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ALL WORK WARRANTED

FIRST CLASS

THE COVE.

July 17, 1889.

H. J. Geer took a load of cherries to Summerville last Tuesday. They met with ready sale.

Born.—To the wife of George Benner, July 14, a ten pound son. Mother and child doing well.

Mrs. F. D. Pugh has gone to Walla Walla and will probably visit the Willamette valley before her return.

Misses Mona and Mary Swartz will start for Montana on Monday. They will go to Rosebud where their parents reside.

The county assessor is interviewing our citizens this week. He intends to complete his labors in this precinct in a few days.

Excursions to the Minam are being indulged in by young and old. An occasional deer is seen and a large number of trout captured.

Mr. Lou Child is in town from Spokane Falls. He says that city is full of people and the streets crowded with vehicles day and night.

Hands to help with the hay harvest are scarce and in demand. Good men who are not afraid of work will do well to come this way.

Wm. Koenig, the builder, went to Union Thursday to put in bids for constructing the proposed Wallowa river and Willow creek bridges.

The large two story addition to the Excelsior Tanning Company's establishment will be completed this week. Wm. Koenig is the contractor.

Wm. Smith has moved his law library to Baker City and opened an office. The professor is attentive to business and will no doubt soon enjoy a lucrative practice.

The amount of hay cured in the Cove this season will exceed, by considerable, the crop of last year. Timothy and wild hay will be probably a third less, but many fields of grain are being put up for hay.

Major Reese, of Walla Walla, brother of M. B. Reese, died last Saturday. He had been suffering from a stroke of apoplexy for some time and had lately been traveling, in hopes that a change of climate might prove beneficial.

The North Powder boys have challenged the Cove-Union club to play a series of games, but as the boys are badly scattered it is not likely that the challenge can be accepted at the present time.

Misses Mollie Hendershott, Grace Meacham and Georgie Powell went down the valley Thursday to pay their schoolmate, Miss Annie McDonald, a visit. Their many friends wish them a pleasant journey, a happy visit and a long stay.

The output of the Cove dairy company's factory this year will be about sixty tons of cheese, besides a large quantity of butter. The store room is now crowded with cheese ready for the market, and the company's salesman, E. P. McDaniel, is now on the road soliciting orders. He is meeting with gratifying success.

JIMMIE CREEK.

July 14, 1889.

All in good health on the creek as far as I know.

A. T. Hewitt returned from Umatilla county recently.

Clark Newman commenced haying on the 8th inst.

For a good sheep dog call on T. B. Seitz, of Ladd canyon.

Mr. W. F. Thompson was visiting at J. Bradford's a few days ago.

John Graham returned from the Snake river country recently.

Mrs. W. H. Stafford and her sister, Miss Winnie Blakeslee, visited Union recently.

The Bradford Bros. commenced haying on the 10th. They expect to have some hay to sell this fall.

Dave and Joe Bradford returned from Wallowa recently accompanied by T. B. Seitz and Orin Price.

Our Jimmie Creek road was surveyed the other day by J. W. Kimbrell, and viewed by Charles Grey, Thomas Shaw and John Graham. The viewers talked favorable of the road.

PANCAKE.

PINE CREEK.

Picnic to be Given by the People of Eagle Valley.

A PARADISE FOR THE FARMER.

Mention of the Various Mines in the Pine Creek District.

July 11, 1889.

EDITOR OREGON SCOUT:—

Since the Fourth this region of the mountains has been suffering from the most excessive heat, ninety-two in the shade, and in Pine valley it has reached 104 degrees. The miners assert that work on the surface has been prosecuted amidst excessive perspiration. The relief comes at night when it is cool and invigorating. The bright rays of the sun, however, do not prevent the work of prospecting from being energetically continued. The Red Jacket mill keeps up its regular pounding, only resting for three or four days before and after the national holiday, when all hands celebrated in a becoming manner.

HARVESTING.

The "hay diggers" are improving the sun shine and hundreds of tons stacked up here and there is the result. As a rule two crops of alfalfa are made during the summer and fall, but a farmer from Eagle says this year he will cut three. Under this sub-head I will mention a gathering of the farmers of Eagle valley which is to transpire on the first of August. Pomona, Ceres and Flora will turn out in all their wealth of beauty and utility. A band will discourse music appropriate to the occasion, and merry voices and flying feet will mark the hours of night. During the fair the products of the farm, the field and dairy will be fully and largely represented. That valley, shut in by mountains on every side, where the river forces its way to form a junction with Powder river, is protected from heavy winds and the cold wintry blasts, modifying the temperature to almost a tropical climate, which is made evident by the productions of the soil which rival the semi-tropical products of California in quantity and quality. Sweet potatoes, large and free from tendrils and blisters usually found on that vegetable, are raised easily and in abundance. The Muscat and Isabella grapes are not uncommon. Honey, clear and transparent, is found on every table. The orchards, when I was there some three weeks since, were loaded with pears, apples, peaches and a great variety of plums. The trees on one farm, Hon. W. R. Usher's, were all propped up so great was the burden they bore, and the grapes hung in clusters as large as any I ever saw in a more southern clime. Winter does not set in until the latter part of December and little or no snow falls, and that only to lay for a day or two. Powder river and Eagle creek furnish an ample supply of water for irrigation, and the foot-hills are covered with pine and tamarack. Here is where the harvest picnic of Union county will be held, and all these beauties and bountiful gifts are but twenty miles from the hills, mountains and mines of Cornucopia.

THE MINES.

I must drop my revelling in fruits and flowers and come back once more to the rocks and hills,—and the filthy lucre—to the valley asleep at the foot of the granite, for so I have deemed it appropriate to call this portion of Pine valley. The Davis mill is rapidly approaching completion and the Blue Jacket is turning out its steady flow of free gold and sulphurets. The various old prospects are being steadily worked. Some new mines are coming to the front, among which is the

MAVERICK

worked and owned by Capt. Tyler and James Stephenson, formerly located by Dr. Howard and E. P. Rand. The ledge is three feet wide between walls, with eighteen inches of rich ore, and returning a large proportion of sulphurets. The ledge is the south extension of the Last Chance. Messrs. Tyler & Co are still at work on the ledge. This morning they showed a fine specimen of the ledge—free gold all through it.

VAN WINKLE.

This is also the property of Tyler & Co., Jonathan Bourn being one of this company. It lies between the Red Jacket and Whitman. The company has cut through one ledge, near the main body of ore, about eighteen inches thick, the ledge proper being three feet. They are working the ledge by tunnel which is now in eighty-four feet, striking the ledge two hundred and fifty feet under ground.

PARSON LEDGE.

S. M. Beers has let a contract for a tunnel of sixty feet on the Parson ledge, situated on the hill one-fourth of a mile from town. "Jack in the Hole" has the contract and is pushing it rapidly. They think to strike the ledge in twenty feet further.

NORTH STAR.

Work still going on on the North Star on the Red Jacket hill. All the prospects on this hill are similar in character—all strong and well defined. Everything around camp moving along smoothly.

BAUDIN.

HIGH ALLEY.

Home's Regular Budget of Interesting Local News.

John Cline has purchased a new hack and parlor organ.

The harvest is in full blast and the sickles are singing their song.

Born.—July 12, 1889, to the wife of Warden Hathaway, a daughter.

Girls born in July may be passably handsome but with a sulky temper.

Professor Conklin made us a pleasant call recently while on his way to his school at Medical Springs.

Supervisor Minnick can be seen rambling around in search of Canada thistles. Hunt them out, John.

Some who have held aloof from the railroad subsidy have subscribed something, much to the joy of all.

We have two new twine binders at work, of the Walter A. Woods patent, bought by the Wilkinson boys.

There is quite a general complaint made about the mail coming out of the Union postoffice. Some have not received THE SCOUT for three weeks.

We have been told why so many school teachers are old maids: It is because no woman of sense is willing to give up a sixty dollar position for a ten dollar man.

We saw an apple tree limb, thirty inches long, broken down with the weight of thirty-six apples growing on it. How is that for High valley, with Nathan Conklin for witness?

Do not stand around and whine about your own town, but proceed to do something for its betterment. Do not think any one mean and dishonest and uncharitable when you are only suffering from a temporary suffusion of your own gall. Do not go around pitying the Johnstown sufferers when you are able to give to the Hunt railroad subsidy, and yet have not put in your contribution with the rest of the boys.

Married.—In Union, Oregon, July 4, 1889, Mr. Frank Ross and Miss Emma Mayotte, Frank Wilson, J. P., officiating. There goes our young friend. We noticed that he had been ailing for some time, as if there was something wrong with his mind. He often talked of the great happiness a man must experience when seated 'neath his own vine and fig tree, surrounded by the wife of his bosom, et cetera. Ah! it is very sad. But such things must be or what would become of our census? If all of these young fellows were proof against the shafts of the frisky archer, what would be the fate of this great and glorious country?

Frank is a first-class young man, and we know that Emma will take the best of care of him and see that he does not stay out too late at night. Be a good woman as you have been a girl, get his dinners in time, for that is what he likes, and you will be enabled to get along with the tyrant—man, till the time comes when trouble ceases to bother us all. The couple have settled on his ranch where he has been batching for some time. That they may live long and happy in the relation of husband and wife, and the cobwebs that heretofore adorned bachelor's hall be swept down to appear no more, and that Cupid's chain may grow stronger as the years go by, is the wish of their many friends.

HOMO.

THE WALLOWA.

A Correspondent Reviews its Wonderful Resources.

ENTERPRISE, THE COUNTY SEAT.

Description of its Climate, Farm Lands, Mines, Forests, Etc.

A correspondent of the Pacific Express describes Wallowa county, which was formerly a part of Union county, as follows:

Wallowa County is bounded on the North by Washington, on the East by Snake river, on the South and West by Union County. It presents some of the wildest, grandest, most majestic and beautiful scenery to be seen in any county in the state, outside of that around Mt. Hood. Its rugged, ragged, craggy mountains, with their snow capped peaks; its deep, rocky canyons, with their rushing, rumbling, roaring waters boiling and foaming in their seeming madness and fury to find some place of quietude and rest; its grand and magnificent cascades and water falls as laughingly they plunge down hundreds of feet into the abyss below; its palisades of rocks standing forth in imitation of ruined castles; its beautiful valley streams as they wind and wend their way, murmuring requiems for glory lost, until at last they blend themselves in the vortex of waters of the mighty Columbia, and are swallowed up forever; its silvery lakes—beautiful to behold—with their clear and almost transparent waters, down into which the eye can discern objects to the depth of from 60 to 70 feet; its grand and extensive forest of pine and fir; its vast area of treeless rolling, rich uplands; its beautiful, fertile valleys; its splendid farms and pleasant homes. All these presenting a scenery at once beautiful grand and magnificent.

ITS CLIMATE.

The climate in this county is almost as variable as the different localities in which you may be located. The elevation of the Wallowa valley at its upper termination is 4000 feet above the level of the sea, yet the climate is considerably milder than in the same latitude east of the Rocky Mountains. In the Wallowa valley the winter of 1885 and '86 was very mild and snow only fell to the depth of ten inches and the thermometer only registered below zero three or four days. The winter of 1887 and '88 was more severe and the thermometer for eight days was from fourteen to thirty-five degrees below zero which was the coldest ever known in the valley before. Last winter, as is known, the weather was very mild, the thermometer only reaching zero twice and only four inches of snow fell in this valley. Yet the cold weather is not felt so severely as in other sections where the thermometer does not register so low on account of the dry atmosphere and still the springs are as pleasant as could be expected in their latitude and altitude. The summers are delightful, extreme heat is unknown and the summer extends into the fall months.

ITS RESOURCES.

There are in the Wallowa county a number of fine valleys. The Wallowa valley watered by the Wallowa river and divided into three valleys, the lower valley, the middle valley, and the upper valley. Swamp Creek valley, Lost and Paradise valleys are prairies in the northern part of the county and contiguous to the Grande Ronde river; Imnaha valley, the Sheep creek countries and the Snake river country. The products of these valleys are varied. The Wallowa valleys are productive in wheat, oats, rye and barley, and the various grasses, producing in favorable seasons as much as 30 to 40 bushels of wheat to the acre; oats from 30 to 60 bushels; barley from 40 to 80 bushels; rye is raised mostly for feed. The grasses do well, large crops being cut. Fruits do well in various sections of the county, particularly in the Lost and Paradise valleys, and in the Imnaha. The latter valley is called the Italy of Oregon, as most all kinds of fruit are raised there. In the Wallowa valley are some fine orchards, and in the Prairie Creek region fruits are doing finely. Of the small fruits most

all kinds do well. Strawberries, gooseberries, blackberries and raspberries yield abundantly, the flavors of which are delicious.

Stock raising is one of the chief and main industries of the county. Large bands of horses and herds of cattle are seen in various parts of the county, but immense flocks of sheep are a common sight, wool being the principal product of the county although agricultural industry is now being prosecuted to a large extent; land which has hitherto been considered of no account for farming is now being brought under cultivation and producing large crops.

ITS MINES.

The mines of Wallowa county are now attracting considerable attention. The ledges discovered and prospects obtained therefrom justifying a further outlay of money and time in their development. Marble is also found, of superior quality and in large veins.

It is also claimed that placer diggings have been discovered in the eastern portion of the county on the Minam which prospect, according to old placer miners, sufficiently well to pay for working.

ITS FORESTS.

There are in the county fine tracts of timber, pine and fir; these forests of timber are immense and only await means of transportation for them to be utilized; and already in anticipation of it at no distant day, a railroad being built, any many sections of these lands being taken up.

WATER POWER.

Like most of the eastern counties of Oregon, Wallowa county is blessed with an abundant supply of water power and it is estimated that the fall to each mile is from 50 to 100 feet, and that to secure a fall from 25 to 50 feet only a few hundred yards has to be flumed or ditched; but little of this power is now utilized and that only for home purposes in running a few saw mills and grist mills for home consumption.

Although only accessible by wagon road, yet there are many immigrants finding their way into the county, and land is being taken up for homesteads and pre-emption very rapidly, and the class of settlers coming into this section of Oregon are intelligent and thrifty.

EDUCATION.

is also receiving its fair share of notice from its citizens. Good schools are maintained and efficient teachers employed. Good and comfortable school houses are being erected throughout the county.

That the county is improving rapidly is shown by the following taken from the assessors book of 1888.

Article.	Number.	Value.
Improved deeded land 62,638 acres	\$212,762
Town lots	58,590
Improvements on undeeded land	49,870
Horses and mules	5,625	144,692
Cattle	9,389	128,119
Sheep	40,633	81,578
Swine	1,495	3,064
Other property	363,164

Total value of taxable property \$1,073,148

The increase for 1889 will be, at least, one-third more than the above in the aggregate.

The present out-look for crops is good. The drought which has visited almost all parts of the state was also felt in Wallowa, but the late rains, which commenced on Wednesday June 26th and continued until Sunday the 30th, has not only revived the drooping spirits of the people, but has also revived the growing crops so that there will be a fair average yield.

The farmers are awaking to the fact that they will in the future use the means which nature has given them, and are now making preparations for irrigating by forming companies to utilize the abundance of water which lies at their command, and thus, when nature does not supply the demand, they can make use of its substitute, irrigation.

The population of the county is about 6000 and increasing quite rapidly.

School and church privileges are excellent for a new country.

ENTERPRISE.

Well and befittingly named, situated in the west end of the Upper valley and on the north side of the Wallowa river about in the center of the county.

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