THE OREGON SCOUT.

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The Oregon Scout has as large a circulation as any three papers in this section of the State, combined, and is correspondingly valuable as an advertising medium.

Saturday, June 18th., 1887

Union and Vicinity.

Wood selling at $3.50 a cord.

Strawberries in the gardens of this vicinity are now getting ripe.

The Union Milling Company are now paying 65 cents per bushel for wheat.

A number of the farmers of Powder river valley will erect new dwellings and barns this summer.

It has been cloudy and raining nearly the entire week in this valley. An abundant crop is assured.

Tim Quigley, of Eagle valley, recently sold his entire wool clip to a Baker City firm. $3,500 was the consideration.

In the case on appeal to the Supreme Court of State vs. Dr. Clements, the decision has been reversed and new trial ordered.

Some magnificient fleeces from J. N. Mitchell's Spanish Merino bucks, are on exhibition at Levy's store. One weighs 29½ and one 23½ pounds.

Help pay for a night watchman if you have any interest in the city, or your neighbors. Let go of that dollar and you will feel all the better for it.

When in La Grande do not fail to visit the New York store. You will be surprised at the elegant lines of goods carried, and the extremely low prices.

Messrs Minnick & Davis received their steam engine, seperator, and wood saw from the East, last Monday. They will have the saw in operation in a few days.

Frank and Lee Wilson, and John Kenedy took their departure for Cornucopia, last Thursday, on business. They will probably be gone a week or two.

The farmers of Eagle valley have commenced cutting their alfalfa hay crop. They cut three crops a year, averaging in all, six tons of hay to the acre.

Some of our young people are talking of making a pilgrimage to the Wallowa country. If they go they will attend the Fourth of July celebration at Joseph.

A Baker City exchange says that arrangements have been made for Gilmore's famous brass band of New York City to be in Baker on the Fourth, and participate in the celebration.

The people of Summerville are determined to have a big time on the Fourth, and to that end are working incessantly. Full particulars in their advertisement elsewhere.

The Benson Bro's have had the ceiling of their butcher shop handsomely decorated with colored paper. It presents a very gay appearance, and "Mickey" floats around inside like a wasp in a garden of roses.

Frank Prime, indicted for larceny of amalgam from the Connor Creek mill, pleaded guilty a few days ago in the circuit court at Baker City, and was sentenced by Judge Ison to two years imprisonment in the penitentiary.

Near McCoy, Polk county, Oregon, Oscar M. Weltz shot and killed his wife last Tuesday night. He was 28 years old, and she was 22. They had two children. He then shot himself but may recover. She was killed in her father's house, where she had gone on account of Weltz's abusive treatment.

J. Bloom who is on a visit to the East writes us from Laramie City. He says the grass is good and stock looks well, and it looks something like life, after passing through Idaho and Green river desert. Well improved farms meet the gaze on every side. He thinks Laramie City is the only town that has improved much since he passed through in 1879.

The following named persons registered at the Alpine hotel, Cornucopia, this week: Jas. Hendershott, Gene Foster, Cove; — Harley, Huntington; — Cusic, Mrs. Hattie Burns, Baker City; E. L. Beck and daughter, New Bridge; J. T. Bolles, S. Buos, E. H. Clingan, city; Thos. Benson, Eagle; John Cameron, Hailey, I. T; M. R. Brow, Dayton, W. T.

From the Baker *Democrat* we learn that Henry Rust, Julius Lachs, J. H. Mitchell, Wm. Creighead, were fined by Judge Ison, the sum of $50 each and costs, and license for selling liquor in less quantities than one gallon revoked. Judge Ison said it was not necessary for him to declare the license revoked as the law was mandatory in that respect and that parties convicted under the present state law for disposing of liquors to minors, are subject to indictment and prosecution for selling without a license, providing they continue in the traffic under the present license.

Hand bills are distributed around town announcing that "Baird's Minstrels" will exhibit in this city next week. We see from our exchanges that this "great combination of aggregated wonders" have been playing to extremely small audiences throughout the Willamette valley. It would seem that they have also been in Portland, by the following, which we take from the *World*: "A seedy looking minstrel troupe toots on the base drum in the streets every day, and fires stale chestnuts at an afflicted audience every evening this week at the New Market." The people of Union will hardly be taken in by them.

ETCHINGS.

Or Impressions Made on the "Scout" by Passing Events

A Curious Proceeding.—The city council at its meeting last Monday evening, cut down the salary of city marshal from $50 to $20 per month, which seems to us a very curious proceeding, inasmuch as the late marshal resigned on account of the pay being insufficient. What is a city government for, anyway, if it is not to afford protection to its citizens and property? To this end a good marshal and night-watchman are indispensable. Instead of decreasing the salary of marshal to $30 it should have been increasd to $80. Then, if the business men saw fit to contribute something, monthly, for extra pay for a night-watchman, it would be well enough, although they have but little more interest in the matter than the householder living in the outskirts of the city should have; for what would property in the outskirts be worth if the principal part of the city should be destroyed by fire? This one-horse style of conducting the city affairs is not the correct thing, and a change should be made. If the present 5-mill city tax is not sufficient, increase it to 10; if that is not enough, make it 15; and put a marshal in who will collect every cent of it. If any of the hide-bound gentry that seem to abound here don't like it they can easily take themselves away to a more congenial clime, and the city will be all the better off for their going. Vince Reeves, who we believe would make a good officer, is willing to take the position if he can raise enough from the business men, in addition to the parsimonious sum offered by the council, to pay him. As yet, we believe he has been unsuccessful, and in all probability the city will have to worry along without either marshal or night-watchman.

"A Natural Roadway."—J. H. Hendershott, Gene Foster, and Alex. Cochran come over the new road from Cornucopia to this city last Tuesday, in a hack. They stopped several times along the road, but the actual time consumed in traveling was a little over nine hours. Mr. Hendershott informs us that this is first time he has ever passed over this road, and that he was surprised at what he saw. He says the route traversed is almost a natural roadway. That portion built by our citizens is as good as any road he ever traveled, and the part built by the State could be made an excellent road, with no great expenditure. It was not built on the survey, and the sharp turns in it makes it impracticable for big freight teams. When this is remedied he thinks the road will prove to be a great factor in the prosperity of Grande Ronde valley, as it is lined almost the entire distance by rich mineral districts, and many good mines already in operation. The Hogem district he thinks will prove to be richer than the Pine creek reigon. With these mines and markets for produce lying at our very doors he thinks it high time for the people of Grande Ronde to wake up, and take what property belongs to them.

Were They Lawyers?—Constable Cates arrested a couple of seedy looking traveling gentleman, last Tuesday, on a charge of vagrancy, as they had no visible means of support, and had been begging their meals at different houses around town. Next day they were arraigned before Justice J. B. Thomson, and made a demand to be tried by a jury, which was granted. They conducted their own case with such skill that the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty, and they were discharged. Prof. Harmon, the oculist gave each of them some money, and they proceeded on their way.

Coffee.—Coffee is up to "war times" prices, or to the prices that prevailed in the 60's. Two months ago Costa Rica, for instance, was retailing in the local market at the rate of five pounds to the dollar, and one month ago, at four pounds to the dollar. The rate now is three pounds, or a higher rate than it has sold for in the past twenty years. Coffee buyers are astonished at the small packages of coffee they get for their big dollar. A short stock on hand in the market of the world and a crop shortage in Brazil are said to be causes for the present advances.—*Post Intelligencer.*

Wrestling Match.—The *Democrat* says that one hundred dollars a side has been deposited as a forfeit for a wrestling match, mixed styles, to take place at the Baker County Agricultural society's grounds on June 25th. The contestants are Wm. Bowers, of Chicago, and James Pascoe from Montana. The articles of agreement have been drawn up and signed. The total purse to be contested for is $1000. The parties interested in this match mean business and as they have both gained considerable notoriety in the ring it is expected to be a well contested match.

Law Regulating Opium Selling.—The new law regulating the sale of opium and kindred drugs provides: No person shall offer for sale opium, morphine, cug-she or cooked opium, chloral hydrate or cocaine who has not previously obtained a license from the county clerk, for which the latter should be paid $1. Said license shall be valid for one year from date of issue. Only pharmacists and physicians shall dispense these drugs, and then only when prescribed for the cure of disease. The penalty for violating the law shall be a fine not less than $50, nor more than $250.

Terry Tuttle, of Summerville, who left about six weeks ago for Chicago, with his daughter, Jessie, returned Tuesday. The object of his visit was to procure medical treatment for his daughter, who was afflicted with ear trouble, but is now entirely cured.

Social Scintillations.

Paragraphs Pertaining, Principally, to the Peregrinations of the Populace.

"THE WORLD DO MOVE."

Judge Goodall returned from Cornucopia last Thursday.

J. W. Drew will deliver the oration at Baker City on the Fourth.

Mr. Wm. Blize, of Baker county, visited Union a few days ago.

Mark Benson, returned to Union last Thursday, after a long absence.

Harry Deacon and George Beidleman made Baker City a visit this week.

W. T. Wright went to Portland to attend the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M the fore part of the week, and has not returned.

Mr. Chas. C. Coffenbery's family arrived from the East, last week and have taken up their permanent residence in this city.

Some of our exchanges locate the stingiest man on earth at La Grande. He uses a wart on the back of his neck for a collar button.

Dunham Wright, of the Park, is making preparations to give a grand ball on the Fourth of July. Full particulars hereafter.

Arthur Lindsay and Willie Church of Island City, who have been attending the Portland Grammar school, returned home Thursday.

The old soldiers of Preston Post, G. A. R., of this city are talking of attending the La Grande Fourth of July celebration in a body.

Dr. J. C. Shields, the Baker City dentist, announces that he will arrive in this city to-day, and stay one week, in the practice of his profession.

Sheriff Hamilton made a trip to the metropolis of Wallowa county this week for the purpose of serving papers in the case between Wallowa and Union counties.

Victor Miller, who has been attending the Willamette University, and graduated from the law department a few days ago, returned to his home in this city, yesterday.

Mr. R. D. Hamilton, of La Grande, who had a contract with the O. R. & N. Co., to furnish ties, was in this city a few days ago. He placed his autograph on our subscription book.

Mrs. Duniway lectured in the court house, last Monday evening, to an audience of twenty-five or thirty people, and took up a collection amounting to $1.75. Mrs. D. has evidently lost her prestige in this community.

The Pink Tea, and Mum Sociable given by the ladies Aid Society last Thursday evening, was voted by all who attended, the most enjoyable affair of the kind we have had for some time. It was a very stormy evening which kept many away that would otherwise have attended. The proceeds, we understand, was between forty-five and fifty dollars.

Dr. Harmon, the oculist is still in this city, and can be found at the Centenial hotel. He will remain till after court. He has had many cases; and fitted many of our citizens with the genuine Brazillian ground pebble glasses, which have given satisfaction in every instance so far as we know. The Dr. has had 17 years experience, and is master of his profession.

Dr. Harmon at Yreka.

Yreka, Cal. Feb. 16, 1886.

Dr. S. Harmon, oculist, so far as I know has given entire satisfaction. From personal knowledge I know the doctor to be well skilled in his profession, and in my opinion merits the patronage of the public.

D. Ream, M. D.

I have found Dr. Harmon to be an oculist and skillful fitter of glasses.

B. H. Robertson, M. D.

Dr. S. Harmon, oculist, with his invention, the "Duplex Eye Illuminator" undoubtedly gives great aid in the superficial examination of the eye. Joseph McChesney, M.D.

W. H. Boyd, Sheriff.

State of California, } ss
County of Siskiyou.}

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of February, 1886.

J. V. Brown,
Notary Public in and for Siskiyou County, Cal.

A PREDICTION.

Editor Scout:—Time works wonders; and sometimes things which are considered impossible, and ideas that are very often thought to be brought into existence by an excentric or crazy brain, are developed into realities through some hitherto unseen agency.

Twenty years ago not an inhabitant of this valley could have been made to believe that through railway trains with freight and palace cars would be speeding through this very country—yet it is a living fact. Such an idea advanced at that time would have entitled the owner of such a fanciful product to be called what the later world has pleased to denominate a "crank."

Well, Mr. disbeliever, the world has accustomed itself to wild and imaginary ideas, and has unconsciously brought itself by imperceptible degrees to not only be on rather intimate terms of friendship with the "crank," but to actually adore him, and in the future he will be held up as a public benefactor of the human race.

Now my friendly readers, the downfall of Union has been predicted time and again by the *sayers* of this county, as only a matter of time; and while she has not, perhaps, enjoyed that rush and boom which so often proves fatal to a town, she *has* nevertheless been improving, and to-day is on a better and firmer basis for future prosperity than any other town in Grande Ronde Valley. Her business men are drawing trade right from the very threshold of every town in this county. Her trade is increasing every day, and her citizens, cognizant of the importance of working for her interest, are doing so in a quiet but effective way. We know that no railroad magnate alights from his palace car at this place to receive the winning (?) smiles of a catering, and fearful public, for we have nothing to fear. Influences are deeper perhaps than many ever dream of, and silent forces produce greater effects than the hip! hurrah! of more superficial ones.

Five years will make many changes in railroads in this county, and there is very good indications that the present line of railroad from La Grande to Union will be very materially changed, and within that time the railroad will be running through our town; not only that, but the vast products of the large agricultural and mineral belts south-east of us, will make, for the transportation of their products, the building of a railroad into that section, merely a matter of the near future.

Soon our roads leading into Union from different sections of the county will be first class in almost every respect and it is the determined resolve of every citizen of this place that our roads must, shall and will be kept in the best possible condition. Union wants several enterprises to grow up, and she is not going to sleep till she has them. We do not expect them to-morrow or next week or month, but that she will have them is just as certain as the sun shines on us to-day. Z.

Portland Stock Yards Report.

Portland, Or., June 13, 1887.

Much less receipts of beef this week gave a good tone to the market, though buyers did not raise their pretentions; though at times they became spirited and round up the week by handling less stock, and wait further developments. Light supply of sheep resulted in good market and quick sales. Supply of lambs not sufficient to meet demands. Hogs sell readily on arrival. Very little doing in draft horses. Stock cattle moving in limited numbers.

ARRIVAL OF STOCK FOR THE WEEK.

June 7.—Beef 40 head; hogs 56 hd; sheep 67 head.

June 8.—Sheep 120 head; beef 40 head; oxen 2 head; draft horses 13 head; hogs 61 head.

June 9.—Lambs 101 head; beef 20 head.

June 10.—Beef 20 head; sheep 254 head; stock cattle 49 head.

June 11.—Beef 80 head; sheep 67 head.

June 12.—Beef 20 head; sheep 120 head.

June 13.—Beef 80 head; hogs 140 head.

Quotations.—Beef, 4 @ 5 c. gross; sheep, 3 @ 4 c. gross; hogs, 4 @ 5 c. gross; lambs, $2.00 @ $2.25 each.

Market steady.

J. H. RATHBUN,
Manager Portland Stock Yards.

Stock of all kinds sold on commission. Stock fed, transferred and reshipped.

Ladies and gents' summer goods constantly arriving from the East and San Francisco, at Levy's.

BORN.

HARRIS.—In this city, June 11th, 1887, to the wife of S. B. Harris, a son.

Just received at Herman Waldeck's, Summerville, an extra fine and well selected stock of mens' boys' and youths' clothing which will be sold at astonishing low prices. Call and convince yourself.