thing of skimming over the ground in plowing, and then scratching in the grain with a light harrow will not insure good crops.

San Francisco Market.

Wheat—\$4 05@4 15. Flour—Extra Jobbing \$6 75@7. Oats—New California, \$1 75@2; choice old and Oregon, higher. Barley—New feed, \$1 27 1/2@1 37 1/2; old feed, \$1 45@1 47 1/2; brewing, 1 55. Rye—\$1 35.

SALEM MARKET.

MONETARY. LEGAL TENDERS, buying, 8 1/2; selling, 8 3/4.

FLOUR, GRAIN, &c. Wheat, best white, \$ bushel, 90c. Oats, \$ bushel, 45c. Flour, best, \$ sack, 3 1/2. Buckwheat Flour, \$ bushel, 45c. Bran, \$ ton, 11 00@12 00. Shorts, \$ ton, 22 50@23 00. Oil Cake Meal, \$ ton, 25 00@26 00. Fair seed, per bushel, 2 1/2. Hay, \$ ton, new, 11 00@12 00. Saled, \$ ton, 10 00@11 00.

GROCERIES.

Sugar, San Francisco refined, \$ bbl., 12 1/2. Island, 11 1/2. Crushed, 11 1/2. Powdered, 10 1/2. Granulated, 10 1/2. Syrup, 1/2 gal., 75c. Tea, Japan, \$ lb., 50c. Tea, Imperial, \$ lb., 50c. Coffee, Costa Rica, \$ lb., 25c. Rio, 25c. Java, 25c. Salt, Carraway Island, \$ lb., 10c. Liverpool, coarse, 1 1/2. Dairy, 75c. Bay, 57c.

FRUITS, VEGETABLES, &c.

Apples, dried, \$ bushel, 50c. Peaches, dried, \$ bushel, 45c. Plums, 10c. Beans, \$ bushel, 45c. Potatoes, \$ bushel, new, 45c. Onions, \$ bushel, 45c. Cabbage, \$ doz., 1 1/2. Carrots, \$ bushel, 45c.

BUTTER, EGGS, &c.

Butter, fresh rolls, \$ lb., 30c. packed, 25c. Eggs, \$ dozen, 25c. Cheese Oregon prime, \$ lb., 17c. Lard, \$ lb., 15c.

OILS, &c.

Lined Oil, boiled, \$ gallon, 1 1/2. Linseed Oil, \$ gallon, 1 1/2. Coal Oil, \$ gallon, 1 1/2. Nuts Oil, \$ gal., 1 1/2. Tallow, \$ lb., 10c.

LEATHER, &c.

[Corrected by J. W. Gilbert, dealer, Salem.] Harness Leather, \$ 30 40. Skirting Leather, " 25 40. Bridle Leather, " 40 40. French Calf, " 40 40. French Kid, pr doz., 40 40. French Kid, pr doz., 40 40. Santa Cruz Sole, pr doz., 40 40. Hides, dry, " 10 15. " green, " 10 15. Deer Skins, dry, pr doz., 25 40. Sheep Pelts, " 10 15.

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