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OUR POETS.

[This space is given for the use and benefit of our local writers of verse, and we hope to make it a pleasing feature of the paper. To that end contributions are solicited, but they must possess undoubted literary merit to obtain place and recognition here.—Ed.]

Written for the SCOUT.
ADDRESS TO MISERY.Through all my limbs with raging speed,
Not deeming it a wicked deed,
Nor giving to my wailing heed.Your pain is felt,
Your shouting pangs of anguish quell!
Or do the elements rebel?That forms your name?
Of vice and shame!
Could wealth your pain and anguish buy!The blessings of an honest man,
Could mankind view thee with the eye
Of death's sure dart!Who now on earth will sound a cry
When you depart?
I'll give thee all that others can.The blessings of an honest man,
To go and live where you began,
Ne'er to return!Go haunt the Devil and his van,
Where all sins burn!
Take back the heart of fire you gave!Take back the soul that mocks the grave!
Leave me your humble toiling slave
Forever!Launch me upon Life's stormy wave
Far from the shore!
When to the final test I'm brought.And lost the Heaven I long have sought—
The paradise where Adam fought
With serpents vile;I'll lay it to the harm you've wrought,
To this pure child!
—B. W. H.

A SHEEPMAN KILLED.

The sad news reaches us to-day that William Ross, the wealthy sheepman of Pilot Rock, has been stabbed and killed. Yesterday, about 4 o'clock, Mr. Ross went to one of his sheep camps, on the old Carlson pre-emption claim, and got into a row with his herder, Fred Noble, whom he struck first with his hand and then with a club, which the herder resented by drawing a knife and stabbing Mr. Ross in the right side of the abdomen. He was taken to one of the camps near where he was stabbed, and died about 12 o'clock last night. Very little could be learned about the trouble between them, except that it was about some fencing. Another report is that Noble commenced the row and struck the first blow. However, McKay left for Pilot Rock this afternoon to hold an inquest, which will probably determine which was to blame. Mr. Ross has always been one of our best citizens until within the past year during which time he has had considerable trouble with various persons. Some think he has been partially insane, while others think he has only been led by troublesome persons to believe that everybody in Pendleton were combined to rob and abuse him. Mr. Ross was probably worth about \$75,000, and employed a large number of men in his business. He was universally liked and respected until within the last year, during which time everybody seemed to fear him. He was divorced from his wife a short time ago in Morrow county and made a fair division of his property, which leaves her in comfortable circumstances. The coroner's report will probably give further and full particulars.—Pendleton Republican.

HONEY FROM PEARS.

A writer in a late number of Vicks Magazine, says that after reading an account of how they made honey from pears in Switzerland, he determined to attempt something of the kind himself. Accordingly last season he took a basket of Sheldon pears of melting ripeness, and after pressing them first through a linen cheese cloth and then through flannel, he had about three quarts of the juice which he put in a stone jar and set in a heated brick oven, over night, where it was allowed to simmer until next morning, when after boiling the same for about an hour, it was reduced to about a quart of delicious honey, which, though not an improvement on that made by bees, was quite an agreeable variety from it, containing all its sweetness, with a perceptible flavor of the fruit. It kept perfectly sound through the succeeding winter, with its pear flavor even better than at first. Not a grain of sugar was used in the process, the honey being the pure juice of the fruit.

Miss Mathieu will be in Cove until further notice, every Monday afternoon, and will remain about two days. All those wishing dress-making, etc., will please govern themselves accordingly.

Cove Cullings.

April 5th, 1888.

Frank Newall has rented his Cove farm to James Harsin for one year.

Mrs. Aaron Thomas has gone on a visit to her parents living at Williams, in Josephine county.

Trout fishing along the creek is all the rage now. Many strings ranging from fifty to a hundred have been taken.

The postoffice was moved, Tuesday, to the Wright & Dunham building, in a front room prepared for its accommodation.

L. J. Rouse was in town this week. He started, Monday, for Wallowa county, taking a load of fruit trees from the Union nurseries.

The Episcopal schools produced the "Count of Senano" at La Grande, Monday evening. The receipts were about seventy-five dollars.

Miss Holtby has returned to Cove, having completed her school near Summerville. She has accepted the High valley school and will soon commence.

Miss Nellie Stevens went to Pendleton, Monday, on a visit. During her stay she will apply for a position during the fall term of the Pendleton public school.

Frank Mitchell started with his drove of three hundred and fifty head of cattle to Crow creek in Wallowa county, Wednesday. Wm. Jones will herd them this summer.

The prominent democrats, Messrs. C. M. Jameson, Jas. Hendershott, and E. P. McDaniel went to Pendleton, Monday, to be at the scene of action early.

Mrs. Williams and daughter, Miss Nellie, also Mrs. Green, all of Looking Glass, Douglas county, are visiting relatives in Cove. The ladies are sisters of the Mitchell brothers of this place.

R. Hassom and wife, of Lake Mills, Wisconsin, are visiting acquaintances in Cove, this week. Mr. Hassom has made a tour of the West, including California, and expresses himself well pleased.

Jno. Doney and Wesley Matlock, of Leighton Academy, have quit school for this year. Mr. Doney has accepted a position in a store at Baker City and Mr. Matlock has returned to his home in Pendleton, on account of failing health.

J. C. Doney's nursery is beginning to make a good appearance. He has just finished putting in twenty thousand grafts. He will have a fine lot of trees for market next fall, also a good line of shrubbery and evergreens. He has placed an Eastern order for the latest and best variety of strawberries.

At the republican primary, Wednesday, Messrs. H. J. Geer, James Payne, J. M. Selder and M. B. Reese were elected delegates to the county convention. No instructions were given, but on motion a ballot was taken to find out the sentiment of the meeting. The following received a majority: For joint senator, J. W. Norval; for clerk, Jno. Williamson; for sheriff, A. N. Hamilton.

The new proprietors of the Indian creek saw mill marshalled their forces and proceeded into the heavy forests this week. S. Bloom is captain and chief advisor; Wm. Bloom and J. Rumbley, two best bowlers; J. Conner, end man and off bearer; O. Pugh, bean boiler and compounder of delicacies; Laf. Keller, bull puncher and conveyer of material. We may expect a decline in lumber this season.

I am quite a sight sometimes, whilst sawing sweet strains from a violin.—J. L. I wasn't frightened; it was only powder on my face.—Miss V. It costs something to go to La Grande.—W. M. The only original "Uncle Feller" of historic note is keeping house for me.—Elmer. Oh, Mr. Robinson, just hold the stage a minute.—X. I am through with La Grande: they grieved us.—J. C. One man at least wants me for clerk.—Amiel. And here for sheriff.—Eugene. You are nobody at all now, unless you have a dozen or so of Job's comforters on the back of your neck.—S. Fare-thee-well, sisters and brethren.—Wesley.

Mrs. Landis, who was arrested some time ago for setting fire to her dwelling in Walla Walla, at the same time the Aurora hotel was burned, has made a confession implicating Mrs. J. Pyle, proprietor of the Aurora hotel, Jimmy Hefley and John Hurn. It is very likely that she was as much interested in setting the buildings on fire as the others. The whole crowd are in jail at Walla Walla.

North Powder Nuggets.

April 2, 1888.

Dave Beveridge went to Union yesterday.

Young Mr. Norval, of Summerville, was up today, on Wolf creek, looking for a school.

N. B. Bowman almost severed his thumb with an axe, last week while splitting wood.

A Mr. Sherad, brother-in-law to S. Vandear, of this place, has bought the James Castle ranch.

J. Sheringhouse, of Portland, was up last week, looking after some land which he owns on North Powder.

The company of Oregon State militia at this place has effected a permanent organization, with Miles Lee as captain.

J. W. Kimbrell returned last week from Pine Valley. He says there is some snow in the valley yet, and farming has not commenced.

One of our citizens at the primary last week thought that it would be better at the next election to elect different men to some of the more important offices, as county orders are too high, you know. We used to buy them at 60 to 70 cents to pay on our taxes; now we have to pay 95 cents, and it's a droted shame, you know.

YANK.

High Valley Happenings.

The frogs are singing for rain, but it cometh not.

The result of the democratic county convention appears to give general satisfaction here.

Mr. E. Draper, with characteristic energy has circulated a new road petition, hoping to have better success this time.

Our school opened on the 2nd inst. with 27 pupils, Miss Mary Holtby, of the Cove as teacher.

Why can anyone be surprised at the stringency of our money market when there is something over six hundred millions of currency, including gold and silver coin, greenbacks and national bank notes in the United States treasury? If spoilage and patronage are the means that must be employed to reward certain of the brethren for their faithfulness, leaving out fitness and fairness, then does the end not justify?

Homo.

Brownlee Ferry.

March 25th 1888.

We are having splendid weather now, and the grass is fine.

We are still in search of the lost boy. The report that was circulated some time since that he had returned is false, and the person who circulated it is a liar unworthy of notice.

The ferry is in running order, and the road in fine condition. Travel has already commenced this way. Several wagons and a herd of cattle have passed here bound for Montana, during the past few days. Anyone wishing to drive stock to the upper country will find this the best and shortest route. Wood, water and grass are to be found almost anywhere along the route. The ferry rates have been reduced to one-half what they were last year, as follows: Loose stock, 12 1/2 cents; man and horse, 50 cents; pack animals, 25 cents; wagon and two horses, \$1.50; sheep, 4 cents; hogs, 3 cents.

ROBERT BROWN.

BRACE UP.

You are feeling depressed, your appetite is poor, you are bothered with headache, you are feisty, nervous, and generally out of sorts, and want to BRACE UP. Brace up, but not with stimulants, spring medicines, or bitters, which have for their basis very cheap, bad whiskey, and which stimulate you for an hour, and then leave you in worse condition than before. What you want is an alternative that will purify your blood, start healthy action of Liver and Kidneys, restore your vitality, and give renewed health and strength. Such a medicine you will find in Electric Bitters, and only 50 cents a bottle at Wright's drug store, Union, Oregon.

Why buy from immigrating agents of whom you know nothing, either of their responsibility or the character of their goods, when there are responsible dealers located near you, who carry full and complete lines of all farm and mill machinery and implements, and whose success it is for your best interests to support with your patronage? Frank Bro's Implement Co. of Island City request your consideration of their claim, and refer you to your neighbors who have had dealings with them. 3

Washington Letter.

March 27th, 1888.

EDITOR OREGON SCOUT:—

The Confederate soldier was the innocent cause of quite a breeze in the United States senate on Tuesday. The "bloody shirt" was again introduced, and an extended debate followed, all in consequence of Senator Blair's latest bill, just introduced, providing that in appointments to civil service positions, ex-Confederate soldiers are to be preferred to other Confederates.

Senator Platt thought that the bill had a pretty unfortunate title; it does not give the Confederate soldier the first preference; it does not put him ahead of the honorably discharged Union soldier as might be understood from the title alone. It simply prefers the wounded and disabled Confederate to some other kinds of Confederates.

In the discussion, Senator Hale said it was apparent the bill proposed to apply to the Confederate soldier a preference which is now given by law to the loyal veterans of the North. He could not countenance such legislation; Senator Platt further said that the bill recognized service in the Confederate army as meritorious. He was unwilling to vote on any proposition avowedly favorable to a Confederate soldier as such. A number of senators were led into the debate, among them Hoar, Berry, Riddleberger, Hampton, Daniels and George. The New Hampshire senator, who interests himself in every good cause, and advocates any legislation that seems kind and generous and humane, whether it be so extremely "constitutional" or not, stated that he had introduced this bill on his own responsibility, believing it to be a simple measure of justice. He was satisfied that in making appointments of men who were disloyal, justice has not been done to the wounded veterans.

Congress has given no attention to the question of prohibition since last week when Senator Colquitt, of Georgia, who has taken quite a prominent part in the prohibition movement in his state, introduced a local option bill in the senate. It provides for a local option election in the District of Columbia, whenever 10,000 inhabitants of the District shall petition the Chief of Police to order such an election.

A member of the Senate District Committee suggested that it would be more business-like to obtain an expression of opinion through the police department by a general canvass of the city. In this way the sentiment of the people could be nearly enough determined as for or against prohibition to afford congress a safe guide for its future legislation without resorting to the questionable machinery of a popular election. It is understood that Senator Spooner, of Wisconsin, favors a high license system and that he is preparing a bill to that effect which he will introduce soon.

A New Hampshire congressman has just given a surprise to Washington political circles by developing the title of "Reverend." The Universalist church of our Father, in this city, which is now without a pastor, is taking trial sermons from different preachers. On last Sunday the service was conducted and the sermon delivered morning and evening by Representative McKinney. The reverend congressman made a very favorable impression and from the comment passed by leading church members, it would not be surprising if he were called to the pastorate of this church.

In the early part of this week there was a great crowd in the United States Supreme Court room to hear the decision in favor of the Bell Telephone Company. The court held that there was nothing to show that any one had invented an apparatus prior to that invented by Bell, although vibration by electricity had been transmitted by wire prior to 1854. It held that Bell discovered the principle and perfected it. There is nothing requiring the operation of instruments before the patent issues. It is the practicability of the process that is to be shown.

The women are nearly all here and are nearly ready for their great International Council which begins on Monday and lasts a week. To-morrow they will give a public reception at the Riggs House to let the people see "what manner of women we are." Those were Miss Susan B. Anthony's words.

The friends of Gen. Hancock who have been active in their efforts to raise sufficient money to present his widow with a house in this city have at last met with success, and the presentation will take place on the first of April. It is a handsome brown stone and brick structure, of which Mrs. Hancock will take possession at once.

J. H. C.

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