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NORTH POWDER.

A Bountiful Crop Assured—New Saw Mill.—O. N. G. Notes.

May 6th, 1889.
Mr. Harry Hughes, of Boise City, is in town.

Another concert is contemplated, soon, for church benefit.

Work is progressing finely on the new stone building. First story about completed.

Most everybody here has been fishing for salmon, lately, which are plentiful.

Mr. Clarence Wilson is finishing up Mr. O. D. Thomlinson's store building this week.

Mr. Geo. Venable, station agent, will leave the present week for an extended visit to the Willamette valley.

A bountiful crop is assured to farmers this season by the recent general rain fall.

The low, vile nature of the dirty dog who left his hand writing, in disguise, on the wall during his enemy's absence, only confirms the coarse bastard's true standing in society. Secretary, alone saves his dirty carcass.

Mr. Roseberry, formerly of the mills, has taken up a claim in Long valley, Idaho, and will shortly send for his family to join him. Emigration is rapidly pouring into that valley and all available land is now mostly claimed.

Mr. H. H. Spencer arrived on Monday from Montana, bringing with him a portable saw mill of 15,000 feet capacity per day which will be set up and utilized in sawing into lumber some 2,000,000 feet of logs lying in the river just above town, belonging to the company.

The Oakes Comedy Company, a traveling troupe, are billed here for Saturday evening next. We have a surplus of entertainments at present which varies the monotony and is all well enough provided one's exchequer is adequate to meet all demands.

O. N. G. NOTES.

"H" company, of La Grande, had the honor of bearing the regimental colors during the parade. They turned out in greater force than any other company east of the Blue Mountains, and is composed of a fine body of men, generally.

"H," "K" and "F" companies returned to The Dalles by boat, having a fine trip. On their arrival they were tendered a banquet by Col. C. E. Morgan at the Amatulla house in the evening. A general good time resulted.

We were pleased to note the fraternal feeling existing among the men of the regiment on becoming acquainted. When it is taken into consideration that many men of the regiment were raw recruits, never having been in line before, they certainly acquitted themselves well.

At a meeting of "K" company held on Saturday, the following non-commissioned officers were elected: 1st. Sergt., Joe Sanders; 1st. Duty Sergt., Wm. Sanders; 2nd. Duty Sergt., V. Plummer; 3d. Duty Sergt., C. Anthony; 4th. Duty Sergt., P. J. King; 1st. Corp., J. Harrison; 2nd. Corp., T. F. Gray; 3d. Corp., Wm. Reynard; 4th. Corp., M. Anthony; Q. M. Sergt., Wm. Ashby.

"K" company has secured the services of Lieut. O'Brien, of "F" company, Baker City, who will hereafter make regular trips here on each Sunday and put the boys through the school of the soldier. The Lieut. is highly spoken of as an efficient drill-master.

Col. Chas. E. Morgan, commanding the 3d. regiment, made a very favorable impression upon the boys (but very few having met him before) and all speak of him as the handsome and gallant Colonel—"being the right man in the right place."

"F" company, of Baker City, are drilling two nights in the week, under Lieut. O'Brien, and are making rapid advancement in tactics. Uniforms have been ordered for both officers and men, which are daily expected. They have a fine armory fitted up in style.

Lieut. Col. Robley and Major Ivanhoe of the regiment attended at the celebration. The latter gentleman was unfortunately disabled by the kick of a horse during the parade, so also Dr. Hugh Logan, surgeon, in a similar manner. Neither gentlemen, however, were seriously injured.

AXJX.

A Woman's Discovery.

"Another wonderful discovery has been made and that too by a lady in this county. Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly and could not sleep. She bought of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption and was so much relieved on taking first dose that she slept all night and with one bottle has been miraculously cured. Her name is Mrs. Luthar Lutz." Thus writes W. C. Hamrick & Co., of Shelby, N. C.—Get a free trial bottle at Brown's drug store, Union, Oregon.

CORNUCOPIA.

Ore that is White and Yellow
With Gold and Silver.

THE VISIT OF MINING EXPERTS.

Result of Recent Work—Probable Mining Sales—Interesting Notes.

April 20th, 1889.

EDITOR OREGON SCOUT:—

Since my last missile was fired at THE SCOUT on long range, my piece has been loaded with a milder character of projectiles and lest some one should drop in more of the grape and cannister, I will touch the trigger and here she goes.

We have had a visit from a mining expert, armed with pen and ink and authorized to report. Mr. Lacourier, of Spokane Falls, paid our district a visit last week. Mr. L. is an old miner, and has probably tested and expeted as many ore dumps as any other man in the State. He is, withal, like most mining experts, inclined to be rather reticent in conversing with the inhabitants of a new district. His impressions, however, about Cornucopia were so strong and so favorable that a slight word would now and then escape.

While here he paid the "Slate," "Simmons" group and "Red Jacket" a visit. He brought from the "Slate" some specimens picked up at random, which he remarked were good enough for him. He did not see all of the "Simmons" group and from his history of the trip on the mountains, I would infer that it was an examination of the "Simmons," with the "Simmons" left out. The "Red Jacket" was in a condition to receive company. He reports having found the "Jacket" with three veins aggregating eighteen feet in width, and all these veins rapidly converging. The lower tunnel is rapidly nearing the main ledge and will hit it by the first of next week. In fact it is now reported on the street that the tunnel is already in the ledge. I know that a streak or deposit of ore has been struck, of almost fabulous richness. I know some parties brought down, last Wednesday, from the mill, some specimens literally white and yellow with the two precious metals. It assayed \$15,000 per ton. Mr. Lacourier pronounces the "Jacket" to be an immense property, and it is expected that a handsome dividend will result from the present run.

The mill is running steadily and very satisfactorily. Last week several sacks of ore from the "Champion" were sent by way of Union to the Anacosta works in Idaho, and a sale is predicted. The "Comet" and "Gorge" have buyers in hand, on which mines Uncle Bill Usher, with a force of men, started work last Saturday. The "Stein" group is rapidly improving in appearance under the renewed work of that company. The grading for the "Last Chance" mill will be commenced during the present week, and will be steadily prosecuted to completion. There will be an influx of Portland capitalists before the month numbers its thirtieth day.

As I am writing this letter, Mr. Sullivan just comes into the office and lays before me a specimen of galena from the "Jet" mine on East Eagle, about nine miles in a southwesterly direction from Cornucopia. This is the old Eagle mining district. There was a proposition at one time to change the name of the district to Aldersly, but I believe it still goes by the name of East Eagle. Here are several mines all with more or less development. The "Jet" is, on an average, four feet wide, and on the hanging wall is a streak of galena carrying gold which, by mill test, showed \$17.50 in gold and \$2.80 in silver. Assays from this mine run from \$84 to \$110 in gold and silver. The walls are limestone and can be traced four or five miles. This mine is the property of Dr. Woods, of Cornucopia, A. T. Neill, of Union, and John Sullivan, of East Eagle. South of this mine are the "Gold Mint," "Sheep Rock" and "Marshall." These mines assay high, and the "Gold Mint" is claimed to go up into the thousands. On the east side of the East Eagle are the "Oregon," "Rose" and "C. W. Woods," "Thursday" and "St. John." Mr. Mc-

INDIAN VALLEY.

Vivid Description of a Magnificent Country.

PRODUCTION AND PROSPECTS.

Its Greatest drawback the Lack of Railroad Facilities.

PROBABLE MINING SALES.

Several large sales are now on the tapis which will bring into camp new men and new enterprises, and our old residents are looking about to improve in outward appearance. The Main street has missed large stumps—the remains of several monarchs of the forest—the interior of several houses is undergoing required changes. Our boys are also alive to the truism that "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." Banner Lake will echo with the merry laugh of the devotees of the rod and gun. Clint. Duffy and Col. Gilmore are the leading promoters and builders of the new Banner Lake fleet, to be heralded by the launching of the "Nipsie," a vessel of a few small guns, or glass tubes, and many fish hooks. She goes into commission under the colors of Commodore Gilmore.

Banner Lake was so named from the stars and stripes which were thrown to the breeze on its shores on the 4th of July two years ago. There, in the midst of untamed nature, the songs of birds, and the trackless wilderness, was repeated that immortal announcement that all men were created equal. But enough of this until the next 4th of July. We are hunting gold mines now, and are looking on every stage from Union for the entrance of several Portland capitalists, who have telegraphed their intention to start as soon as the snow is well off the mountains.

On looking over the columns of a Webfoot paper I find an important and very significant combination of one of Baudin's growls and a Clatsop plea of guilty. Under the heading of "Mineral Wealth" the Oregonian refers to the hen scratching on the surface, calling it mining development, and says that recent developments on Powder river and vicinity point to the future of quartz mining there as very promising. The work, says the Oregonian, done on Grant county mines in the Granite district "has failed to respond" and as an inevitable sequence of that failure work has been abandoned, hope is left behind—the shafts are filled up—tunnels grown into seepage ducts, and dump piles look like ant-hills or gopher holes. The burden of the argument in the article to which my attention has been drawn seems to have been, that there has been no necessity for more energetic prosecution of mining enterprises—that no one is specially interested in the development of Oregon's resources, while the Sound country is so necessary to the fortunes of great corporations that they all grasp and struggle for the ascendancy, the one over the other. These corporations have appetites which can not be easily satisfied; hence to satisfy them, new fields must be opened, new ventures had and tried, and in the mean time the depths of the earth, the hard and resisting rock, must be impurposed to give up its treasures. The sum and substance of all this is, that the old settlers in the old agricultural districts of Oregon found the needs of life so lavishly spread out before them—the bounteous and never failing crops—the healthy and balmy atmosphere—a broad and constantly increasing market for all their produce—that there was no inducement to labor and toil as miners toil—some to wait for the "clean up" on the placer, or the returns from a favorable crushing.

Yet here and now we have it all. The "New Oregon," like the "New South," must be met kindly and liberally. While we point with pride to our mines and agricultural interests, we had better distribute with almost a profigate hand our kind and liberal accommodations. California does that and in the mean time "gathers them in" as the spider does the fly. There is no need of our resorting to unfair means. We have a mild and equable climate, a fertile soil, a healthy atmosphere, and all that is requisite for us is to let our claims and inducements be known.

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country described and a good road it is too.

A flouring mill is among the most needed of enterprises here at present, the breadstuffs consumed by two hundred families now having to be hauled from eight to twenty-miles to be milled.

The present population is about 1500—there being about 300 voters.

Good schools are maintained and law and order prevail.

THE TOWN OF ELGIN.

is situated on the Grande Ronde river, at the confluence of Phillip's creek on the one side and Clark creek on the other, about midway of the valley proper, and on the main road from Grande Ronde valley to Wallowa, the location being such, topographically, that a railroad through the country must necessarily pass by it. It is located in section 15, in township 1 north of range 29 east of the Willamette meridian, and was platted in 1886 by R. E. Stevenson, town proprietor.

Two fine water powers exist within the townsite.

The town consists at present of one general store, one hardware store, one drug store, one millinery shop, one harness shop, two butcher shops, two blacksmith shops, one barber shop, one saloon, two hotels, one livery stable, one agricultural implement house, one public hall and twenty-three dwelling houses.

Representing the professions are four physicians, four clergymen and a school teacher.

The school census shows ninety scholars in the district.

Although little or no effort has ever been made toward heralding to the world the beauties and inducements this town and vicinity offer to home-seekers and business men, a glance of the locality and its productiveness can but convince the skeptic of the safety in making investments here.

A WIRE WATER-WITCH.

How the Right Place to Dig a Well is Found on Eureka Flat.

The Milton Eagle tells the following about the way water is found by Messrs. Watson and Dean, who have been experimenting on Eureka Flat:

"Watson seated himself in a buggy with a steel wire rod grasped in his hands. On each end of this rod were two copper wire handles, one for each hand, and the rod itself was composed of various kinds of wire twisted around the main piece. The shape of the rod was something like the letter "U," the two ends forming the handles and the bow turned upward. Speeding along in his buggy, Mr. Watson held firmly to the handles of his rod until the first four miles were passed over, when suddenly the rod began to turn, not in a straight direction but diagonally with the road in a twisted manner. The team was directed in obedience to Mr. Watson's directions and very soon the rod bent straight down and he signified his willingness to guarantee water at no great depth beneath the spot on which they stood.

Many farms were visited, on some of which the rod refused to turn and on others it would quickly bend over. Mr. Watson claims that it will not turn over stagnant or seepage water, but only where live underground currents exist. He states that a number of his wells along the Northern Pacific were discovered while riding on a passenger train at 30 to 40 miles per hour.

Mr. Watson has obtained \$16,000 worth of contracts from prominent farmers on the flat, among them being Messrs. Upton, Laman, Woodworth, Morehead, Henry, Tompson, Welch, Bradbury, Painter and others. To many of them he has guaranteed 500 to 1000 gallons per day or no pay for his work or expenses. He sent for his machinery plant and work will commence in a few weeks, and the efficiency of his divining rod will soon be known, although it has proved an un-failing servant at many points along the Northern route."

A Sound Legal Opinion.

E. Bainbridge Munday Esq., County Atty Clay Co., Tex., says: "Have used Electric Bitters with most happy results. My brother also was very low with Malarial Fever and Jaundice, but was cured by timely use of this medicine. Am satisfied Electric Bitters saved his life."

Mr. D. I. Wilcoxson, Horse Cave, Ky., adds a like testimony, saying: He positively believes he would have died, had it not been for Electric Bitters.

Have you examined the fine assortment of Watches, Clocks and Jewelry, just received by A. N. Gardner & Co?