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A RETROSPECT.

I've been thinking, I've been thinking
Of the days when I was young;
Of those halcyon days of childhood;
Of the joyous songs then sung;
Of the pleasant home surroundings;
Of a mother fond and dear,
Who, with loving, thoughtful kindness,
Sought each passing hour to cheer.

I've been thinking, I've been thinking
Of the homestead old and gray;
Of the gaily flower-strewn hillside,
Where I've wandered day by day,
And my thoughts sweet treasures gather
Sacred memories of the past,
Freighted with the charms of childhood,
That were all too bright to last.

I've been thinking, sadly thinking
Of the broken household band;
Of the loved ones who have left us
For that brighter, better land;
And upon the page of memory
Life's dim shadows seem to east
A dark mantle o'er the present,
Blotting out the sunny past.

With regret I have been thinking
Of the years that lie between,
And my heart is filled with sadness;
With a sorrow deep and keen,
For those years that have been wasted;
For those pleasant days of yore;
They have vanished like a day-dream,
To return to me no more.

Mrs. NELLIE BLOOM,
WEST OAKLAND, CAL.

NORTH POWDER.

News of the Week as Noted by Our Regular Correspondent.

July 3, 1889.
Mr. N. Starbird returned from Hilgard on Saturday, to remain until after the Fourth.

Mr. Lem Williams came in from Long valley last week. He will remove there next fall.

Mr. W. F. Haines, of Anthony creek, is now located at Van Wick, Idaho.

Capt. White is agitating the erection of an Armory hall. Ground is tendered free.

Mr. Casbeer's child, with a broken bone, is in the hands of a surgeon at Baker City.

Charles Scheidhauer is on an extended visit to Portland. He will return this week.

Mr. White has withdrawn from the hotel business. Mr. Sharred will continue as before.

Jas. York has moved to Baker City and purchased a livery business. Friends from this region will not forget to call.

Messrs. Casbeer & Hilderbrand, of the placer mine on Bulger Flat, are now cleaning up the ground of four months continuous pipping.

The many friends of Thos. O'Bryant will be pleased to learn of his continued improvement in mind. He is still with his family on the farm.

A side track has been laid at the Anthony Mill & Flume Co's lumber depot above town. They will soon be ready to ship their lumber.

Dr. Saylor met with a painful accident on Sunday by spraining an ankle joint, not sufficient, however, to suspend his business.

Crops on Clover creek are almost a dead failure, also on portions of Wolf creek. On the North Powder, where water has been plenty to irrigate with, prospects are good for an abundant harvest.

"Bismark," the German tailor, who has been engaged in sundry patch work and tailoring the past week here, took his departure for Baker City on Monday to remain there a few days.

Chas. Anthony, of Anthony creek, has sold his farm to Mr. Stanford of this place who will take possession during the week. Mr. S. comes in possession of one of the finest small farms in that section of country.

A double barreled shot gun exploded in the hands of Master Jake Edwards, 13 years of age, of Clover creek, on Tuesday June 25th while shooting squirrels, causing a frightful laceration of the left hand and necessitating amputation at the lower third of the forearm which was successfully performed by Dr. Saylor, assisted by Dr. Honan of La Grande. The lad is a novice at shooting and overlooked a broken spring on his powder flask, permitting almost the entire contents of the can to pour into the left hand barrel, (which he fired at the time of the accident) necessarily causing an explosion and unfortunately occurring just at the portion where he supported the gun with his left hand. Some ten inches of the barrel was blown out, while the opposite barrel was broken and the stock shattered in many pieces. The thumb, index finger and the major portion of the palm of his hand was carried away, besides badly fracturing the wrist joint. He rallied nicely from the effect of the shock and at this writing is progressing finely. Debaring complications which are liable to arise in cases of this nature, he will recover, yet maimed for life. He is an unusually intelligent lad, a dutiful son, and has many friends and playmates here who will be shocked and pained at the sad calamity that has befallen him.

AJAX.

SUMMERVILLE.

A Splendid Rock Quarry Found Near the City.

THE FOURTH OF JULY AT ELGIN.

A Campmeeting in Progress--Huckleberry Parties--Other Notes.

The weather was never finer. The mower and rake are heard in every direction.

The acreage of grain is one-fourth more this season than last, in the vicinity of Summerville and Indian valley.

Two young bears from the Wallowa passed through on the stage last week. Dick Griffin had them in charge.

Since the burning of Ellensburg and Haily our city dads think we should have some fire protection. A good idea.

Fred Throce, one of Summerville's merchants, will soon leave for Long valley where he goes to permanently locate. He will no doubt open a blacksmith business at that place. Fred is a good workman.

Messrs. Levy and Mosga, of Union, spent Sunday last in our town. They both seemed happy over their celebration. Call again gentlemen.

Camp meeting is running in full blast at Elgin, conducted by Rev. Thompson and others. Go and hear them. It may do you good.

Huckleberrying parties are going to the mountains in every direction. But, folks, you are about two weeks early. The early bird wont work in this case.

Still the emigrants are heading for the Wallowa valley. They can go to no better place as land is cheap and plenty, and it is a good county, if crops are short this year. Other localities have experienced the same.

Those of our people who spent the Fourth at Union came home well pleased, swearing they had seen the elephant.

George Childers has bought the old Long farm on the swail near Wm. Hunters' of Bryant of La Grande. Price \$4000. A good bargain.

J. W. Baily owns, within four miles of Summerville, the finest rock quarry in the state. It is rock that can be worked in any shape and will stand fire forever. Those desiring to build would do well to call and see Mr. Baily as there is rock for all.

Some people acted very shamefully on the Fourth, in Summerville, simply because they could. This is the rule with some people. But they may get fooled if they try it again. Shame is no name for you.

Fisley McKenzie has contracted with the building committee to put up the fence around the cemetery. No better man could have been found as he will do just as he contracted for.

J. C. Sturgill and family, of Wingville, Baker county, spent the Fourth at Elgin among relatives and friends.

All speak in terms of praise of the oration delivered by Judge McArthur at La Grande on the Fourth. We could expect nothing less, as he is one of Oregon's ablest sons who, no doubt, in a short time will have to step down and out to give room to some deadhead because he helped to do some dirty work in the past. Such is life in America.

E. W. Oliver, of the upper Sand Ridge, is building one of the largest barns in the county. He is one of our hard laboring young men and best farmers. He will get there, and don't you forget it.

The celebration at Elgin was a success. About fifteen hundred people put in an appearance and a more civil, sober and genteel crowd never met together before. The officers of the day, Messrs. Morelock and Fine, had but little trouble in keeping order. The Summerville Cornet Band and the Elgin Glee Club furnished the best of music and in a manner that pleased all present. The grounds were the best arranged that I ever had the good luck to see. The reading of the Declaration of Independence by Mr. Bean was well done. The oration by the

Rev. J. M. Jones was the ablest effort that the people of this section have heard for many years. Mr. Jones did not touch on the dogmas that the usual politician and half made preachers indulge in, but instead proved himself an orator able to meet either on the stump or pulpit. Everybody seemed to have plenty of grub for themselves and neighbors, and all were made welcome. The afternoon exercises were very good, consisting of a game of base ball between the Summerville and Elgin nines. The Summerville boys got away with the game, but did not have to catch any one by the leg to accomplish the victory. Both nines played fair and treated each other as gentlemen would be expected to do, and left each other as the best of friends. The fireworks at night were grand and well displayed. The dance at night was not as well patronized as it should have been. All the various stands on the ground made some money and in fact all went home well pleased with the day's work.

CUT-MOUTH JOHN.

EAGLE VALLEY.

July 6, 1889.
Health of the community good, with the exception of a few having the chills.

The weather is very nice for haying. Some are through, while others are quite busy, and a great many were delayed three days last week on account of the rainy, bad weather.

Eagle valley has fine looking gardens and a bountiful supply of numerous kinds of vegetables.

We regret very much to learn that our post-master is soon to be changed, as he took the office about a year ago with great reluctance, though strongly urged by his many friends, and has since gone to the expense of putting up an office, and it is thought by a great many that no one can give more general satisfaction than Mr. D. J. Saunders has given.

Our Sabbath school is progressing nicely and it is earnestly hoped a greater interest may be taken now than ever before, and as a Sabbath school is the church of Christ studying and teaching the Bible, it should be the most earnest desire of all to learn the word of our Lord.

We now have regular services twice a month by brothers Yeakum and McCart, the latter preaching the second Sunday and Mr. Yeakum the third.

We were kindly invited by our sister valley, Pine, to celebrate the Fourth with them this year, and in order to be sociable we accepted the invitation, but are sorry to say that they divided, having two picnics only the short distance of about two miles apart, one at the lower store and the other at the upper. Where the largest crowd was is hard to decide, but some say it was above. The programme at lower store was well carried out. First was the liberty car, representing the states and territories, and to excel this would be hard for any place to do. The long procession of little boys following their efficient drummer is long to be remembered. Next music by the Glee Club, followed by prayer by Rev. Boyles, then reading of the Declaration of Independence by Mr. C. T. wise. Then followed an oration by Col. Dow of Cornucopia. It was good, and as he has been on this western coast for twenty-two years his talk of old times was appreciated. Lawyer Crawford, of Union, was introduced and delivered an oration, holding the crowd quite a length of time, his speech being excellent. While the string band was playing delightful music the kind people of the valley were preparing dinner which appeared to be enjoyed by all. No one could wish for more, for the variety was great and of superior quality. All pains necessary were taken that none should be overlooked. After dinner we were treated to more good vocal and instrumental music, followed by the plug uglies who caused much laughter. It can be said truthfully that there was no profane language heard on the ground and the picnic was not ended in the evening by a horse race.

Wishing success to THE SCOUT, the kind editor and all its many readers, I close for you all to

GUESS.

CORNUCOPIA.

Telephone Line Wanted Between Union and Pine Creek.

CONTESTS ON THE TURF.

Davis' Quartz Mill--Shipment of Sulphurets--Other Mining Notes.

EDITOR OREGON SCOUT:--

I write you my first since the 4th, and trust that for all "short coming" you will credit the same to the demands of that day.

The new town laid out about two miles from the old Pine valley village is meeting with no small share of opposition and jealousy. There was a celebration at both places, and the house divided against itself was too large for either one to be much crowded. I remained at the upper or new town. (Stalker's store) and if I say nothing about the lower celebration it will be because, not being there, I know nothing about it. The parties who took the lead in preparing the grounds and making the general arrangements for the exercises of the day, deserve much credit for the energy and taste displayed. It was an old fashioned Fourth and made me feel I was young again.

An unfortunate misunderstanding left the people assembled at this place without a band, but the deficiency was filled by a home string band, consisting of violin, bass viol and organ, the music on all three of which was well rendered and highly appreciated. The singing was superb. The patriotic airs stirred up the greatest enthusiasm, and all enjoyed themselves in fullest extent. The exercises consisted of, 1st, national air of welcome; 2nd, reading of Declaration of Independence by Mr. C. T. Wise, and I must say more effectively read than I ever before heard; 3d, oration by Baudin, which was followed by a song and music by the band, after which Judge Crawford, of Union, delivered an oration which was received with applause. What your scribe said I can't tell, but guess it was well enough as he was permitted to conclude without interruption. Then followed the picnic, and all sat down to the most sumptuous repast that was ever enjoyed in this valley. When I tell you that the wives and daughters of a hundred or more farmers gave the best of fruit, flour and farm products to the table, you can form an idea that no one went away hungry. It was an old fashioned celebration, such as some of us were accustomed to forty years ago. In the evening a ball was given under the auspices of the Odd Fellows, a new lodge of which order has just been formed. Fifty tickets were sold. The car of state, represented by forty-two young ladies dressed in white, was beautiful to look upon and attracted universal attention.

DAVIS' MILL.

We occasionally get sight of Mr. Davis, and only occasionally, for he sticks closely to his new enterprise, that of a custom mill which will be on the ground in a few days. It is a Huntington crusher and when the foundation is complete and the motive power placed under control, a large part of the work is done. Although Mr. Davis is himself a thorough mechanic, he is greatly assisted by Mr. J. T. Becker. It is located a little below Cornucopia on one of the small tributaries of Pine creek. It is calculated to run through twelve tons in twenty-four hours, and will be first tried on Last Chance ore. This mine runs in an easterly and westerly direction and lies about three thousand feet north of the Red Jacket, and around it on every side is a regular nest of locations rich in free gold and sulphurets.

THE UNION.

still continues to show up well under the guidance of Mr. Burdett, and rumor has it that the Union and Companion will be the next mines sold, and indications point to the company represented by Mr. Rudeberger as the purchaser. Mr. Rudeberger, for convenience in mail and telegraphic facilities, is stopping at the Depot hotel in Union.

TELEPHONE FROM CORNUCOPIA.

The project of establishing a tele-

phone from Cornucopia to some point on the railroad has been whispered, and barely whispered, in this locality. The enterprise is moderate in expense, so convenient and beneficial in results, that it does not seem to me it ought to require much time to consummate the organization of a company for that purpose. The enterprise ought not to cost over three thousand dollars and the operating of the line for some years to come would be so slight that it is not worth mentioning. The poles are already set and all that is wanted is some one to climb the trees and fasten the insulators and string the wires. It would require only fifty miles of wire, two or three Bell telephone instruments and the line is ready for operation. I have had no experience in building telephone lines, but only judge from what other lines have cost. The question first arising—who is to pay for this?—I answer, let it be paid for as other works are paid for, by the stockholders in an enterprise which would pay interest on the investment from the start. One per cent, on the cost of the line would be thirty-six dollars per month, and when the business at Cornucopia, Sanger, and along the route, and the Pine and Eagle valley settlements is considered and estimated, it is certainly not a wild assumption to assert that the line would pay from the start. Another consideration ought to touch the pride of the people of Union strong enough and sharp enough to lead them to be the pioneers in an enterprise that would tend to secure for coming years almost the entire trade of this mining region. The only expense attending the enterprise after the building of the line is the royalty paid for the use of the instruments. Telephonic communication we are bound to have. Union or Baker, which shall it be?

THE FOURTH NOT OVER.

The horse races in the valley have given our people a kind of "post-prandial" fever which has to be allayed by the homeopathic treatment of "like cures like," and two weeks from tomorrow youth and old age will meet on the turf. Mr. R. Brown's horse, Sawtooth Charlie, is pitted against Chris. Murray's sorrel horse, Nameless. Parse, two hundred dollars. The track is in a beautiful shaded grove across the river from town and visitors from abroad will be well treated. Other races and amusements will follow in the afternoon.

SHIPMENT OF SULPHURETS.

On Tuesday two loads of sulphurets left for Baker by Doug. Morgan's team and as soon as a car load reaches that place a shipment will be made.

Holcomb and Ludcker started work on the North Star last Monday. The St. Louis parties will be on the ground by the first of August.

Sam George was in from the Stanton placers, on Eagle creek, and brought several dollars from the mines, taken out of three pans of gravel. Work will be pushed with energy.

BAUDIN.

PARK PICKINGS.

Mr. Martin who was out hunting recently got wet to the hide. He came home and asked for a suit of dry clothes, and while standing close by the stove, stooped too low, which made him pretty spry for a few minutes.

Shannon Marshal was visiting friends in the Park this week.

H. W. Lee and wife were up from Powder river recently, visiting relatives, and passed on through to Elgin to spend the Fourth.

Several of the Park children are on Big creek, going to school. They think Mr. Conklin a good teacher.

Grandpa South has received his ear drums, and thinks he can hear in a few weeks as well as ever.

Richard Duncan has the logging contract for the Park mill.

Mat. Shaw has just returned from Walla Walla. He says that it is terrible dry over there.

TIME & JOY.

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