

Brief Bulletins.

Plenty of mud. Pay your dog tax. Fireman's ball on the 22nd. Read our Boise City letter. The city council meets to-night. Read Sherman & Bailey's new ad. Circuit Court convenes on the 15th inst. County Court convenes on Tuesday next. The Barnhart house at Island has been repaired. The Sumnerville Band will give a ball on the 12th. This has been an extremely favorable winter for stockmen. The first Monday in April is the time for voters to register. The Democratic Central Committee meet in this city next Monday. The Washington Territory penitentiary is to be located at Walla Walla. Considerable interest is taken in the meetings of the Literary Society now.

Regarding Our Circulation.

The publishers of this paper have been laboring for some time to make it a substantial and paying property, and to that end have left no effort untried to increase the number of its readers, so that it would be recognized everywhere as the best advertising medium in this section of the state. We believe we have been successful, and recently felt justified in saying that we had a larger circulation by several hundred than any paper in this county. We do not mean it for the purpose of injuring any of our contemporaries, or in a boastful spirit. It was a plain statement of what we believed to be true, and which we deemed would be beneficial to us. Last week the Sentinel seemed to doubt our veracity in the matter, and suggested a comparison of affidavits at their earliest convenience. Now, as yet they have not come forward. Now, while we do not desire to say anything to the detriment of any of our contemporaries, we must insist on this recognition of the position we occupy, being given. It is a need due to perseverance, thought, and much labor, and is justly ours.

Union Literary Society.

The society seems to have attained a degree of success and usefulness never before equalled in the annals of its progress. The court house on Monday night was so crowded that many were compelled to stand in the aisle. The order of business seems to be a great improvement on the old. The debate and business of the society now comes before the literary exercises on the program. Messrs. Meacham, Owen and Kuhn and Mrs. Baker were elected to membership. Following is the program for Monday evening, Feb. 15, 1886: Committee of music, J. M. Carroll, Mrs. Lloyd and F. S. Johnson; declamation, E. C. Brainard, C. E. O'Connor and Susan Moore; selected reading, Miss Walker, Mrs. Critch and Rev. Rice; essay, J. A. Levy and J. W. Strange; leaders on debate, M. F. Davis and B. F. Wilson; question for discussion, "Resolved, That Henry George's theory of the government owning all land within the limits of the U. S., is the best policy."

Oregon Wagon Road Companies.

Land grants to wagon road companies in Oregon and elsewhere will soon be made the subject of public inquiry. The Oregon Central Military wagon road received a grant of 24,357 acres in 1874; a wagon road line from Corvallis to Yaquina received 78,822 acres in 1880; the Willamette and Cascades wagon road got 107,893 acres in 1882; The Dalles military road received 129,000 acres in 1883; the Coos Bay wagon road 104,080, making a total in all of 777,935 or territory nearly as large as the state of Rhode Island. It is said that none of these roads were completed according to the requirements of the grants and that some of them were entirely abandoned. The senate committee of public lands proposes to push an investigation of the way the companies did the work, and it is probable a report will be made, recommending that the grants be forfeited in every case where companies fail to perform their part of the contract.

Cure for Piles.

Piles are frequently preceded by a sense of weight in the back, loins and lower part of the abdomen, causing the patient to suppose he has some affection of the kidneys or neighboring organs. At times, symptoms of indigestion are present, flatulency, uneasiness of the stomach, etc. A moisture like perspiration, producing a very disagreeable itching after getting warm, is also a frequent attendant. Bland, Bleeding, and Treble Piles yield at once to the application of Dr. Bosanko's Pile Remedy, which acts directly upon the parts affected, absorbing the tumors, allaying the intense itching, and effecting a permanent cure. Price, 30 cents. Address, The Dr. Bosanko Medicine Company, Piqua, O. Sold by J. T. Wright, Union, Oregon.

Fireman's Ball.

As will be seen by the advertisement appearing in another column, the members of the U. H. & L. Company will give a grand ball on the evening of the 22nd, at Wright's hall in this city. The boys are making extensive preparations, and it will not be a fault if this is not the most enjoyable dance that has been given here for some time. The best of music has been secured, and a sumptuous supper will be served, but notwithstanding the great expense that will necessarily be incurred, the price of tickets including supper has been placed at only \$2. Everybody should patronize this dance, and thereby aid one of the most indispensable institutions of the city.

Our Serial.

The great story, "Mathias Sandorf," by Jules Verne, which has been running in our columns for some weeks past, is concluded in this issue—that is, the first part, which is complete in itself. As much interest has been taken by many of our readers in this story, we have concluded to publish it entire, and the first chapter of the second or second part, will appear in our next issue. Many of our readers who have subscribed since the commencement of the serial, and who have not had the opportunity of reading it entire, will find the second part complete in itself. Those wishing to read the great work of Jules Verne, should subscribe this week.

Temperance Alliance.

The annual meeting of the Oregon State Temperance alliance will be held in Eugene City, commencing at 2 o'clock Wednesday, February 17th, 1886. All temperance societies, churches, Sunday schools, etc., are invited to send delegates—one delegate for the charter organization, and one for every twenty members or fraction over ten. The U. H. & L. Co. will return all delegates for one-fifth fare, and the O. P. R. free. Accommodations will be ample for all those who may attend. A thorough representation is desired from all parts of the state to make this a session to be remembered for its valuable work.

A Reliable Article.

For enterprise, push and a desire to get such goods as will give the trade satisfaction, J. T. Wright, the druggist, leads all competition. He sells Dr. Bosanko's Cough and Lung Syrup, because its the best medicine on the market for coughs, colds, croup and primary consumption. Price 50 cents and \$1.00. Samples free.

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Covey Outlings.

Prof. A. J. Hackett's school of good auspiciously. Monday, with an attendance of about thirty. Carpenters are continuing work on Mrs. Hingham Wright's residence. She will have a neat and comfortable house as the place affords, when finished.

After interviewing the best and most ancient authorities in the Cove, I can advance as their opinion that the weather next month will be very severe and stormy.

A number of Cove apprentices have in preparation a drama, which will be presented to the public in a short time. The proceeds will be used for the purchase of a bell for Leighton Academy.

Kelly Bros., will soon commence work on their saw mill, when they expect to manufacture a large quantity of lumber this season. An extensive schute for transporting logs from the mountain side, is projected.

No man was ever written out of reputation by himself.—Cove reporter. I didn't know it was loaded.—A. On the best authority, the English navy is composed of 15 vessels.—R. I know it to be a fact that this navy of the English comprises 60 boats.—E. Did you hear my little song at debate?—F. Don't you perceive how solid I am with the two girls?—C. The Sentinel is about to engage a correspondent at Cove. Wonder who he is? I always did think subscription schools a good institution.—S. I am happy; my best girl and I are going to Geer's Valentine ball.—G. My girl is *ae plus ultra* and she shall have the same kind of a valentine on the 14th.—S. Did you see the mutual admiration society, composed of two, at the rink, Saturday night?

Whiskey Creek Crumbs.

February 1, 1886. Lots of rain and bluish. Snow about gone. Sleighing probably done for the winter. There was plowing done in the Wallowa, up to New Years, and now plowing has commenced again. S. W. Bunnell intends to start to Grande Ronde, soon, to visit his brother, who is living near Summerville. There has been very little snow this winter, that has so few rails have been hauled, so there are piles of them left in the timber. Mrs. Lyman Chapman, who is visiting friends and relatives at Seattle, W. T., with the hope of improving her health, writes that she expects to return home soon. Frank Heskett is teaching a dancing school here and in the Lower valley. Money is scarce, but the boys will learn to dance, so they make rails a legal tender and pay it that way. J. B. Nobles and Miss Ida Taylor committed matrimony on Jan. 24, at the residence of the bride's brother, J. A. Hunter, officiating. Mr. T. H. Fine, who was very low with erysipelas, and was taken to Joseph for treatment, is improving, and we hope soon to see him at home again, restored to health.

North Powder Nuggets.

Graham & Fothelid's new warehouse is almost completed. M. D. B. Hills was up a day or two ago, supplying our citizens with apples. Mr. Bennett, a contractor and builder of Shoshone, I. T., is shipping a large lot of lumber from this place. Mrs. Dr. Scott, who has been in Pendleton, very sick for some time, has returned home in company with her husband. "Jim Crow" can't tell the difference between Joe White and "Judy," nor between a well discussed subject (on both sides) and a subject that the affirmative had to be allowed to "straddle the fence" in order to make a discussion at all. It is amusing to attend the Alka Hesperian entertainment and hear the City's Webster's and Cahoon's. The subject discussed Saturday evening—"Resolved, That women have more influence over men than money," was decided in favor of the negative. JEDY.

New Bridge News.

Hay is worth six dollars per ton, and dull sale. The people of Eagle Valley have organized a Literary Society. The Eagle Coal Company will commence work on their mine in a few days. Mr. William Edwards, and wife, of Pine Valley, are visiting friends in Eagle. S. F. Gover passed through the valley on his way to Snake river, the first of this week. Horses running on the range are afflicted with a kind of lung fever, but very few have died. The public school, conducted under the auspices of Prof. E. T. Nice, will close next Friday. J. B. Fewell, who is visiting friends in Missouri, will start for Oregon, about the first of April. He will doubtless be accompanied by a lady. We have heard a rumor to the effect that Crandall & Glenn, of The Dalles, will build a saw mill on the head waters of Summit creek, in the spring. This section has been visited lately by a chinook wind, and Mother Earth is visible once more. Stock men are feeding but little stock in this valley now. The people of Eagle Valley have commenced the construction of a wagon road up Summit creek, to intersect with the new road now being built from Union to the Pine creek mines. The latest arrivals in Eagle, are Messrs Parker and Evans, from Ohio, and Miss Lizzie Bainbridge, of Douglas county, Oregon. All are well pleased with the valley, and intend to remain through next season. CHAS.

Prairie Creek Pellets.

Weather changeable. Snow almost gone, and sleighs going into disuse. Born.—Jan. 27, to the wife of Thos. Estes, an eleven pound daughter. Several children afflicted with a light form of whooping-cough. A good season in which to whoop. People busy hauling logs from the timber, for summer use, the inclined grade from the timber to the settlement making an excellent logging road in winter. Mrs. Flagg, who has been very ill, and was not expected to recover, we are pleased to learn from her daughter, who has just returned from La Grande, is now considered wholly out of danger. As the Literary progresses, it deepens in interest. The subject for discussion at their last meeting was—"Resolved, That women shall have equal rights with men." Decided in the affirmative. The entertainment consisted of several ludicrous and sensible recitations, select readings, etc. Mr. and Mrs. Winters and daughter, Clara, returned from their visit to Utah, much improved in health and spirits. They report a general awakening and enlightening in progress, and prophecy much good to result from the President's attitude toward Polygamists. It is believed, however that if they can succeed in doing so, the aggravated Mormons will incite the numerous bands of Indians in that vicinity to a general insurrection in a combined attack with themselves, against offending gentiles, and the government. R. E. PORTER.

Telocaset Tattlings.

Snow is fast disappearing. The roads are almost impassable. Gilbert Giroux lost a fine mare last week, by its falling on the ice. T. J. Lloyd, Antelope's nimrod, killed a fine deer out of a band of three, last Monday, about one-half mile from home. Our school is progressing finely under the management of John Brooke, who is a competent teacher, and we wish him success. A social dance was given at the residence of Dan Crowley, last Friday evening. Quite a large attendance, and much enjoyment. OLD ROUGH AND READY.

Keynote to Health.

Health is wealth. Wealth means independence. The Keynote is Dr. Bosanko's Cough and Lung Syrup, the best Cough Syrup in the world. Cures Coughs, Colic, Pain in the Chest, Bronchitis and Primary Consumption. One dose gives relief in every case. Take no other. Price 50 cents and \$1. Samples free. Sold by J. T. Wright, Union, Oregon.

Powder River Pebbles.

Rain, rain every day. Farmers have turned their stock out on the range. The snow is all gone from the hills, and the grass is growing. Mr. Matt Dean, of Powder river, has been visiting in Union for several days. A good time was had at the Lyceum, last evening, at Big Creek. The house was crowded. Miss Emma Jones was in the Park visiting, last week. Everybody gave her a hearty welcome. Born.—At Big creek, Jan. 22nd 1886, to the wife of Mr. Worley, a nine pound daughter. The Rev. Mr. Boyles, who has just arrived from California, holds forth in the Park, and gets good congregations to hear him preach. Last Sunday morning W. D. Emile, of Lower Powder, while crossing with some cattle on the ice, got a good ducking, much to his discomfiture. Mr. Wm. Halliday, who has been living at Big creek for some time past, will shortly take his departure for Missouri, and will make that his future home. The Emile Ditch Company are constructing a water ditch, for irrigating purposes, which is almost five miles in length. The water is taken from Powder river. They have been working all winter and are progressing nicely. Recently, while Huston Goodman and F. M. Dean were crossing Powder river on the ice, the ice gave way, and Mr. Goodman in trying to cut out with an axe, made a mislick and cut one horse on the leg, making a frightful wound. Mr. Goodman was in the water for several hours and was nearly frozen to death. H. W. L.

Lost and Locals.

Jan. 31st, 1886. Snow all gone and the ground ready for the plow. James Neyton is now our shoe and harness maker. Taylor Green is now in the Wallowa, on land business. We are to have a new enterprise in the way of a confectionary store. Chas. Johnston looks about as well as ever, although he has lost his beard. Considerable sickness throughout the country just now. Dr. Reader is constantly busy. Sam. Willet is the boss landlord of Lostine. Those desiring a square meal should call on him. S. E. Reichart, of Summerville, is in Lostine. We imagine he has an eye on one of our belles. The wife of Mr. H. Hulse, died near this place, on the 19th inst. The remains were taken to Adler for burial. At the dance given by James Tully, a few days ago, some of the boys who had imbibed too much got a ducking in Whiskey creek. Frank Hugbee, the man who started a shoe shop here, recently, proved to be a thorough bilk. He left several creditors to mourn his loss. Chas. Williamson has returned from Milton, where he went to attend the funeral of his brother, who was killed at that place some weeks since. Press. Halley has sold his land to Taylor Green, and will leave for Harney valley in the spring, with his sheep and cattle and make that place his future home. A young man in this vicinity, a short time ago started, on foot, for Dakota, to make his fortune, but after a week's journey he returned satisfied that this is the boss place after all. The editor of the Chieftan seems to want the county divided, real badly. Wonder if Heck hasn't an office in view, if so, we think he had just as well wait for eight or ten years. By that time in all probability the Wallowa will be able to incur the expenses of a new county. W. B.

Joseph Jottings.

The revival meeting at Alder, has closed. Mr. G. S. Reavis is teaching his second term at Alder, with his usual success. Lyceums are running at Alder and Prairie creek, and eliciting some local interest. We are having the most singular weather for this part of the country. It has been raining and chinooking most all winter, so we have no snow nor frozen ground to speak of. Considerable stir among the voters in relation to the registration law. Preparations are being made to have set off several new precincts for the convenience of voters generally, and if the Hon. County Court does its duty, with respect to these petitions, it will grant everyone of them. It is almost impossible for all our voters, or any great majority of them to attend to this matter of registration and voting, with precincts here as large as some states. As it is, some men will have to travel near 200 miles to register. Our prayers in this matter are expected to be as futile as scores of others have been which have gone before that Hon. body. Considerable preparations are being made by both political parties, for the coming contest, but whether or not there will be any special issue is yet to be developed. O. W.

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born, Ind., says: "Both myself and wife owe our lives to SHILOH'S CONSUMPTION CURE." For sale by R. C. Greig.

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Our Idaho Letter.

Boise City, Feb. 1st, 1886. Ed. Scout.—Looking back over the year 1885, Idaho in general, and Boise City in particular, has much to be thankful for. We have had no great public calamities; quite to the contrary, we have had numerous public blessings, which have been brought about by the indomitable perseverance, and rightly directed energies, coupled with the proverbial clear-headedness of our people. Our public school system has been brought to a degree of perfection, unequalled by many other territories and states. We have built, for public use and benefit, the past year at Boise City, a public school building at a cost of \$85,000, a court house at a cost of \$70,000, a capitol at a cost of \$120,000, an insane asylum, located at Blackfoot, at a cost of \$50,000. We have arranged for the welfare of our paupers, by buying a 160-acre farm, five miles from Boise City, provided with suitable buildings, and designated as the Ada County Poor Farm. Our territorial indebtedness has been reduced, while no unusual taxes have been imposed. The New York Canal Company opened the enterprise of reclaiming 300,000 acres of desert land, lying south of this city, by bringing water upon it, and the summer of 1886 will witness the completion of the work. New mines have been discovered—prominently those of the Sheep mountain district—others have been opened and developed, and the large dividends declared, have raised them from a state of comparative obscurity, into active competitive prominence on the San Francisco stock boards. Wagon roads have been pushed to the outlying quartz districts, whereby the cost of reduction will be materially lessened, and an active trade in produce and staples will spring up, with Boise as a distributing center—all of the new discoveries being necessarily tributary to this point. Now, while some have complained of dull times, when will the time come that nobody will complain? The summary will prove that the year 1885 was unusually fortunate for Idaho. The knife has been laid at the root of the Mormon cancer, "Lo the poor Indian" has been subjugated, the Chinese have been ordered to fold their tents by May 1st, and altogether, an era of prosperity is opening, whose sequel will be revealed in a glorious destiny. Apropos of the Chinese, having to go by the first of May, one of the committee, appointed by the anti-Chinese League, to warn them of the action taken, and the period allowed them to prepare, approached a sleek looking celestial and read the notice to him, whereupon he gave vent to his over-charged feelings thus: "Jese klise! Wha fo? twenty yeh Yehpican King heap good, efbody money—one yeh Democat King—hell." Mr. Halley, Idaho's delegate in Congress, is working for the interest of his constituents with his usual energy and tact. Among others, the bill for the relief of those who suffered pecuniary loss, and for allowing compensation to those who served as volunteers in the Indian wars of 1877-8 has been introduced. Also, a bill to annex a portion of Idaho to Washington Territory, i. e. the pan handle of the north. Norman H. Camp, who was removed in April last from the office of U. S. assayer at Boise City, in consequence of a deficit of \$12,507 being found in his cash, was convicted of embezzlement at the last term of court, and sentenced to pay a fine of \$10,000 and serve five years at hard labor in the penitentiary. Camp, who has an interesting family, moved in the best circles of society, spent lavishly, entertained royally, and the fall from satin favors, evening dress, and the "softening voice of women," to a felons garb, and the harsh clank of manacles, was as unexpected as it was great. Camp invested a large sum in the Wood River mines, but claimed that the money was furnished him by friends in the East, for this purpose. At all events a fair, and presumably, impartial jury found him guilty and he will now do the State some service in another capacity than U. S. Assayer. An avalanche struck a cabin located on Lake creek, near Ketchum, Idaho, resulting in the death of three, out of four of the inmates, viz: Harry Frost, Pat Burns and Walt Peters. Henry Warrington narrowly escaped with his life. Another snowslide occurred at Bullion, Idaho, whereby two men, names not learned, lost their lives. The ice men harvested their crop in just the nick of time; there is not a vestige of frost in the ground, and the rain has been falling almost incessantly for a week. Native "Webfooters" splash around in the mud and down-pours, with a look of supreme content and approval. Ladies are practicing the art of crossing a street gracefully, while holding half a dozen parcels, an umbrella, and twenty-five pounds of sloppy skirt. When the average woman gets about the middle of the street, one overshoe sticks and comes off in the mud, and the look of utter helplessness that overspreads her face, as she surveys the situation, would wring tears from a graven image. Why don't your Literary discuss the all-important Chinese question? It is one of national importance and has been discussed in our Lyceum here very warmly pro and con. Our Lyceum is our pride, and has an attendance of from two to three hundred at its regular meetings. Your correspondent blushing holds the honor of the secretary's office. I have free access to the exchange list of several newspapers, but there is none so bright and newsworthy as the SCOUT. V. EARL.