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THE MAID ACROSS THE STREET.

[Written for THE SCOUT.]

A little brown house with a cozy lawn—
A gate so cute and low;
And pickets white as snow.
There the charming maiden lives;
The there with lowering foot
I've often walked and talked with her—
The maid across the street.

Oh! when the stars were in the sky,
And the city was asleep,
Beside that little gate we've talked
In accents low and deep.
Ah! can it be the gate will tell
The tales that o'er it crept,
In the silent twilight, o'er,
When the city people slept?

Or can it be the stars will sing
At midnight in the skies
To all the wide, wide world about,
Those heart-born melodies?
No leaf was hanging on the air
To catch the responsive beat
That my heart echoed o'er and o'er,
To the maid across the street.

Alas! oft times the sparkling eye
Masks deepest wounds of time;
The flushing cheek oft glows with fire,
That flames at sorrow's shrine.
But not so with these dear eyes!
Their brightness is the flame
That glows where love may heap the
Eternally the same.

It may be so, that fickle youth
Of dreams and dreams in vain,
But when that dream is paradise,
Pray dream it once again.
How'er it be, when plodding on,
Life's revelries may be
A new born phantom, foreordained—
A stepping stone for thee.

Then boys, a western health to thee!
And girls, affections wrap.
Long may the stately trees endure
To count your every step.
Though years go by and sunsets fade
Behind the western sea,
Give love her due—the glass of life
Tilts trembling there for thee.

—B. W. HUFFMAN.

THE COVE.

The Telephone Line--Social Events--The Champion Pedestrienne.

February 6, 1889.

Bert Benton has gone to La Grande and will work at the carpenter business with Wm. Koenig.

Mrs. Lou Payne is absent from home visiting friends and relatives at different points in the valley.

Any one desiring the services of an electrician expert should call on or address Prof. W. Edison Smythe, Cove.

Some sickness yet remains, principally among children. Mumps and whooping cough, in a very mild form, are going the rounds.

There has not been a day's sleighing in Cove this winter and not many days of storm. A milder year never was seen by the oldest inhabitant.

Miss Nora Lyons, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Swain, the past winter, started for her home in Dallas last Monday. She was accompanied by her friend, Miss Addie Bloom, as far as the depot.

The Cove contains the champion pedestrienne. The young lady thinks nothing of a ten miles afternoon stroll. Can any other member of the gentler sex in the valley say as much by a good many miles?

A dispatch came per telephone from Union this week, requesting that six fire engines be at once sent by Hunt's railroad to assist in subduing a serious conflagration which had started in a four story brick building. When it was discovered that Frank Slocum was the author of the dispatch, the engines were not unhoused.

The telephone line is complete and open for business. It works to perfection and a whisper can be heard from Union or the depot. Messages can be sent to the depot to be telegraphed to any part of the world, with only a moments delay. About the first message sent was a very appropriate one—congratulating the place on its debut into the world.

The sociable at Mrs. Campbell's, Wednesday evening, was largely attended by the townspeople, also by the students of Ascension and Leighton schools, the teachers also being present. The host and hostess, in a very pleasant way, made everyone feel at home. The entertainment consisted of vocal and instrumental music, plays, etc. Late in the evening a lunch was served in which the genial Prof. Smith participated in his usual absorbing way. It is to be hoped that Otho Eckersley, the only man who could ever afford the Prof. amusement when it came to discussing a dinner, will be present at the next sociable.

A gentleman taking piano lessons with such perseverance should be a good musician.—Miss R. I believe in treating dumb brutes with consideration.—Miss M. Alas! the light of my soul has vanished from my gaze.—T. R. Alex kindly told me what some of the principal citizens of Summerville gave to Hunt's road. It only cost me the cigars to gain the information.—Jo. S. I am going to talk with Dave per telephone the first time he is in Union.—Miss A. I am pretty good with my prop and at wrestling.—W. And I leave a lasting impression with my ivory.—J.

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Salem.

Doings of the Oregon Legislative Assembly.

OUR LAWS AND LAW MAKERS.

Reference to Some of the Absurd Bills Introduced.

SALEM, (Or.), Jan. 30th, 1889.

EDITOR OF THE SCOUT:—

The Fifteenth Session of the Oregon Legislature is no worse and but little better than its predecessors so far as intelligence, integrity and morality is concerned.

There are always those who imagine that there are great wrongs to redress; that the people are groaning under unjust and unwise laws, and that the country is fast going to destruction, and that a kind Providence has selected them as Moses of old was selected to lead them out of a wilderness of oppression; but the facts are we are in danger of too much and not too little legislation, and the over-zealous are liable to do harm rather than good.

To give a *personel* of the members composing the present House of Representatives would no doubt be interesting reading, but I shall attempt a description of some of the most eccentric, as seen by a member of the "third house."

Paulson of Washington is one of the most pugnacious and cranky members of the House, and, although elected as a Republican, he has voted and acted in a manner to convince anyone that he is a *crank* and never saw anything (not even himself) as others see it. This solon it was who introduced House Bill No. 6, entitled, "An Act to regulate customs mills used to grind grain," which provides as follows:

"Section 2. Every miller, occupier, or user of such custom mill shall be required in making any exchange of flour for wheat or rye to give to the person or persons with whom such exchange is made, forty pounds of good merchantable flour, twelve pounds of good wheat bran for every sixty pounds of good merchantable rye, whether such wheat or rye be delivered at the time of the exchange or be in store in charge of such miller, etc."

This bill needs no comments, neither does its author. Is it any wonder the Oregon Legislature is in disrepute. This same Republican giant of intellect refused to vote for J. N. Dolph for the United States Senate, and cast his vote for Thomas Cornelius, who was defeated for Governor of Oregon two years ago.

There are other bills equally as absurd as Mr. Paulson's, and other members equally as ignorant as he. Notable among the bills which cannot become laws on account of the absurdities of their provisions, is one introduced by Fisher of Polk—House Bill No. 136, entitled, "An Act to regulate the practice of medicine and fix the fees of Physicians in this State." A part of section one of said bill reads as follows:

"That the maximum fees of any physician authorized to practice in this State shall be as follows: For any distance traveled over four miles, twenty-five cents per mile, and for any less distance traveled over four miles, \$2 per visit; and this shall be full compensation for such service, and no additional fee for any receipt given at said visit shall be charged. For any receipt given at the office of any physician or when no travel is required one dollar shall be the minimum fee therefor." I have no time to point out the defects and utter impracticability of this bill, but I will leave it for the school boys of the public schools of your town to point out its various defects.

The following gentlemen are here from Union county: Hon. Dunham Wright, of Medical Spring; Hon. Lou Rinehart, Union; W. T. Wright, Union; John Kennedy and wife, Union; H. Wildy, La Grande; J. K. Ronig, La Grande; W. J. Snodgrass, La Grande.

The bill for an enabling act for the purpose of removing your county seat will come up in the Senate to-day. Petitions and remonstrances are all in, and we expect lively time in the future in regard to this question.

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NORTH POWDER.

Paragraphs Record of the Happenings of the Week.

February 5, 1889.

Mumps are prevalent in this locality. The play "Pecks Bad Boy" drew a number of our citizens to Baker.

Mr. Shell and family have removed to their farm in the vicinity of Walla Walla.

One hundred and sixty-five carloads of ice have been shipped from this place during the past month.

Mr. Burns, watchman at the tunnel, is confined to his bed with pneumonia.

Wm. Sanders met with a painful accident on Monday by impaling his hand with a pair of ice tongs.

A number of North Powder citizens will try their fortunes in the Crater creek mining regions in the spring.

Mr. W. Harrison is now a resident of Kansas, but has become disgusted with that country and will return again to Oregon in the spring.

Mrs. Fred Punch returned from a two week's visit at The Dalles last week, having had a very pleasant and enjoyable time.

Mr. Hermann Rothchild won the prize quilt offered by the ladies of the Baptist church association at the drawing held recently.

A La Grande journal "gobbles with impunity" articles of our contribution to THE SCOUT without giving due credit. "An honest man is the noblest work of his Creator."

Rumor has it that a prominent young man and an estimable young lady will unite in matrimony at no distant day.

The M. E. church will give a supper at Spencer's hall on Valentine's day, the proceeds of which go into the church fund.

Mr. Miles Lee and Mr. Levy discovered an incipient fire in Jas. York's house on South Powder a few evenings since which was suppressed without difficulty—a narrow escape.

"K" company have decided to postpone their ball indefinitely on several accounts. Due notice will be given when time is decided upon.

Mr. I. N. Sanders is circulating a petition with a view to straightening the county road, in the direction of Union, near his farm below town.

Married.—January 20th, 1889, Miss Annie Charles to Mr. James Wickes, residents of Wolf creek. May life's journey ever be one of joy and tranquility.

Mr. Frank Rodgers, formerly of this place, is now engaged in the hotel business near the depot in Baker City. He is doing a fair business.

"Snide" insurance companies managed by "snide" agents work an incalculable injury to poor men by depriving them of their earnings by honest toil and returning naught in recompense.

A base liar sends slush to an outside county paper purporting to be news from this locality. A "dead failure" at every undertaking except possibly lying. (His only visible means of support) stands him in hand at all times. When the author is once known the source is considered. AJAN.

ELGIN.

News of the Week, and Personal Mention by an Occasional Correspondent.

Fine winter weather in this section of the valley.

Protracted meetings are all the go at present. Only two accessions to the church.

On the 30th inst. there was a quarrel in town, resulting in John Graham paying a fine of \$10. We would suggest to Mr. G. that he be a little more careful who he has rows with, for we sincerely believe that the fine will be made to the full extent of the law next time. A warning in time will result in saving many hard earned dollars.

The citizens of Elgin held the second mass meeting on the 2nd inst. in behalf of Mr. G. W. Hunt, resulting in the election of E. E. Taylor, chairman, and Rev. A. Thompson, secretary. The meeting adjourned until Saturday the 9th, when there will be a committee appointed to solicit money to help pay the subsidy asked by Mr. Hunt.

Carpenters will resume work on the new Methodist church this week, and will push the work until it is completed.

One of our town lads went out sleighing with his best girl and ran against something solid and broke his sleigh. It resulted in his lady having to ride one of the horses home.

Prof. N. S. Wise will give a concert at the close of his singing school in Elgin. A good time is expected. Everybody invited to come.

J. W. Snyder has concluded to get a copy of Blackstone and go to practicing law.

CRANE.

The farmers of Union county should look to their best interests and buy their farm implements where they can do the best. Frank Bros. Implement Co., Island City carry in stock a large assortment of everything in this line, and can undersell all competitors. 2

Centralia.

Interesting Letter of Ex-Mayor D. B. Rees.

A BIT OF RAILROAD HISTORY.

Hunt's Proposition Should be Accepted Without Delay.

CENTRALIA, (W.T.), Jan. 29, 1889.

EDITOR OF THE OREGON SCOUT:—

The smallpox scare has subsided here and things are moving again as though we had never heard of smallpox.

Mr. Barnes living north of town sold one hundred acres of land a few days ago to Crouch and Dyer, of Minneapolis, at \$175 per acre. This same land was offered last summer for five thousand dollars.

There has been quite a number of town lots sold the past few days at fair prices.

The surveyors are at work on the Gray's Harbor Railroad, and grading will doubtless commence early in the spring.

I returned from Salem yesterday. The present session of the Oregon Legislature seems to be a very quiet one. The "third house" is better represented by Union county than any other county in the State. The county seat matter, I presume, is the cause.

The people of La Grande are desirous to have an enabling act passed granting a vote on the re-location of the county seat, but the friends of Union and those interested in the welfare of their county generally, are thoroughly aroused and seem determined to defeat the purpose of the La Granderites. This move on the part of La Grande is a purely selfish one to satisfy an old grudge she has had against Union since 1874, when the people of the county voted the county seat from La Grande to Union, and it is to-day more centrally located to the population of the county than La Grande. Revenge is sweet, but it looks like La Grande has, unless she is very hard to please, had vengeance enough. A few years ago the Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company commenced the construction of a railroad east through Grande Ronde Valley. The county seat fight being fresh in the minds of the La Granderes, now was the time to get in and do some work. They worked very hard trying to make the engineers believe that the Ladd Canyon route was the proper route for them to take, but E. H. Mix, a very efficient surveyor, looked the matter over in the interest of the company he was working for and located the only really practical route through the valley—via Union, leading out of the valley on the east side of Pyle's Canyon, the route which the managers of the Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company have long since conceded to be the proper route for the road. Depot grounds were selected and donated to the company and right of way granted by the citizens of Union. Things began to look bad to a La Grander, and about this time reports went to headquarters that Mr. Mix had been bribed by Unionites, and the company were likely to incur great damage. The result was Mr. Mix was shoved along the line further east and a new corps of surveyors put on the line in Grand Ronde Valley. The chief schemer of the engineers on the route last mentioned was a gentleman (if he might be called such) from the east. He stopped at Union and vicinity looking over the line, making frequent trips to La Grande, interviewing citizens of Union occasionally, asking what such piece of property was worth, and what the difference would be in the value with or without a railroad. The people supposing the man was there to secure the best interests of the company who was paying him for his services, and knowing the impracticability of the route on the west side of the valley, felt sure that any company consulting their best interests, or any engineers that regarded the company's interests must necessarily endorse the Mix survey and Union would get the road, but not so. Mr. Vincent soon became indignant at Union as a whole and stated boldly that if it was possible to do it, he would locate the road twenty miles from Union. When asked what his reasons were, he said "some young lady had snubbed him at church, one night," that he had "not been able to

get into society in Union," that the people of Union had not extended the courtesies to him that he merited, etc. As silly as this may sound, coming from a man occupying his position, it is, nevertheless, true; that I know, for it was myself that interrogated him in regard to the matter. Parties in a position to know claim that he left Union county financially better fixed than he came, but he got none of his "boodle" out of Union. It would have been better, no doubt, for Union if he had. But this is not all, yet. After the road was located, graded and equipped, and Union left out in the cold, the people were informed that if they would raise money to pay for depot grounds, the company would build a depot at the nearest convenient point to them, which was on Mr. Craig's land, two miles west from town. The people, scared lest they should be left out altogether, circulated a subscription, raised the money, and paid for the grounds, and yet, ever since the road has been in operation, they have had little more than a whistling station at Union depot.

Railroad building on the Pacific coast is in its infancy. Numerous lines are crossing the continent, and Puget Sound, the greatest of waters, will doubtless furnish terminal facilities for many roads, and while they are looking for terminal points, they are also looking for points where they may send out branches to aid in completing a grand railroad system.

New railroad men are coming into existence like Mr. George W. Hunt, manager of the Oregon and Washington Territory Railroad Company, who has recently made the people of Union county an offer to build a road through the Grande Ronde Valley for a certain subsidy, the amount of which the people are familiar with, and which, if they consult their interests, they will raise. A small per centage of the advance on real estate, when a good standard gauge railroad is in operation from Summerville along the valley to Union, would pay the subsidy, and the people, when they get it, will say it is the cheapest thing they have had in Union county. Why, it opens up an avenue of trade direct to the Sound country, the best market on the Pacific coast for everything a farmer produces to-day. It insures for all time to come a better rate on freights than they can ever have without it. No country gets one railroad but which needs another far worse than the first. On the other hand, the proposed line will be a good paying road; it will open up large bodies of fine timber and tap some of the richest agricultural country on the coast and far more extensive than it is generally thought to be. This road will surely be built, and the Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company, in looking the matter over at the present time, must conclude they fenced very poorly, indeed.

Respectfully,

D. B. REES.

Oregon's Public Buildings.

The last number of The West Shore Magazine contains engravings of the public buildings of Oregon, including the capitol, penitentiary, insane asylum, etc., and other views in Salem, the capital city, accompanied by a large supplemental sheet with portraits of members of the legislature now in session. A description of Salem and that portion of the great Willamette valley in which it is situated is a valuable feature of the number. The very readable and instructive article on the "Genealogy of Oregon" should be carefully perused by everyone who would like to become informed on the subject of the creation of a great state of the American union on the far western border of the nation, so long before the intermediate country was redeemed from a wilderness. The West Shore is filled monthly with valuable information about the entire northwest. Twenty-five cents a copy, by mail, to any address. L. Samuel, publisher, Portland, Oregon.

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