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How to Secure a Survey.

The following is an extract from a letter of the Surveyor-General to one of his correspondents, making inquiries as to the mode of procedure in asking for a survey of public lands:

"The appropriation made by congress for public surveys for the current fiscal year (which commenced on the first instant) was \$200,000. This, under the law and regulations, must be expended for townships occupied, in whole or part, by actual settlers with improvements; and the surveys shall be confined to lands adapted to agriculture and lines of reservations."

"In order to secure surveys the department requirement is that application therefor should be addressed to this office. The settlers living upon the unsurveyed lands in the vicinity should unite in a petition to survey. The petition should be accompanied by a statement showing the number of bonafide settlers, the character of the unsurveyed lands, the nature and value of their improvements, and the area under cultivation, stating, if possible, the township or approximate general course of such valley or valleys should also be noted.

"For several years past it has been the policy of the General Land office to prohibit the survey of her forest or heavily timbered lands; but it may be necessary under the requirements of the Approximate Act (Second Session Act, Fiftyeth Congress, Chapter 411, page 859) to make some modification of this restriction. There are in some localities fine agricultural lands which, although heavily timbered, are occupied in part by bonafide settlers, who at great loss and expense have improved the lands and made for themselves permanent homes to which they are anxious to obtain title. Whenever such cases arise, all the facts as to the character of the lands, and the kinds and qualities of the timber, in addition to the information as to the number of settlers and the character of their improvements, should be fully presented for the consideration of this office and of the General Land office.

"The Hon. Commissioner will allow the awarding of contracts for the survey of timber lands when their value for agricultural purposes is well established, and satisfactory proof given of their occupation by bonafide settlers who have made permanent improvements.

"Upon receipt of the petition I will forward the same to the General Land office, with an estimate of the cost of the desired surveys and with such recommendations as this office may deem proper.

"In the event of the survey being ordered by the Hon. Commissioner, the expense thereof will be paid by the government."

Farmers Should Unite.

The Agricultural Epitomist pertinently remarks: "Until the farmers of this land unite perfectly they will continue to be the fat goose to be plucked by the monopolists. Have a price for everything you produce is the correct principle—that is the way the monopolistic millionaire does. It is not their aim to supply food or clothing cheaper, but to get the products of the farm cheaper. Ask for more legislation in your favor every time an opportunity presents itself. Turn the tide so that the legislators will be forced to be in full sympathy with the farmers' condition. A national organization for self preservation would be in order. It should be a farmer's movement in every particular. No demagogue or politician should be known in the same."

Factories Needed.

Tacoma has been starting up a number of new industries lately, such as a sash and door factory, planing mill, and other wood working industries. To be able to give employment to a large class of mechanics gives a city importance, besides product from these industries brings in a large revenue. Union is well situated for a number of industries, in the line spoken of, and every inducement will be tendered those who desire to embark in business here.

CORNUCOPIA.

A Truthful and Well-Timed Sermon by Baudin.

A VERY FAMILIAR PICTURE.

The Latest From Several Mines—News of the Week—Personal Mention.

EDITOR OREGON SCOUT:—

One very essential line of conduct for miners and citizens of a mining region to adopt is invariably to speak well of a neighbor's belongings. A very common inquiry to hear pronounced is, "how is Jones getting along with his claim?" and "has Smith got much of a prospect?" The growler, the man with his nose turned up on an angle of forty-five—with blood in his veins cold as a catfish—who has not a smile or good word for his neighbor, or worth in his neighbor's property, will give a discouraging reply, backed up by false premises, or will, if his gall be of the genuine stamp, say I would not give a d—n for any prospect he has—he never was known to strike anything, or he is in a wrong location, or has no title, or throw a worse doubt by saying the mine may be all right, but let him try to sell it and Sam Jones will show him a trick or two, when all the time he knows nothing about Jones' or Smith's prospects, and if he does, forced by pecuniary necessity to sell, desires to force on the market a hole in the ground which has been dignified on the recorder's book by the name of a location, and is roused by the fear that if Jones and Smith sell first there will be chance for him last. Men with this pessimistic disposition are found in every camp, and although their co-laborers and co-prospectors know them and despise them, the stranger naturally is more or less influenced thereby, and for the time being the hard-working and faithful prospector is the patient and quiet sufferer. Neither is the camp at large injured by such secret and selfish reports. Better call all claims good, and let the intended purchaser make a personal examination, and let him take some chances in the development as well as the poor and brawny armed discoverer. I like that district, said a capitalist once to me, for the miners stick together. It is true the claims are all good by common report. I can find by report no bad ones, and if I want to know of a dead moral certainty about them, it is no more than right that I should take my chances as the prospector has done before me. I need not go a hundred miles to illustrate, by actual miner's life and experience, the truth of these premises. Since I have had the pleasure of jotting a few brief references to the beauties of this region, value of its mines and their advantages for the man of capital, it has been often said: "Baudin is too sanguine; by his standpoint Cornucopia is all gold," using a miner's figure of speech, "gold from the grass roots up as high as the elements are moist." I own that I have no love for that selfish, narrow and doubting class who are well represented and characterized in the following doggerel:

Lord, the giver of this life,
Bless myself and my dear wife;
My son John, his wife, us four;
Bless us, oh Lord, and bless no more.

I would rather pronounce it all good. If it is not a rich and easily developed district, let the unbeliever come and demonstrate the fact. They can examine another's word, but buy on their own judgment. I put myself in the role of attorney for the plaintiff, and the counsel for the other side can make out his own defense, and it does not lay in my shoes to throw doubts and obstacles in the path of my own client. I can, within a radius of one hundred miles, as lawyers say, show you precedents and decided cases to sustain my position. I can point to a dozen districts this westward side of the Sierras which amply paid the labor of the persistent and confiding miner, which but for the theory of this letter would long ago have passed from the memory of man.

NOTES.
M. J. F. Cord, of Baker City, was in town last week to consult with the

managers of the Red Jacket about putting in a Lefell wheel to furnish the motive power for the mill. What success or progress he made in his mission I know not, for like the convict in a play I once witnessed, the proprietors of the great development project—the Red Jacket—bring together their jaws and between gritting teeth blurt out, "I speak no more."

Nicholson's team returned on Saturday from Baker, loaded with provisions for the boarding house at the Red Jacket. He takes charge on Wednesday.

Brown & Bolles had some fine ore lately taken from the Slate. That mine, which for a time was under the pinching process, has again widened out and looks as well as ever.

Burdette was down from the Union and Companion and reports the Union at the bottom of the shaft looking well and carrying free gold with the usual amount of sulphurets. There is no doubt but what those are good properties.

The Stella mine, which is on the same vein as the Red Boy and others often mentioned, has of late been producing fine bodies of rich ore. It is like dozens of others, looks well and rich when dressed up a little.

There are various reports about mining sales, but as you are at the county seat, you can easily search the records. When the records say sold, you can say sold and the money taken.

The Davis mill was raised last Saturday, and the machinery is all on the ground.

The Union road cut-off seems to be a matter of much comment. A proposition has been made by several mine owners to give the county from fifty to sixty day's labor, provided the work of construction shall be commenced at Cornucopia and continued westward to the new junction at the old road, instead of commencing at the junction and working to Cornucopia. It is also asked that as the road leaves Cornucopia, it should pass through and by our mines. Roads are run to aid settlers on farms and ranches, and why not, it is asked, the road be made to develop mines as well as farms. Then again, if the work of construction should be commenced at this end it could be used and utilized as fast as prepared for travel. We want to make the cut-off as nearly on a direct line to Union as possible. This running around hills is carried too far. There is an old saying that "it is as far around the bale of a pot when it is standing as when lying down."

The Snake river farmers are now discharging loads of vegetables on our streets, and watermelons are plenty, and large enough to make a plantation nigger's "mouth water."

BAUDIN.

The Fossil Hunters.

The fossil hunters from Princeton college have had splendid luck in their researches in Grant county. A report to the Baker City Democrat states that the first permanent camp was made near Long Creek station at Middle Fork beds, and fossil hunting then began. Out of those beds were taken the skull of a rhinoceros, part of the bone of a three toed horse, and a number of small animals. The next camp was near Monument, at the North Fork beds, at which place they had excellent luck. The next camp will be made at the Cove, on the main John Day river, near Dayville. If the present luck of the party continues they will have the best collection ever taken from the John Day beds.

Story of the Rocks.

Prof. Thomas Condon, of the State University, in a recent essay before the Farmers' Institute, gives the following poetically grand fragment of our Inland Empire's history: East of the mountains was a vast inland ocean that breasted against the Cascade range, and volcanic fury tore the summits with raging fires for unrecorded eons. The rivers have cut down through the sediment, once the bottom of that sea, and where the wild uplands are waving with bunch grass and are desert like with their monotonous sweep and the wave of the all-pervading pastures, there is soil of incalculable fertility and depth that share of plow can never reach. The future will reveal as great riches in this Inland Empire as in Western Oregon. The story of the rocks, as told by the language of science, shows that Oregon has wealth not yet developed and resources that are beyond all present computation.

THE COVE.

Making Preparations for the Good Time Coming.

NOTES OF THE FARM AND FIELD.

A Misrepresentation Corrected—Business Changes—Personal Notes.

July 31, 1889.

Dr. Cleaver, the skilled toothsmith, is professionally sojourning in our midst.

A few cases of mumps still linger on the outskirts. Mr. Dave Conner is the last one to be afflicted.

R. D. Chrechill lost a valuable horse last week, of fever. Claude Bowman another from running against a sharp snag.

Miss Mabel Carter, of Union, and Miss Mollie Probstel, of La Grande, were guests of Miss Mollie Henderson last week.

A. B. Conley, the well known resident of the Sand Ridge, who annually raises thousands of bushels of cereals, commenced harvesting grain last Saturday.

The plum crop, which is a large one, is being harvested. Wagon loads are being taken away to every part of the country. The fruit is fine and meets with ready sale.

Mr. Glas Cochran has returned from the Cracker creek mines with his pockets fairly lined with the root of all evil. He reports the Cove contingent in and about Cracker creek doing well.

Mrs. Jas. Russell and child are home from Umatilla county. Mrs. R. is accompanied by her niece, Mrs. Helen Robinson, of Pendleton, who will pass the warm season in the retreats of our umbrageous town.

A neat wire fence has been built in front of the Ascension church. Improvements of a like nature will be made in many parts of town, helping to make our village appear thrifty and enterprising to the hundreds of strangers who are expected to travel to and fro on the Hunt road and visit us.

An important change has occurred in Cove financial circles during the week. Messrs. A. J. Foster & Son, general merchants, have disposed of their stock and store building to O. P. Jaycox, of Union, who will take charge in thirty days. In the transaction, Foster & Son receive the flouring mill and residence property belonging to Mr. Jaycox. Messrs. Foster will immediately make considerable improvement in the mill and have secured the services of C. G. Olson as Miller. Mr. Jaycox will retain Eugene Holmes in the store, who will manage the business.

The Eugene Guard says: "Large numbers of people from drouth stricken Eastern Oregon are arriving here seeking homes and work. From all accounts, hard times will be prevalent in that section for a year or two. The Willamette valley is certainly the garden spot of the world." This item certainly does not apply to Union county which will furnish a large amount of hay and grain for export, besides thousands of fat cattle and horses awaiting buyers. Hundreds of Lane county people would benefit themselves by moving to Union county.

The Northern Pacific Railroad.

The Northern Pacific railroad is a far-reaching concern. It is attempting to buy up all the lines which threaten as its competitors. The latest report is that it has secured the Manitoba and Northwestern, with its 205 miles of main line and 26 miles of branches, running northward from Winnipeg. The ultimate object of the great Northern is to completely cover the northwest with its lines, or those which it can control. It contemplates building a road down to Astoria at no distant day, as without a line connecting with the mouth of the Columbia river, its great railway system will in no way be complete.

Twine Binder For Sale.

I have for sale one McCormick Twine Binder, has been run only two seasons, is in good repair. Will be sold cheap for cash. Enquire at this office or of H. H. French, Cove, Oregon.

HIGH VALLEY.

Home's Regular Budget of Interesting Local News.

July 30, 1889.
A man hunting for a stay horse in this valley said "he got away night before yesterday."

The will to do and enterprising spirit of any community can be pretty well sized up by looking at the school houses and public buildings in their locality.

We won't tell who it was who went through our valley saying: "Hurrah for Harrison and the Niggers!" Better hurrah for Oregon, the Hunt railroad and grass widows.

Justice Robert Smith has decided that in law a wife has the right to sass her husband. Thus the dearest privilege of womankind has been duly entrenched behind the majesty of the law. Exalted be the name of Smith among womankind.

Our school has closed for a vacation with the following result on examination: A grade, Charles Logsdon, final in geography; language 95; Robert Hathaway, 99; B grade, Clara Cline, 100; Macy Minnick, 100; Nora Wilkinson, 100; history, Charles Logsdon, 100; arithmetic, Mary Logsdon, 98; elementary geography, Robert Hathaway, 92; C grade, arithmetic, Macy Minnick, 93; geography, Macy Minnick, 86; spelling, Jessie Minnick, Macy Minnick and Clara Cline each 94. We have had four months of school and there is money on hand for about three months more. It is to be hoped that the present board of directors will secure the services of the present teacher to continue the school after vacation. The rapid advancement of the pupils in their studies speaks well for them.

HOMO.

TEEPY SPRINGS.

Wallawa County, July 22, 1889.

EDITOR OREGON SCOUT:—
Inasmuch as THE SCOUT is read by people in nearly every state in the union, I thought that a few words descriptive of the times in Wallawa county might be the means of bringing a few settlers to this land of bunchgrass and fine water. These we have in abundance and of the best kind. Surely a large number of people, possessed of a little means and a share of ingenuity and industry combined, could do well here. We may be affected a little with drouth occasionally, but our fine springs and the Wallawa river and its tributaries keep running just the same.

Some red fish and other kinds of the finny tribe are coming up, but not in large numbers. As I passed through the canyon the other day I saw a number of the noble red men, armed with their hooks, gathering up every fish that came in their sight. This may look all right to many, but knowing, as I do, that they will not labor and produce anything to sustain themselves with, and as the hard-working tax-payers have to sustain the tawny devils, it appears to me that if there are any fish or an occasional deer or elk the white people are best entitled to them.

I must speak of the improvement of the Wallawa canyon road, and very highly of Messrs. Courtney and Williams, the two overseers of the work. Two better men could not have been found to have the handling of the money which was appropriated. I also noticed that the Union county man was doing some excellent work on the hill.

The vegetable crops are excellent in the different valleys. There is plenty of small fruit in the market. The peaches brought in from Imnaha are said to be very fine.

Buyers should come to Wallawa if they want fine beef cattle. They are here in abundance. Now is the time, also, for stockmen to come to Wallawa to buy stock ranches, as the dry season will tell who has got living water. Those who have it now will always have it.

I am elated with the prospect of the Hunt road soon reaching Grande Ronde valley. When it comes the people who have anything to ship will realize the benefit of a competing line. More anon,
CAPT. BRADY.

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