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[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.

DO GOOD HERE AND NOW.

'Tis the place to do good here on earth, And 'tis now when that good should be done. Let each soul show its manhood and worth In its efforts all grief to de-throne.

CHORUS:
For 'tis here we should strive To assuage all life's sorrows and woes, And 'tis now we should give [pose. What would bring weary hearts true release.

May we see, feel and taste, hear and smell. All there is of true bliss, now and here. Look not hence in some Heaven to dwell Where 'tis sought through blind love or through fear.

When all mortals seek here every joy, Looking not for some Heaven beyond, They will then know of bliss ne'er to eloy, Throughout all of life's journey profound.

Let us hail with delight that glad day, That looks not for new worlds filled with bliss. But when hearts all their efforts display, Making souls glad and happy in this.

Oskaloosa, Iowa. WILL H. MINNICK.

North Powder Notes.

Sept. 26, 1888.

"Brooklin the bilk" has not yet materialized here.

Mrs. Thomlinson will remove to town this week.

Mr. Lon Davis has been indisposed for a few days past.

Mrs. Lloyd, of Stoddard's mill, has gone to Ogden, Utah.

Cane Edwards returned from Wallawa, one day last week.

Mr. Ramsey of the mill firm, was in town Saturday, on business.

Judge G. W. Dolan paid a flying visit to Baker, Wednesday.

Mr. McKinzie and family have removed to Grande Ronde valley.

Stoddard's mill broke down last week and is laid up for repairs.

Miss Annie Richardson is preceptor of the Wolf creek district school.

Mr. Yauco and family are contemplating a visit to the east shortly.

Dr. Honan, of La Grande, was here on professional business, Saturday.

The first snow of the season fell on the Blue mountains last Friday night.

Mr. Chas. Scheidhauer will go to Medical Lake, W. T., soon, for his health.

Mr. Jas. York contemplates starting east within ten days, with a car load of horses.

Amos Field and family have returned to Grande Ronde valley and are residing near Island City.

Mr. H. W. Holden, the gentlemanly representative of Messrs. Parke, Davis & Co's, drug house, called here on Saturday.

New grain is coming in to the warehouses here. The quantity will be greater daily as the farmers complete threshing.

Rumor says a number of our citizens will be called to account before the next grand jury for violating the Sunday law.

Mr. D. Beverage and Wm. Riggs will make a trip to Astoria and Portland next week. They expect to be absent about ten days.

Schaffer, the man who borrowed a horse and saddle some time since and failed to return the property, is reported to have been seen in Idaho.

The militia boys met on Sunday evening with over half the members and all the commissioned officers present. Another meeting will be held Saturday evening.

The mines near Haines are prospecting finely. As the tunnels grow deeper the prospects are better, and the miners are the more sanguine of striking it rich.

The Shaw boys threshed 1,000 bushels of wheat, before noon, one day during the week, besides setting their machine twice. A good half day's work for a steam thrasher of 12-horse power.

The actions of the "young hopeful" of certain families in town came near culminating in a fistie encounter on part of the parents, a few days since. Boys should learn to behave themselves.

A number of N. P. Citizens attended a social dance at Haines on Friday night. Too much fighting corn juice was consumed by certain parties, resulting in a-la-Sullivan combats. Only six different fracas occurred during the evening.

AJAX.

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Copp's Land Review.

EDITOR OREGON SCOUT—

Almost ever since the passage of the pre-emption law, the first congressional enactment intended to protect the poor man against the rich purchaser, and to secure homes for actual settlers, complaints have been rife respecting fraudulent land entries.

The homestead, timber-culture, desert-land, and other laws have afforded additional opportunities, for the perpetration of frauds which have not been allowed to pass unused.

From every quarter the cry of "fraud" is heard in connection with disposals of the public domain. So far as fraudulent entries under what are termed settlement laws are concerned, the people of every section have the remedy in their own hands.

The acquirement of title to public land under a fraudulent pre-emption, homestead, timber-culture, or desert-land entry, is a matter of impossibility unless the transaction be winked at and the perpetrator of the fraud be aided and abetted by persons in the immediate neighborhood.

Under nearly all of these laws the entryman is required to publish notice of intention to make final proof, naming the time when, the place where, and the officer before whom the proof will be submitted. If his entry has been fraudulently initiated, or if he has not complied with the requirements of the statute governing such cases, his neighbors surely know it, and with very little trouble or expense they can, either before or on the day of making final proof, enter protest against the issuance of patent on the entry, which will put the government on inquiry, and in nine cases out of ten defeat the attempted fraud. But it seems that the men who are willing to put themselves to a little inconvenience for the public good are very scarce, as few if any protests of this kind are filed for the sole purpose of protecting the public domain from spoliation. At least seven-tenths of the protests entered are the result of spite, neighborhood quarrels, or a desire upon the part of the protestant to secure the land himself.

Robbery of Uncle Sam by taking his lands without giving an equivalent does not seem to be considered by the mass of the people as a very serious offense. Men who would fire guns, ring bells, and rouse the whole country should they detect a thief with his hands in the national money vaults helping himself, will, without concern, or smiling over the trick that is being played, witness the commission of perjury by three men, and a robbery of the people to the extent of a quarter of a section of land valued at from \$200 to \$400.

Men who are known to have perjured themselves in connection with land claims, either as principal or witness, so that 160 acres or less of land might be stolen from the government, mingle freely in society and are honored and respected by their fellow men, while the man who steals a horse from his neighbor is, by the same community, summarily hanged to the first tree.

The government has in its employ special agents whose duty it is to investigate fraudulent entries, and the Land Department is making every effort to suppress and prevent frauds. Any citizen cognizant of an attempt to fraudulently acquire title to land may secure an investigation and bring the offender to justice, by simply reporting the facts to the Commissioner of the General Land Office. So long as they fail to do so, frauds will continue to be perpetrated, and the people must take the blame.

HENRY N. COPP.

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 finding 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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Island City Items.

September 24, 1888.

It was such a lovely night, The moon shone out so bright, And the gentle zephyrs fanned the leaves Enough to make them quiver.

When three couples, man and maiden With mischievous heavy laden, Went visiting their neighbor Johnny Over on the river.

Now John, who was a Chinaman, Was just about as fine a man As ever crossed the briny deep From the celestial shore;

But money was his failing, And whether well or ailing, He labored in his garden, To increase his worldly store.

The party reached the garden gate And covered the hour was getting late; That John was dreaming of his darling In the flowery clime;

But serving as an ointment To heal their disappointment, They suddenly remembered It was watermelon time.

They quickly found the luscious fruit And tasted the old watermelon to boot! The stampede waked the Chinaman Who hastened to the door;

One fellow slipped and fell on His precious watermelon, And made a mash complete That he ever had before.

They got back safe and sound, And all hands gathered round To tell of their hair-breadth escapes— Enough to make you shiver.

Oh they'll think of melons prime, And the melon-eating time, When they visited their neighbor Johnny, Over on the river.

Frank Bros. & Co. are paying 53 cts. per bushel for wheat.

Mr. William Moss starts east to-day to visit friends and relatives in Iowa.

School begins at the Russel school house this morning, with Prof. Draper as teacher.

The M. & M. Co. will soon put new machinery in their mill so as to increase its capacity to 80 barrels a day.

During the present week Mr. Clyde Pennington will move his family to La Grande, in order to obtain the benefit of the public school at that place during the winter.

It has been but a year and a half since the Sterling grave yard was opened for settlement and it now contains the mortal remains of M. Sterling, John Ladd, E. C. Lindsay, Mrs. Noel Hopper, Albert Hopper and J. E. Conley.

Some young bloods were collecting a party last night to chivarie and howl around the residence of the newly married couple, Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell. It is to be hoped they met with a warm reception. The old croton oil antidote of a few years ago seemed to be beneficial, but will take one more dose to effect a permanent cure.

Last week, on a certain very windy day, the good people of this place were considerably scared for fear their little town would be consumed by fire. In order to clear a drift out of the river it was set on fire and the high wind caused the brush on the banks to ignite. The fire department was out in full force. Mr. Dunnington's barn was found to be on fire. This was soon put out and the force was sufficient to guard against further outbreak and a tub of water. The remainder interested themselves with the fire on the river. Luckily no damage was done.

LUNA TICK.

Pine Valley Pellets.

Very warm, dry and dusty. Tomatoes and melons, flies and yellow jackets abound.

Coyotes by the hundreds, and are getting away with the poultry. Bears, too, prowled around occasionally.

Our worthy blacksmith, Mr. J. H. Thayson, is on the sick list, at the present writing.

Extensive fires in the mountains, and much valuable timber being consumed. Such carelessness on the part of campers is deserving of censure.

While chopping wood recently, Mr. J. A. Denney's axe glanced, and striking one foot inflicted quite a gash.

Attorney J. R. Crites and wife paid Pine valley a brief visit recently. They, like most other visitors, were much pleased with the appearance of the valley.

Miss Lora Coggan, of Tacoma, paid, what might well be termed, a "flying visit" to her home in Pine, last week. She arrived on Union stage Tuesday, accompanied by her cousin, Mrs. Taylor, and after spending a few days visiting friends and looking after her mining interests here, was off again on Saturday's stage, for Union.

All the Pine valley schools in session now. Fairview district, Mr. Wise teacher, has about 30 pupils. Pindell district, (private) Mr. A. W. Parker teaches, has about 25 pupils. Sunny Dell district, Mrs. Alice Denney teacher, has about 40 pupils. Dry creek district, Miss Lena Givens teacher, number of pupils in attendance not known.

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Abstracts of titles in Union county made on short notice by Baker & Burleigh at the mortgage bank.

Cove Cullings.

Sept. 27, 1888.

Hon. J. O. Smith and dog Jim, are in town. He, the governor, wears a Harrison hat.

A professor of elocution and chemistry gave an entertainment at Ascension hall, Wednesday night.

A prominent citizen will raise a crop of pineapples next season. He is grafting pine cuttings into an apple tree.

Jas. Payne will leave for the Walla Walla fair, Saturday. He will take over and offer for sale several fine horses.

John Ellsworth was up from Willamette valley, this week. He expects to make his permanent residence in Portland.

Mrs. M. A. Eaton, of Union, it is said, has bought the George and Jno. Barnes farm and will make Cove her home soon.

Miss Laura Murphy is the proud possessor of an elegant new road cart this week. She will use it in attending school this winter.

Fortunate owners of swine, this year, are happy. Several farmers in Cove have good sized droves of porkers and are sure to realize a good price this fall.

Public school commences next Monday, Oct. 1st. Jno.