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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.  
ALL.

There hangs a sabre and there a rein,  
With a rusty buckle and green curb-chain,  
A pair of spurs on the old gray wall,  
And a mouldy saddle—well that is all.  
Come out to the stable! It is not far,  
The moss-grown door is hanging ajar;  
Look within! There's an empty stall,  
Where once stood a charger—well, that is all.  
The good, black horse came riderless home,  
Fleeced with blood-drops as well as foam;  
See yonder hillock where dead leaves fall,  
The good black horse pined to death—that's all.  
All! Oh God! It is all I can speak;  
Question me not! I am old and weak;  
His sabre and saddle hang on the wall,  
And his horse pined to death! I have told you all.  
—S. V. W. H.  
Portland, Or. May 20, 1888.

**Answer to Homo.**  
EDITOR SCOUT:—  
"Homo" in your issue of the 18th inst, vainly attempted to answer me on protection but falls short of the mark in making up his brief. The "toot of that ram's horn" has evidently "floored" him. He says "smugglers only verify the statement that farmers have no protection." One would infer that the duty was proper enough but the government officials were deficient in their duties in not enforcing the law. Again "protection does not keep up the price of farm products and labor." Why is it that mechanics and laborers receive from one-half to two-thirds more wages for the same work in this country than in the Old countries? So also of farm products. "Tariff does not regulate the price of labor" but supply and demand. He should include farm products and manufacturing industries as well. Labor as well as the products of labor are regulated by the law of supply and demand and should the tariff be abolished, which would cause a depression in industries of all kinds, would not labor come down also, therefore his argument "wont wash." He strains at a gnat in trying to swallow a camel when he alludes to the importation of wheat in a wheat country. We are not selling coal in Newcastle my friend, nor is there any probability of such occurrence and protectionists theory would obviate it as they are favoring high tariff on that which can not be produced here and vice versa in importations we are in need of. Self preservation is the first law of nature. The wild beast from natural instinct protects her young. The colonies in the infancy of our republic protected themselves against the cruel and oppressive enactments of an imbecile king. Protection by restriction is restraining the unwelcome classes of pauper and Chinese immigration from our shores. In Illinois Legislature enactments were necessary to put a quietus upon a foreign gentleman whose tyranny over his tenants stimulates that over Ireland to-day. Land syndicates and foreign capital are making deep inroads upon the public domain. A Scottish Mortgage Saving Bank in Portland to-day is grinding the life out of numerous farmers of the Willamette valley by exorbitant rates of interest. Nay, verily we have need of protection by tariff or otherwise. We can not have too much and maintain ourselves against a class who would trample us under foot. Foreign powers are covetous of our republic and only seeking an opportunity to stab us in the back. England remembers \$9,000,000 award and millions more in her futile efforts in assisting to destroy us and would gladly aid in free trade or anything else of like nature. Let each investigate for himself and take political speeches for what they are worth, (votes just now) weigh facts and figures carefully, then decide which party shall have our suffrage. Misrepresentation of facts is a hobby of political tricksters upon the eve of an election, to gain favor by which they expect to ride into power. "Seeing is believing," hence we alluded to the fact of farmers being swindled and the need of protection in that case and where it applies in one case it will apply equally well in others. Ocular demonstrations of facts is the argument that convinces, not mere assertions unsubstantiated.  
We admire the independent course of THE SCOUT and believe every farmer, business and professional man (in the county at least) should sustain it, as it is now and bound to be the people's paper.  
Medico.

**Cornucopia Croppings.**  
May 27th, 1888.  
Times are improving in camp and a number of strangers are noticed on our streets.  
Miss Ximena Sanborn, of the Cove, has been engaged to teach our school. Miss S. is well and favorably known in Union county and will no doubt give satisfaction as a teacher.  
There is a rumor that Messrs. Webb & Co. will put in a Huntington mill with a roster of sufficient capacity for chloridizing their sulphurates. This is what we need, and we wish the gentlemen success.  
The outlook for our camp was never so favorable as now. With every day's development the different ledges are showing up better and better. The only wonder is that with all these flattering showings capital still stands aloof and but little is being done so far as producing bullion. The O. G. M. Co. will increase their force after the 1st of June and the mill is expected to be running in full blast by the 1st of July.

A leap year party given by the ladies of our town was the principal social event of the week. Bill's hall was filled to its utmost capacity with the youth and beauty of Cornucopia, and a most enjoyable time was had throughout. A sumptuous repast was served in the hall and all departed in the morning feeling that many social ties had been the result of this our first and last leap year party, and that the adage is true, "It is well for sisters to dwell in unity together."  
We are going to celebrate the Fourth of July and don't you forget it. We know it is reported that our camp is dead, but you will find that we are not dead to patriotism and so we are going to have a grand old time the 4th and as Union has stood in with us in the past we expect it to stand in this time. We are going to have a brass band, fire works and all the modern improvements. The O. G. M. Co's. mill will be worth the coming to see, and we want the whole county and part of adjoining counties to come and see us.  
KANAKA JO.

**North Powder Notes.**  
May 26th, 1888.  
Topics of the day—Goodall and Hamilton.  
Mr. E. L. Eckley, of La Grande, is in town on business.  
Mr. Spencer, of the firm of Spencer, Ramsay & Co., returned home from a business trip east.  
The farmers do not expect more than half crops this season on account of drought.  
It seems strange—yet how true—how some of our political office seekers advertise themselves vilifying the opponents through the press.  
J. H. Raley, of Pendleton, candidate on the Democratic ticket for joint senator of Umatilla and Union counties, made us a friendly call last week. Mr. Raley is well qualified to fill the position and every true democrat should cast his vote for him.  
The question is often asked by both Democrats and Republicans, why is it that just before election candidates on either ticket who the people have known for years, and by their honesty, integrity and fidelity have gained for themselves the confidence of the people, never a word disrespectful of their character until their name are brought before the people as a candidate for office, and then mountains are made out of mole hills. More anon.  
FINKEE.

**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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**La Grande Notes.**  
Heavy winds.  
A storm seems brewing.  
Razors flying in the political horizon. John R. Crates came over, Tuesday, and returned Wednesday morning.  
Hon. J. W. Noyes is out from Wallawa and feels jubilant over his prospects of success.  
Hon. J. P. Waiger is announced to discuss the political issues of the day on Saturday evening.  
Our public school will close on Friday of this week. Prof. Rafter has given a good satisfaction.  
Hon. Jas. Handers-hott, the leading prohibitionist of Eastern Oregon, paid La Grande a visit during the week.  
From the way the opposing elements are at it now, there is every reason to believe a few practical lies are being told.  
The ladies of the Episcopal church gave an ice cream and strawberry festival at Glover's hall on Tuesday evening of this week.  
Chas. McClure and wife, of this place, took the train Wednesday morning, intending to make their old Missouri home a visit.  
The Wallawa stage now makes daily runs, including Sundays, and the time will be cut down to one day from here to Joseph.

The G. A. R. post at this place is either dead or sleeping, as Memorial day was not observed here in any manner whatever.  
A defective neck-yoke and a broken trace was the cause of a runaway in town, Wednesday, that might have terminated seriously, but fortunately did not.  
Mrs. Malley at Summerville holding a protracted meeting and is announced to return so as to be present at a reception given her at the University Saturday evening of this week.  
Miss Mattie Probstel, who is teaching the school at Oro Dell, and Miss Mattie Strange, who is teaching the school at Hilgard, went to Union, Wednesday, to attend the public examination.  
Mr. L. H. Mason, late of Illinois, who located here, has pulled up stakes and gone to North Powder. He is a good physician and deserves the confidence and patronage of the people of that section.  
The sad death of H. D. Merwin was regretted by his friends here. It is claimed by those who were with him daily, and who saw much of him during the last few weeks, that his mind had been affected for some time past.  
At the last meeting of the La Grande Lodge, No. 16, I. O. O. F., the following officers for the ensuing term were elected: W. J. Snodgrass, N. G.; A. F. Shasts, V. G.; Henry Wildey, Rec. Sec., and Jas. Palmer, Treasurer.  
A. R. Mattoon challenged J. A. Raley to discuss political questions at an equal number of points in this and Umatilla county, but, owing to previous engagements, Raley declined so far as this county was concerned, so Mattoon declines to go to Umatilla.  
The latest rumor is one affecting the interest of La Grande. Mr. Steel, of the M. & M. Co., of Island city, is to arrive at La Grande in a few days, and will forthwith proceed to view out the route for the proposed railroad from here to Wallawa, and it is rumored that the section from here to Elgin will be built in the near future.

**Eagle Valley Items.**  
May 25th, 1888.  
Health of the the community good. No dances or horse races, so we can beat Pine valley after all in that respect.  
THE SCOUT is a great favorite and is considered by all to be the best paper in the county.  
Dry and cool, the prospect being more favorable for rain which would be very acceptable.  
Strawberries ripe and selling rapidly at \$1.00 per gallon, the most of them going to Cornucopia.  
Messrs. J. T. Williamson and A. N. Hamilton paid our valley a flying visit this week.  
Eagle valley folks are in for building corrals up in the mountains, as there is no range on the foot-hills for stock.  
People think there will be no peaches in this part, but other fruits are said to be more plentiful than they have been for a long time.  
Fishing seems to be the recreation of the day, Sunday not excepted. Some of the young men appear to prefer that sport to going to our good Sunday School.  
SOMEBODY.

**North Powder Notes.**  
May 29, 1888.  
Tame strawberries at wild prices for sale in town.  
Born.—May 26, to the wife of Jack Shaffer, a son.  
Mr. A. Gooden, of Clover creek, is on the sick list, but improving at present.  
Mr. John Cates, residing at Telocaset, paid our town a visit, recently, on business.  
R. D. Cooper, of Island City, and Mr. Eckley, editor La Grande Gazette, were in town lately.  
Mr. Spencer, of the Mill Co., returned from a business trip to Ogden and Salt Lake, on Thursday last.  
Mrs. Robert Lloyd is teaching instrumental music to quite a class of young girls—music hath charms.  
Our local fur merchants decline to purchase any further "mice furs" on account of the unsettled state of the market.  
A gentleman living on Clover creek has unearthed a petrified pine tree. Every lineament of nature is reproduced in solid stone.  
"K" company is kicking in consequence of delay in fitting up their armory and drill room. When completed it will compare with any hall in the county.  
Mr. Jack Richardson having served his time in the telegraph office here, under Mr. Geo. Venable, the agent here, will soon be placed in charge of an office on the line.  
Symptoms of rain are fast disappearing, and at present slight hopes of that life-giving beverage returning soon, are vague, and growing crops are suffering thereby.  
H. Wicks and J. L. Brady, of Wolf creek, left on the train, Monday. The former gentleman goes on a visit to the Willamette Valley, while the latter will visit in California.

A diminutive cyclone struck this town Saturday afternoon in the shape of a dust storm. For a while the dust was so abundant one could not see across the street. Come again no more.  
A "wild freight" passed through this place early Sunday morning at the rate of nearly forty miles an hour. No wonder the damage account of the railroad companies foot up at the close of the month.  
A young sister of Will Stice, of this place, residing with her grand parents, near Baker city, was fatally poisoned by tasting strychnine, on Saturday last. She was well acquainted with the nature of the drug, but foolishly persisted in tasting it after having been warned of its dire effects, and thereby lost her life.  
AJAX.

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