

THE OREGON SCOUT.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

ANOTHER woolen mill has failed, this time in Connecticut. Thus the beauties of a home market and a wool tariff receive another striking illustration in this off year in politics, which appears also to be an off year with some of the infant industries.

WHILE Corporal Tanner is making the treasury suffer he does not forget his own household. He draws a salary \$5,000 and a pension of \$864 a year. His daughter, who acts as his private secretary, receives \$1,800, and a younger daughter has a clerkship which pays her \$720 a year. The Corporal also has a son who receives a snug salary as a government employe.

WE ARE in receipt of a letter from the State Agricultural College, of Corvallis, which informs us that a committee of the Faculty will visit Union county either this month or some time in August and will lecture in the various towns and grange halls for the purpose of advertising the college and securing students for it. Grand Master Hayes, of the State Grange, is a member of the Board of Regents and heartily endorses the movement.

THERE IS NO source of annoyance so great to traveling men as the necessity to which they are frequently put, of securing men to identify them when they desire to cash drafts or money orders. A genius has discovered a plan by which this difficulty may be entirely overcome. It is simply to have a number of photographs taken of himself and left at the home office to be sent along with the draft or order, then all he has to do is to walk into the bank and ask the cashier to size him up. This the cashier does and hands over the money without question.

A NUMBER of the business men of La Grande have entered into an agreement to close their stores at eight o'clock every evening. The agreement is to be published two weeks in the newspapers. The only thing worthy of remark in all this is the fact that the names of at least one half of the "merchants" who sign the agreement are totally unknown to the people of the valley, and an advertisement of their firms was never seen. We will bet our devil's air gun against Snoddy's setter pup that the papers will not get a cent for publishing the agreement.

THE last Oregon legislature enacted that a tax not to exceed two-tenths of a mill be levied on all property, to raise a fund for the relief of indigent soldiers and sailors who served in the war with Mexico, the rebellion or in any of the Indian wars of Oregon, Washington or Idaho, also for the widows and children of such. No ex-soldier or sailor can be sent to the poor house without the consent of the commander of the Grand Army Post. The act also provides that the sum of thirty dollars be allowed by the county to pay funeral expenses of veterans of any of the above wars.

THE impunity with which the sugar kings of the country insert their fingers into every family sugar bowl, and reduce its contents by enhancing the price to suit their own inordinate greed, is fearful to behold. It is said, and we all realize the fact, that the sugar trust has given the screw another turn, or several of them, and sugar has gone up in price like a kite. The higher price is confined strictly to this country, where the manufacturers have combined to restrict its production and to sell none except for such prices as they may combinedly put upon it. There are scarcely more than a dozen firms in the United States engaged in refining sugar, and they, having a monopoly of the entire output, are plundering the whole sixty million people of the country. The New York correspondent of the Public Ledger states that the trust's profit during last year was \$20,000,000. It is said that, in view of an enormously big crop of coffee this year, the coffee trust will ease up a little on prices to consumers. The general public should not forget that their gratitude is due to Providence and not to the gentry who manipulate the "corners," for, except on compulsion, they never fail to "cinch," to the utmost. We have no kick coming, however. We are "protected" and should be willing to put up with it.

HITS THEM ABOUT RIGHT.

A Truthful Description of a Certain Class of Individuals who Would Prosper at the Expense of Others.

There are many persons who own from 320 to 800 acres of as fine land as there is in the county, which is situated on or near the line of the proposed railroad, and these persons absolutely refuse to subscribe one nickel to the subsidy. No argument is needed to show them the advantages of the road; they understand them and greatly desire the road, but they would rather that their neighbor would reach down into his pocket and put up for the benefits they expect to derive from the building of the road. It is a great pity that such men are allowed to share in any of the benefits of civilization and enjoy the prosperity brought about by the liberal and enterprising citizens. In Indian valley, Summerville and Cove precincts is this condition of things specially apparent. A man who will refuse to assist in an enterprise which brings hundreds of dollars into his pocket, and which he acknowledges will be of great benefit to him, and hopes and prays that his enterprising and energetic neighbors will not allow the enterprise to fail, is not much better than the mean, sneaking hound that sneaks into a man's chicken coop and appropriates his hard earnings to his own use.

The subsidy required for the extension of the Hunt road only lacks about \$10,000 of being subscribed and if these persons who are now refusing to assist the matter would lend a helping hand and put their shoulder to the wheel, one day would settle the matter and those who have already done all they could reasonably be expected to do, would not have to bear the increased burden. But if they do not unbend from the position they have taken, and their neighbors are compelled to shoulder their portion, it is to be hoped that their names will be placed before Mr. Hunt and that they will be excluded from enjoying any of the benefits of the road, and shall forever be looked upon by the road with its disfavor and contempt which their neighbors will have for them. W.

NORTH POWDER.

News of the Week as Noted by Our Regular Correspondent.

July 16, 1889.

Mr. Morand, formerly section foreman here, but now a resident of Pocatello, paid his old home a visit on the Fourth.

Dr. Saylor returned from Salem on Friday from an attendance at the State Military Board during the week.

In a row among the Mongolian residents of town, last week, one of them was carved up in good shape, but not dangerously.

Mr. Stewart Williams, clerk of the company, left for Utah territory during last week, on a business visit.

Mr. Stevenson, special manager of the Mutual Life Insurance Association of Denver, Col., called here in the interests of the company.

An effort is being made to organize a county medical society among the regular profession of the county. We hope they may succeed.

The Anthony Mill & Flume Co. are averaging 20,000 feet of lumber cut per day. The push and energy of the firm indicate success.

Jahey Edwards, who underwent an amputation of the fore-arm fifteen days ago, has entirely recovered and will return to the farm to-day.

Died.—At Bulger Flat, July 4th, Wm. Wargeld, after a week's illness of pneumonia and acute inflammatory rheumatism. He leaves a wife and five children in destitute circumstances.

Mr. Fred Punch, of the mill company, came down on Saturday evening, returning on Sunday. His many friends were pleased to welcome him here, if only on a brief visit, and hope his next visit will be of longer duration.

On Saturday last, John Taylor, an employee of the Anthony Mill & Flume Co., while at work in the mill, by some unknown cause slipped and fell, and in falling threw his right hand forward in contact with a rapidly revolving pulley causing a fracture of one of the bones of the fore arm near the wrist joint, besides badly spraining the ligaments at the wrist. Dr. Saylor was immediately summoned and reduced the fracture, besides allaying the excruciating pain attending it. It will probably be some time before the young man will be able to resume his place in the mill, as the injury is complicated and slow of recovery. Under the kind and tender care of Mr. and Mrs. Punch, however, his wants will be promptly attended to.

AJAX.

EAGLE VALLEY.

Grand Picnic to be Given August 1st.—Interesting Local News.

Everything quiet since the Fourth. Born.—To the wife of Mr. Haman Swisher, a nine pound daughter.

Wm. Nast takes the cake. The recent visitor to his house is a ten pound boy.

Our orchards are loaded with fruits and some of the trees are breaking down with their loads.

There was a welcome visitor at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. N. Young—an eight pound girl. All are doing well.

We have any amount of fat horses, cattle and sheep for sale. Also unlimited quantities of hay. Let buyers interview us. They can do well.

I understand there is a little stranger over at Mr. Lomis' place. It is a girl. Hurrah for Eagle valley? She is gaining in population very fast.

W. W. Kirby will sell two hundred tons of hay, has a good place to feed, and will have a good fall and winter pasture. Come and see him. He will sell half or all of that amount.

It is reported that Ben Longly and John Frazier have bought the entire band of sheep belonging to Robt. Whitaker. Longly and Frazier have 12,000 head of sheep. Those two boys are rascals.

Almost everybody in Eagle is taking a few days rest as the first crop of hay is in the stack. The alfalfa will soon be ready to cut again. The wheat will soon be ripe. There will be an immense amount of feed raised in this valley. It will be sold cheap.

The people of Eagle valley will have a picnic on the first day of August. We will spare neither money or time to make it the grandest affair ever had in this section of the state. There will be all kinds of music, speaking by the best talent, racing for a purse, premiums will be given for a foot race, fat man's race, best lady rider, the best looking young lady, prettiest lady and the oldest gentleman and lady. The Calithumpians will appear. There will be plenty for everybody to eat and a big dance will take place at night. Circulars will soon be out giving full particulars. K.

PARK PICKINGS.

July 16, 1889.

The mower starts Monday morning in the rye.

Stock on the range look well. There will be plenty of beef cattle.

The hay crop of timothy and wild grass is rather light, but wild oats is plenty.

The lovers of huckleberries will be sadly disappointed this time for there are none here.

Archie Vanorder got his shoulder dislocated some days ago by a team he was breaking.

Grain is getting ripe, with a tolerably good prospect considering the dry weather awhile back.

Weather very nice, with some appearance of rain. A shower of rain would be very acceptable now.

The fruit in R. M. South's orchard is very scarce, none to speak of. It is thought the hail last year killed the buds.

El. says when he goes to see his girl he will start soon. Jo. says, "When I get my watch on I will fetch 'em."

Mr. Eaton has two hundred head of horses at his place here, corralled at night and herded by day on the range to the cost of the settlers in having the range eat off.

High valley is challenging everybody to shoot. We have no 200 yard shots, but if they have a few lady shooters send them up to shoot from ten to forty yards.

The boys of the Park were sadly disappointed the Fourth. They expected to see some fine playing for the prize offered for the ball game. They are almost in the notion to go down and finish the Union club themselves.

Mose Vandeventer and W. M. South both have homesteads on Powder river and now they have about made up their minds to fool somebody, for W. M. went to the celebration on the Fourth for the first time in four or five years. Mose is out to-day. If you know of some one send them around.

The saw mill shut down on the 2nd until the Monday after the Fourth when the boys gathered in. They were a sorry looking crowd. Some went to La Grande to see the show, but when there they did not go in to see the devil kid or devil baby. I wish some one would describe it for THE SCOUT, for I have heard of it when it was born in Ohio.

R. M. South started to La Grande this morning on a business trip. A. Van and family have gone after the funny tribe, Ike went to see his uncle, and Mose has gone off on Dan's cayuse; I expect he went to see his girl. Dick and Julia went to see their place on Big creek. Geo. South has gone to help Mr. Ames make hay. He has a good job, Frank Shaw went down on Thursday's stage but has returned. MOIKF.

A LECTURE by Sam'l. P. Putnam, printed in pamphlet form, entitled "The Glory of Infidelity," is on our table. Mr. Putnam is another Ingersoll.

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