

THE OREGON SCOUT.

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

Friday, June 1st, 1888.

Union and Vicinity.

Carpets at Jaycox & Foster's. Crops are suffering greatly from the want of rain.

For woven wire fencing of all kinds, call on Jaycox & Foster.

Born.—May 25th, to the wife of Wm. Hutchinson, a son.

Some Indians arrived in town, yesterday, with horses to sell.

I offer for sale, at a fair price and on reasonable terms, my home in North Union.—Mrs. H. B. DRAKE.

The Centennial hotel was repainted on the outside, this week, and now presents a much neater appearance.

Levy has just received a new invoice of goods. Drop in and see them. There is always something new and stylish at Levy's.

The county court of Grant county has offered a reward of \$300 for the arrest and conviction of the J. M. Bright murderer.

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.

A very large assortment of fire crackers, rockets, torpedoes, flags, cap pistols, etc., etc., to be received at the Cove drug store from the east in a few days.

State School Superintendent M. Elroy is now in San Francisco making arrangements for the accommodation of the Oregon delegation of teachers to the National institute to be held there in July.

The express company intends to charge this year for the return of empty berry crates, which will prevent berries from getting very low in price. Last year the crates were returned free of charge.

A concert will be given next Thursday evening at Wright's hall, commencing at 8 o'clock, for the benefit of the churches. Admission 25 cents. After the concert refreshments will be served. Everybody should attend.

Backache, stitches in the side, in flatness and soreness of the bowels, are symptoms of a disordered state of the digestive and assimilative organs, which can be corrected by the use of Ayer's Cathartic Pills.

A sound body and a contented mind are necessary to perfect happiness. If you wish to possess these, cleanse your blood with Ayer's Sarsaparilla. It is perfectly safe to take, and is a thoroughly reliable, highly concentrated blood purifier.

The Wallowa Chief says: County Judge O'Sullivan forwarded to Union county last Tuesday the sum of \$2,132.37. This amount pays one-third of Wallowa county's indebtedness to Union, and also \$534.34, due Union county on the state levy of 1886.

All who are interested in the improvement of the Union cemetery are requested to meet at the residence of Mrs. S. O. Swackhamer, Tuesday, June 5th, at 3 o'clock, p. m., to make arrangements concerning the annual festival for the same.

Union and Baker counties were treated to quite a generous rain Saturday, but only a few drops fell on the just and unjust of Umatilla. There will not be a famine if no rain falls before harvest, but a good "soaker" now would do about a million dollars' worth of good.—East Oregonian.

When you see a newspaper bragging on its own town and booning her for all she is worth, just look at the advertising columns of that paper and see if the boom is solid and substantial or a mere mockery. The local columns may deceive, but the advertising will not.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Eaton, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles McClure, took their departure on Wednesday mornings train for an extended trip to the East. They will probably be gone about two months. Mr. McClure and wife have not seen their old home since they were children and anticipate much pleasure on the trip.

Walla Walla Journal: Tom Moore found, not long ago, a prairie chicken's nest with ten eggs in it. He took them home, put them under a setting hen, and now he has nine of the cunning little chicks you ever looked at. They go with the old hen as though she was their mother, and when she calls to them they all come up smiling.

There will be no celebration of the Fourth of July in Union this year, our people have very wisely concluded that as the Cove is making preparations to celebrate, it would be neighborly to stand in with them, and next year when we give a rousing celebration, they will no doubt reciprocate. The people from all parts of the valley must assist in order to have a good celebration.

From a letter received in this city last Sunday from Burns, Grant county, we learn that grasshoppers are as thick in the Harney valley as they were in Kansas. The settlers are greatly alarmed for the safety of their crops, and cattle men fear a devastation of the range from these pests. It is to be hoped that the grasshopper visitors will conclude to make their visit very brief.—Baker Democrat.

DEATH OF H. D. MERWIN.

Mr. H. D. Merwin, formerly of this city, but who has for a few months past been living in La Grande, became insane, it is thought on account of family troubles, and was brought over Saturday morning by officer Martin for examination, and to be placed in custody. Upon his arrival here he seemed better, talking quite rationally at times, and it was thought best to leave him at Booth's hotel, pending the arrival of the judge. While there he managed to elude the vigilance of those who were watching him, and tying a silk handkerchief around his neck, slipped it over one of the head posts and strangled himself to death. It was probably not more than five minutes from the time he was last seen alive till he had committed the fearful deed. When cut down he was not dead but expired a few minutes afterward. A coroner's jury was empaneled and investigated the case, giving it as their verdict that he came to his death by his own hands, while in a fit of momentary insanity. The deceased was about 45 years of age, and leaves a wife, from whom he has been separated for some time, and four children who are living at North Yakima, W. T. He also has two brothers, Wm. Merwin of Baker City and A. T. Merwin of Lower Powder, who were notified of the sad event and at once came down. His children came over from Yakima and were in attendance at the funeral which took place Monday. Mr. Merwin was a quiet, unassuming, honest man, well liked by all who knew him, and his death is regretted by many.

NEW MINING DISTRICT.

The Baker Democrat says: Mr. O. S. Buckland, merchant at Sparta, Union county, left at the Democrat office yesterday, samples of rich ore from Alderly district, sent in by Jay Guy Lewis and others, who have made some very important discoveries on Little Eagle creek, about half way between Sanger and Cornucopia.

The ore samples received are from the Grand Pacific and Parker mines, and carry gold, silver and copper, the lodes varying from two to three feet in width.

Mr. Buckland tells us that a large number of prospectors are in the new district, which has been named Alderly, and that numerous rich finds of free gold ore have been made, and it is his opinion the new district will outrival anything ever before discovered in the southeastern portion of Union county, for the reason that the ore is less base, more easily worked than the ores of the Pine creek section.

One lode made up by Mr. Magee has been purchased by W. K. Alderly of the Sanger Mining Company, for the sum of \$5,000.

The new district first attracted attention a few weeks since by discoveries made by Magee, Lewis and others, and since then prospectors from all over the neighboring country have been attracted thither and considerable excitement reigns over recent rich finds.

Parties from Cornucopia are rushing into the new district and making locations, many of them being rewarded by finding large quantities of free gold ore from which the precious metal can be extracted by means of the mortar in quantities to pay good wages.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.

The public examination for teachers' certificates was held in Union this week. The following teachers have been wrestling with compound fractions of the English language; the perplexities of mental arithmetic, and as to whether the cervical or lumbar vertebrae had anything to do with the phalanges of the pedal ornaments, tight shoes, etc.: Wm. Betty, W. T. Bingham, E. B. Cooklin, Geo. Me. Dole, A. R. Tuttle, J. W. Bowman, J. C. Jennings, J. H. Martin, Miss Sarah Christman, Miss Mary McElroy, Miss Anna Richardson, Miss Cora Harbin, Miss Mattie Strange, Miss Hattie Probstel, Miss Nellie Stevens and Miss Millie Welch. Mr. Hindman was assisted by C. E. Oliver, as a member of the examining board.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Memorial day was appropriately observed in this city by Preston Post, No. 18, G. A. R. A number of visiting comrades were in attendance, besides numerous visitors from the country. Services were held in the M. E. church, after which a procession was formed, and marched to the cemetery headed by the Union Cornet Band, and the graves were decorated with flowers. The weather was very windy and disagreeable, or no doubt there would have been a much larger attendance. The observance of memorial day is a beautiful custom and should be perpetuated.

LOOK OUT FOR THEM.

The Portland papers, a few weeks ago, warned their readers to beware of some travelling peddlers who were going through the country, selling goods to unsuspecting farmers, in \$100 and \$150 packages, and swindling their dupes in every instance. We are told that these same parties are now doing Union county. If this is so our farmers should not be taken in by them. There is nothing to be gained by dealing with strangers travelling through the country, and everything to lose.

PUBLIC SPEAKING.

Hon. J. P. Wager, editor of the East Oregonian, will speak to-morrow (Saturday) in this city, at the court house, at 1 o'clock p. m., on the political issues. Go and hear him.

Personal and Social.

Hon. E. E. Taylor was in the city yesterday.

Miss Mary Goodall is visiting her sister at Sanger.

Mr. A. J. Hackett returned from the East last Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Tomlinson, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. John Cates was down from Talcott, Wednesday.

Mr. George Baird has been on the sick list this week.

Major South and wife, of the Park, visited Union this week.

Mr. Thomas Keating, of Keating, was in town during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Coffin have moved to their residence below town.

Mr. Ed. Mulholland, of Ladd canyon, was in town, Wednesday.

Camping parties in the mountains will soon be the order of the day.

Mr. J. M. Puy and H. J. Geer, of the Cove, were on our streets, Tuesday.

Mr. Ben. F. Wilson, accompanied by his wife, visited Cornucopia this week.

Mr. H. W. Holbrook, of Pine valley, made this office a pleasant call, Tuesday.

Mrs. J. D. Carroll visited her daughter, Mrs. Bolon, in Pendleton this week.

Mr. Robert Knight, a prominent farmer of Indian valley, was in Union yesterday.

Mr. Homer Lee and Mr. W. T. Martin, of Lower Powder, visited Union Wednesday.

Mr. F. F. Baker will take his departure next week for a short visit to the Eastern States.

Rev. Thos. MacGuire will preach at the Presbyterian church every Sunday at 3 o'clock, p. m.

Judge O. P. Goodall was out this week to see how work was progressing on the Pine creek road.

State treasurer Webb, accompanied by Joseph Shambough of La Grande, was in the city yesterday.

Miss Mollie Lewis and Miss Edna Slater will be the graduates of the Cove Ascension School this year.

Miss Crowley, a cousin of the Hall brothers, arrived in this city from Friars Point, Miss., last Wednesday.

Mr. A. B. Tuttle, of Elk flat, who attended the teachers examination this week, made us a pleasant call last Wednesday.

Bud McAllister, democratic candidate for sheriff, who has been quite sick for several days, is reported much better.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Cooper took their departure for Wallowa county, last week. They will be gone a month or two.

Mr. James Lewis, who has been living in Washington territory for several years past, is in the city, visiting his parents.

Mr. T. G. Cook and wife started, Tuesday, on a visit to the Eastern States. They will be gone six months or a year.

"Cully" Bell is now engaged in graining the doors of the Centennial hotel. The work shows that he is an expert in that line.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian church will meet at the residence of Mrs. Allie Jones this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mr. William Blize and wife, and Miss Ida Long, of Rock creek, were visiting friends and relatives in Union, the fore part of the week.

Our devil says:

I'd like to be an angel,

And with the school-marm stand;

I'd kissum and I'd huggum,

An' holdum by the hand.

Mr. Wilbur Davis returned to Cornucopia a few days ago. He has made negotiations for a five-stamp mill, which, he says, will be put in operation shortly. He has great faith in the Pine creek mines.

Mr. J. W. Kimbrell, the republican candidate for surveyor, was in town Wednesday. He is now engaged in surveying a road from High valley to the Cove. Mr. Kimbrell's services seem to be in great demand.

We acknowledge the receipt of an invitation, from the members of the class of 1888, of the Ascension school, at the Cove, to attend the commencement exercises which will take place this evening.

Mr. J. H. Smith, the well known railroad contractor, who was recently married, is sojourning with his wife, in this city, for a few days. His many friends are always glad to see him, and wish him and his wife many years of happiness.

LETTER TO J. H. RALEY.

Union, Oregon, May 30, 1888. Mr. J. H. Raley, Esq., Pendleton, Oregon,

DEAR SIR:—Your favor requesting the committee to announce yourself for a joint discussion with your opponent, A. R. Mattoon, at Union May 31, Summerville June 1st, and La Grande June 1st, received, and in reply I beg leave to inform you that if Mr. Mattoon will accept your challenge for a joint discussion at those points, at the time named by you, the arrangement will be entirely acceptable to us. Should he decline, however, we will adhere to our former arrangement on this subject.

Yours Truly, A. C. CRAIG, Chairman D. C. C. C.

Smith's walking gang plow, something new and just the thing. For Sale by Frank Bros. Implement Co., Island City.

Cove Collings.

May 31st, 1888.

Strawberries are just beginning to ripen. They will be plenty in a short time.

There is some talk of illuminating Mt. Emory on the Fourth so it will show plainly from all parts of the valley.

Frank Menham spent the week in Cove visiting relatives. He returned to Walla Walla where he is working, Thursday.

An Oregon mist of twenty-four hours would not be out of place. As it is, irrigating parties are held in every field.

Miss Nimenia Sanborn started for Cornucopia this week. She went with Mr. J. L. Carter and will commence a term of school in that lofty region next week.

Commencement exercises will be held at Ascension hall, Friday evening of this week. There will be two young lady graduates.—Miss Mollie Lewis, of Union, and Miss Edna Slater, of La Grande.

Lorenzo Corpe returned from the east this week, leaving his brother in improved health and able to ride out. Mr. Corpe was accompanied by John Daily, a school teacher from Indiana. The young man is in poor health and hopes the change will prove beneficial.

Mr. A. J. Hackett, after a tour through the east, was in town the first of the week. He expects to visit every town in the state, traveling in the interests of an eastern firm. Mr. H. has proven himself to be a gentleman of good taste for he says eastern girls will not compare with Oregon damsels in point of gracefulness and beauty.

Mel Campbell has bought of C. M. Jamison his farm east of town, consisting of 160 acres. Price paid, about \$4,500. He also purchased twenty-two cows of Mr. Jamison. It is said Mr. J. contemplates opening a lively stable in Baker City, but it is to be hoped he will remain with us as he is public spirited and a useful man in a community.

I am the best equipt player in the burg—R. So you get done up at La Grande, didn't you.—Everybody. Oh, give us a rest, we don't expect to always win.—Cove nine. I tried to make a home run or a foul, but there were too many fielders for me and I had to come back.—J. I would give considerable to see La Grande and Union meet on the diamond. When will it be?—A.

The committees are actively engaged, making all necessary arrangements for a splendid celebration in Cove on the Fourth. A grand barbecue dinner will be a feature. A brass band will furnish patriotic music for the day and it is expected the base ball contest will be the most exciting ever seen in the valley. Gen. J. H. Stevens, of North Powder, has been invited to read the Declaration of Independence. A cordial welcome will be extended to all and from present indications every part of the county will be well represented.

The Cove nine crossed bats with the La Grande base ballists last Saturday on the grounds of the latter club and though our players came out second best they were well pleased with the contest, being elected to a very close and exciting game by gentlemanly hosts. Stewart pitched for Cove the first three innings and was hit hard by La Grande, they seeming to solve his delivery from the first. Prof. Smith then occupied the box, his pitching, as usual, proving very effective, striking out sixteen out of the eighteen. Only one good hit was made off him and that was a terrific hit by Remington in the ninth inning. The ball went so far that a telegram was sent to Pendleton to the sheriff of Umatilla county to field the ball in from that direction. It is needless to say the batter made a home run and it turned out to have won the game for La Grande. The score by innings is as follows:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
Cove..... 2 0 3 2 0 0 3 0 1—11
La Grande.. 6 0 5 0 0 0 0 0 1—12

RESIDENCE BURNED.

From parties down from Clover creek we learn that Mr. Wm. Constable's elegant residence was destroyed by fire last Saturday afternoon. It is thought the fire caught from a defective flue. But little of the contents were saved. The loss is thought to be about \$3,500. The house was partially insured in the State Insurance Company of Salem.

UNION MACHINERY DEPOT.

The Newton farm and spring wagons, standard mowers and rakes and all kinds of farm implements constantly arriving, and on hand, at the above named depot. Farmers and intending purchasers should call and examine the same before purchasing elsewhere. Prices low, and all goods warranted. For circulars address F. M. Slocum, manager, Box 113, Union, Or.

PHOTOGRAPHIC TRAMPS.

The "artists" having in charge the Chicago and Northwestern Photo. tent, who afflicted Union with their presence last week, are now in Baker city, advertising that they have "the finest samples on the coast." Whatever their samples may be, their work is wretched, and people should not be deceived by them. The people of Baker should insist upon seeing some of their work done while in Union and they will then be able to size them up correctly. The people of Union got enough of them in a very few days.

Great Bargains,

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W. D. ADAMS, Union, Oregon.

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