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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.

Written for the SCOUT:

A SUMMER DAY.

How cool are the banks of elon shade, Under the weeping willow tree, Rustling softly the leaves are made...

Far up into the branches high, Out to the realms of the azure sky, Ringing the wild birds echo goes;

Happy is he, as the brook that flows, Along down the vale to the spreading sea, Rolling over the pebbly shore...

Over the meadow of waving hay, Nodding with hearts devoid of care, And with a tinge of the summer day...

Nothing can be more happy than they, Dreaming in the silence there.

Come and breathe in the pleasant air, Hang on the wall your grief and care, Into the flowery fields we'll go...

Now while the vernal zephyrs blow, And all life's joy is clustered there, —B. W. HUFFMAN.

Eagle Valley Items.

New Bridge, July 15, 1888.

Everybody busy haying. Alfalfa is a good crop and there will be several hundred tons put up for winter use.

Miss Linnie Givans has returned from the State Normal school. She reports a splendid school, and considering the short time spent at the school she has learned very rapidly and will soon graduate.

Our Postmaster took a free ride a few days since. A postal detective accompanied him. It is alleged that he had succeeded in taking some registered letters from the office and using the money for his own special benefit.

The Fourth of July celebration at this place was a grand success and was well attended, almost every adjoining neighborhood being represented.

Prof. Lewis delivered a short but very appropriate address. The Sparta Glee club, consisting of Prof. Lewis, wife and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Beasley and Mrs. White, rendered several very appropriate airs which were appreciated by all.

Some meekness prattlers with too much tongue circulated many false reports concerning the celebration which tendered to injure it.

Rev. Wakefield, P. E. of the M. E. church, held services in here, recently, and it is needless to say yellow-legged chickens are scarce now.

No schools running in Pine valley except one at Fairview taught by Mr. Wise. Also church and Sunday School in that district every Sunday in charge of Rev. Boyles.

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The 4th was not celebrated here, unless you call some horse-racing celebrating. A race between horses belonging respectively to Fred Perkins, of Eagle valley, and Frank King, of Pine, resulted in a "walk over" for Mr. King.

We think the Joseph people ought to be willing to give more for vegetables than they do.

J. T. Canfield was seen a few days ago on the Innaha. He is one of the Chinese murderers. He was armed with two six shoters and a Winchester rifle.

Try the new baking powder at Jones Bros'. Only 35 cents a can. Warranted as good as any powder in the market, or money refunded.

Telocaset Tattlings.

July 17th, 1888.

Mowing in full blast. Weather dry, and hot.

Lumber hauling ended and mill shut down.

Crops only average, but feed enough to support our stock.

Mr. and Mrs. James Huffman, of Union, paid us a visit, Sunday.

Mr. C. F. Miller returned from La Grande the first of the week, where he has been attending to some land matters.

Miss Lillie Foster, of Big creek, was down the first of the week, visiting friends in Pyle canyon.

Ben. Machie has gone to Pine valley to begin improving his newly located pre-emption. Gradually our citizens depart.

Mr. Guy Becker, formerly of this place, has accepted a position as foreman in Kellogg & PUNCH's saw mill at North Powder.

David Eccles, of Ogden, passed by, Saturday, on his way to Hood river to attend to his extensive lumbering interests in that place.

Yes, sure enough, we will have the unbounded pleasure of telling the world that two more tender souls have locked their interests and joys together in the holy bonds of matrimony, before long.

Mr. Blade Ashby returned from Cornucopia, last week, and gives some interesting accounts of the new mines and their workings.

The contested land case of Hart and Miller was concluded last week. We did not learn, definitely, which came out ahead, but sincerely hope justice will be rendered to all concerned.

Mr. Joseph Yowell will go to Cove, soon, to commence stacking hay on A. E. Eaton's place. Mr. Yowell says the crop is rather light, but likely it will yield enough to make average feed.

"To be or not to be: that's the question." Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer all the heat of summer, and be patient with your conscience, or to take up arms against our many labors and by opposing, end them—to let them die—and sleep—but then who knows of what may come of wife and kids while all our work lies idly by and finds no willing hands to labor. —B. W. H.

Pine Vale Pellets.

July 10th, 1888.

Not seeing any report from Pine lately, Mr. Editor, I will try my "phist" at itemizing, if you will accept.

J. W. Kimbrell, County surveyor and Dep. U. S. Surveyor, has been busy at work, recently, re-surveying lands in the valley.

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Mr. Jas. Leep started on the 4th inst. with his wife for Portland. Mrs. Leep has been an invalid for several months, she having heart trouble combined with other ailments, and was advised by Dr. Wood, her physician, to try that climate.

A man well known to the people of your town as "Put" Argersinger, was found dead in his cabin near Cornucopia a few days ago.

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North Powder Notes.

July 17, 1888.

Mr. and Mrs. Downie, of Union, were in town one day this week.

Mr. G. F. Beck, of Portland, is putting in his vacation here among his acquaintances.

Mrs. Schaffler has sold out her furniture and will return home to her parents in Denver, Colorado, soon.

Miss White, of Baker City, has been quite sick at her sister's, Mrs. Travilian on South Powder.

Miss Gracie Saylor, daughter of Dr. W. H. Saylor, of Portland, is here on a visit to her relatives.

Mr. Matt Hughes, son of Mrs. PUNCH a resident of Astoria, came up last week on a visit of two or three weeks.

Mr. Lloyd, sawyer at Stoddard's mill, returned from Ogden last week and is again at work in the mill.—His hand is about well again.

Mr. Farquhar Shaw has recently been elected and duly commissioned a Second Lieutenant in "K" company, O. N. G. of North Powder.

Dr. Saylor returned from Salem, on Friday morning where he has been in attendance at a session of the State Military Board, the past week.

Lies, manufactured for the purpose of injuring one's neighbor in business usually react upon the head of the instigator a-la-boomerang fashion. Stick a pin here, old man.

Died.—At St. Vincent hospital, Portland, on Friday morning last, Frank Clark, aged about 30 years. Mr. C. was well known in this vicinity, being an old resident.

Mrs. Huff, of Clover creek, died at her residence on Tuesday last, of general debility and old age. The lady leaves a husband, a large family and many friends to mourn her loss.

Mr. Parker recently returned from the Cracker creek mines. He reports a good trail through the mountains via Patton's mill, the distance from North Powder being only about 28 miles.

North Powder B. B. nine "got left" at Union last Saturday, but are not all discouraged, and will be present in Baker at the tournament to compete for the championship of the Northwest.

While Chas. McCurry was driving his team near the railroad tunnel below town, they became unmanageable at an approaching train and ran away. One or two young ladies of the party were thrown out and fortunately but slightly injured.

Peter King undertook to break a new horse to work in a road cart last Sunday, but he is now reposing in bed with a badly sprained ankle and a fractured bone in his foot, the result of his adventure. The horse ran off the bridge into the mill race, Peter and the cart landing some ten feet below on the rocks. The cart is also laid up for repairs.

The State Medical Society of Oregon will make another effort in the right direction through representatives in the legislature to suppress "quackery" in this State at the next session. Past efforts have resulted in failure, but there is no just reason why our State should be behind others on the subject of medical legislation.

Mr. Turner of this place while out hunting horses a few days since accidentally came across the skeleton of a human, in a canyon on a sand bar, partly covered by sand, on Powder river, some five miles below town. The party was evidently murdered, as one side of the skull was crushed in and his jaw bone broken. Who, where, when and how is a mystery to be solved by a coroner's jury in session at present in Union.

AJAX.

AN EXPLANATION.

What is this "nervous trouble" with which so many seem now to be afflicted? If you will remember a few years ago the word Malaria was comparatively unknown,—to-day it is as common as any word in the English language, yet this word covers only the meaning of another word used by our forefathers in times past. So it is with nervous diseases, as they and Malaria are intended to cover what our grandfathers called Biliousness, and all are caused by troubles that arise from a diseased condition of the Liver which in performing its functions find it cannot dispose of the bile through the ordinary channel is compelled to pass it off through the system, causing nervous troubles, Malaria, Bilious Fever, etc. You who are suffering can well appreciate a cure. We recommend Green's August Flower. Its cures are marvelous.

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Cove Cullings.

July 18th, 1888.

There was a genuine curiosity in Cove, Tuesday. A genus homo of the tramp variety.

Clark, the artist, is here this week, and is having a good run of customers at his tent.

Haying has commenced in all directions, and the yield in most localities will be very fair.

Huckleberry picnics are all the fashion and many gallons of the luscious berries are gathered daily.

John Piny has secured several pair of imported Guinea fowls. Their melodious cackle will soon be common in Cove.

C. G. Olson has purchased the land and residence formerly occupied by J. C. Doney as a nursery, and is repairing the house preparatory to moving in.

Misses Robinson and Eberstine, accompanied by Mr. Robinson, started, Wednesday, for Cornucopia, where they will spend several days visiting places of note.

W. R. Minor and family, of Cove d'Alene, will dispose of their property and stock this season and move to Cove this fall, where they expect to reside hereafter.

Did you hear that the invincible N. P.'s had been vanquished?—A. But usually excepting a combination could do it.—K. We came home with some pin money.—Cove sports. Of all the sights, high or low, I would rather see a midnight tableaux.—R. C. Do you perceive how graceful I am lately?—R. There was a little trouble among one camp of huckleberries. Come around and I will tell you about it.—Alex. Life's golden dream is over.—D. And to tell the truth I fail to see very much of startling interest in this cold sphere myself.—J. G. The town will not be big enough to hold the baseballists on their return if they win a prize at Baker.—A.

The North Powder club and a nine consisting of players from Cove and La Grande met on the Union grounds last Saturday and indulged in a friendly contest which resulted in favor of the valley players, their battery being more effective than their opponents. However the game was exciting throughout and the large crowd present was enthusiastic when at the end of the eighth inning the Powder boys, by sharp playing, drew up and tied the score. In the ninth inning the valley ninedid some good work at the bat and by hard hitting scored four runs. This practically won the game, as North Powder, in their half of the innings, went out in quick time, in one, two, three order, Smith's catch of Frank Shaw's pop up fly ending the fight. Immediately after, through the kindness of the Union boys, both clubs sat down to a fine supper at the Centennial, where every player did not fail to catch a fowl. Quite a number remained to a dancing party and all decided Union champions when it comes to entertaining.

Remarks heard among the ladies at the ball game, Saturday: I just wish W. S. would be beaten out. I would like to see all the Cove boys win, but he ought to be out of the gang.—Mrs. B. Do show me J. S. I have heard so much of him in the paper, I have quite a curiosity to see him; oh, is it that one without shoes? Why he must have corns.—S. Some folks think it is not nice for the ladies to come out to the ball grounds, but I don't see any harm and I am sure it is a check on the language of the men.—A. Well the Cove boys beat and so they ought to.—J. He just was so kind and held the parasol over me all afternoon.—Miss M. The people are so behind the times in this section.—B. I don't think V. has much modesty about him or he would not wear a sleeveless shirt.—W. How I do dislike this animal action, when a man is hit with such a ball until he can scarcely endure the pain, then for him to grin it off as if it was nothing much, oh! it is horrid!—C. Oh that S. he would like to be umpire, captain, pitcher and everything all at once.—Mrs. E. I won \$2.50 on the game.—Mrs. E.

DON'T EXPERIMENT.

You cannot afford to waste time in experimenting when your lungs are in danger. Consumption always seems at first, only a cold. Do not permit any dealer to impose upon you with some cheap imitation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, but be sure you get the genuine. Because he can make more profit he may tell you he has something just as good, or just the same. Don't be deceived, but insist upon getting Dr. King's New Discovery, which is guaranteed to give relief in all throat and lung and chest affections. Trial bottles free at Wright's drug store.

Copp's Land Review.

Washington, D. C., July 12, 1888.

Secretary Vilas has recently made some important decisions upon the questions respecting rights of mortgagors, assignees etc., of homestead and pre-emption entrymen, where defects in publication of notice of intention to make final proof, and in the proof itself, have been discovered long after the issuance of final certificate.

In one case the entryman's testimony was evasive, tending to prove bad faith, and it could not be determined by the proof what actual time had been spent on the land or how great had been the periods of absence. The Commissioner of the General Land Office held the entry for cancellation, because it was considered "an attempt to obtain title to the land through fraud and in evasion of law." The entryman failed to appeal, and an appeal was presented by the mortgagee. The commissioner refused to recognize the mortgage as a party interested in the matter, and an appeal to him, the secretary held that the claimant, not having appealed, is barred, the mortgagee should be permitted to submit supplementary proof regarding claimant's residence and good faith prior to the issuance of final certificate," and he allowed such action to be taken within sixty days.

In another case the land having been erroneously described in the published notice of intention to make final proof, through no fault of the entryman, and the land having been conveyed to another, and the entryman's address being unknown, the Secretary held that the rights of the grantee may be protected and the defect cured by the subsequent publication by the register and receiver of a notice inviting protest against the issuance of patent on the entry, and if no protest be made, giving reasons why the proof already made should not be accepted patent should be issued.

In another case the publication of notice of intention to make proof was regular, the claimant and his witnesses appeared at the place and on the day fixed for making proof, but record evidence of claimant's declaration of intention to become a citizen was not at hand, and the register and receiver granted him time to procure the evidence, telling him to come in whenever he could produce the same and make proof, fixing no specific day for that purpose. The proof was duly made several weeks after the day advertised, and the entryman sold the land at once, and died a little more than a year afterward. About a year after the death of the entryman the commissioner rejected the final proof, because not made on the day advertised, and required the entryman to give new notice, when if no protest should be filed the proof already made should be accepted. The Secretary dispenses with this requirement and directs that the entry be referred to the Board of Equitable Adjudication.

In my first letter I stated that neither the Public Land Bill (known as the Holman bill) nor the Railroad Forfeiture Act would be likely to pass both houses of congress at this session. Notwithstanding the fact that both measures have gone through the house, I still adhere to that statement.

Senate Bill 1888, known as the Stewart Bill, amending the mining law in several respects, will not pass at this session of congress. Interested parties should study this bill and call the attention of their congressmen to defects before it becomes a law.

An effort is being made to bring about an adjournment of congress not later than August 15, and will probably succeed. HENRY N. CORP.

A SOUND LEGAL OPINION.

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