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all, especially those not connected with other  
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Geo. H. Lee, Pastor

EXTRA COPIES.  
Extra copies of the New Year's EAST OREGONIAN may be had at the business office at 10 cents a copy, in wrappers ready for mailing if desired. Postage prepaid.

WANTED.  
L. Blum is below on a business visit. Lexington, Morrow county, wants a suit.

Wanted, to rent a piano; enquire at 1015 Broadway.

The best of board at the French restaurant for 14 per week.

No. 1 quality of timothy hay is for sale by T. F. Rourke.

E. R. Wade has a house which he will sell for cheap for cash or on time.

Major Hilton, the temperance lecturer, will speak for La Grande on March 17th.

Frank Lee and Walter Bowman photographed the electric light plant this afternoon.

A photograph company has been organized at Spokane Falls, with a capital of \$100,000.

J. H. Turner has five furnished rooms in his new residence on Thompson and Alta streets.

While Vermont is almost stationary, Canada is the only State in the Union which is actually declining in population.

Portland Oregonian: Mr. John Evered and family have removed to Pendleton, where they will make their future home.

La Grande is happy over the passage of the bill leaving the re-location of the city to a vote of the people of Union county.

The Legislature just adjourned appropriated at least \$150,000 more than any Legislature that ever convened in the State.

It is reported that it is the intention of O. R. & N. to build directly across the flats from Wallula to Riparia this summer.

The tent in the court yard is not a square, but a boy with a "doll-baby" baby. The youngster seems to be doing a good business.

The sales last week in Spokane Falls real estate market amounted to \$700,887, prospects of railroad enterprises causing a augmentation of the boom.

The Semi-Weekly East Oregonian and the Spokane Falls Call one year, both for \$2.00, or the Weekly East Oregonian and the Call at \$2.50 at this office.

Mr. Vinson, of the firm of Niles & Vinson, marble cutters, Walla Walla, passed through last evening on his way to Heppner business connected with his firm.

It is reported that a sale of 50,000 bushels of wheat was made Saturday evening in Walla Walla, for Eastern shipments, March delivery, seller option.

The second of the dime sociables will be held at the Episcopal rectory Tuesday evening at half past seven o'clock, and the pastor is cordially invited to be present.

The work of painting and sanding the roof of the new Pendleton hotel is nearly completed. The structure is now beyond question the finest and most handsome building in town.

The Grande Ronde Lumber Company has not yet decided whether they will locate their mills in La Grande or at Empdown, a few miles above La Grande on the Grande Ronde river.

"Julius Levy, Athena," appeared on the Villard House register yesterday, which shows that plain, every-day "Columbia" exists no longer, and the new and more aesthetic name is now in vogue.

G. J. Carlson, who has been engaged in coal mining in the mountains south of here, came down Saturday evening. He has been engaged in drilling for the black diamond, and expects soon to strike rich.

Workmen are engaged to-day in tearing down and removing the old electric poles, which are no longer of any use. "Ring out the old, and ring in the new," seems to be the motto of the company.

The jail fixtures for the new court house were unloaded from the cars to-day and deposited on the court house grounds. They appear to be of the very best pattern, strength and simplicity being provided in their manufacture.

The juvenile baseball clubs which last year battled for the championship in Pendleton, the Atlases and Mayflowers, are again on the turf. In the first contest of the season Saturday afternoon the Atlases were victorious by a score of 21 to 19.

The artesian well at the O. R. & N. Co.'s shops, at Farmington, has been completed. The work resulted in the obtaining of a fine flowing well at a depth of eighty feet only. Water was obtained just beneath fifty feet of granite.

It was reported in Weston Sunday that a mail-pox patient had passed through Pendleton on the morning train from Portland, had been examined here, and found to be free from the disease, and had gone on to Walla Walla, the physicians here not knowing whether it was mail-pox or not. As the doctors here do not know anything about it, it is evidently a canard.

Information has just been received by J. H. Raley, his attorney, that H. Hesse has won his contest with the government regarding the title to his cash entry pre-emption claim north of Barnhart Station. The government brought the charge of fraudulent entry, on the ground that Hesse was merely an agent of J. H. Cavanaugh, his pre-emption being one of those designated as the "Cavanaugh claims," which were investigated by Major Brockenbrough, the U. S. special agent.

Senator J. H. Raley and Representative T. J. Kirk returned from Salem on Sunday morning's train, and will be followed soon by Representatives Bean and Giambee. Senator Wager has taken his departure for San Francisco, where Mrs. Wager is stopping, and a week or more will intervene before his re-appearance in Pendleton. Mr. Raley's friends are glad to welcome him home, and to extend to him all due honor for his zealous and successful labors in the Senate.

George Walker, under sheriff in the Helena office where Mat Taylor obtained so much valuable assistance during his hunt for Reale, writes to Mr. Taylor that he has received the EAST OREGONIAN for which he has subscribed, and says that "Judging from it, you must have a thriving little city." Mr. Walker was so favorably impressed that he is desirous of making investments in Pendleton town property. The above is indicative of the value of a good newspaper.

The "vets" who represent the G. A. R. in the grand encampment at Portland departed on last evening's train. Gettysburg post, of Centerville, was represented by Clark Walters, and Kit Carson post, of Pendleton, by H. L. Carl and J. L. Carroll, James A. Drake also accompanying the party. The old soldiers will have a glorious rally in the metropolis, and who does not wish to see the veterans enjoy themselves?

Two carloads of humanity, containing seventy immigrants, arrived from the East on Saturday's train. They all departed in a body for points in Eastern Washington Sunday morning, remaining in Pendleton just over night. They came direct from the States in special cars. Another heavy importation arrived last night, and still they come.

A farmers' grange has been established at Helix, by W. A. Sample, under the name of the Helix Grange, its officers being R. M. Preston master, and Al Hardman secretary. The lodge is already in a flourishing condition. The County Grange is contemplating the erection of a two-story building at Helix, the upper story to be used for holding grange meetings.

That genus homo known as the "dago" is becoming more festively prevalent day by day. Carloads of them are continuously imported by the O. R. & N. Co. to work on its uncompleted bridges and branches, and the end is not yet. "What will we do with the dago?" will soon become the all-absorbing topic in Eastern Oregon.

The man named Lewis Streets, arrested by Marshal French recently and given a sojourn behind the bars, was re-arrested to day by Constable Taylor on the charge of vagrancy. Such fellows as this should be compelled to work, if boarded at the expense of the county. There is plenty for them to do.

That the baseballers are as enthusiastic as ever is evidenced by the fact that they played a practice game of ball at the park during the snow storm yesterday afternoon and seemed to enjoy it mightily. It takes something more than a snow storm to down the Stars on the baseball question.

Another gentle wail must be emitted in regard to the depot waiting room. During train time people are hemmed within its precincts like sardines in a box, and mountains of luggage are deposited on the seats. May the O. R. & N. "hear our humble cry" and provide better accommodations.

J. S. Shackelford has served out his time in the Salem penitentiary and made his appearance in Pendleton, but has not been welcomed with open arms. There seldom ever lived a man with a more unsavory record than Shackelford, and the town would be better off without him.

Dr. Brownell, the well known physician of Echo, who has been on a six months' visit to the States, returned on Sunday evening's train, surfeited with travel. It is needless to say the worthy man of medicine spent his time pleasantly and profitably during his trip.

Bull trout are said to be quite plentiful in the Umatilla at present, but owing to a scarcity of salmon eggs, the bait used for their capture, few have been taken from its classic waters. Dog salmon are also quite plentiful, but no chinook salmon have yet made their appearance.

J. H. Sharon, who is in town from Pilot Rock, had a severe stroke of apoplexy last evening at eight o'clock. Drs. Egan and Pruet were called in and pronounced Mr. Sharon in a critical condition. He has been in a state of unconsciousness ever since.

The Stutz brass band presented a fine appearance on the streets to-day during their parade, wearing handsome uniforms and glistening helmets. They made music on all the principal streets, and were followed by the usual crowd of admiring urchins.

The Pendleton Literary Society will discuss the following question at its meeting next Friday evening. "Resolved, That all Indian reservations should be thrown open to settlement." An interesting debate and supplementary program is promised.

Several hundred copies of the New Year's EAST OREGONIAN still remain at this office. These have been paid for to be sent East. Persons having friends East, and will leave their names at this office, the papers will be sent to them free.

In the bill providing for the holding of a session of the supreme court in Eastern Oregon, it was stipulated that the clerk of that body should be a Republican. It is reported that J. N. Young, of Pendleton, will be tendered the position.

Attention farmers: Before laying in your stock of spring supplies, call and examine the enormous stock and get quotations at Despain & Howard's.

Despain & Howard will sell glassware and crockery, notions, boots and shoes at cost until further notice.

"RAZORS IN THE AIR."  
Trouble Brewing for People Who Have Leased Reservation Lands from the Indians—Stockmen Also in a Squeeze.

In the nature of things, the new special Indian agent, now in charge of the reservation, finds much to meet with his disapproval and much that needs a remedy. He finds that an extensive colony of men, some of them decent, thrifty people, of course, but most of a disreputable character, are monopolizing the most fertile lands on the reserve under leases, or agreements with the Indians. The number of these whites, mostly Frenchmen, it is said, exceeds all conception, and among this class the new agent is

CREATING A STIR,  
of just what character is not known, but which will probably result in the bouncing of some or all of them off the reserve. The nature of the instrument by which the whites obtain a foothold is an agreement, practically leases, with the Indians. These were drawn up by the former clerk at the Agency, Paddy Miles, and were signed by the contracting parties and the former agent, Mr. Coffey. Under their provisions, the white man agrees to work for the Indian and farm his land for a consideration, generally two-thirds of the crop. The authority for this proceeding lies in an order now on file at the Agency from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, providing that women and children and Indians not capable of farming the lands allotted to them, are allowed to hire men to work for them. The Indians are by no means empowered to

LEASE THEIR LANDS,  
but this they are doing, to all intents and purposes, by the provisions of the agreement which they enter into with their "laborers."

Among the white men who have taken advantage of this order, as said before, are many good representative citizens and settlers, but the greater number are composed of an undesirable class, whose presence on the reserve is a continual menace to its well-being, and these, if possible, are to be dispossessed of their holdings.

Several Pendletonites have secured lands from the Indians under these agreements, and are now engaged in cultivating it. It is learned that they will hold to their new-found possessions like grim death. They do not propose to be ousted until they are absolutely compelled to go and, as they term it,

WILL NOT BE BELLOZED  
out of their rights. Several have already paid the Indians for the privilege of farming their lands, which is naturally an incentive to stick-to-itiveness.

The fact is that not only the "maim, the halt and the blind" among the Indians have taken advantage of the Commissioner's order, enlisting them to "hire men," but many also who are perfectly capable of farming their lands themselves. As a consequence, the noble red man can easily exist if he chooses off the rental of the land, and live the same life of laziness as he did before allotment of lands in severalty. To make the Indians self-supporting was one of the main objects of Senator Slaters' bill, and this is entirely frustrated by the "agreement" process.

What action the new agent intends to take remains to be seen, but the fact that he has already raised a sweat among white men on the reservation is obvious. Another entirely different class of people are anxiously awaiting and fearing a mandate of the agent ordering

ALL STOCK FROM THE RESERVE.  
One of the charges preferred against Coffey was that he had allowed and encouraged the wholesale pasturage of stock on the reservation, had paid a portion of the profits to the Indians and showed the remainder into his own expansive pockets, which may or may not be true. Anyway, stock and sheepmen, either by agreement with the agent or with the Indians, have driven thousands of these animals upon the hills and into the valleys of the reservation. The result is obvious. While not long ago, this grand pasture was rich with nutritious grasses, to-day there is hardly a spot in all its broad expanse that contains a spear of grass an inch in height. Says "Paddy" Miles, who was recently bounced together with his chief: "Nine years ago, when I first took up my quarters at the Agency, grasses knee-high to a man covered its entire surface. Now scarcely a blade is standing that is knee-high to a grass-hopper." To prevent this wholesale devastation, it is expected that the new agent will soon issue an order clearing the reservation of stock of all description, and stockmen are quaking in their boots.

IN CONCLUSION  
It might be said that while there is no authentic authority for the above, there is every reason to believe that a portion, at least, is true. The special agent is quite reticent in regard to his intentions, but by catching up floating rumors and noting the fever of fearful expectancy among white settlers and cattlemen on the reservation, a very good idea can be formed of the proposed dispositions of the new agent.

A NEW LINE OF RAILROAD.  
It will Probably Come to Pendleton if the Best Road is Extended Here.

Through private sources the EAST OREGONIAN learns of a railroad project of interest to the people of Eastern Oregon, particularly to many in Umatilla county. This railroad line, which is attracting some attention in Southern Oregon and Northern California, is the Nevada, California & Oregon, now in operation a distance of over eighty miles northeast from Reno, Nev. There has been a great deal of grading done from the end of the track and the company will soon have an additional fifty miles in operation. This line was originally run as the Nevada & California line, with much less mileage than it has now, but it did not pay expenses, and was therefore sold under mortgage foreclosure. It has lately come under a new management which, it is understood, has undertaken to push the line through the fertile valleys of Lassen and Modoc counties, and along the Klamath river up into Eastern Oregon, where it is intended to connect with the Oregon Short Line. It is believed that this can be done at a reasonable expense, there being no natural obstacles to overcome.

ITEMS FROM VINSON.  
A Hard Crowd and Their Doings—Many Items of Interest.

VINSON, OR., Feb. 21, 1889.  
To the Editor of the East Oregonian.

Vinson, which heretofore has enjoyed the reputation of being a quiet little burg, is fast becoming notorious for its frequent brawls and personal encounters; black eyes, bruised noses and scratched faces are no uncommon sights among the frequenters and residents of this place. A fine looking young man who had his hand done up not long ago, I found on inquiry had sustained the injury while breaking window lights out of the saloon at this place. He was drunk, of course, as was quite a number of others about the same age, and this intoxicated outfit went through "Kou's" establishment in good shape. They overturned the stove, broke all the windows, kicked a panel out of the back door and raised sheet generally. But such conduct and its consequent disgrace is overshadowed by a more dastardly outrage, namely the sand-bagging of Dr. Hogan last New Year's eve, from which he has not yet recovered. Had the blow been dealt on the back of the head, as intended, instead of on the side, it might have proved fatal. Suspicion points its finger at a young man who has enjoyed a better reputation. However, let justice be done.

They keep good cigars at Heppner; while there a month ago I smoked four or five, and now when I come home my wife can smell those same old cigars. The odor of tobacco stays with a fellow a long time, don't it?

The bill introduced in the Legislature to prevent sheep from ranging in another county from where they are taxed, is about on a par with a petition circulated a few years ago, to prevent sheep from being herded nearer than three miles of a claim without the consent of the owner.

Mr. Sam George, having exhausted all his hay, has purchased enough from Dan Dougherty to carry him safely through the winter.

During the dense fog the following bands of sheep have been mixed and separated: Matlock with Gullford, Ross & Frazier with Salisbury Bros., and Salisbury's with Campbell.

It is reported on good authority, that some old-timers of Vinson will migrate in the spring to Long Creek. Mr. Allen Peterson, mother and two sisters being among the number. May their anticipations be fully realized.

AN EXTENSIVE WORK.  
The History of the Pacific Northwest Now in Course of Preparation.

The most complete history of the great Pacific Northwest ever published is now in course of preparation by the Pacific Northwest History Company, under the auspices of Multnomah Lodge No. 2, of the Indian War veterans. The object of this society of pioneers seems to be not only to issue the history, but to collect and file away reminiscences of the lives of the hardy heroes with "hearts of oak" who made the Pacific Northwest what it is to-day; who prepared the way for the advance of civilization. While many of those toilers have succumbed to death, not a few yet remain, and it is from these the society is busily collecting the history of their eventful lives, ere it is forever lost to the world.

Pendleton will be quite well represented in the work. It contains many "old-timers" who have fought Indians, made homes in the wilderness, and lived to see that their efforts were not in vain. Pen sketches of these pioneers will appear in the work, also portraits of the following gentlemen: Lot Livermore, J. B. Eddy, James H. Raley, Captain William Martin, Lee Moorhouse, Henry Bowman, Hon. James A. Fee, Dr. W. C. McKay, Jacob Frazer, and J. C. Leasure. Views of Henry Stover's ranch and the Despain block in Pendleton will also appear.

Several agents are canvassing and gathering data for the work in Eastern Oregon, under the charge of F. C. Campbell, to whom has been assigned the territory east of the Cascades. This represents but a small portion of the army of men employed in gathering and arranging data, and sifting out its salient points for presentation in the history.

The fame of the prospective history may be judged from the fact that twenty thousand copies have been engaged by Eastern book stores.

COMMITTED SUICIDE.  
The Sad Ending of Philip Gagen in Portland.

This morning the report spread quickly from mouth to mouth along the street that Philip Gagen had committed suicide in Portland, and on investigation was found to be too true. At about eight o'clock the awful news was flashed across the wire to John Gagen that his son, "Phil," had taken his own life. The receipt of the telegram fell like a thunder-clap upon his bereaved parents; words could not express their surprise and anguish at the terrible intelligence. Expressions of surprise and sorrow over the action of the son and of sincere sympathy for the parents can be heard on all sides, and the news is the one sole topic of conversation.

"Phil," as he was familiarly called, had many friends and acquaintances here. He was known to be a jovial boy, apparently free from melancholy, which is all the more cause for surprise that he should take his own life.

The remains of the deceased will arrive on to-morrow morning's train from Portland, and will be interred at the cemetery at this place.

Full particulars of the sad affair are given in the EAST OREGONIAN'S telegraphic columns.

Card of Thanks.  
We take this method of returning our most sincere thanks to the kind friends who assisted and comforted us during our recent bereavement.

WILLIAM and S. G. SHOCKEY.

NEW TO-DAY.  
FOR SALE CHEAP, If sold at once, a good home, cash or on time. For further particulars enquire of E. B. WATKINS, First National Bank, Portland, Oregon.

Wanted a young man, who is a good penman. Ad. see X, this office, with specimens of handwriting. Feb 19

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