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Written for The Scout.

SULTRY.

Burning all the grain to cinder,
Making fat folks fairly lean,
Not a cooling breeze to hinder—
Oh how hot the weather is!

Chickens with their wings distended,
Spread their mouths as if to grin;
Youngster with his breeches mended,
Wishes they were tore again.

Old man in the chimney corner
Wipes his brow and heaves a sigh,
Begs his wife leave to inform her
We will have a warm July.

Now we've Ben in place of Grover;
Sugar, wool and coffee's riz,
Mercury is boiling over—
Oh how hot the weather is!

Youthful couple, on the marry,
Lallygagin' on the lawn,
Far into the night they tarry,
Wishing sultry weather gone.

Honeyed words and glances tender,
Castle-builders full of hope;
He, with strong arm, will defend her
If with him she will elope.

Pappa hears the conversation,
Mars their little dream of bliss,
Fondly grasps the situation—
Oh how hot the weather is!

—LUNA TICK.

Get Your Readers.

It is probably generally known that a change has been made in school-text books in Oregon, that will go into effect this fall. It will cost the people of the state thousands of dollars to make this change unless they take advantage of the opportunity offered by the publishers. This opportunity is offered, not because of the generosity of the school-book monopoly, but because they were compelled to do so before the change would be sanctioned by the county superintendents. For instance: The Barnes New National Reader has been adopted, and every student in our common schools must procure one of these new books. These books, however, may be purchased at a nominal price or exchanged for old readers up until the 31st of next October; after that time no exchange will be made, and they can only be purchased at the usual retail price. To show the advantage of securing these books before the end of October, we quote the prices the monopoly are compelled to sell for now, and the prices that will be charged at the expiration of that time:

Now.	AFTER OCT. 31st.
National 1st Reader 10 cts.:	25 cts.
" 2nd Reader 20 cts.:	45 cts.
" 3rd Reader 25 cts.:	65 cts.
" 4th Reader 35 cts.:	85 cts.
" 5th Reader 45 cts.:	\$1.10.

Other charges will be made in a similar manner, and we trust that every school district in the state will protect itself by securing its text books before the monopoly regulates the prices.

A Prehistoric Find.

In sinking the artesian well—which our friend Kurtz is interested in at Nampa, in this county, a few days since, at a depth of 310 feet, the sand pump brought up a well formed human image in baked clay, two or three inches in length; perfect, save one foot was off at the ankle and the other just below the knee. We have not seen the wonderful find, but are told that it is really an artistic piece of work, the nose slightly worn, but the other features sharp and clear, and undoubtedly of burned clay. This seems to establish two facts; first, that the volcanic eruptions which at different periods have flooded over the plains between the Boise and the Snake, have aggregated a deposit of more than 300 feet. Secondly, that previous to the earliest ages of that period this valley was occupied with human beings of sufficient civilization to make plastic images of the human form and bake the same into the imperishable article which survived all these ages since. We imagine that there is great historic value and significance in this discovery at the bottom of the Nampa artesian well, and shall await with great interest the opinions of the savans.—Statesman.

Oregon Opals.

The Scientific American says: A specimen of fine opal $1\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in size, evidently a water-worn fragment, was found near John Day river, in Crook county, Oregon. It is transparent, grayish white in color, with red, green and yellow flames. The play of colors equals in beauty that of any Mexican material, and it is the first opal found in the United States that exhibits color. Undoubtedly, better material of the kind exists where this is found.

EAGLE VALLEY.

Account of the Harvest Picnic on the First of August.

A MOST ENJOYABLE EVENT.

Interesting Farm Notes and Mention of Recent Local Happenings.

August 4, 1889.

Everything is quiet to-day. Our picnic is over. We had the largest gathering that was ever in Eagle valley before. Everything passed off nicely. In the forenoon we had plenty of good music by the Eagle Cornet Band, and by Mrs. Small, of Baker City, who performs on the organ splendidly. The audience was addressed by Hon. J. Guy Lewis, of Sparta, and Mayor Russ, of Baker City. Declaration by Miss Ida Perry. A plentiful dinner was then spread, enough for twice the number present, to which all did justice. After dinner we had declamations by Misses. Della Morris, Nada Holcomb and Edith Young. The closing remarks were made by W. W. Kirby.

Mr. George Newcomb was selected by Mr. W. W. Kirby to manage the business of the day, which he did in a very satisfactory manner.

The first premium, for the oldest couple, was awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Babcock.

Premium for the best looking baby was awarded to Mrs. Spinber, of Pine valley.

Premium for the best looking boy, under 5 and over 1 years, was awarded to Mrs. Lilly Blake, of Eagle valley.

The premium for the best looking Miss, under 5 and over 1 years, was awarded to Mr. John Frazier, of Eagle valley.

Next came the fat man's race between George Newcomb, of Cornucopia, and Capt. Craig, of Eagle. Newcomb was a little tender footed, flew the track, and Craig won the race.

Next came the riding contest between the ladies for the premium, in which seven ladies participated. The premium was awarded to Miss Cora Kirby.

The crowd then repaired to the race track, where a Big creek horse took the first premium in the saddle-horse race. Second premium, Pine valley; third premium, Eagle valley.

A pony race then took place in which five horses entered. First premium to John Frazier of Eagle; second premium to Albert Boyer; the third premium I did not learn who received. This ended the programme for the day.

The grand ball at night was a complete success. Ninety-four numbers were sold. All enjoyed themselves and danced till daylight.

County Clerk A. T. Neill, and Judge Goodall and wife, of Union; Mr. Small, editor of the Democrat, and wife, Mayor Hurch, editor of the Blade, and Mr. Basche, of Baker City, were present and took part.

The best thing I witnessed was the action of Mr. A. T. Neill in giving \$20 to help buy seats for the school house, as the proceeds of the dance were for that purpose. We thank Mr. Neill for his liberal donation and will remember him for it. May God always bless the cheerful giver.

The mowers sail in on the second crop of alfalfa this morning. The crop is very fine. There has been 1200 tons of hay sold in the valley and still there are large quantities for sale at very low prices.

I see that the Eugene Guard says that Eastern Oregon is drouth stricken and people are moving to Willamette valley, the garden spot of the world. Is that editor crazy? Does he not read THE OREGON SCOUT, printed in Union county, Oregon? I say that Eagle valley is that garden spot he speaks of, and defy the world to beat this valley in anything.

Mr. Wm. Bennehoff and Miss Jennie Officer, of this valley, were married last Sunday.

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The Baker City creamery has shut down on account of being unable to secure cream enough to keep it in operation. The stockholders have lost money on the investment from the beginning.

FIRE AT SPOKANE.

Twenty-six blocks in the heart of the City Entirely Consumed.

A disastrous fire occurred at Spokane Falls last Sunday evening which destroyed twenty-six blocks. All the business portion of the city from the railroad northward to the river, and from Lincoln street on to the east to Washington street on the west is consumed. All the banks, stores, hotels, the postoffice, land offices, and in fact all business houses of the city are gone. The Review office was saved. All the fine brick and stone buildings are in ruins. The Northern Pacific company lost about one million dollars in depots, warehouses and freight.

The beautiful city of yesterday is now a smoking heap of ashes and blackened walls. The mills were saved. The city is under military rule, and the leading men are hopeful and are sending for material for iron fronts, and will rebuild better than before. Not many lives were lost. No immediate suffering will occur, but until supplies get in there is likely to be need of aid. All is in confusion. The council met and resolved to extend the fire limits and to allow no wooden buildings to be erected. Most of the contents of the banks of value is believed to be safe. People are not despairing, though their calamity is greater than ever before befell an American city. It is the most destructive conflagration that ever occurred in the world, according to the population. The burnt district is not quite so large as that of the Seattle fire, but the buildings were more valuable, and the loss is supposed to be greater, but it will be promptly rebuilt.

The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss is estimated at six million dollars; insurance three million.

The State Agricultural College.

Prof. F. Berchtold and J. D. Letcher of the State Agricultural College have for several weeks past been canvassing Eastern Oregon in the interests of that institution. Prof. Berchtold visited Union yesterday and while here gave us some interesting information in regard to the college. The object of their visit is to lay before the people, but especially the farmers, the advantage of this particular class of education which it is now able to offer to the people of Oregon; to assure the people that it has passed from under the control of a religious denomination, and is now, as it has been for the past year, in successful operation under the control of the State of Oregon, and to secure a full representation from Eastern Oregon to all the free scholarships to which she is entitled by law as follows: Malheur, 2; Baker, 4; Union, 5; Umatilla, 5; Walla-walla, 1; Morrow, 2; Grant, 2, etc., etc.

The male students are taught farming and machine work, and the females, cooking, sewing, dressmaking and household economy, both in practice and theory, whilst manual labor is made honorable and is required to be respected by all.

We regret that we cannot enter more fully into the details of this work at this time, but will do so in a future issue. Mr. Berchtold visited the Cove yesterday afternoon.

The Careful Editor.

"Yes," said the able editor, as he put his mangle brush in the ink bottle and tried to paste on a clipping with his stub pen, "yes, the great fault of newspaper contributors is carelessness. Indeed," he continued, as he dropped the copy he had been writing into the waste basket, and marked "Editorial" across the corner of a poem entitled an "Ode to Death," "contributors are terribly careless. You would be surprised," said he, as he clipped a column of fashion items and labeled them "Farm Notes," "to see the slipshod writing that comes into this editorial sanctum. Misspelled, uncorrected, written on both sides of the sheet, illegible, ungrammatical stuff. Contributors are terribly careless. They are,"—just then the office boy came, in that dictatorial manner he has, and demanded more copy, and the editor handed him the love letter he had just written his girl, and as he had forgotten what he had been talking about, went on with his work.

THE COVE.

Our Regular Correspondent's Weekly Budget of News.

A YOUNG KID'S EXPERIMENT.

Improvements that are Now Going on in and About the Town.

Miss Sarah Chrisman has returned from a visit to Eugene.

It is said a first class boarding house will be opened in town soon.

Miss Ada Nahen has gone to Walla Walla for a visit of indefinite length.

Prof. John Daily, who has been teaching at Hood River, is visiting Cove friends.

All the local teachers are preparing to attend the teachers' institute at La Grande next week.

The wire fence in front of Ascension church is completed and is being painted this week. It looks nobly.

The contract for furnishing wood at the Cove school house was awarded to Lee Vincent at the rate of \$2 75 per cord.

Adam Croesman is remodeling the home on his property and will soon have a neat and very convenient dwelling.

Tame blackberries are in their prime. Send to the Cove if you want a supply of these luscious berries of Ethiopian complexion.

All the school children are parting with their old school books and receiving brand new ones in return. They would be delighted if there was a change each year.

A party of fishermen had gone back on the Minam Saturday. Their score was up in the hundreds and the fish extra large. Ed. Robinson was the champion.

Mrs. Ximena Stevens has returned to her home in Alba, also Mrs. Helen Robinson has departed Pendletonward. They were not homesick but simply concluded that it would be nice to be at home again.

Fred Wilson received a painful kick by a horse one day last week. It was necessary to take several stitches in sewing up the wound. It is safe to say Master Fred will not tickle the hind foot of a horse with a straw again soon.

JIMMIE CREEK.

August 4, 1889.

Haying not over yet.

Heading has commenced.

Grandpa Huff has been on the sick list for some time.

Miss Libbie Ashby was visiting her sister, Mrs. S. F. Cusick, the other day.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Blakeslee were visiting at Mr. W. H. Stafford's, recently.

School on Clover creek was dismissed last Tuesday and on Jimmie creek last Friday.

A band of sheep passed through here the other day on their way to Pine valley to winter.

Friends from Grande Ronde valley made Mrs. E. Samis and family a pleasant visit recently.

Sunday school on Cloyer creek every Sunday except the first Sunday in each month at which time there is preaching. John G. Loller is superintendent and Mrs. J. H. Stevens, Mrs. Chas. Gray and Mrs. Goden, teachers.

Died.—At the residence of Mrs. E. E. Newman, in Ladd canyon, Friday July 27th, the five months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Saunders, after a brief illness. The remains were interred in the North Powder cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Saunders are from Wallawa county.

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How to Build a Town.

A. M. Cannon, of Spokane Falls, thus tells how that beautiful city was helped along to its present magnitude and importance. It is a good example to follow: "We had faith in our town. When I came here in 1878 I had only about \$2000. J. M. Glover, J. J. Brown and myself purchased the town site. We made up our minds to either have a city here or bankrupt ourselves. That determination has made all of our fortunes. In 1883 we had only three or four hundred people. I alone have given in cash for subsidies over \$50,000. The people here have donated over \$500,000 in one way or another. In the early days of the town we could not get lumber, so we ourselves built a sawmill. I have taken stock in every enterprise in the city, and helped it along. Our newspapers here I have helped in every way. We propose making the Review equal to the Oregonian. We must have a good newspaper, and if it does not pay, we will make it pay. The first town lots we sold, we let people have them for almost nothing if they would only build. After the Northern Pacific was completed, we found that we needed a road to the Palouse country, so we built 115 miles of the road with home enterprise. The Couer d'Alene mines trade was wanted, and so we built a road to them. The Seattle & Lake Shore road was wanted, and so we gave \$175,000 towards it. We gave a bonus of \$100,000 to the Northern, which will connect us with the Canadian Pacific railroad. We managed to get the terminus of the Washington Central railroad, which has fifty miles already built; and now comes the Rockford road, which will connect us with the Union Pacific. We have the termini or advantage of seven railroads. The water power of the fall is 214,000 horse power. The reason we have succeeded is because we have been enterprising. We wanted people; when they came we found them work. We spent \$3,500,000 on our streets. All our street railway lines were built by home capital."

The Gospel of Justice.

Col. R. G. Ingersoll says: I believe in the gospel of justice—that we must reap whatever we sow. I do not believe in forgiveness. If I rob Mr. Smith, and God forgives me, how does that help Mr. Smith? If I, by slander, cover some girl with the leprosy of some imputed crime and she withers away like a blighted flower, and afterward I get forgiveness, how does that help her? If there is another world, we have got to settle; no bankruptcy court there. Pay down. Among the ancients, if you committed a crime, you had to kill a sheep; now they say, "charge it;" "put it on the slate." It won't do. It won't do. For every crime you commit you must answer to yourself and to the one you injure. And if you have ever clothed another with unhappiness, as with a garment of pain, you will never be quite as happy as if you had never done that thing. No forgiveness; eternal, inexorable, everlasting justice—that is what I believe in. And if it goes hard with me, I will stand it. I will stick to my logic, and will bear it like a man.

Carrier Pigeons.

A Salem exchange says: "Mr. Davidson, of the Nebraska Tribune, Omaha, the only German daily in the state, brought some carrier pigeons with him, one of which he turned loose at Denver, one at Ogden and one will be turned loose at Olympia. He has heard from the one set loose at Denver. It made the trip to Omaha in seven hours, 70 miles an hour." This hardly equals the following from Dagget, Cal., reported in the dispatches: "Conductor Parker, while at Ash Hill, 130 miles out on the desert, saw a pigeon flying around as though hunting for water. He tried several times to catch it, but when close the bird would fly away. Having a small rifle along, he crippled one wing, when he discovered that it was a carrier pigeon, bearing a love letter in a goose quill tied to the right wing, dated New York and directed to a young lady in San Francisco."

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