

THE OREGON SCOUT.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The La Grande papers deny that an effort was made to trade a branch railroad to Summerville for 250 county seat votes. We are not surprised at their denial of it.

PROTECTION means happy homes and high wages and security for the workingmen.—Andrew Carnegie, October, 1888.

Under the new scale wages will be reduced about 15 per cent.—Andrew Carnegie, June, 1889.

A SEATTLE dispatch dated August 8th says that the republican territorial central committee called a convention, to nominate a state ticket, to meet at Walla Walla September 4th. The county convention will meet August 29th and the number of delegates will be 298.

THE Oregon State fair will commence on the 16th of September next. Extensive preparations are being made and the fair promises to be more interesting than any which has preceded it. We return thanks to the management for complimentary ticket and invitation to attend.

It is said that Portland's democratic daily is now an assured fact. A \$50,000 subsidy has been raised and W. R. Hearst of the S. F. Examiner is to put in a \$200,000 plant soon. Hearst never does things by halves and we may expect a Portland edition equal to the San Francisco Examiner. Alongside of such a paper the Oregonian would dwindle into insignificance.

THE initial number of The Malheur Gazette, published at Vale, by J. M. Sheperd, is on our table. It gives promise of being an interesting and useful journal. Mr. Sheperd was formerly of the Bedrock Democrat and knows how a paper should be conducted. It will appear, however, to a casual observer, that there is no call for two newspapers in a town the size of Vale, unless a remarkable growth in population is anticipated.

JUDGE TERRY, who, with Sarah Althea, his wife, have been the subject of so much sensational court proceedings in San Francisco, was shot and killed by a deputy marshal for assaulting Justice Field of the Supreme Court. The killing took place at Lathrop a railway eating station near San Francisco. The deputy, being a body guard of Judge Field, evidently thought he was called upon to do something. Although Judge Terry was considered a dangerous man he was unarmed at the time, and from the newspaper reports we judge that the killing was uncalled for and unjustifiable. Justice Field appears to be a coward and a knave.

ANOTHER PONCE DE LEON.

Every little while attention is called to the fact that science has taken up and endorsed the statements made in works of fiction. Bulwer, Margrave and Haggard have written novels based on the theory that human life may be protracted to an indefinite period. And now comes the report that Dr. Brown Sequard recently announced to the Biological Society of Paris, of which he is president, the discovery of a substance which is capable of making the old young and the weak strong. It is composed of the living cells of young and healthy animals, reduced to a pulp in a mortar with distilled water and injected into the system with a hypodermic syringe. Doctors are generally averse to taking their own medicines, but the great French specialist has administered this remedy for old age on himself and, if accounts are correct, is delighted with the result. Though born nearly seventy-five years ago, he feels as vigorous as a man of fifty. Two injections of this elixir of life transformed him. Before he used it he had little or no appetite; was unable to sleep more than hour at a time, and was tired after working a few minutes in his laboratory. He was discouraged and disheartened. Now he can work for hours without being fatigued. His appetite is good and his sleep sweet and refreshing. He can prosecute his studies better than he could thirty years ago. He is again ambitious and hopeful. The alleged discovery is causing a ripple of excitement throughout the country and much is being said about it by physicians and the newspapers.

THE GRANDE RONDE ROAD.

The Tacoma Globe says: The building of the Hunt railroad southeast from Walla Walla through the Grande Ronde valley and thence west to Boise City, to connect with the road from Omaha, aside from the great agricultural territory that will thus become tributary to Tacoma, will tap one of the richest mining regions in the country, equal, perhaps, to the Conconully and Cour d'Alene. Not only are there rich mines of silver and gold, hitherto unworked because of their remoteness from railroads and waterways, but the copper properties are the finest in the world, said to be equal to the great mines in the Lake Superior district. There are now several mines in operation in this region, the ore being packed out on mules, but even with this expensive transportation the ore is rich enough to pay a profit. With a railroad into the heart of the region, these mines would become at once valuable. The Day Horse mine, in the Snake river valley, which has shown very favorable prospects, will be close to the line of the proposed road. There are also large quantities of excellent timber growing in this section, much of which would be shipped if facilities were provided. A party of prospectors are now at work on some of the mines, and will bring small shipments to the Hunt smelter as soon as it starts up.

BRADSTREET'S of July 10th says: "Less activity appears in the wool market than at any time for two months, and prices are easier, if not quotably lower. The manufacturers have been disappointed in their expectation of obtaining a considerable advance over last year on their light weight stuffs. At Philadelphia wool has been very quiet, owing to the unsettling effect of the Eastern fallow, which have caused buyers to hold off for lower prices, and have made sellers more critical about credits. The market is weaker, but it is difficult to fix exact prices in the absence of any general demand."

The old "pathfinder," Gen. John C. Fremont, appeared in court where judgments were entered against him for \$629, including interest and costs, in the suit of Bretano Bros. against him. The General voluntarily appeared and admitted the debt, but stated his inability to meet the liability. Confession of judgment was therefore recorded against him.

The vigor and value of Mr. Cleveland's state papers has led to their issue in book form. They furnish information of prime value, bearing upon present politics and usage that are to be vital for a generation to come.

FOREST DELL DOTLETS.

Newsy Letter from Pine Valley.—Presence Parties.—Description of Fish Lake.

August 16, 1889.

Items scarce. Weather hot and dry. Farmers from Snake river are bringing apples, melons, plums, tomatoes, etc., into the valley.

Mrs. Meek Stalker has been out to fill for several days.

Frank King has returned to Pine from Sanger. He reports the quarrels closed for the present.

Married.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Aug. 7th, Miss Esther Murray and Mr. Hubert Bennett, formerly of Grande Ronde. We did not learn the officiating minister. The happy couple departed soon after for their future home in Long valley, L. T.

Schools in Pine all closed except Miss Stalker's. Mr. Wise has returned to his home in Eagle. Mr. Charles Baker and Miss Goodall to her home in Grande Ronde.

Mr. and Mrs. Cooper are visiting in Pine, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Denney.

Died.—Of spinal meningitis, Sunday, August 11th, Albert, aged about 7 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. Meek Stalker. "He is not lost, but gone before."

Leon Dawson and J. A. Denney were the "boss" fishermen and lumberers of the recent Fish Lake expedition.

Quite a number of parties from Pine and Cornucopia have been rusticated at Fish Lake, situated about 15 miles north from center of the valley, in the mountains. This lake is about one mile in length by one-half mile wide, and so deep in places that 200 feet of rope fails to reach bottom. It abounds in fish, mountain trout one foot and over in length, and the mountains around afford fine hunting for deer and grouse. Among the parties

recently at the lake were Mr. and Mrs. Boals, Mr. and Mrs. Small, Miss Boyer and others from Cornucopia; Mr. Thomas Benson, of Cornucopia, Miss Shoemaker, Mrs. Clark, Miss Alice Mills, Mr. Reavis and Mr. Robt. Wilkinson were another party; Leon and Edith Dawson, Henry and Mary Deep, John Dick, Nellie Reed, Lena Panake, Mr. Painter and Grace Thyles composed another party, and still another consisted of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Denney, Miss Mary Goodall and Mr. Bruce Panake. There is a boat on the lake, placed there and owned by Mr. Doble. All the shallowest parts of the lake and near the shore are covered with great creamy or rather orange colored water lilies. Away from the boat and smoke and dust of the valley, in the cool shade of grand old mountains, drinking from cool springs and rills, floating idly on the lake, with good company, good "grub," good fishing,—deer running through the camp and breaking their necks—one must be hard to please or too unskillfully civilized if they fail to enjoy such good times. Jerry Thomson and T. H. Crawford, of Union, who recently visited our valley and decreased the number of fish and grouse, should have been with the party. They would have appreciated the sport. On their way home Mr. Denney's party—or rather Mrs. D.—met with what came near being a severe accident. The party had dismounted—after descending for several miles down the steep mountain sides—to rest. Mr. Denney tightened the cinch on Mrs. D.'s horse and placed his wife in the saddle, when the young animal, evidently not relishing tight lacing, commenced rearing and whirling around and finally wound up by throwing itself. Mr. D caught the bridle as it fell, jerking it so that it fell on its right side and his wife was not slow to improve the chance thus given her in springing to the ground, barely escaping the horse falling on her even then. However, as "a miss is good as a mile," the party proceeded home, glad enough that it terminated so luckily. CARRIE R. DOVE.

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