

A FEW FACTS.

Self preservation we believe is generally supposed to be the chief instinct of mankind, and it would seem that the same law would govern communities. Such, however, is not the case, as evidenced by the apathy and stupid indifference manifested by the people of Grande Ronde Valley, and the town of Union in particular, in regard to opening up a highway to the Pine Creek mines. This mining boom is not an ephemeral excitement, but a fortunate discovery of a rich mineral district, which is destined to become, in a very few months, of much importance. Populous camps will be established there which will have to be supplied from some point on the railroad, and that place will be next in prosperity and importance to the mines. Union can occupy that position if her citizens desire it, and will loosen their grip on a few of the well-squeezed quarters in their pockets, wake up from their Rip Vanwinkle-like trance and take in the situation as it is. The road can be built from here to the mines, via Catherine creek, with but very little expense. The distance will be about 35 or 40 miles—fifteen miles shorter than any other point to the mines, and it would be a pleasanter road to travel, on account of the refreshing streams, luxuriant grass and magnificent scenery on the route. Let this road once be established, and see what a change will come over the spirit of our dream. Stage coaches laden with travelers, will come and go, scores of freight teams will find profitable employment, our hotels will be thronged, our merchants busy, property would double in value, our farmers would find ready and profitable sale for their produce, and an era of prosperity would dawn upon us. Is the picture overdrawn? We think not. Is the object worth working for? We believe it is. We not only believe it is worth working for, but believe it is a matter of life and death to the town of Union. Let a populous camp once be established on Pine creek, with their interests at Baker City, their stage lines and freight teams running to that place, and it would be but a very short time till the people there would annex themselves to Baker county, Union would lose the county seat, property would be worth about fifteen cents on the dollar of its present value, and all that would be left of the population, would be a few old fossils, too feeble to get away. Such is the state of affairs, and what is going to be done about it? The County Court at its last session, we believe, among other appropriations of twelve or fifteen hundred dollars for the repair and construction of bridges throughout the valley, made some kind of a provision to have work done on the road leading from Sparta to the mines, but as it principally benefited Baker City, we can't see any great wisdom in their proceedings. It may be urged by some that the mines, possibly, may turn out to be of not much consequence after all. Allowing this to be true, it still is a fact that Big creek and Pine and Eagle valleys are important farming districts and should have been connected with Union, by this route years ago. If there was not a mine in that region, the money would be well expended in building this road in order to get the trade of the farmers who now trade at Baker City, because it is nearer, and better inducements are offered for them to go there. The people of Baker intend, if possible, to keep this trade which is now growing into so much importance. To that end a company has been incorporated to build a toll road from there to the mines, but as the road will run part of the way on the line of our proposed road, it should meet with strenuous opposition. Nothing should satisfy the people of this section, but a good road from here to the mines, free for all. It is disgusting to see with what apathy our modern shysters and would-be money makers, view these things, and with what false and narrow selfishness they delude themselves. None are so blind as those who will not see. We urge this matter because it requires prompt action and is something we cannot afford to disregard. For ourselves, we are willing to do more than talk in this matter, and will contribute as much money as any other man according to our worldly possessions. Let those who should be the most interested in this matter call a meeting of the citizens, that steps may be taken to have this road in building order without delay.

Executor's Notice.

The undersigned having been duly appointed executor of the estate of Anna Anderson deceased. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate, to present the same, with proper vouchers to said executor, at his residence, near Summersville in Union county, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice. Dated this 21st day of July, 1888. MARY E. G. ANDERSON, Executor.

THE COLUMBUS BUGGY Company

Have appointed the MERCANTILE and MILLING CO., of Island City, their agents, and have shipped to them the first CAR LOAD of

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The Columbus Buggy Company were awarded the GOLD MEDAL at the World's Fair, New Orleans, on the BEST DISPLAY of light BUGGIES, CARRIAGES, etc., over sixty competitors.

All that want to buy, or contemplate buying, and all others who want to see a

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Carry one of the largest stocks of

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Ever in this county. Consisting in part of

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A General assortment of BUGGIES, HACKS, CARTS, etc.

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CALICOES, Price now 14, 16, 18 yds per one dollar. Price formerly 12, 14, 16 yds. per one dollar.

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Being aware of the fact that the people of this valley have been in the habit of sending East for things needed in the above lines, owing to the disadvantages merchants have labored under, as to freight facilities, I have obtained special rates, and having bought my goods as cheap as they can be bought, I am in a position to sell them at

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I would call the attention of the public to the fact that I have the sole agency for GRISWOLD'S PATENT Lamp Fillers and MACHINE OILERS, For Union and Baker Counties.

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An immense stock of Dry Goods, Clothing, Gents' Furnishing Goods, Boots and Shoes, California and Oregon Blankets, Groceries, Hardware, Crockery, Tobacco and Cigars, Stationery, Notions, etc., etc., constantly on hand.

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Adolph Levy, Union, Or.

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The attention of farmers is particularly called to the many improvements which we have made in our Self-Binding Harvester for the season of 1888.

Independent Mowers, Independent Reapers, Combined Reapers, Mowers and Droppers.

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Particular pains have been taken to select medicines of great purity, and an experience of over ten years, both East and West, gives us confidence to guarantee every article sold to be genuine, and of the best quality. We also carry a stock of STATIONERY, SPONGES, EYE GLASSES, TOILET ARTICLES, CIGARS, ETC. And would be pleased to have you call and examine our goods.

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Notice of Final Settlement. In the County court of the State of Oregon, for Union county. In the matter of the estate of T. J. Douglas, deceased. Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, having filed in the County court of Union county, Oregon, a final account of his administration of the estate of T. J. Douglas, deceased, and praying for a discharge, and that Tuesday, the 28th day of September, 1888, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, the same being a day of the regular September term of said court, has been appointed as the time, and the court house in Union as the place, for hearing objections to said account, and the settlement thereof, and for showing cause, if any there be, why an order be not made discharging the undersigned from further duty as such administrator, and releasing his estates from further liabilities on the undertaking. Dated this 25th day of June, 1888. JOHN McALLI, Administrator.

Administrator's Sale. Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an order of the County court of the State of Oregon, for the county of Union, made and entered on record on the 10th day of July, A. D. 1888, in the matter of the estate of G. Watson, deceased, I, the undersigned administrator of said estate, will, on Monday, the 10th day of August, A. D. 1888, at 10 o'clock P. M. stand day, at the court house in the city of Union, Union county, Oregon, offer by sale the real estate belonging to the estate of said deceased, and which is hereinafter described, and sell the same to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, for the purpose of paying the debts due by said estate, and the expenses of administration. The following is the description of such estate: Interest of the said estate in the Southeast corner of Sec. 21 in Township 36 North, Range 12 East of the Willamette Meridian, in Union county, Oregon. Dated this 10th day of July, 1888. H. B. CHILDRIS, Administrator of the estate of G. Watson, deceased. O. F. BELL, Attorney.