THE WEEKLY OREGON SCOUT.

UNION, OREGON, SAT., MAR. 26, 1886.

Brief Bulletins.

The West Shore for March is an excellent number.

Mrs. Edgar returned from Portland a few days ago.

Sims Bro's. and H. Wibley, merchants of La Grande, failed last week.

Sherriff Saunders turned over $8,000 tax collected, to the county treasurer, this week.

Mr. John Hale, the railroad contractor, was married in Marysville Cal. a few days since.

Mrs. Kennison, of Wingville, Baker county, came down the fore part of the week, on a visit.

Dr. Deering has leased the grounds of the Union County Agricultural Society, and opened up a training stable thereon.

Mr. Merwin and family, who have been rusticating on the ranche for some time, returned to town a few days ago.

Jerry Despain, of Pendleton, died on the 16th inst., at Jacksonville, Ill., to which place he went for the benefit of his health.

J. P. Smith, is expected to arrive in this city to-day, with two car loads of wagons and carriages, which he will trade for horses.

A neat book case, the work of Howland & Lloyd, has been placed in the reading room of the Union Literary Society.

To newspaper men the effect of the boycott on the Oregonian is plainly visible in its advertising columns during the last few days.

Mr. Gilham, who resides near Island City, will soon receive a carload of blooded cattle, of the Angus breed. They will be shipped from Iowa.

We are informed that a man by the name of Smith, committed suicide at a hotel in La Grande, last Monday, by shooting himself through the head.

Charley Beard is the happy dad of two boys,—twins. They "arrove" on the 11th. inst. If you put Charley up for a slouch, you are considerably off.

A number of our young people are making preparations to give a dramatic entertainment in a few weeks, for the benefit of the Literary Society.

A stage line should be put on, at once, from this city to Cornucopia. It would no doubt be a paying investment. Who is the man to take hold of it?

Letters from Pine and Eagle vallies generally reach this office seven or eight days after being mailed. Wonder if the fault lies with the Baker City post-master.

If some of the chronic office seekers of this county would pay their honest debts, and spend less time toadying to the "dear people," it would materially advance their interests.

Marion Davis has been appointed Deputy U. S. Marshal for this section of the country. The first official duty he performed, was to take S. F. Richardson, of La Grande, to Portland, last week, for cutting timber on government land.

Thursday morning about 6 o'clock an alarm of fire was given by some one ringing the Presbyterian church bell, which caused most of our citizens to come out of their morning snooze rather suddenly. It proved to be in the house of S. T. Ulm, in the second ward, the roof having caught fire from a defective flue. The flames were extinguished before much damage was done.

The citizens of Alder and vicinity, held an indignation meeting last Saturday evening to discuss measures to defeat the canyon toll road. R. R. Wright was elected chairman and Albert Reavis secretary. They drafted a petition to the Hon. County Court asking it to take action against said toll road. The petition is being signed by hundreds of people in the valley.—[Chieftain.

At a meeting of the Grand Ronde Rod and and Gun Club, held at the SCOUT reading room, last Wednesday evening, a permanent organization was effected, and the following officers elected to serve during the ensuing term of one year: J. B. Thomson, president; G. W. Ames, vice-president; Marian Carroll, secretary; W. T. Wright, treasurer. Quite a number of the members were in attendance, and considerable interest was manifested.

We acknowledge a pleasant call, this week, from Mr. Louis Roll, who is a thorough mining expert, and partner of Mr. C. H. Neuner, of Pine creek. Mr. Roll has great faith in the richness of the region lying between Goose creek and Big creek, and mentions some eight or ten locations that have been made in that vicinity which will undoubtedly prove of great extent and value. Steps will be taken, shortly, toward the formation of a new mining district, in which these mines are located, to be known as the "Lake View" district. The Pine creek road, when built, will run through this district and be of great benefit to the mining interests of that section. The future prospects of Union county, in Mr. Roll's opinion, are extremely bright.

Rather cool and windy weather.

Subscribe for the OREGON SCOUT.

Read our ads. under "new to-day."

Get your job work done at this office.

Squirrel traps at the shop—$3. per dozen.

Democratic Central Committee on the 22nd.

Ten pounds of blue vitriol for $1. at Wright's drug store.

Garden, and flower seeds, of every variety, at Jones Bro's.

James Bell, the painter, has been very sick for several days past.

Don't neglect to register. The 5th, 6th, and 7th of April is the time.

Majolica ware given away at Jones Bro's, to advertise Star Baking Powder.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren are in Wingville, on a visit to Mrs. Warren's parents.

Office seekers are coming to the front, with great alacrity, as the days advance.

J. P. Smith and his son, Oscar, arrived in Union, Thursday, from Chico, California.

A few days ago tickets were selling from Los Angles, California, to Kantas City, Missouri, for $1.

Great reductions in hardware. Joe. Wright is selling garden hoes and rakes at 50 cents. Other tools greatly reduced.

Work on this end of the road is progressing rapidly. Five bridges, and a considerable portion of the road has been completed.

The house committee on public lands agreed to report favorably upon the bill to repeal the pre-emption, timber culture and desert land laws.

Parties wishing Brown Leghorn chicken eggs, bred to the standard, can have them for $1. per doz.. this season, of S. V. McFarren, Union, Or.

The Chinese exodus from San Francisco has begun in earnest. Fourteen hundred left for China on the last steamer, and many more are going East.

The senate passed a bill authorizing the secretary of the interior to make a sale of certain lands of the Umatilla Indian reservation, in Oregon, to Wm. S. Ryers and others.

Mr. D. B. Hills, a week or two ago, had the misfortune to run some splinters of wood into his hand, which caused it to swell up and give him intense pain ever since.

A bill to prohibit any officer, servant or agent of the government to hire or contract out the labor of prisoners incarcerated for violating the laws of the United States government, has passed the house.

A meeting of the merchants and better class of citizens of Portland was held a few days ago, to devise some means to check the vicious actions of cut throats, and agitators with which the city is overrun.

The secret of the increasing gun trade at the Cove drug store is that fine arms are being sold at very low rates. Parker, Remington, Smith and English guns of good grade are marked at very reasonable prices—from $25 to $100. Write for particulars.

John Wright, J. C. Summers and Geo. Sonner took their departure yesterday, for a raid in the mountains, and will be gone some time. We could not learn their destination, or object in going, but as each one of them has a very wise and profound look sterotyped on his physiognomy, we presume they know what they are up to.

If any of the following named persons will communicate with the postmaster at Monmouth Or. they will learn something to their advantage: Witherall & Murry, formerly in buisiness in Portland; John M. Shelley, was a packer in the Indian war of '55 and '56; Jno. B. Sykes, was clerk in Indian agency in Polk county; M. Preston, at one time lived in Salem; Matthew Doffa used to live on Fifteen mile Creek, in Wasco County; Miller Judd and Hiram K. Walker, at one time living in Jackson county; Pardon M. Dodge, was blacksmith in Eugene City; Levi W. Libby and Willis Ward, used to be in Jacksonville, Or; Joe. Hitchens, who sold goods in Independence in '54.

Delegate Voorhees presented a petition to the house on the 16th. from the chamber of commerce of Tacoma. The petition asks that the duty on coal and wood be retained. It says that if these articles be put on the free list every coal mine in Washington territory will have to stop. It says that Washington territory cannot compete with British Columbia in either lumber or coal, as the forests and mines in that country are nearer the sea than those in Washington territory. It states that the miners of British Columbia can sell coal fifty cent cheaper transportation. The petition concludes by predicting that 10,000 men will be thrown out of imployment if coal or timber is placed on the free list.

Wagons and Carriages.

Mr. J. P. Smith, will arrive in a day or two, from California, with two car loads of WAGONS AND CARRIAGES, which he will sell, or EXCHANGE FOR HORSES. No one should fail to interview him.

Important Information.

We are informed by Mr. Ulm that his house caught fire the other morning on account of the unskillful manner in which the flue had been put up. It seems the mason had built the flue out through the roof, and then, in order to make it look a little more nobby on the outside, had enlarged it, letting the brick project over and rest on the roof. The foundation sinking two or three inches, the flue had parted just below the roof, leaving a crack of that width all the way round, and the only wonder is that the house was not burned long ago. Mr. Ulm says that another house or two in North Union, have been ascertained to be in the same condition. This being the case, it is very probable that many other houses throughout the town are in danger of being destroyed from the same cause, and everyone should carefully examine their flue, and see that they are in proper condition.

New Discovery.

A. J. Kane called at the Sage Brush office yesterday and informed us that he had struck the richest thing ever found in Baker County. The find is about three miles east of town where a ledge crops out with a solid face several feet high and 120 feet wide. The rock is different from any of a gold producing nature ever found in this section, which accounts for the fact that it has never before been tested. He informed us that he sampled the ledge by chipping off peices from at least 100 different places on the ledge, small peices which were pounded up and assayed. There were six assays made ranging from over nineteen dollars to six dollars, but averaging $12.34. Mr. Kane is confident of having struck a bonanza, as he claims that thousands of tons of rock can be taken out at a cost of not over fifty cents a ton.—[Sage Brush.

Road Meeting.

The Pine Creek Road Commissioners have been in town for two or three days, trying to come to an understanding as to advertising for bids to build the road. McDaniel wants to let the entire road in one contract, and have the road built at once according to the express provisions of the bill. Campbell and Chaplin want to have the road resurveyed, and let contracts to build various sections of it by the yard, etc. A petition was presented to the Board, signed by about 150 of our best citizens, asking them to advertise for bids at once, and let the contract to some one to build the entire road. As we go to press, a meeting of the Board is in progress, but what the result will be we are unable to say.

Baker County Ticket.

The following is the ticket nominated by the Baker County Democratic Convention, on the 15th inst: State Senator, George Chandler; Representatives, R. A. Lockett, and H. Elms; Sheriff, J. T. Dealy; Clerk, M. D. Wisdom; Judge, G. W. Parker; Treasurer, S. B. McCord; Commissioners, Jos. Whitely, and J. S. Locke; Assessor, John I. Sturgill; School Superintendent, L. B. Baker; Surveyor, C. L. Means; Coroner, J. M. Shepherd.

Gathered In.

Monday last, marshal Cates gathered in two of our fellow townsmen—Sam Hing and Jew Lee—and took them before his honor, recorder Davis, where they were charged with unlawfully indulging in the use of that deleterious but soothing compound prepared from the juice of the poppy, or, in other words "hitting the pipe"—smoking opium. Each plead guilty to the charge, and contributed ten dollars to the city treasury.

Union Literary Society.

Following is the programme for March 22nd., 1886: Committee on music, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd, and Dr. Strange; select reading, J. Levy and J. M Carroll; declamation, Miss Moore, C. E. Davis, and Helen Levy; essay, T. Oliver, and J. W. Strange; leaders on debate, Julius Levy and R. F. Wilson; question, "Resolved, That the President of the United States should be elected for a term of 10 years, and be inelegible for a second term."

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.

Eggs! Eggs!! Eggs!!!

B. B. Sanborn, of the Cove, will sell chicken and duck eggs, of the finest breeds, as follows; Leghorn and Plymoth Rock, $1. per doz; Wyandotte, $2. per doz; Rouen duck eggs, $1. per doz: Pekin duck eggs, $2. per dozen.

Read This.

C. Vincent has just received a splendid lot of boots, shoes, etc., which he will sell at a great reduction on former prices. He means what he says. Try him.

Duck Eggs For Sale.

Anyone desiring duck eggs, from the finest breeds of ducks, can procure the same by applying to Mr. Al. Goodbrod, of this city. Charges, $1. per dozen.

LOST.—A silver ring with a gold half dollar set—dated 1823. The finder will be suitably rewarded by returning the same to me.

MARION DAVIS.

LETTER LIST.

Remaining in Cove, Oregon, post-office, March 18, 1886.

Grant, Saml.	Hazeltine, Jno.
Morse, G. R.	Small, Wm.

M. STEVENS, P. M.

Cove Cullings.

Miss Ada Nanen has been quite sick during the week.

E. L. Cochran, of Cornucopia, has been here during the week.

Robt. W. Cochran, of Spokane Falls, is in town looking after cattle purchases.

Miss Addie Whiteneck and mother came on a visit, from Pendleton, the first of the week.

Miss Emma Jones, a pupil of Ascension school, left for her home at Pilot Rock, Monday.

J. Q. Smith left for Echo, Monday, where he will work on a new flouring mill, being built by J. H. Koontz.

The Cove sports are talking of organizing, and challenging the Union Rod and Gun Club for a shooting match.

B. B. Sanborn and family have moved into their new dwelling, which when completed, will be a domicile to be proud of.

Near all of the principal dairymen are preparing to manufacture butter, this season. There is ready sale now for the product at 25 cts per pound.

A draining ditch, one and a half miles in length, is being constructed through Fredrick Mitchell's meadow land, by Messrs. Kennedy and Keller.

Goose hunting is all the rage. Though they are not in danger of extermination by the local gunners, the flocks this season are unusually large.

An infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Grady, died, Tuesday. Wednesday the funeral sermon was preached and the interrment conducted by the Rev. Mr. Powell.

I will tan the skin of the ungrateful robber who purloined the last crumb of my lunch, just before I arrived at the wagon, footsore, hungry and minus a goose.—C. It is said one of our talented young preceptors has been trying to raise an excitement by exhibiting salted quartz from an alleged newly discovered mineral ledge. I feel so humiliated since the utter contempt extended for my presuming to rise in debate before his royal majesty, that I will seek forgiveness by promising never to be so audacious again.—F. I second the motion.—H. He would not go with the other girl if he knew the tears it caused me.—M. I am high Cock-a-lorum at the Academy now.—K. It was very strange my runaway carriage should end its mad career by prancing up to the Acension School gate.—H. Who said Sparta was preferable as an abiding place to Cove.—S.

Telocaset Tattlings.

Tramps plenty.

Weather changeable.

Plowing and seeding just about over.

Ducks and geese are coming in great numbers to the meadows in Pyle canyon.

T. J. Lloyd has found what he terms "a valuable quartz ledge," close to the tunnel.

We are sorry to state that Mr. Brainard is not getting along as well as might be. It seems as though the bone cannot be set to stay.

Mr. Titus, of this place, informs us that he has a brother-in-law on the road from Colorado with the intention of settling in this valley.

What a pity it is that the beautiful scenery and fertile soil of Union county does not extend over half the state of Oregon, so that it would have ample room for everybody that wishes to come.

There seems to be a good chance for Antelope valley to become a mining country yet, as there are several men at the mouth of Antelope creek digging in the ground for the precious metal.

Mr. L. J. Rouse, of the Cove nursery, was in our burg the fore part of the week, taking orders for fruit trees. We are sorry to say that most of the farmers in this vicinity do not pay as much attention to fruit growing as they should.

Bob. Ingersoll says he would rather be in hell with a pure woman, than to be in heaven with a certain class of psalm-singing christains. We think he would change his mind quick, if he could just spend one week among the widows of Antelope valley, and hear them sing songs of praise to the Almighty, for the deliverance of their cow range from the sheep men.

ROUGH AND READY.

Antelope Items.

Mr. Hugh Lynch is still improving.

The farmers are getting along with their work splendidly.

W. H. Huffman and wife returned home from Summerville, with safety.

The hills are getting quite green—that is where they are not shrowded with snow.

Weather, weather—all kinds of weather, and for all this, farmers still keep plowing.

Mr. McMaw is fast recovering from the bruises received from the falling of a horse, on his foot.

Cy. Prescott returned from the Pine creek mines, on Saturday last. He will go back again soon.

There are quite a number of tramps throughout the country. Farmers lock your door before the horse is stolen.

Mr. Giroux lost a valuable horse a few days ago, and has another that is very sick, but will recover by careful treatment.

It reminds one of times gone by, to see men trudging along with pack animals, on their way to the new mines of Pine Valley.

Produce demands a good price. Potatoes, 2c; oats and barley, 1c; onions, 5c; eggs, 20c; butter, 25c; hogs gross. 4 1-2 and 5c; chickens, $3.50 per doz.

The young lady that had to stay at home on account of her dear little sister's birth, says she don't thank anyone for feeling sorry but would rather congratulate one for rejoicing.

Some of the land owners and sheep men of this vicinity are having interesting times. One is reminded of scouting parties during the rebellion, to see a woman hay a sheep herder and his flock, with her dog and shotgun. Such a sight was presented last week, but no lives were lost, each one going the same way, but not rejoicing.

ANTELOPE RANGER.

Whiskey Creek Corks.

March 12th, 1886.

Several land hunters among us this week.

Mr. Bidwell, who bought Lafe Hammack's place, has moved in from Summerville.

School commenced in this district (58) on the 2nd. day of March, with T. A. Smith as teacher.

Courtney Bro's. have sold their ranche, in the lower valley, known as the Aaron Wade place, for two thousand dollars.

Mr. Holcomb, formerly of Minneapolis, Minn., has been looking at the country with a veiw to purchasing a stock ranche.

Mr. Rogers, of Walla Walla, has taken a claim and is having a house put on it. He expects to move over as soon as possible.

Jesse Wade intends to start to Montana soon with a band of horses. Steve Rinehart and Jap. Chapman are going along as drivers.

The principle topic of discussion at present seems to be the toll road. The people do not object to the incorporation and construction of a toll road through the Wallowa canyon, but do most decidedly object to any party, or parties appropriating a road already made by the people for any such purpose.

AJAX

Prairie Creek.

March muds.

Snow drifting and falling.

Farmers aghast at the prospect of a late spring after all.

All those that were sick are improveing, and no new cases reported.

School will soon begin in this district with Mr. Ed. Rumble as teacher.

Mr. Valentine Wilson has disposed of his place to Mr. W. H. Winters.

Miss Eva Rumble has been engaged to teach next term of school at Crow Creek.

A most enjoyable surprise party was held at Mr. Mitchell's on the evening of the 5th.

A few of Mr. and Mrs. Asa McCully's friends are getting up a surprise party to be held at their residence on the 15th

Mr. J. M. Mitchell's eight year old son met with a painful accident on the 6th, by having one of the bones of his left arm near the elbow broken. The little fellow was on rollers at the time of the accident.

Several applicants for teacher's certificates presented themselves before Mr. Gilbert Reavis, at Mr. Roupe's spacious dwelling, near the school house, recently. The result is not known. Hope they all succeeded. More anon.

R. E. PORTER.

Eagle Valley.

Items are scarce and of but little interest.

Snow one inch deep on the foot hills and still the white flakes fall.

The wonderful coal discoveries did not show up as good as expected.

G. A. Beck has been seriously ill for several days, but is better at this writing.

DIED.—Near Sparta, March 6th 1886, of scarlet fever, youngest son of U. S. and M. Barnard.

Sherriff Saunders was in the valley after Wm. Givins, but failed to get his bird as said William had gone to Baker the day before his arrival.

Henry Brown, deputy sherriff of Baker County, arrested Haman Swisher of this valley, for the alleged crime of stealing a horse belonging to R. A. Whittaker.

Fifteen or twenty of the Fagle Valley boys are at Baker City attending court. Some as witnesses and others to prove their innocence of certain charges, or take a trip to the Capitol.

CHRIS.

Pine Valley Pickings.

Stormy and warm.

Stock are doing well.

The hills are getting green.

Travel to the mines has commenced.

Pine valley is no longer a heathen land.

Geo. Brown returned to the valley a few days ago.

Ranchmen are preparing to put in their spring crops.

Wm. Young has moved to Cornucopia, and will start a first class restaurant soon.

Rev. Boyles will hold religious services in the Pine valley school house, the first Sunday in April.

There is to be a dance at the residence of James Mills on the 17th inst. A general good time is expected.

Snow all gone in lower end of the valley. Some snow in the upper end of the valley yet, but fast disappearing.

Mr. Gaylord is running his saw mill for all there is in it. He intends to supply the camp with lumber, if possible.

Persons traveling into the mines, and having to stop in the valley over night, will do well to call at F. Steele's ranche.

Two new school houses are to be erected in Pine valley soon. The lumber for the same is being sawed at Gaylord's mill.

All human impulses are subject to change. Anger may be molified by time. Hatred may be transformed, by better knowledge, to good will. Jealousy may be removed or subdued by proof. Ambition yields to disappointment, or weakens with satiety.

DIED.—At the residence of Dr. Connor, Feb. 5th, Andy Culver, after an illness of nearly two years. His remains were followed to the grave by many sorrowing friends. He was buried in the grave yard lately established on the land belonging to Mrs. Lloyd.

JACK.

Joseph Jottings.

March 12th, 1886.

Health excellent.

No finer weather can be in the world.

Successful prospecting will not begin for six or eight weeks yet.

Beef is scarce. We have other meat, and vegetables in abundance and very cheap.

A great many horses and cattle will be sold out of the Wallowa this season. Quite a number of our stock men are going to change to sheep.

The Wallowa Italian Marble Co. has incorporated and will begin work in a short time. The incorporators are R. F. Beale, Geo. W. Hamilton, E. J. Forsythe, F. D. McCully, L. Danforth, A. A. Hail and J. N. McCaw. It is confidently expected that they will develop a large and beneficial industry. Another marble company will soon organize.

Wallowa seems to be a land of excitement—not over one, till another is up. All the marble and silver ledges in the world could not attract the attention of a common Wallowan just now, since the incorporation of the Wallowa Canyon Toll Road Co., and we think the Wallowa is justly indignant for persons to incorporate a county road simply because a hill stands on each side. They could not have had any other reason.

Aerial Equity.

If the utterances of the Chieftan are to be taken as an indication of the popular sentiment, the people of the Wallowa are decidedly opposed to a toll road of any kind through the canyon—in fact will not allow it to be established. One writer very significantly remarks that some technicality in the law, may give it to the incorporators, but in case it does, there is a crude sort of justice floating around, kind of promiscous like, in the Wallowa atmosphere, that will be appealed to, and he thinks it will prove effectual. Taking everything into consideration we don't believe we would like to fool too much with these atmospheric courts, and while we would not object to having a nice little toll road property, we would rather some one else would tend the gate. We would look at it about like the Irish engineer of a steam saw mill who was knocked down one day by a flash of lightning. A brother Irishman picked him up, and remarked, "Be jasus, Pat, wouldn't that lightnin' be a mosht elegant power to run a stame saw mill wid?" "Yis," said Pat, rubbing himself ruefully. "It would be foine enough, but the divil might tind the injine—I wouldn't."

But to look at this matter seriously, it seems to us that a great deal of undue excitement has been indulged in. The validity of the claim set up by the incorporators can only be decided by law, and if the county court or the people of Union county wish to contest the same, they must do it in the proper courts.

In a conversation with one of the incorporators, yesterday, he informed us that the company incorporated this toll road because they had a perfect legal right to do so, and if they had not done so, other parties would. That their object is to hold this pass against a projected railroad and not to collect tribute from the people of Wallowa. If the Wallowans prefer to travel on the road the way it is now, and not pay toll, it is all right, but if they prefer to have the road kept in good condition, and pay toll to the amount of 25 cents for each team, their wishes will be regarded. That the incorporators are indifferent as to which course they pursue, but will hold the road in any event.

Monroe correspondence, Benton Leader: One night last week three unknown cowards fired over twenty shots through the tents of some Chinamen engaged in clearing land for a ton cheaper than the miners of Washington territory, on account of Mr. C. E. Nicholson, three miles west of town. It is needless to state that the two Chinamen who felt the bullets tearing away throngn various parts of their blouses were frightened, for that is expressing it mildly. A more cowardly attempt at assassination has never been attempted in these parts. Many say: "They are only Chinamen." True, that's all they are; but in the opinion of those who uphold the laws of our government they are much better, and a greater benefit to any community, than citizens(?) who will resort to such means to get rid of them.