

**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.

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**A Pious Crank.**

A fellow calling himself Rev. Clark Braden made himself particularly obnoxious at Putnam's lecture by announcing that he would answer the speaker, obtruding his presence, interrupting the meeting by insulting remarks, placing himself in a conspicuous place and making faces at the speaker and otherwise acting like a lunatic. We understand he has been following Putnam and annoying him in this manner whenever the occasion presented itself. We are surprised at Putnam's forbearance towards him. The fellow is a little off in his head or is a fanatic of the worst kind. In either case his bullying propensities should be checked. He should have been taken in charge by the officers of the law, and it is safe to say that he will be if he figures in a like manner in Union again. Had he been a gentleman, no doubt the audience would have stayed and listened to what he had to say, but as it was, they nearly all left when Mr. Putnam concluded his lecture.

We do not think that church members or respectable people, anywhere, will sanction Mr. Braden's proceedings. The cause of christianity has nothing to gain by it, and much to lose. Such an exhibition of over-bearing intolerance only confirms the beholder in the pertinence of Mr. Putnam's remarks, and his mind involuntarily reverts to the rack and thumb-screws of the Inquisition, the bonfires made of heretics at Boston and the Blue Laws of Connecticut.

We live in an age of partial intellectual and civil liberty, and it is to be hoped this liberty will grow and expand. The best thoughts of humanity must prevail. Only in personal freedom and the unquestioned right of men to think for themselves lies the hope and happiness of humankind. He who withholds the right of speech to any man is not a benefactor.

**Communing With Nature.**

We desire to give public notice to any of our friends who may think of inviting us to go with them out into the mountains for the purpose of "communing with nature," to go mighty slow about it. Probably it would be best for them to send the invitation in writing, as we don't want anybody's blood on our hands.

We were induced on the above mentioned plea, to go with a party of friends, last Sunday, into the mountains to spend the day. We got up sometime in the latter part of the night, in order to get an early start, and when all were ready, went bowling up Catherine creek, commencing pleasantly until we were suddenly brought to a standstill, on a dangerous grade, by an enormous rattlesnake which seemed to our excited imagination about as big around as a stove pipe and ten feet long. The snake coiled up and made some unfriendly demonstrations which frightened the horses and they commenced backing, cramping the carriage toward the upper side of the grade. We sprang out and ran around to catch the horses, when we slipped and the hind wheel ran over us at the junction of the lower and middle third of our right femur. By this time the horses got headed for home and went tearing down the grade at a fearful rate, leaving us and the snake to settle it. We didn't communge very long with the twisting, rattling handiwork of nature, but it cut us as fast as our legs would carry us, after the vehicle, which we caught up with and found uninjured.

Arriving at the place where the day was to be spent we unhitched the team which were immediately besieged by innumerable "hoss flies." Repairing to the murmuring stream close by to quench our thirst, we found the water warm and very filling indeed. Later on we concluded to go fishing, but no sooner than we had taken a position on a convenient log, our feet slipped and we found ourself under water. We came to the surface, puffing and blowing like a porpoise, and got ashore, utterly demoralizing our fishing tackle in doing so. At camp the ladies advised us to stand in the sun and get dry. This we did, but on account of their presence, refrained from dislodging about a gallon of sand and gravel that had got down the back of our neck while in the water.

For an hour or so we beguiled the time pleasantly commencing with myriads of gnats, flies and yellow jackets which inhabit these wilds. With the latter, particularly, we strove to be friendly and avoid giving offense, but our efforts were unappreciated. One of them, with a tail on him about an inch long, without any provocation on our part whatever, let us have it just over the mastoid process of the right temporal bone. After that we communged with nature till dinner time. The table had been spread in the shade at first, but old Sol in his movements had changed the arrangements of things and poured down upon it with life-giving warmth. The heat caused us to squirm around some, and another one of the yellow fiends got his work in on our left gluteal region just posterior to the trochanter major. After that we finished the repast standing.

We spent the afternoon endeavoring to keep on amicable terms with the insects, watching for rattlesnakes and investigating the *aninacula* in a glass of water from the gurgling stream, and otherwise communging with nature.

We got home late in the evening, covered with dust, and being thirsty, we drank a considerable amount of cold water from the well, which caused a severe pain to catch us in the region of the diaphragm. We admit that we told the ladies, while coming home, that we never enjoyed a pleasanter day in our life, but all the same, a word to the wise is sufficient.

P. S.—The anatomical terms used in the above, we learned from Dr. Day, while he was fixing us up. We presume they are correct.

**Union and Vicinity.**

Stationary at Hall Bro's. Hats and caps of all kinds at Jones Bro's.

Levy is still receiving immense quantities of goods.

Detective stories—a large assortment—at Jones Bro's.

We have experienced, this week, the warmest weather of the season.

Exchange sold on Portland, Oregon, and San Francisco, Cal., at the Mortgage Bank.

We hear there is talk of a brick building to be erected in Union, soon, to be used as a hotel.

Money loaned on Real Estate at the Mortgage Bank, on long or short time, at a low rate of interest.

Travelers will always find excellent accommodations at this depot hotel. Healthful medical baths in connection with the hotel.

L. J. Booth, the genial proprietor of the city hotel, is always ready to welcome guests. Call on him and he will treat you right.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard, of Ladd canyon, died last Saturday evening and was buried in the La Grande cemetery, Monday.

No further developments have been made regarding the skeleton recently found in Powder river, and the affair remains about as great a mystery as ever.

Three hundred and twenty acres of good valley land for sale, for \$3,500; \$500 cash; balance on time with interest at 7 per cent per annum, at the Mortgage Bank.

Our jeweler, Mr. Al. Gardner, is having a new front put in his establishment, which will make things much more convenient, and add greatly to its appearance.

We are in receipt of another letter from a gentleman in Eagle valley, concerning the neighborhood unpleasantness there, but as we think the matter has gone far enough, we do not publish it.

H. P. Stewart, M. S. Warren and Edward Kiddle were recently elected directors of the Union Milling Company. Mr. Warren is president and Mr. Kiddle secretary and manager.

The best medical authorities acknowledge the value of Ayer's Pills, and prescribe them with the utmost confidence, as the most effectual remedy for diseases caused by derangements of the stomach, liver, and bowels.

An invoice of Winchester 38-55, 40-60 and 45-70 single shot rifles, also 40-60 and the new 45-70 Winchester repeaters received at the Cove drug this week, also Remington 44 calibre belt pistols. All will be sold at low prices. Correspondence solicited.

The Baker City Democrat says the route from Union to Cornucopia is not a feasible one, because the mail carrier was delayed, somewhat, last week. Whatever deficiency there may be in the mail service between these two places the road is not to blame for it. It is in good condition.

Two road graders, ordered by the county court, from Fort Wayne, Ind., arrived here this week. They are known as the "Walkaway" and "Leader." The two machines cost \$227.50, freight \$96.00. They are placed on wheels and no doubt will do excellent work. It will require four or six horses to manage them properly.

The farmers and stock men of Wallowa are improving their bands of stock as fast as possible. Recently the following purchases of blooded stock were made by residents there: E. W. Imbler, one Jersey bull and two heifers; E. H. Tulley, a Jersey cow; Frank Stubblefield, a Short Horn bull; Dan Kinney, a Short Horn bull; L. Tucker, a Short Horn bull; Jas. McLain, a Short Horn bull and the Kentucky Jack.

Died.—At her home near Summerville, Sunday, August 12th, at 8 o'clock A. M. Grandmother Oliver, aged 82 years, 7 months and 20 days. The funeral took place Monday, and was attended by many sorrowing friends and relatives. Mrs. Oliver was an old pioneer, having come to Grande Ronde with her husband, E. T. Oliver, in 1865, who died March 12th, 1881. The remains were deposited by the side of her husband, and the two who shared so many of the vicissitudes of life together now rest side by side in peace.

The Wallowa Signal hits it about right in saying: "The Oregon Scout, published at Union, has survived the appearance of its much talked-of rival and the chances are it will continue to survive. If it is the intention of the new paper to 'freeze' it out, we opine it has an elephant on its hands. The Scout is a good paper, thoroughly independent, having the courage of its convictions and the 'back bone' to advocate them, but does not belong to, nor follow the dictates of any party or clique. The Scout fills its sphere and it will be hard for any other paper to drive it out."

Mr. Samuel P. Putnam, president of the American Secular Union, and editor of the San Francisco *Free Thought*, delivered a lecture at the court house in this city on the 16th inst, which was largely attended, many people coming in from the country to hear him. Mr. Putnam has few equals as a debater, and at times rises to heights of superb oratory. Like Ingersoll he is ever kind, courteous and gentlemanly in debate, granting to those who differ with him the free and unrestricted exercise of their rights, but putting in sledge hammer blows at what he conceives to be the myths and superstitions of the age. In Mr. Putnam the liberals have a powerful friend and ally.

**Personal and Social.**

Mrs. Samuel Haynes is quite ill. Hon J. W. Tuttle visited Union last Friday.

Mr. E. B. Hill, the cattle dealer, is in town.

H. F. Burleigh is attending court at Enterprise.

Mr. John Dobbins will start east in a few days.

Mrs. Clute has been on the sick list for several days.

Little Arthur Kinehart has been quite sick this week.

Miss Lora Warren returned, Friday, from a visit to Wingville.

Mr. Thos. Childers, of Summerville, visited Union a few days ago.

Mr. Jasper G. Stevens and his sister, Nellie, visited Union, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Wilson returned from Wallowa county, Monday.

Rev. Powell, of the Cove Ascension school, was in Union, Thursday.

Mr. V. Kennedy, of the Cove, is visiting his brother in this city.

Mr. John Martin, one of the solid Cove farmers, was in Union, Friday.

Prof. A. J. Hackett returned from a trip to the Willamette last Tuesday.

Mr. Frank Bidwell's mother has been quite sick for several days past.

Mr. N. Howland returned from a trip to the Willamette a few days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Warren took a pleasure trip to the mountains this week.

Mr. W. H. O'Dell has bought Dr. Drake's residence property in North Union.

Mrs. Jas. Lowell and Mrs. A. N. Hamilton are visiting in Wallowa county.

Rev. Wakefield is building a barn and making other improvements on his property.

Mr. John Minnick, with his steam thrasher, is doing some good work in the vicinity of Union.

Mr. W. H. Galaway, the popular hotel keeper of Elgin, was in the city for the first time of the week.

Mrs. Corbin and her son, Elisha, started east, Monday, on a visit. They will be gone about a month.

Mr. Nick Ficklin moved his family in from the rancho, yesterday, and will remain in town during the winter.

Mr. Jas. Rinehart came up from Summerville and was shaking hands with friends in this city last Friday.

Mrs. Murray, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. L. B. Ruchart, will return to her home in Malheur county to-day.

W. B. Campbell, of La Grande, while stacking hay recently, had the misfortune to fall off the stack and break his collar bone.

Mr. G. W. Smith, of Island city, visited Union, Wednesday. He called at this office and subscribed for THE SCOUT while here.

**Cove Cullings.**

August 23rd, 1888.

Dr. H. Ellsworth, formerly in the drug business in Eugene city, is visiting relatives in town.

Miss Lillian Seamons, who has been spending the summer in Cove, has returned to Walla Walla and will resume music teaching in that city.

The fall term of public school will begin Oct. 1st. John Daily and Eugene Conklin have been engaged as principal and assistant, respectively.

Chas. Olson and wife and Ed. Robinson and Laura Foster returned from Walla Walla, Wednesday. They experienced a pleasant but very dusty trip.

J. C. Doney has returned from Wallowa county. He says it is extremely dry and dusty in that vicinity and the grain crop is short. His daughter, Miss Margie, came home with him.

P. F. Chrisman and daughter, Miss Sarah, will start next week for an extended trip through Kansas, Missouri and Iowa, where they will visit friends and relatives. They expect to be gone six weeks.

Mrs. Wm. Smith and daughter, Miss Anna, mother and sister of Prof. W. Smith of Leighton Academy, arrived from Minnesota last week, and will make their home in Cove.

An effort is being made to raise funds by subscription sufficient to paint the public school building and enclose the grounds with a neat picket fence. This is a laudable undertaking and should be successful.

Heading and threshing has commenced in Lower Cove and on the Sand Ridge. The yield will be very fair and soon every granary in the vicinity will be full to overflowing, awaiting transportation.

The weather has been unusually warm in this corner of the valley. Thermometer sojourned among the nineties. Fires in the mountains east of town have made it smokey. This state of the atmosphere could be entirely avoided if the prowling bands of Indians were kept at home and campers were compelled to be more careful.

I would rather be on the receiving end of a baseball battery for a month than to pile another kicking cow for a minute.—Morgan. Small wagers accepted that Cleveland will carry Indiana.—S. G. W. I'll take such bets.—A. R. Here's a V that in case of a tournament the name that Harry belongs to wins.—S. Enthusiastic democrats in town are scarce. I am the only one sporting a Cleveland hat.—J. B. Did you hear me explaining the political issues last Tuesday?—J. C.

**Council Proceedings.**

At the recent meeting of the city council the following business was transacted:

Minutes of the meetings of July 7th and 10th read and approved.

Bill of Jos. Wright for mdse. of \$10.25, and T. H. Crawford, office rent, 7 months, \$17.50, were allowed and warrants ordered drawn.

A duplicate warrant in favor of Jno. T. Wright, for mdse., of \$39.43 was ordered drawn in lieu of warrant No. 101 which was destroyed by fire some time ago.

Street committee asked for further time to report on the removal of the stable building in the street at the south-west corner of the court house block, granted.

The street commissioner was instructed to place three-fourths of the street work of the city upon the road leading to the Cove, within the road district limits, or so much thereof as he deemed necessary.

In the matter of office rent it was decided to rent the present office from N. Tarter until further action in the matter.

Council then adjourned.

**Teachers' Institute.**

A letter from State Superintendent McElroy, informs us that the teachers' institute for the Sixth Judicial Dist., and Baker county, will be held at Baker City, Aug. 28, 29 and 30, 1888. This district comprises the counties of Baker, Grant, Malheur, Union, Umatilla and Wallowa. All teachers and friends of education in the above and adjacent counties are cordially invited to be present.

The more the subject of public school education is considered in conference by the teachers, the greater does its importance become. It remains for the teachers and school officers to carry forward and develop this important work to higher degrees of excellence, and in order that we may be able to secure for our schools that attention and aid which their importance demands, all are earnestly urged to attend and co-operate in the great work of popular education in our state.

**IS CONSUMPTION INCURABLE?**

Read the following: Mr. G. H. Morris, Newark, Ark., says: "Was down with Abscess of Lung, and friends and physicians pronounced me an incurable consumptive. Began taking Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, am now on my third bottle, and able to oversee the work of my farm. It is the finest medicine ever made." Jesse Middlewart, Decatur, Ohio, says: "Had it not been for Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption I would have died of Lung Troubles. Was given up by doctors. Am now in best of health." Try it. Sample bottles free at Wright's Drug Store.

**Bargains at Jaycox & Foster's.**

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