

Caught on the Fly

Firemen meet next Monday. Union is in need of a good assayer. The weather is considerably cooler. Boskowitz is now selling some lines of goods at cost.

Al Goodbrod's new residence is nearly completed. The Medical Lake, W. T. Banner is to be moved to Colville.

The smoky weather continues and extends over the entire State.

Work is progressing rapidly on Robt. Shaw's new residence.

The most favorable reports are constantly being received from the mines.

Read Cowles and McDaniel's ad. of new goods received at their Cove store.

The Yakima Republican of July 25, was received today. Rapid transit that.

A man brought a load of venison in town, Monday, and found a ready sale for it.

A large audience greeted the Nashville Students, last Monday evening. The entertainment was very good.

Those contemplating purchasing a gun this fall, will save money by examining the stock at Cove drug store.

The exhibition car, having on board samples of the productions of Oregon, passed this city, en route for the East, last Tuesday.

A number of our Cove neighbors were in attendance at the entertainment given by the Nashville Students, last Monday evening.

If you want a No. 1 fruit drier, call on S. B. Burroughs, of the Cove. He has the best make of driers for sale, at reasonable rates.

The Ascension school, of the Cove, will open on Thursday next. Quite a number of the young ladies of Union will be in attendance.

What is the matter with the La Grande Argus? It has not made its appearance here for several weeks. Wake up, brother Eckley.

O. F. Bell, of North Union, is having a 11x22 addition built to his residence, which will add greatly to its convenience and appearance.

Miss Vilda Pursel and Miss Laura Stevens took their departure yesterday, for The Dalles, to attend the Sisters' school, which opens at that place in a few days.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will give an ice cream festival and soiree, at Wright's Hall, on Tuesday evening, Sept. 1st. All are cordially invited to attend.

The Union Silver Cornet Band serenaded the business houses of the town, Friday evening. The music was good and highly appreciated. The citizens of Union are justly proud of this organization.

A party of Umatilla Indians with a large band of kayuses, were in Union, Sunday and Monday. They were, we believe, en route for the Snake river passes on a hunting, fishing and trapping expedition.

J. A. Denney and wife took their departure Thursday last, for Pine Valley, where they will reside permanently. We are sorry to lose them from our town, but wish them unbounded success and happiness in their new home.

We have been informed that Mr Newhardt Post master of the Hot Lake is an offensive partisan, and should be removed. Jim White gave us the information. We rather think Jim is nozzling around after that lucrative position himself.

A Levy is now paying the highest market price, in cash, for oats and barley. This week he bought of Wm. Dobbs 100,000 lbs of barley, and shipped it to Chicago, for distilling purposes. He has also made some heavy shipments from Tellicoet and North Powder, of grain raised in that section.

John Wright's little boy, on Wednesday last, while holding a rope attached to a wild horse got his left fore finger entangled in the rope, and the horse becoming frightened flew back tearing the flesh entirely off the finger from the second joint, leaving the bone bare. The finger had to be amputated.

We hear that the Wallowa people will, at the next term of County court, ask for an appropriation to aid in building a wagon road from Joseph to the Pine Creek mines. If they do so, the appropriation should be made without hesitation. In the present state of affairs, the greatest need of Union county, is roads.

The Bedrock Democrat copies our article relative to the discovery of coal oil near Union, without giving this paper credit. That, however, makes but little difference to us, but when it changes the word "Union" to "Baker," thereby locating the discovery in Baker county, it appears to us a little cheeky. Next thing it will be wanting to get the whole of Union county into its hungry maw.

It is our intention to start to-day for a visit, of eight or ten days duration, to Umatilla county. During our absence Mr J. E. Tuttle will "Keep his old goose quill a floppin'" writing editorials and locals for the Scout. He requests us to state to our readers that this will account for the next issue being a great deal better than usual. Tuttle is blessed with considerable gall.

MINING NEWS.

From the Various Districts of Union County.

THE PINE CREEK BONANZA.

Report of Valuable Discoveries in the Wallowa.

A FLATTERING OUTLOOK.

E. H. Mix, the surveyor, has more work than he can do in the Pine Creek district. The mining town of Cornucopia was in danger of being destroyed by forest fires, a few days ago.

Wm. Harper, of Cornucopia, has finished the erection of an astrak, and will start to work at once.

Heavy travel to and from the Pine Creek mines still continues.

Work on the Baker City road between Sparta and Cornucopia, will soon commence.

The "Red Boy" mine, a new discovery in the Pine Creek district, is proving to be extensively rich. Gold can be seen coursing through the ore which is white crystalline.

The Sage Brush says: "It is wonderful the amount of business done by the several stage lines running to and from Baker City. They all arrive and depart loaded with passengers and freight almost every trip."

Building is progressing rapidly in Allentown and Cornucopia.

New claims are constantly being located and surveys are busy.

Capitalists from Denver are in the Pine Creek district, looking for an investment.

Talk of "jumping" some of the claims is indulged in, on Pine Creek, but as it would doubtless be an unhealthy business, nothing of the kind is liable to occur.

The bonded mines, the "Whitman," "Companion" and "Tiger," are showing up exceedingly rich, and development is progressing. They are now down to a depth of twenty-five feet. It is said that there is now enough ore on the dump to pay the bonded price and erect a mill.

Work on Dan, Moore & Co's, placer claim is progressing rapidly.

The mountains adjoining the Wallowa Valley are being thoroughly prospected, and some very rich finds are reported.

The mines of Union county will not be fully developed this season, but by next spring, sufficient capital will be invested to make things boom, and thousands of men will find employment.

It is reported that are now coming in from the Wallowa are true, that section of our county promises to be a mining field of as much importance as Pine Creek. We see from a private letter that they have discovered a ledge near Joseph which assays \$400 in silver per ton.

A quartz ledge, apparently of considerable extent, bearing gold and silver, has been found on Catherine creek, about fifteen miles from this city. Assays of some of the ore have been made, and from ten to fifteen dollars to the ton. Parties are now out investigating, and if the ledge proves to be extensive it will be a big thing.

Geo. and Ben. May, of the Cove, while on a fishing excursion to the Mimam, recently, accidentally discovered a quartz ledge, which has every indication of being exceedingly rich. They sent some of the ore, which is free milling, and containing gold, silver and copper, to Portland, to be assayed, and have gone out with picks, drills, giant powder, etc., to commence the work of opening the mine, which, we are in hopes will prove to be a veritable bonanza. The ledge is situated on the Mimam, some eight or ten miles from the Cove.

Personal.

Prof. Tait, of Wallowa, was in Union during the week.

Phil. Wilson returned from the Wallowa, a few days ago.

Eugene Chase is now to be seen behind the counters of I. A. Boskowitz's store.

Miss Maggie Howell returned from Malheur City, Baker county, a few days ago.

Mrs. R. J. Rogers, of New La Grande, was in Union several days the fore part of the week.

Mrs. Lou Payne and Miss Ximena Sanborn, of the Cove, spent several days in Union, this week.

E. H. Clingan, who has taken up a ranch in Pine Valley, took his departure for that place, last Thursday.

Mrs. W. T. Wright and her sister Mrs. Lester are visiting friends and relatives in Hoppner, Morrow county.

Mrs. Lloyd, who has been visiting in the Wallowa, returned the fore part of the week, accompanied by Mrs. Conley.

Mrs. B. B. Drake and children, who have been visiting in the East for several months past, returned last Saturday.

Mrs. Willis Skiff left yesterday for a visit to her sister Mrs. McAllister who resides near Island city. Mrs. Skiff has not yet entirely recovered from her recent sickness.

Bonafide Cost Sale of all kinds of Summer Dress Goods, for which call or send at once to Boskowitz's store, Union, as he does not intend to pack them away for future trade, as done heretofore. Boskowitz will always give you inducements to trade, and greater bargains, than can be found elsewhere.

Eagle Cooper Shop.

S. B. Ayles, manufacturer of butter barrels and kegs, has always on hand a good supply, of the best quality, and will sell them at reasonable prices. Give him a call at his shop, south of the school house, Union.

Plat Book.

To be Used by the Assessor of Union County.

RIGHTS IN LAND OWNERSHIP.

We were shown the new township plat book, for the use of the county assessor, in which will be platted each parcel or tract of taxable land in the county, and also the towns, into lots and portions of lots may be. On each parcel of such tract or lot, will be written the present owner's name, and when a transfer occurs, the name of the grantee will be written under the name first written, so that the lowest name will represent the owner of such property. The book is 26x31 inches, and is printed on the very best ledger paper in the market. On the right hand pages are the township plats ruled into quarter sections, with the fractional lots that occur on the western and northern parts of such township. The plats are each twelve feet square, making each section three inches square, while on the left and right of the plats is a margin six inches wide, thus leaving ample space for replating sections or portions of sections or town lots or blocks, when such portions shall have been filled with names on account of numerous transfers of such portions. At the top of each plat is printed "Union County, Oregon," and below this the township and range are placed. The book contains about 100 sheets of plats and about 25 sheets of blank for plating of towns. It was printed at the superior printing and book binding establishment of F. W. Balfus, of Portland, Or. This is the first time that this work has been done in this county, although the law makes it the duty of the county assessor to prepare such a book for his and his successor's use, and it will be fully appreciated by our present and future assessors. The object of the book is for a more complete and accurate assessment of property. While the cost of doing the work will be merely nominal as compared to the extra amount of taxable property heretofore not taxed, that will be brought to the notice of the assessor by its use. The plating will be done by Bell & Tuttle, who are doing the work for the assessor, and we will guarantee that these gentlemen will execute the work just as it should be. They have a duplicate book which will be used in their abstract business.

A Splendid Monument.

In the Union cemetery a marble monument now marks the last resting place of John Burns, who died in this city December last. It was erected through the instrumentality of W. T. Wright, his tried and trusted friend, to whom he ever manifested a deep interest. The base of the monument is a massive stone, three feet square, taken from the quarries of Summerville, on which is set a shaft of dark Italian marble, beautifully engraved, surmounted by an urn eighteen inches in height. The work was executed by D. J. Coleman, of Walla Walla, and is most excellent, the design being tasteful and unique. The shaft is ornamented with masculine emblems, and midway are the words "John Burns, died Dec. 21, 1855, aged 41 years," and further down "He was an honest man, and believed in God." On the plinth, in larger letters is about nine or ten feet in height, weighs five thousand pounds, and was placed in position at a cost of between five and six hundred dollars. It is yet to be enclosed within an iron railing. It is a monument that will last for ages. Its polished face will contain the record of a human life centuries after the man who lies beneath it, and the friend who reared it to his memory, have passed from the knowledge and recollection of men.

The Proposed Road.

According to the report of viewers sent out on the proposed road via Catherine creek, to Pine Valley and the mines, it will require about four or five thousand dollars to put the road through in good shape. This amount should be contributed by the people of Grande Ronde valley, in three days. There is not a person living in the valley that will not be benefitted directly or indirectly. It will open up a market to our farmers and business men that is essential to our prosperity, and we cannot afford to stand idle and let this opportunity pass by. A subscription paper is being circulated, and at present writing nearly two thousand dollars have been subscribed by citizens of Union, and many of them have not yet been seen. It is the duty of every resident of the valley to subscribe as liberally as his means will allow. All will have an opportunity, and should not hesitate to aid in the matter. When the subscriptions are all in, and summed up, the County court, which convenes in a week or two, will be induced, if possible, to appropriate a like amount. If they do, (and we cannot see what reason they can have for not doing so,) the building of the road is assured, and we may expect travel over it, to commence ere many weeks.

A Pleasant Party.

On Tuesday evening there was a large gathering of the many friends of Miss Viola Pursel, at the residence of Mr. A. F. Benson, of this city. Miss Pursel took her departure for The Dalles on Friday, to enter upon the last year of her studies at St. Mary's Academy, where she will remain until about the middle of June. The entertainment was interspersed with games and music. Some forty being grouped at one time in the parlor, interested in the mysteries of "consequences," "borrowing," "cross questions," and other amusements, while other parts of the house there were groups seated at the chess board, or contending at parlor croquet. Refreshments were served at half past ten, and then came a treat of music. Among the many excellent selections was a duet by Miss Pursel and Miss Swankhammer, a solo by Miss Biddleman, and quartette (sung) by Miss Davis, Miss Swankhammer, Dr. Cronwell and Mr. Johnson. At the close of the entertainment a handsome autograph album was presented by Mrs. Eakin, with the names of those inscribed to the number of fifty. The gathering dispersed at 11 o'clock, wishing Miss P. a pleasant year and a happy return.

OUR ROAD.

"To be, or not to be? Aye, That's the Question."

REPORT MADE BY VIEWERS.

Four or Five Thousand Dollars Required to Build It.

A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY.

Mr. M. F. Holbrook, who was sent last week to view out and select a route for the proposed road from this city to the Pine Creek mines, returned on Monday last, and his report is extremely favorable. The road will run through the Pars, by Duham Wright's, up Big creek, through the foot hills, about three miles to Hogen, thence by Foster's astrak, to Big Eagle creek, crossing at the mouth of Daddy's Paradise creek, keeping up that creek three or four miles and passing over to Little Eagle creek, crossing about one and a half miles above the forks, thence southeast along bench land to summit of divide between Eagle and Pine creeks, some two and one-half miles above the Broadway trail, thence north-east to head of Pine Valley. Mr. Holbrook says the road from here to Hogen, a distance of thirty miles, is in passable condition now, and will not require a great deal of work, and can be short-cut considerably. The crossing of Eagle creek is an easy matter, and can be made with an easy grade, in no place more than eighteen inches to the road. Where the grade will have to be made there are no rocks, the entire distance being of soil, and easily worked. The most of the work will be required in making the road from Eagle to Pine, a distance of about ten miles. Doubtless the people of Pine will open up the road from that valley to the summit, as they are very anxious to have it completed. Altogether, Mr. Holbrook thinks it is a very practical route, requiring less labor to be made than he thought it would before going over it. He thinks an expenditure of \$4,000, in addition to the work already donated, will be sufficient to complete the road in good shape, and that thirty or forty men with the necessary teams could build it in six or eight weeks. It would tap a vast area of mineral country east of this place, in which new discoveries are constantly being made, would be a most delightful road to travel in the summer months, on account of the magnificent scenery along the route, and would be easily kept open for travel during the winter. Such is the report made by Mr. Holbrook, a man who has had many years experience in matters of this kind, and doubtless his judgment will be found not far from correct. The amount it would cost to build this road in comparison with the vast benefit it would be to the people of Grande Ronde Valley, is so trivial that it ought to be raised in two weeks time, and doubtless will be if we sufficiently interest ourselves in the matter. It will admit of no delay. Let everyone who desires the prosperity of this county make it his business to see that the work is consummated without delay.

A fresh lot of Insect Powder just received at the well known drug store of John T. Wright, Union, Oregon. It has no equal for the destruction of bed bugs, etc.

A Levy has just received a large invoice of yarn and knit goods, direct from the manufactory at Ypsilanti Mich. Also boots and shoes from the factory at Alton, Mass. He can afford to sell, and is selling goods much cheaper than ever before.

A fine assortment of gents' furnishing goods have just been received by Jesse Alberson. Since the great reduction in prices, occasioned by the general hard times, he will sell suits from \$5 upwards.

The Hoppner Times says: "Tramps who contemplate coming to Hoppner are hereby notified that they will be warmly received. An organization called the Bouncers has just been perfected, whose duty it is to care for tramps. There is no hospital in connection with the order, but ground has been secured for a graveyard."

Vacant Scholarships.

By referring to our advertising columns it will be seen that there are three vacancies in the scholarships of this county, in the State University of Oregon. The County court will examine applicants on tenth day of September.

A Good Chance.

C. Vincent, of the City Boot and Shoe Store is now receiving his fall stock, which consists of a large assortment of boots and shoes, overshoes, gum boots, etc. of the very best quality, which he is selling cheaper than ever, for cash. Call on him and be convinced.

New Marshal.

At a meeting of the city council this week, Marshal Denny tendered his resignation, which was accepted, and Marlon Carroll appointed to fill the vacancy.

A Good Comparison.

The columns of a newspaper are a good deal like a bill of fare at a restaurant. No one wants to eat all he finds on the printed slip before him when he sits down to the table, yet he will be sure to find some one or two things that suit him. Everyone has different tastes and the little item that you disagree with and wonder why it is there and feel maybe a little mad about it, is, perhaps, just what the man sitting opposite to you wanted to see. There is a heap of human nature in most folks and the paper can only hold the mirror up for you to see your own reflection in it.

Hayward Hand Grenades are the best.

Salem.

Items of Interest From the State City 101-1 Personal Notes.

SHIPMENT OF OREGON STOVES.

Aug. 24, 1885.

Locals quite scarce. Warm and sticky weather. Heavy thunder and lightning storm night before last.

E. B. McElroy left on Friday last, to attend the county teacher's institute in Coos county.

Prof. J. B. Hemen and wife left on Thursday, bound for Roseburg. They go to take charge of the public school at that place.

On Tuesday, Professor Vanscoy, D. D., President of the Willamette University, was married to Miss Jessie Eastman, of Hubbard.

Hon. R. P. Earhart, Secretary of the State, accompanied by his daughters, Addie and Clara, left yesterday morning for San Francisco.

The concert at the M. E. church last evening was a success, and everybody seemed to enjoy the lengthy and well rendered programme.

A large pench is on exhibition in the capitol city that measures eleven inches in circumference. Willamette Valley is surely the "garden spot of the world."

Work has been actively begun on the new buildings for the Indian training school at Cunawana. The contractors expect to have them completed before the first of November.

The city is full of teams every day, bringing in grain of this season's crop. In one week more all of the farmers will be through threshing, and every kernel of grain will be warehoused.

During the week, a full car load of stoves were shipped from Goldsmith & Loewenburg's foundry at the penitentiary, to Butte City, Montana. The car was placarded in large letters "home manufacture is the best."

Today Mrs. Moody, and son Ralph, will start East. Ralph goes to enter the law school at Albany, N. Y. They will be accompanied by Miss Annie McCormack, of Eugene and Miss Frankie Jones, of this city, who go to Boston, Mass., to enter the conservatory of music. Victor.

Incorporated.

Articles of incorporation have been filed in the office of the secretary of State, of the La Grande, Meacham and Pendleton wagon road company, organized for the purpose of operating a toll road over the line of the old emigrant and Meacham road from Oro Dell to Pendleton. The incorporators are F. A. Foster, Daniel Chaplin and M. Baker, with the principal office at La Grande. The capital stock is \$30,000 in shares of \$100 each.

Saddles and Harness.

Those desiring anything kept or usually manufactured in a well-stocked saddle and harness shop, should not fail to call on Beideman & Dixon, in this city, before purchasing elsewhere. They manufacture nothing but the best quality goods, and sell at prices that cannot be competed with. Farmers will do well to learn where they can get the best goods for the money, before they buy. Single harness, \$15 to \$18. Halters, 50 cts., and all other goods in proportion.

Oregon and Washington is receiving more immigrants this year so far by one-third than last. In fact more than any year in the past.

The cattle men of Harney valley have all sold their beef cattle, which were over two years old, this year to a Chicago firm and will be shipped east over the Oregon Short Line R. R. The prices paid were from \$25 to \$30 per head.

It is astonishing how brutish, fanaticalism can make some men. A leading prohibitionist of Nashville says that if he saw his child dying and knew that one teaspoonful of whiskey would save its life, and nothing else would, he would let it die.

"Woman's rights!" exclaimed a Philadelphia man, when the subject was broached. "What more rights do they want? My wife is eternally bossing me, our daughters boss us both, and the servant girl bosses the whole family. It's time the men were allowed some rights."

The disaster which befel the Washington monument from a stroke of lightning recently demonstrated the need of more adequate protection from this foe of the air, and an addition of one hundred and seventy-two lightning rod tips were placed on the structure. It will take several months to complete the iron stairway leading to the top of the monument, and when that is done, the work of two generations will be finished.

The body of a petrified giant has been found by two farmers who were sinking a well ten miles from Victoria, B. C. Its appearance closely resembled that of a human being. The head has the appearance of having been sculpted. The material is as hard as flint, and the arms and legs are broken short off. The veins and ribs are plainly traced. A party has gone out for the legs, arms and hands, which lie in a hole. The man, when alive, must have been about twelve feet high.

LETTERS.

Sent in by Correspondents of the "Scout."

HIGH VALLEY HIGH PLAINERS.

A Wild Bear is Caught with a Lay, etc. Near Lostine.

CELEBRATIONS FROM THE COVE.

HIGH VALLEY, August 27th., 1885. Weather hot as old times.

Parties going through to the mountains to cool off is a daily occurrence. Dime Turner has it that we are to have a wedding in high life, here, at no distant day.

Our threshing machine will start Sept. 1st with Andy Wilkinson as Master of Ceremonies.

Mr Wm. Wilkinson's twin binder is now running to the tune of "beater breeches" in the grain fields.

Wilkinson Bro's and Mr Swagert have, recently, lost several calves by a disease supposed to be blackleg.

While the farmers are busy in the harvest there are other parties hard at work devising plans to give themselves access to the farmers' crops at half price.

Anyone thinking that a portion of the High valley women are not cranky, or who doubts their ability to handle a six-shooter, should interview John Drake, or take a look at the battle ground one mile and a quarter east of Union.

Mr W. H. Minnick, brother of John and Alfred, has arrived here from Iowa. He thinks of remaining in Union county if the climate proves beneficial to his health. He says that the city of Union is the best, and most pleasantly situated town that he has seen west of St Paul.

RESIDENT.

LOSTINE, August 24th., 1885.

Another wedding on the tapis. The excitement over the mines still continues. Am. Groot and wife, of Lower valley, spent Saturday in our burg.

Miss Alice Allen has returned home from a visit to La Grande. Ira Board is handling the ribbons on one of Matt Johnston's fast freight teams.

Kate Shelton was thrown from a horse a few days ago, but sustained no serious injuries.

Geo. Riggs had a pitchfork run nearly through his had while feeding a thresher, a few days ago.

Al Keeler and Wm. Shred have bought a bran new header, and are making things lively herabouts.

Robt Walker was badly kicked by a vicious horse, one day last week, but will probably be out again in a few days.

J. C. Conway has moved his stock of goods from this place to Alder, where he will engage in the mercantile business.

Mrs. C. R. Shields, formerly of Union, will teach the public school at this place, commencing the first Monday in September.

Boatman & Riggs' thresher will commence work this week. This machine threshed 55,000 bushels last year, and probably will thresh one-third more this year.

Henry Rinehart and other parties have been prospecting the mountains near Lostine, recently, and have found some very fine specimens of ore. No doubt Wallowa will be found to contain some very good mines.

Wild bear are getting very bold. Recently Bert Shelton met a large grizzly in the Wallowa canyon, James Tully killed two last Sunday, and we hear that George Ferguson, a few days ago, lassoed a black bear and choked it to death.

One young man here told his girl he would give the whole world if she would only marry him. She replied that he did not own the world. He said he meant if he had it. That put a different face on it, and not the most attractive one.

Cove, August 26th., 1885.

Miss Clara Stevens, of Lewiston, is visiting relatives in Cove.

Died.—Tuesday, Aug. 25, 1885, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fisher, of Cove.

The ascension school building received a new coat of paint, this week, greatly improving its appearance.

Tod. Rinehart and J. O. Smith, of Summerville, visited their many friends and acquaintances in Cove, Sunday.

Sherman Reese returned from Wyoming, Saturday, where he has been several months past, selling horses. He met with fair success.

Dr. Mason and family moved to Lost prairie near the mouth of Grande Ronde river, this week. He has secured a stock ranch at that place.

A black bear was seen in the outskirts of the village, Sunday afternoon, and soon after died at the hands of a shot gun. Being fat, it furnished fine steaks.

Quite a number from Cove, went Saturday, to Clover creek, to attend the golden wedding of Gen. J. H. Stevens and lady. A large concourse of invited guests were present and had a splendid time.

Messrs. Payne and Haggerty are making cheese from milk furnished by their own cows. Aside from this there is no cheese being made at present in the place. The creamery have large quantities on hand for sale.