

# THE OREGON SCOUT.

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

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## CORNUCOPIA.

Flattering Reports From the Various Mines of Union County.

Parties down from Cornucopia report times in that section about as good as could be expected under the circumstances, and give it as their opinion that the future prospects of the camp are much better than ever before, and that next spring will witness the commencement of an era of unprecedented prosperity. The miners now in camp find ready employment and there are no idlers. Work is being prosecuted on the "Red Jacket," "Bunker Hill," "Moonshine," "Last Chance," "Companion" and several other mines. The ore in these mines is very rich in gold and silver, but is of a rebellious nature, which will require roasting, or a fire process to save all the precious metal. The process used heretofore in working this ore has not yielded the best results and has been proven inadequate. Supt. Smith, of the O. G. M. Company, is now in Grass Valley, California, investigating the methods used in treating the ore of that place which is very similar to the ore of the Pine creek region. When he is thoroughly satisfied as to the proper process, the necessary machinery will be put in the company's mines at Cornucopia. It is thought this will not be later than next March. Supt. Smith, who seems to be the right man in the right place, thinks the ore can be successfully worked in camp and that there is no occasion for the shipment of any of it, whatever. This company has started a new tunnel on the "Whitman" which will tap the ledge some five or six hundred feet below the present work. When completed all the ore will be taken from this tunnel, which will save hauling it around the hill a mile or so, to the mill, as is now being done.

Mr. Tucker showed us some specimens of ore taken from the "Bunker Hill" mine, which was literally full of gold. He says the ore also contains considerable silver. The ledge in this mine varies from 10 inches to 3 1/2 feet, and is well defined. It is situated on the east fork of Pine creek, about a mile northwest from Cornucopia. This was formerly known as the "Slate" ledge. The owners are commencing the erection of a boarding house, blacksmith shop, and a shaft and ore house on the property, and will, early in the spring, put in a five stamp mill.

Adjoining this mine, about a quarter of a mile above, are the "Comet," "Way Up" and "The Gorge" ledges, which are all well defined and very rich. There is now on the dump of each one of these mines many tons of ore which will average \$50 per ton. It is the opinion of all who come from these mines, that they are the richest on the coast and only require the proper treatment to yield up their wealth in fabulous quantities, and all are a unit in the belief that next spring will witness the commencement of a deserved and permanent prosperity.

## Fatal Attraction at La Grande.

At the round house at La Grande, last Sunday evening, William Pelton and a man by the name of Boyer, both employees of the railroad company, got in a dispute on theological subjects, and as near as we can learn they became excited and Pelton struck at Boyer with a billet of wood, whereupon Boyer struck Pelton in the face with his fist, knocking him down. Pelton in the fall struck the back of his head or neck on a bar of iron, cutting a severe gash, from the effects of which he died in a few hours later. Boyer was placed under arrest and brought to this city, where he is now in jail, pending the action of the grand jury.

## Serious Stage Accident.

The Baker Democrat of the 16th inst. says: "John Clark, the Sparta stage man, arriving here last evening brought the sad news of an accident befalling Mike Hailey, driver on the Cornucopia end of the line. While descending the Eagle valley hill, his foot slipped from the brake into the wheel and his leg was terribly mangled. Dr. Howard of Cornucopia says there is danger of his leg having to be amputated. Thos. Hailey, of this city, brother of the unfortunate young man, left yesterday evening to render assistance to his brother."

## The La Grande Creamery.

It is claimed that the new creamery at La Grande will turn out 1150 pounds of butter and a 1000 pounds of cheese daily. Butter at 25c and cheese at 10c would bring \$475 each day, or \$173.375 a year. It will require about 60,000 pounds, or 7000 gallons of milk to do this. Allowing that each cow will give the year around two gallons, it will require 3750 cows. Figures won't lie. Three cheers for La Grande. But we forgot to say that it requires 600 hogs to drink the whey each day and that they would be worth at least \$12 each, or \$7200 made of itself is no small item.—Spirit & Farmer.

Don't forget that a book is always an appropriate Christmas gift, and Hall Bro's have a fine selection.

## LOCAL INFORMATION.

Gathered up by The Scout and Brought to Headquarters.

Buy your winter clothing at Levy's Christmas goods, in great variety, at Hall Bro's.

Pendleton has a secret organization called the "Umatillas."

Sting furniture at Wilson & Miller's, suitable for Christmas presents.

The Ladies' Bazaar is constantly in receipt of new and handsome goods.

Sherman & Raley, have established a branch soda factory at La Grande.

Two dwelling houses to rent in South Union. Enquire of W. T. Ficklin.

An excellent dinner for families, served at the Bon Ton restaurant, every Sunday.

It will pay you to call and examine the book's at Hall Bro's in the post office building.

This is the happiest time in the year, for the children. Let them be joyful while they can.

Buy a dollar's worth of goods, at Jones Bro's, and get a chance in the grand drawing.

A large lot of hay has been shipped from the Union Depot this week, by Fred Nodine & Son.

The finest selection of Book's, ever brought to town, at Hall Bro's post office building.

Quite a number of the residents of Sanger will attend the ball in this city on Christmas eve.

Hot medicinal baths, at the Depot hotel, and the table supplied with the best the market affords.

Female.—Cook stove, No. 8. (complete) White sewing machine, lot furniture.—H. F. Brantton, Union.

The Tom Paine mine, in Baker county was sold last week to George B. Markle, of Portland. It is valuable property.

We greet our numerous readers, and wish them all a happy Christmas, a pleasant New Year and long and prosperous lives.

The purchase of a hat, at Mesdames Bidwell and Benson's millinery store, will entitle you to a ticket in the drawing, which takes place Dec. 25th, at 2 o'clock p. m.

The report that only a cold supper will be given at the masquerade ball in this city, on Christmas eve, is without foundation. An excellent supper will be served at the Centennial.

Archa Patterson, a conductor, was thrown from the freight train near Kamela last week, and received injuries which resulted in his death. The train had broken in two, when the accident occurred.

The firm of L. T. Wilcox & Co., of Haines, has been dissolved, C. M. Kellogg and F. W. Pritchard retiring. The firm heretofore will be composed of L. T. Wilcox and Davis Wilcox, who will continue the business at the old stand.

A clear head is indicative of good health and regular habits. When the body is languid, and the mind works sluggishly, Ayer's Cathartic Pills will assist in the recovery of physical buoyancy and mental vigor.

W. A. Gates and wife of Telocast, were arrested yesterday on a warrant sworn out by Huey Lynch, on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon. They appeared before Justice Burleigh, and the hearing, of the case was set for Sat. Dec. 29th.

County School Superintendent J. L. Carter made our office a pleasant visit this week. He thinks the teachers' institute commencing in this city on the 29th, will be a pleasant and profitable one. Many teachers from a distance will be in attendance.

It is reported that Robt. Cavana of Baker county, who has been confined in the pen since last June is lying at the point of death from typhoid fever and his medical attendant says he cannot live. His parents live at Huntington. Later: News is received of Cavana's death.

Serofious humors, erysipelas, canker, and catarrh, can be cured by taking Ayer's Sarsaparilla. "I have used this medicine in my family, for scrofula, and know, if it is taken persistently, it will eradicate this terrible disease."—W. F. Fowler, M. D., Greenville, Tenn.

Call at the Cove drug store before purchasing Christmas presents. Just received from the east a full line of Christmas cards, dresses, dresses, dolls, photo-frames, gift books, toy watches, balls, scrap books, autograph albums, locomotives, dominoes, gold pens, and accordian.

Hon. L. B. Rinehart returned last Sunday from his trip to the east. He succeeded in disposing of all but three of his horses at tolerably fair prices. Among the trophies he brought back from Tennessee were a number of genuine hickory pipes. Ye editor received one and has been pulling at it with considerable satisfaction ever since.

The Little Pittsburg Mining company, of Sparta, who recently purchased the Hope mill at Cornucopia, have let the contract to Wm. Lane, the freighter, for its transportation from Cornucopia to Sparta, where it will be erected at once on the Little Pittsburg property. The mill will be crushing on ore the next thirty days and we expect to hear a good result.—Baker Democrat.

This office is under obligations to Mr. Z. A. Tucker, for a very rich specimen of ore, from the Bunker Hill mine, at Cornucopia. It may be seen at this office. It is our intention, to collect specimens, from the mines of Union county, and place them in a cabinet, and we would be pleased to have our friends send us suitable specimens, from their mines. Their favors will be appreciated and the specimens properly labeled and placed on exhibition.

A fire was discovered under the rear of the Centennial hotel last Wednesday evening just in time to avert a serious conflagration. Whether it was the work of incendiary or not is hard to determine. Mr. Goodbread is inclined to believe that it was accidental and caught from a stub of a cigar cigarette or something of that kind. We can hardly believe that there is anyone in town who would deliberately attempt such a foolish work.

## IN THE EAST.

A Visit to the Celebrated Bell Meade Farm.

SOME NOTED HORSES.

Deplorable Condition of the Laboring Classes There.

Hon. L. B. Rinehart, while in the east, visited many interesting scenes, and his description of them is of much interest. While at Nashville, Tenn., he visited the Bell Mead farm which is situated about five miles north of that city. "This is one of the most celebrated farms," says Mr. Rinehart, "in America to-day. It was established by General Harding in 1848 and continued under his supervision and ownership until his death in 1887. Since then it has been owned by his son-in-law, General Jackson, Jr. It contains 4000 acres of land, 400 of which is a magnificent park enclosed with a rock wall some eight feet high. In this park are over 250 wild deer and several antelope. While on this farm I saw many celebrated horses, among them the world renowned 'Luka Blackburn.' This horse has a record of 2 minutes and 34 seconds in a one mile and a half run, carrying 120 pounds. Out of 22 races in which he has started, he won 20. He is the sire of many noted horses, one of which is 'Proctor Knott.' A \$30,000 purse was won in England, last September, by 'Proctor Knott,' he making 7 of a mile in 1 minute and 14 seconds. Also saw 'Enquire,' a half brother to 'Troquoise.' He is the finest model of a horse I have ever seen. He is now 20 years old. He beat 'Kingfisher,' 'Longfellow' and others, and was sold to his present owner for \$20,000. Saw 'Ramble,' an uncle of 'Proctor Knott.' He has beat in 35 races and won for one man, alone, \$140,000. 'Great Tom,' an English horse of much notoriety, 'Pinafo', the sire of 'Paragon,' 'Troquoise,' who won the Derby with 'St. Lesaive' and 'Prince of Wales' in a 2 1/2 mile race, and many other fast horses attracted my attention. On this farm is a large fish pond well stocked with various kinds of fish, and I noticed some 40 head of diminutive Shetland ponies herding in a band by themselves. The horses there, as a rule, are finer boned than our horses, and smaller. Most of the work animals are mules. The people take great pride in their saddle horses, and an animal, to suit them, must be a pacer, fox trotter, or a single footer, peculiar gaited that but very few of the horses of this country possess. Horses are bred there with a view of developing these qualities.

In sharp contrast to this magnificent estate and others similar to it, is the condition of the laboring classes as described by Mr. Rinehart. The most abject poverty prevails everywhere, and the people, unaware that there is a better country elsewhere, and unable to change their condition if they did know it, work on from year to year, endeavoring with unrequited toil to shield their families from the pangs of hunger. Most of the people go with bare feet because they are unable to buy shoes. He saw many old men in this condition, as well as women and children. The average wages paid to laborers is about \$12 per month. The land owners rent their land to these poor devils and by taking a mortgage on their crops, which on account of the sterile soil hardly ever produces enough to pay the rent, they keep them in a state of continual servitude. One very pious landlord had rented a piece of sterile land to a man, and in order to be secure of his rent exacted a mortgage, not only on the crop, but on a wagon and two old horses which the poor fellow had managed to get hold of. The entire crop did not pay the rent, so the landlord, in the name of the law, took the man's team away from him also. This shining light took occasion to lecture Mr. Rinehart in public on the heinousness of selling a horse on the holy Sabbath, whereupon Mr. Rinehart replied that he did not think it as wicked to sell a horse on Sunday as it was to wait till a week day and rob a poor man of all he had for the rent of a worthless piece of land. Such a thing would not be tolerated in the wicked state of Oregon. "What would be done about it in Oregon?" asked the pious old skinflint. "Well," said Mr. Rinehart, "it is very probable that the neighbors would take you out and hang you." At this the by-standers could contain themselves no longer and cheered lustily for Oregon. The landlord left in a towering rage.

On market days it is interesting to watch the farmers coming into town. The harness on about nine-tenths of their horses is described as follows: To commence with, leather bridles with cotton rope for lines, collars made out of corn shucks, wood hames to which are attached chain traces, the back and belly bands, and hame straps, of cotton rope. Wagon to match. They drive into the public square and stand there. The principal produce they have for sale is wheat and cotton. Ten bushels of wheat to the acre is rather above the average crop. No less than half a dozen strapping young men, Mr. Rinehart informs us, came to him and begged him to bring them to this country, offering to work six months for him, in payment, or if he did not think that was long enough they would work till he was satisfied. Not being in a condition to accommodate them, he declined their offers, but says he regrets that he could not bring a dozen or two of them out. A good healthy woman, capable of doing the work for a large family, can earn there one dollar a week.

Such is the condition of affairs in many of these states, but to the credit of the intelligence of the white people there, be it said, they endeavored at the recent election to better their condition by voting for a reduction of the tariff. Their efforts were rendered of no avail, however, by the negroes, every one of whom voted the republican ticket. One old negro had the name of one democrat on his ticket and voted for him, which so exasperated the other negroes when it was known, that they made a rush for him and he narrowly escaped being lynched.

Mr. Rinehart concludes that Oregonians don't know how well off they are, and should be thankful that their lucky stars have led them to this land, where crops never fail, where toil commands a sure reward, where the minds of men are less cramped by narrow bigotry, and where the blighting effects of pernicious national laws have not yet been able to check, to any great degree, the natural productiveness and prosperity of the state.

## DRESS PARADE.

The Scout's Weekly Inspection and Report of Friends of Duty.

Several weddings are on the tapis. Miss Lizzie Miller, is visiting friends in La Grande.

Mr. L. R. Holmes, of the Cove, called on us Monday.

Mr. John Eaton, was up from the Cove, Wednesday.

Mr. Ferd Block has our thanks for favors this week.

Mr. E. P. McDanel of the Cove, called on us Tuesday.

Mr. H. W. Lee, of Bigcreek, was in the city, Wednesday.

Mr. Wm. Rinehart, of Sumnerville, visited Union this week.

Mr. Andy Harris and wife were up from the Cove a few days ago.

Mr. Longdon of High valley, made us a substantial visit this week.

Mrs. Quener is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. N. Gardner of this city.

Mr. Jos. Yowell, of Pyle canyon, was in town several days this week.

Misses Hattie and Ellen Myrick, of the Cove, visited Union, yesterday.

Mr. H. L. Dougherty and wife, of the Cove, were in Union, Saturday.

Mr. Jackson Wright, of the Cove, made us a substantial visit last Monday.

Mr. George Barnes, of Lost Prairie, Wallawa county, was in town, Monday.

Mr. S. W. Koger, of the Cove, made us a pleasant and substantial visit yesterday.

Miss Laura Saunders has been visiting friends in Baker City for several days past.

Remember the masquerade ball at Wright's hall in this city on Christmas eve.

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Gray, of the Cove, were among the visitors to Union this week.

Mr. Henry Corbin, left Wednesday for Lower Cove, where he will winter his stock.

Mr. Wm. Hutchinson and wife moved this week to their farm, southwest of town.

Mr. Wm. Lyman and wife, of Ladd canyon, visited Union the fore part of the week.

Mr. J. W. Bristow returned to La Grande a few days ago. He will read The Scout hereafter.

Invitations are out for the grand military ball to be given at North Powder on New Year's eve.

Mr. James Graham, of Martindale, Montana, writes to us this week, and subscribes for The Scout.

Mr. W. D. Emcle called on us a few days ago. He has moved from Lower Powder river to the Cove.

W. R. Jones and wife, of Weston, parents of the Jones Bro's, arrived yesterday on a visit to the boys.

Dr. Honan, of La Grande, has been appointed railroad surgeon for the mountain division of the O. R. & N.

Miss Bessie Murray of La Grande, is now in Centerville, Umatilla county, where she will remain during the winter.

Mr. Arthur Miller and wife, have moved to their farm near town, and Chas. Miller and wife have moved from the farm to town.

Mr. B. Perkins, and Miss Abiah Hannah, were united in the bonds of matrimony, at Baker City a few days ago, if reports are correct.

The members of the Red Cross Lodge No. 27, of La Grande, will give a ball on Feb. 19, 1889 the same being the 25th anniversary of the order.

The marriage of Miss Edith Huntington, of La Grande, and Mr. Geo. H. Currey, of Ashland, was announced to take place last Thursday.

The Knights of Pythias of this city, are making preparations to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the order, on the 19th of February.

Mrs. J. S. Bingham, of Baker City, will address the Ladies Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church to-day at 2:30 o'clock. Subject, Syria.

Dr. Drake and family, took their departure yesterday for Portland, which they will make their future home. Mrs. Drake, the doctor's mother, accompanied them.

Mrs. A. L. Saunders, and her daughter Laura, took their departure, yesterday, for Lower Powder. They will not return till after the holidays, and possibly, not this winter.

Geo. Newcomb, formerly bookkeeper for Prof. Luce, superintendent of the Oregon Gold Mining Company, at Cornucopia, has accepted a position behind the Arlington bar at Baker City.

Messrs. C. C. McCoy, W. G. Van and J. T. Jones, all residents of Walla Walla, have been for some time past sojourning in the southern portion of this county looking after mining interests. They returned home this week.

Chas. Houghton yesterday received a letter from England stating that H. Kibbleswhite, with whom everyone in this section is acquainted, is about to become a bondholder. He is at present sojourning with relatives in London.—Democrat.

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