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EDITOR OREGON SCOUT:—

I give you a description of the thirty thousand dollar tramway now being erected by the Oregon Gold Mining Company at Cornucopia. It is a magnificent construction and will very naturally reduce the cost of working the Red Jacket ores.

The tramway now under construction for the Oregon Gold Mining Co. is being manufactured by the Trenton Iron Co., of Trenton, New Jersey, and is what is called a "Bleichert Aerial Wire Rope Tramway." It will carry 100 tons of ore per ten hours from the Red Jacket mine to the company's mill, a distance of 1,500 feet. This system of tramways has been extensively used in Europe for a number of years. More than three hundred lines have been erected in Germany, Austria, Russia and other countries for the transportation of all kinds of ores, coal, cotton and wool, in bales, casks and boxes of manufactured material, lumber, iron and steel bars, rails, etc. It has achieved a marked success and is noted for economy in wear and tear and cheapness of transportation. The lines already built have capacities ranging from a four ton up to twelve hundred tons per ten hours, and are from a few hundred feet up to seven miles in length, crossing rivers and canyons as wide as fifteen hundred feet with a single span. At one mine the Bleichert tramway transports coal at the surprisingly low rate of 54,000 cents per ton per mile. The Trenton Iron Co. is now building these tramways in all parts of the United States, Mexico and South America. It has completed and is now erecting lines in New York state, Pennsylvania, Colorado, Montana and Oregon, for the transportation of gold, silver and iron ores, limestone, black furnace and rolling mill clay, etc.

The system of tramways consists of two stationary wire ropes, which might be likened to the rails of a cable road, as they are in fact flexible rails, suspended in the air on frame supports. On these ropes the trucks of the tramway cars run, one rope constituting the down track as it were, and the other the up or return track. A small moving cable supplies the motive power, passing around sheaves at the terminals. A patented grip on the car catches the cable and is pulled along by it until it reaches the other end of the line when the grip is automatically released from the rope. The car or bucket consists of a truck of two wheels set " tandem," which runs on the stationary cables from which suspends a hanger carrying the grip and bucket proper. When at either terminal these cars are entirely independent of the traction or moving rope, which is kept constantly in motion. The car is loaded by a gate from a bin or suitable device at the upper end of the tramway, and pushed by hand along the terminal rail to the front end of the station, where it is gripped onto the traction rope. It proceeds by itself thence to the discharge tunnel, where the grip is automatically released, and the truck runs from the stationary cable on to the rail, which forms a loop over the discharge bin around to the return stationary cable where the bucket, having been dumped, is again gripped to the traction rope which pulls it back to the heading terminal. This system admits of an elaborate arrangement of rails and switches at both ends of the line and intermediate stations if necessary. By this means buckets may be run to any place, even into tunnels, taking the place of ordinary mine cars, or through a mill to any desirable spot for dumping. The car can be made of almost any form to carry ore, lumber, iron rails, casks, etc., and range in capacity from fifty to two thousand pounds according to requirements. The ore or contents of cars can be weighed at either end of the line on track scales especially designed for the purpose. Where there is sufficient grade the tramway will work automatically, and in fact will produce work which can be utilized around mines for pumping, etc. Where the grade is against the load the tramway is driven by steam, water power or electricity. Curves are perfectly practicable and are successfully used on a number of lines. This system is far superior in mechanical design and practical working to any yet placed on the market, and is being received in this country with great popularity. BAUDIN.

A Useful Society.

There is a secret society in Baltimore, Md., the object of which is to protect its members from unfortunate marriages. When one of the club feels that he is falling in love, he confesses to his fellow-members and they appoint a committee to investigate the matter and advise him therein. In a certain sense the institution is a Trust in hearts, but its object is higher than that of most monopolies. It strives to reduce the unhappiness of the world to a minimum, and has been fairly successful in its restricted field. The end now comes, however, that all the members of the organization are in love with the same girl.

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TELOCASET TATTTLINGS.

Oct. 1, 1889.

Gently fall the autumn showers,
Sear the leaflets in the dell,
Brown and bare the wood in the forest,
Gone the gladness of the spring.

Autumn harvests yield their riches,
Bending orchards gathered grain,
Softly plays the yellow gold harp,
Leaves are dancing to the strain.

Round the cheerless threshold gather
Laughing children, sobbing sibs,
Bring, oh bring the monarch's rines,
No, give me the cheeriest rib.

Lord of lords the grey haired farmer
With his palmer by the bill,
Closed around with waving willows,
Lulled to slumber by the rill.

The fruit crop is very good and some of our young orchards are turning out well.

Some time has passed since our burg has been told of in the columns of the dear old Scout. Doubtless we are dead; we're only dreaming. Longfellow once said "Some day the world must work and sweat that the other half may dream."

And so we are to live here?
"Twas ever thus, said some that came,
Still unrequited thought,
Some newer form of life for a while,
Some newer care for the time."
The only girl we have is to be married soon.

School started in Pyle canyon last Monday with Miss Maud Tinkham as teacher. The attendance was very good for the start and much interest is being taken by all concerned.

Mr. Osborne, who has been in the lumber yard here for some time past, took his departure for Ulich, Monday. We regret to see the gentleman leave us.

W. H. Huffman has the logging contract at Eedles' mill on Anthony creek, about twenty miles from here. He expects to keep things going all winter.

On their eightieth birthday Oliver W. Holmes and John G. Whitler, the venerable poets of New England, addressed a few lines to each other. They have climbed the wintry peaks to the good old age of fourscore. Long may they live, and may the snows of a century drop a few light flakes on their heads.

The boys who were with the threshing machine in Antelope a few weeks ago made a raid on the melon patch of John Reeves and escaped in about twenty-five. John camped on their trail and found out the truth soon. They made no kick when he asked for a few shickels, and put up like men.

Theophilus Yowell, one of our enterprising young men, took a trip below last month for the purpose of looking around and getting into business. He went to work in the machine shops at The Dalles and stayed a few weeks. Getting tired of this he turned his footsteps toward home and arrived a few days ago. He gives promise of becoming a good workman some day.

At the laying of the corner stone of a new Catholic church at Washington, Cardinal Gibbons is said to have remarked in the course of his address: "I rejoice in the growth and progress of the Catholic church in the United States during the century, for I am convinced that the growth of the Catholic faith in this country will, more than any other means, promote the welfare and stability of our American institutions." Thus it is that a foreign power boasts while standing on the threshold of our land and clearing the liberty of conscience we give to all. Thus it is, the mixed cardinal throws out in the capital city of America utterances which should be looked upon by true and loyal Americans as treason. The time is coming, though, if we do not step in and say "No," in big letters, when the mitre and cross will stand as the emblem where the stars and stripes now wave, and when the insignia of the blood-hungry pope will be placed instead of "U. S." and "E pluribus unum." This very power is working away at the foundation of a religious-national superstructure that is to take the place of our seats of government and free school houses.

B. W. H.

Important Decision.

The present Commissioner of the General Land Office has reversed the ruling of his predecessors regarding the allowing of lien lands to the State of Oregon for school sections embraced within Indian reservations. Commissioner Stocklager decided that the State was not entitled to the land until the reservations were thrown open. The present Commissioner decides that the State has already lost the school sections in the reservations and is entitled to lien for them.

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WASHINGTON.

An Interesting Letter From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, Sept. 20, 1889.
EDITOR OREGON SCOUT:—

In the exclusive supreme court circles it is predicted that the vacancy caused by Justice Matthews' death will be filled before the assembling of the court on the second Monday in October. From Deer Park comes the statement that the president is now only hesitating as between Judge Wood and Attorney General Miller. The principal objection to Judge Wood is based upon his partisanship which is of the most rabid order. Another objection lies to his lack of prominence in the legal profession. That this objection holds good, also, against Attorney General Miller, goes without saying. Mr. Miller is essentially a man of small caliber, a so-so lawyer, a good, industrious man, with a mental and literary ability. The inherent reverence of good men for duty constituted authority is evinced in the loyalty of the people to the supreme court. No other body could have passed in peace upon the Hayes election, for instance. This court is recognized as the strongest bulwark of our liberties. To keep it free for merely partisan favor and to make its personnel a pride to Americans is the duty of every president. In so far as Mr. Harrison succeeds in ending personal prejudice behind and selecting a man whom the whole people respect in so far as will be strengthening himself.

Judge Wood is a very good, respectable man, as the world goes, and Attorney General Miller is a fair second-rate lawyer, as is President Harrison himself, but these qualifications furnish no reason for appointing either a justice of the supreme court. The republican party contains a vast number of brainy men—men from whom the vigor and fire of intelligence, a bright and living personality, springs at all times. Why not give these men a chance? Can it be that President Harrison hath grown Cassian and can brook "none greater than himself"? Mr. Cleveland made such a mistake when he appointed Mr. Fuller chief justice. Mr. Fuller was a decidedly third-rate Chicago lawyer and even there a man who by chance heard his name had to search the cranial cells of his memory to recall his occupation and condition. The people have never yet accepted the appointment with real approval. The appointment of Lamar, as much fiercer objection as it raised in a republican senator, has been better received by the people, because they knew that Lamar has brains and experience and because, political antecedents aside, it was the honoring of a remarkably long and successful public life. President Harrison might do well to seek further than among his personal friends for his next justice of the supreme court.

Ex-Congressman Warner has sensibly, after changing his mind four or five times, concluded that he does not want to be commissioner of pensions, and this is believed to be his final answer to the requests of President Harrison and Secretary Noble. Two reasons are given. General Warner is a man in the full flush of life and piling up money in his law practice at the rate of \$25,000 per annum. To accept the Commissionership would be to lose this income for a paltry \$2,000 per annum for perhaps only four years. It would, also, lose for him his political prestige in Missouri. As it is, his strength in that State is far greater than Secretary Noble's, but should he once accept office under Secretary Noble he would be called upon to give way to his chief, which would not be agreeable.

At present General Geo. S. Merrill, of Boston, seems most likely to be selected. He represents the conservative wing of the Grand Army and is opposed to pensioning except for disabilities contracted in service and line of duty. As chairman of the pensions committee of the Grand Army, it has been largely due to his efforts that the organization has been so considerate in its official requests for favors. It is not known that he would accept.

Nothing definite has yet been done to secure Corporal Tanner a new berth, although his friends are pressing his appointment as Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia, a position worth twelve or fifteen thousand dollars per annum. The president is said, with some reason, to be opposed to further honoring the Corporal with offices at home, and ever possible pressure is being brought to bear to induce the Corporal to go abroad into the diplomatic service where he will die out of the public mind. He has been invited by Governor Foraker to stump Ohio and may accept, though it would be against the wishes of the administration and would antagonize the president. The president has a wholesome dread of Corporal Tanner's mouth, and wants no more of his indiscretion.

J. H. C.

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THE COVE.

Dr. Hardinge has moved to Mr. Sanborn's residence.

Messrs. J. C. Doney, Jas. Bloom, J. E. Hough and Geo. Burley are attending the races at the Walla Walla fair, which are said to be very good this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wentworth, of Banner, Idaho, are visiting a few days in Cove. They are the same pleasant pair of old, and everyone is genuinely glad to see them again.

Our town is lively this week and an unusual rush noticed on the streets. It is generally occasioned by a deputy sheriff in search of jurors and a lot of brave citizens hurriedly seeking a safe hiding place.

Jas. Burford proudly proclaims since Tuesday that he has another republican voter at his house, or probably will be in some twenty-one years. The new recruit weighed nine and one-half pounds.

Mr. Chas. Olson has invested in the property lying just south of Jaycox's store. He has commenced improving by erecting a commodious barn where in his miles, lately purchased of Mr. Crossman, may reside.

Mr. John Wagner, who bought the old L. R. Bloom farm, is collecting the materials for building a neat two thousand dollar dwelling thereon. John is a successful financier and believes in having the comforts and luxuries of life.

Public school will open in Cove next Monday. A number residing in outside districts have moved in and will patronize the school. The new black-boards have been completed by Mr. Louis Koenig and everything is ready for a successful term.

Miss Burks, of Virginia, has arrived and accepted the position of music teacher in the Ascension school. The young lady is a very fine musician, has taught music very successfully for a number of years and is already a favorite with her class. She will hereafter act as organist in the Ascension church.

SPARTA.

Sunday school organized.
Two large mining deals on the tapis—see my next letter.

Capt. Clough, owner of the Sparta ditch, is putting the banks in shape for a big run next season.

Three companies of Chinese working on Home gulch, cleaned up several thousand dollars in September.

Day and night shifts are now working on the Gold Ridge, and the output of ore is large and the quantity and quality daily increasing.

Our versatile friend, Prof. Wright, book keeper and financial agent for the ditch and store, is the lucky owner of one of the very best placer mines in the country, on Conner creek, and rumor says a big sale is about closed.

The Oro Dell incline shaft is now down to the 100-foot level, and drifts are being run on the ledge, which has an average thickness of three feet, with a twenty inch pay streak, which carries about \$6 in free gold and \$20 in the sulphurets, making it a \$26 property. Several thousand tons of ore of at least this value are now on shift. The Oro Dell is sure to have a mill in the near future.

Mill building at the Little Pittsburg has been rushed without a parallel in Eastern Oregon. Less than four weeks ago the excavation for the mill commenced without a piece of machinery or timber on the ground, and to-day the roof is on, part of the machinery in place, and in fifteen days stamps will commence dropping on forty-dollar ore, and we hope continue to the end of time. Our pioneer friend W. P. Arble, one of the owners, is happy, as he deserves to be. O. S. B.

NORTH POWDER.

F. W. Dalton is enjoying city life. James Dalton has moved his family to town. Jimmie is mixing drinks at Schiedhauer's saloon.

Mr. Wm. Pearson, of Morrow county, has moved back to North Powder and has made up his mind to remain here.

Samuel Dye closed out the blacksmith business in this place and will start out on a prospecting tour in a few days.

J. E. Carroll has ordered a large assortment of fancy candies, together with a large invoice of drugs. Joe means business and deserves the patronage of all who desire any thing in his line.

"Moike" made a proposition to all the correspondents of THE SCOUT to give the names and ages of the oldest persons in the vicinity. We can only give the name of one at present, worth mentioning, and that is General Stevens who is over eighty.

North Powder has three new comers in the last three weeks. Born, to the wife of Mr. Williams a daughter; also to the wife of C. Schiedhauer a daughter; also to the wife of J. Hardin a daughter. The woman's suffrage is bound to win from the looks of the infantry raised this year.

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