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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, by obtain place and recognition here.—Ed.]

SCIENCE AND GOD.

We may fathom the depths of old ocean, Build castles and pyramids of grand.

Note causes of Nature's emanation, Its manifold works understand;

Can calculate distance, and measure To sun, moon and stars, far away.

Cap lightning, and use it with pleasure, To change blackest darkness to day.

With steam, as a motor, go flying On rail, with the speed of the winds;

With vessels, the ocean defying, Cross over to far distant lands;

With airplanes, mount up to Heaven, Go deep in the bowels of earth.

And learn from what there has been graven, That man is of but recent birth.

We boast much, to-day, of our science, And why should we not—as 'tis good, But life after death bids defiance,

To this, as doth also a God— What avails has Science e'er given us To demonstrate facts, fairly plain,

That there is a God to receive us Beyond, in his lordly domain?

Where is it? Can't tell us ye sages? This city, whose streets are of gold?

Play science, and write up the pages, In axioms, self-evident, hold.

No history is wanted or needed— We have it, of Eden, as well,

A test that's already conceded, But ne'er can our doubts dispel.

Give proof by the tongue and quill, The veritable, compare and square;

Use the arith, in its quarter, To light, glaze and finish your ware;

Hand down to us something to smell of, To taste of, to feel of or wear,

To see, with our eyes, and to tell of, As something discovered quite rare.

In this age we take not for granted, The dogmas wrote up in the past,

The Science their place has supplanted, Philosophy holding it fast,

While yearly and monthly—each hour, Grows broader the liberal mind,

Coming up from a priest-ridden power, To day-light and sun-light, refined.

—WILL H. MIXNER, Okaloosa, Iowa.

Pine Valley Pickings.

May 14th, 1888.

Dry and warm.

Teacher recovered from measles and school resumed in District No. 30.

Dr. Woods, of Cornucopia, has quite a number of patients in our valley.

Mr. Langrell's saw mill will start up in a few days.

We understand a new ledge has been discovered in the vicinity of Fish Lake, and that quite a number of Cornucopia and other people will move over and start a—"Boom!"

New moon in such a "posish" that ye Scout editor might hang on it his hat or powder horn either. Does that signify drouth?

Mrs. Jas. Leep, who has been ill so long, was removed to the residence of her father, Mr. F. M. Stewart, on Tuesday last. She was accompanied by several of her relatives and by Dr. Woods, who is attending her. It is hoped the change will benefit her.

A horse race on Sunday afternoon the 13th inst. resulted in one young man losing his horse and several dollars changing hands. Pity that both young men did not lose horses as perhaps it would not be so much encouragement to either to follow horseracing.

Died.—On Sunday May 6th, of pueral fever, wife of T. S. Robins, of this place, aged about 28. Deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Curry, of Pine, and leaves a husband and four small children besides her parents, brothers and sister, and many friends to mourn her early death.

Ex-County Supt. Frank Collins paid our valley a visit during the past week. We learn that he left several hundred in the valley on real estate security. Good for Mr. C., but whether good for the citizens time will tell.

We were pleased to see the opinion of the SCOUT expressed in favor of Prof. J. L. Carter, of Island City, for School Supt. Mr. Carter is a teacher of experience and worker, in our humble opinion, be the right man in the right place.

Mr. Dick Langrell recently returned from a trip to Baker City bringing with him a "bram splinter new" hack and his wife's mother and sister, Mrs. Schellworth and Miss Etsa. Miss S. brought with her a small stock of millinery goods which she will be pleased to dispose of to the ladies of Pine at reasonable prices.

A dance was announced to take place in the school house of Dist. No. 30, on the night of the 11th inst. We learn that the oldest Director, being also

Cove Cullings.

May 17th, 1888.

Robt. Cochran, Jr., is down from Cove d'Alone on a visit to his father and sisters.

O. L. Warfel started for San Francisco, Wednesday. He will probably accept a professorship in that state.

Sheep shearing has fairly commenced. The clip is said to be somewhat of an improvement over last year's crop.

C. C. Forrester, formerly of Cove, was in town this week. He came direct from Philadelphia, having been eight days on route.

Jac. and Thos. Hulick and Ed. Boswell started, Tuesday, for North Powder where they will haul lumber and ties during the summer.

George Edgar has opened a tenor-riod emporium one door north of the livery stable and will do work in his line with neatness and dispatch.

Judd Geer started for Willamette valley on a pleasure trip last Monday. He will be with relatives in Marion County the greater part of the time, and will remain away until after the Fourth.

A subscription paper is being circulated this week for the purpose of raising a sum sufficient to establish and equip a brass band. There is no reason why we should not have a band and all should subscribe their mite.

The cherry crop will be almost an entire failure in Cove this year, although the trees were covered with bloom. The strawberry patches will yield fairly well, but not many of them are making a specialty of them this season.

Hon. Jas. A. Fee, republican nominee for Judge of the sixth judicial district, paid Cove a short visit, Saturday. Those who met the gentleman pronounced him a man of pleasing address and well posted on the political questions of the day.

The Cove club were much pleased to win the return game of base ball at Union last Friday. The victory was gained, however, only by hard work and close attention to business and their captain who is always watchful of his men. By sharp practice the Cove nine gained a lead on the second inning and kept it throughout the game. The Union boys with their accustomed hospitality made the visit an agreeable one for the Coveites. The trying position of umpire was very creditably filled by Jas. Lowell, scarcely a decision being disputed.

Cove, after attending neighboring celebrations for years past, has decided to trot out the great American eagle the coming fourth and have the grandest occasion on record. It is proposed to invite the defeated Union-Wallowa senator to be orator of the day and the vanquished would-be sheriff to officiate as marshal. A meeting of citizens for the purpose of appointing the necessary committees will be held at Morrison church, Saturday of this week at 3 p. m. Let there be a full attendance. A special invitation to ladies.

I was ashamed to take the Union boys' money on the last game it was so near like robbery.—Dave. Will Miss C. B. of Union, please accept the congratulations of the "Arkansas" player on her happy faculty of discovering smiles. Our nine shall have gaudy uniforms, made by our own hands, for their last victory.—Cove girls. I have retired from the box.—H. D. Did you see me take the fly out of the sky?—C. C. And did you witness my thump for four bases?—G. B. There's a glaring mistake; my husband has \$5 up on the game.—Lady spectator. Did you perceive how I knocked the drummer out on the first round, Sunday?—E. A. R.

A WARNING.

The modes of death's approach are various, and statistics show conclusively that more people die from diseases of the throat and lungs than any other. It is probable that everyone without exception, receives vast numbers of tubercle germs into the system and where these germs fall upon suitable soil they start into life and develop, at first slowly and is shown by a slight tickling sensation in the throat and if allowed to continue their ravages they extend to the lungs producing consumption and to the head, causing catarrh. Now all this is dangerous and if allowed to proceed will in time cause death. At the onset you must act with promptness; allowing a cold to go without attention is dangerous and may lose you your life. As soon as you feel that something is wrong with your throat, lungs or nostrils, obtain a bottle of Boecher's German Syrup. It will give you immediate relief.

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Another Open Letter.

Enron Omgox SCOUT.—

County Judge Goodall has taken it upon himself in your issue of May the 4th inst, to publish an open letter directed to the tax-payers of this county and calculated to injure my chances for reelection to the office of sheriff which I have filled since last election in Union county and the tax-payers well know how efficiently. I have discharged the duties of my office notwithstanding the uncalled for—not to say malicious—attack made upon me at this particular time by this at least over zealous functionary. I may be allowed to remark that well might the zealous Judge beg more than a thousand pardons for his self imposed task. He does not say whose pardon he craves, but judging from the effect his communication has had upon more than one voter he should beg the indulgent pardon of the gentleman whose cause he has volunteered to defend, for he has done that gentleman more harm than good. Well may his protegee exclaim, "Save me from my friends!"

I presume that while Judge Goodall may be a pretty good Judge in matters on which he is not strictly partisan, yet I also presume that the unbiased report made by the last grand jury of Union county, a majority of whom were democrats, will have more weight with tax payers, because it has more truth in it, than any strictures passed by this upright Judge on the eve of a county election. Voters of Union county please read the last grand jury report. Here it is as found in the SCOUT of February 24th, ult:

"We commend our sheriff, A. N. Hamilton, for the diligence he has exercised in the collection of our delinquent taxes and find that owing to his diligence in the collection of said taxes our delinquent tax list is now less than it has ever been since the organization of this county."

This is the language of a grand jury, the majority of whom were democrats and under oath to discharge their duty to their fellow citizens and tax-payers. Tax-payers might do well to remember that this officious Judge is not under oath when he assumes the role of partisan newspaper correspondent.

This meddling Judge reads me a lecture on the "sanctity of an oath" and takes his text from section 2814 Hill's Code, and rings the changes thereon because I have not made "levy and sale." To put it mildly this Judge seems to be angry because the poor and hard pressed tax-payers of this county, who are short of money, have not been sold out of house and home and a little personal property without ceremony and at great sacrifice. I cannot believe that an old timer like Goodall is so unkind or harsh as that, but I do believe he is anxious to create a feeling of irritation against me at this peculiar juncture of affairs.

I will add further that he at least is mistaken, if he does not maliciously misrepresent me, when he intimates as he does that no levies have been made. Levies have been made, but with some patience and exercise of discretion the taxes on that attached property have been paid and not in one instance has there been a forced sale. I now submit the delinquent tax list as it was given to me and as it now stands. Gentlemen here it is as it was turned over to me August the 20th, 1886, a list that should have been collected by former sheriffs and assessors:

Ant. turned to sheriff. At present, 1878 \$ 31 01 " Nothing 1879 " 112 31 " " 1880 " 435 22 " " 1881 " 231 67 " \$ 85 32 1882 " 424 65 " 62 48 1883 " 1035 57 " 62 94 1884 " 2122 75 " 462 28 1885 " 2591 17 " 291 55

Total \$10 721 21 \$ 904 00

Also I give here a statement of the taxes of the year 1886 which properly belong to me and it is expected of me to make a good showing. Amount of which was charged on the original tax roll is \$63,012.55. I made sheriff assessments to the amount of \$1,632.00, making a total charged to me \$64,674.55. There is now delinquent on said tax roll as per last settlement \$709.30, showing that I have collected \$63,965.55, or more than was charged on the original tax roll less the amount transferred to Wallowa county. Goodall refers to the amount of delinquent tax for the year 1887. He will know—but he wants to mislead the people—that the tax of 1887 just became delinquent and at the time this letter was published that I did not have the delinquent list of said year, nor did I receive it until the 10th day of the present.

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