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Meandering down the stream of time  
How varied are the scenes that greet us,  
We laugh with joy—with grief repine,  
And dream of hopes that never meet us.  
Pondering here, I sit and think  
Upon the path I will be to sever  
The golden chain that breaks the link  
That binds my heart to you, forever.

My harp has weathered many a storm  
On life's tempest-tossed, restless ocean,  
Beneath its waves in cherished forms,  
Remembered still, with fond emotion,  
For I have wept the loss of friends,  
I have mourned for loving hearts—but never

Have felt before a pang like this—  
Driftin' away from you forever.

The tide of time—'till hours me on,  
Away from tender ties that bound me,  
And one by one, I stand alone,  
And count a thousand wrecks around me.  
Again I'm looking fondly back,  
While tears I can't suppress will gather  
To think that you, like all the rest,  
Will drift away from me forever.

—E. C. R.

## THE COVE.

October 23, 1889.

The Conklin Bros. sold this week 130 acres of the Jos. Martin place to M. J. Dudge, of Cornucopia; consideration \$4,650. The Messrs Conklin reserved 40 acres lying in the southwest corner of the place, upon which they will erect this fall a commodious dwelling for their own accommodation. Mr. Dudge with his family will occupy his new home this week, and will place his two sons in the public school. Mr. Dudge is a gentleman of considerable means, having recently sold a share of the Red Jacket mine in Cornucopia for \$27,000.

Al Conkling and W. H. Wright will start for Iowa, Thursday, with two carloads of heavy draft horses. They expect to dispose of their stock and return in about four weeks. A part of the horses were purchased on Powder river.

Dion Platt exhibited his wonderful emporium of art in Cove, Tuesday evening. A large audience of titled natives gazed with awe-stricken faces on his collection of scenes which had a remarkable and successful run of forty nights in New York city just prior to opening in Cove.

Geo. Edgar has opened a barber shop in the McDaniel block west of Robinson Avenue. George has a snide and a keen razor for all customers.

Dave Layne has discontinued driving the Cove stage, having accepted a position on the Union and Cornucopia route. Dave is a very accommodating driver and is always missed when he leaves, although his place is being acceptably filled by Frank Tolkey.

Marsh, Phy is the chief among the sportsmen, this week having shot a beautiful swan on Catherine creek. The fowl was full grown and a load for an ordinary man.

The public school is full to overflowing, about one hundred pupils being in attendance. Many scholars are coming in from other districts and the directors have decided that it will be necessary either to employ another teacher or refuse admittance of further applicants from abroad.

Mr. Swain and family have removed from the Sand Ridge to Cove and will occupy the Stevens property where they will reside this winter.

James Payne and daughter, Miss Pearl, are expected home this week.

J. H. Fisher and Geo. McDannell will visit Douglas county in a few days for a short stay among relatives.

A young daughter of Wm. Sturgill, of Baker City, is lying very ill at the residence of Wm. Booth.

Walter Rees rode a horse against the Bidwell racer at Union, Monday, and, winning the contest, got about \$15 for his equestrian exercise.

A literary society will be organized at the Ascension school Friday evening next. A cordial invitation extended. All talented people should attend, as this will be a pleasant and profitable way of spending the long winter evenings.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Rees are visiting the exposition. Mrs. Rees' mother is lying very ill in Salem. They are expected home this week.

Mrs. Jas. Hendershott, Mrs. Jas. Bloom and Bert Benton went to Portland last Tuesday, the exposition being the object of their visit.

O. Eckesley, Esq., is home again from Portland, and is probably the best posted man on the exposition in Eastern Oregon, and can tell you all the particulars from Alfa to Omega, or any other attractions of the great show.

Railroad Mass Meetings.

Mass meetings will be held at Union, Thursday, October 31st, at 1:30 p. m., Summerville, Friday, November 1st, and Elgin, Saturday, November 2nd. Everybody is requested to attend these meetings and lend their assistance, as important business matters are to be transacted and the present proposition to be explained by Mr. Hunt, who will be present at each meeting.

## SPARTA.

"Bandin" Gives his Opinion of its Mines and Future Prospects.

EDITOR OREGON SCOUT—

While passing through Sparta on my way to the "Horn of Plenty," I could not help compare the appearance of that town where the heathen Chinese has always been tolerated, with Cornucopia, where he has never had a resting place. I speak not of the merit of the town or the mines, but there is a something indescribable in the influence—secret, atmospheric, barbaric and antagonistic to Caucasian life, in the very presence of the sons of the celestial kingdom. The tramp, tramp, tramp of wooden shoes, the sordid lengthened out like a bullwhacker's whip lash with olive silk, all suggest a period back of white civilization when the almost-mythical benefits to obtain roast pork, used to burn their neighbor's premises with their persons occupants, setting and causing in the flames. No Chinaman has ever been permitted to stop over at Cornucopia. A herd of them once reached Allentown, but being pressingly invited, turned and fled down the gulch, and none of them have ever returned.

Sparta has nevertheless a future which only awaits to be crystallized by the development of the two Pittsburgs. Capital has been dispersed liberally, and with it have gone men of active, pushing temperaments. From that point to Sanger and East Eagle it is but fourteen miles in a northwesterly direction towards which the Sparta prospectors have turned their footsteps. Lately two of them, Judd Cook and John Younger, near the Sullivan property, discovered a ledge which they named the Gold Link. This is one of the richest mines in free gold that has been discovered in that vicinity. One hundred and thirty-five dollars in free gold was the reported assay. Its location is about six miles west of Cornucopia. Both Cook and Younger are now camped on the ledge, and very properly feel satisfied that they have found a home stake. They are down thirty-five feet on the ledge with no signs of decrease in value of richness of ore. Mr. Alderly has examined the mine, and as he is a "free gold" man, is well pleased with the showing.

The Sullivan properties near by, owned by Dr. Woods and others, are also free gold veins, which have been worked for some time.

The placer mines of Brown and Dill, located on East Eagle, give promise of being extensive. In Mr. Dill's cabinet in Baker City can be seen some of the dust—more like nuggets than dust.

This region of country, having a circle of fifty miles in circumference, with Cornucopia as its center, embracing Sparta, Sanger and the Eagle districts, must sooner or later come to the front of mining districts. The experts who have glanced at this and surrounding localities all pronounce it remarkable for quantity of gold that has found a resting place, both in the gravel beds and in rock in place, and wonder is why it has not been swifter and more systematically developed.

BAUDIN.

## SCOUTLETS.

NORTH POWDER, Oct. 22, 1889.

High up in the mountains back of North Powder lies the North Powder lake, serene and beautiful. The fish are plentiful, the scenery grand. The popularity of these lakes grows each year. City people have made them a resort during the past season.

Mrs. Wm. Eccles was suddenly called to Utah last Sunday, upon receiving a telegram informing her of the death of her sister.

On the bank of Anthony creek, where the valley and mountains meet, is a lone Indian grave. The young pines are growing over it. The mound of earth is only visible above the ground. The head-board is rotting down, and the simple inscription, "Luke, killed July 17, 1878," is fading from the face of it.

The new states are now in full sisterhood with us. They have been the cause of many anticipations in the great political field. Both parties have held their breath till after the recent elections. They are rich in all the blessings of a civilized land. Mineral, farming and grazing land is abundant.

"STWASH."

## A Woman's Discovery.

"Another wonderful discovery has been made and that too by a lady in this county. Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly and could not sleep. She bought of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption and was so much relieved on taking first dose that she slept all night and with one bottle has been miraculously cured. Her name is Mrs. Luther Lutz." Thus writes W. C. Humrick & Co., of Shelby, N. C.—Get a free trial bottle at Brown's drug store, Union, Oregon.

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## THE PARK.

Weather very pleasant, with now and then a little rain.  
News items very scarce and hard to find.

Everybody is done sowing rye, and some of it is coming up nicely.  
Moses Van and W. South have been out to their ranches, sowing rye.  
W. South took his aged father and mother out to see his farm, a short time ago.

The health of the Park is very good now since the rain has come to lay the dust.  
Mr. E. South and family are happy now. They have a bright, four-year-old boy to raise.

Mr. Samuel Rutledge has moved back to the Park again. He can't stand the Powder river country.  
Our school is progressing nicely. Miss Sadie Atkins is a splendid teacher.

Miss Ruby Haller is boarding at E. M. South's attending school.  
Martha South has returned home and is now attending school.

Grandma Martin is visiting her son, William. She is very well.  
There was a magic lantern show at the school house on the 15th. It pleased the little ones.

Mrs. Dunham Wright has returned home. Dunham is happy and can get a smile on his face now.  
The mill company is still planning. They want to finish so they will not be bothered in the spring with small orders when they are sawing.

The late showers have started the grass, and the hills look quite green.  
The preachers still leave the Park out in the cold. They can't blame us if we think there is no room in the mind of man for providence or chance. The facts and force governing thought are as absolute as those governing the motions of the planets. A poem is produced by the force of nature and is as necessarily and naturally produced as mountains and seas. You will seek in vain for a thought in man's brain without its efficient cause. Every mental operation is the necessary result of certain facts and conditions. Mental phenomena are considered more complicated than those of matter, and consequently more mysterious. Being more mysterious they are considered better evidence of the existence of a God. No one infers a God from the simple, from the known, from what is understood, but from the complex, from the unknown and incomprehensible. Our ignorance is God; what we know is science.

A few questions to the young men: What are you here for? Are you satisfied with yourself? Do you pay your way? Are you in demand? Are you in debt? Where are you going? Are you a fool? What do you think of yourself?

MOIKE.

## EAGLE VALLEY.

Recent Events—Farm and Field Notes—Improvements in the Valley.

October 19, 1889.

Everything quiet, and health of the community much better.  
Mr. Wm. Wise went to California about four weeks ago and has returned with a beautiful young lady. The boys gave him a terrible shaking up the night of his arrival. He presented them with ten dollars and all were happy in a short time.

Some of our stockmen are rounding up their stock for the winter and putting them on the alfalfa pastures. The cattle are very fat.

E. and W. Chandler have one hundred head of very fine steers for sale. Frazier and Longley also have a nice lot of cattle and sheep in their pasture where the alfalfa is as high as their backs.

Kirby & Jennings have some good harness in their hands for sale cheap. Address New Bridge, Oregon.

Some of our ranchers are cutting hay yet. One ranch here is worth two anywhere else in Oregon. Eagle valley is without doubt the garden spot of the west. In my next letter to THE SCOUT I will give a full description of Eagle and Pine valleys.

There is one hundred tons of hay here yet for sale at low prices. There has been three hundred tons of alfalfa hay sold this season. Also fruit and vegetables by the ton.

Some of the Eagle valleyites attended the fair at Baker City recently. Mr. Frank P. Lee's thoroughbred cattle took all the best premiums over everything there. We do not wonder at this as he has some of the best cattle in Oregon.

We are having some nice showers which will lay the dust in the valley.  
Mr. John Yowell is preparing to build a fine residence which will add greatly to the appearance of his place. Mr. Wm. Summers is also going to build a good residence on his ranch just north of Chandler's store.

The widow Simonis came very near getting her house burned the other evening. Her little son while lighting a candle set the window curtain on fire and from that the fire spread, but was put out before much damage was done.

## IN THE WALLOWA.

Its Recent Growth—Circuit Court—Improvements of the Canyon Road.

EDITOR OREGON SCOUT—

Your correspondent left Union on the 16th inst., bound for Enterprise, where we arrived on the 17th inst., after a very pleasant trip. The roads are in very good condition and one can travel in a private conveyance in and out of Wallowa county now without experiencing the excruciating soreness which inevitably followed a trip into this section a year or so ago. We found the notorious Wallowa hill in a much better condition than it has ever been before, and the careful and painstaking manner which the work has been done is creditable to the superintendent, N. Schoonover.

The new bridge being built across the Wallowa river by Union and Wallowa counties, is nearing completion and when finished will be the finest bridge in either of said counties, as well as the costliest.

The work done in the Wallowa canyon has improved the road greatly, but it is certainly a great oversight in the superintendent of the work in not providing the very necessary drains and culverts, which, in a great many places have been omitted, but no doubt all the work has been done to the money appropriated would pay for and the road now through the canyon is comparatively in excellent condition.

The Island City M. & M. Co's store in Lower valley is well located and seems to be doing a large business. Lostine has improved but very little in the last five years, and lost its opportunity in failing to secure the county seat, although it is surrounded by a scope of very fine farming country and will always be a fair trading point.

Enterprise, which is now only about two years old, is in a healthy condition, has made rapid growth and is still growing. The grist mill at this point owned by the Enterprise Milling Co., is turning out a good article of flour, receiving most of its wheat from the Indian valley and Cricket flat country. The mill pays 70 cents per bushel for wheat and retails flour at \$1 per sack. The most imposing structure in Enterprise is the two-story brick built and owned by the M. & M. Co., of Island City, in which is the county court room and offices of the various county officials of Wallowa county. The court room is neat and commodious and is furnished to the county at a nominal rent. The national bank with W. R. Holmes as cashier, is doing a large and safe business.

Court convenes here on Monday the 21st inst. with thirty-six civil and criminal cases on the docket, and if Judge Fee pushes business here as he did at Union recently, the docket will be cleared in one week's time.

While a great many people here in Wallowa have suffered to a greater or less extent from this season's drouth, still a great amount of hay and grain has been raised, and the people will weather through and come out on top if providence will only occasionally give them a good crop season.

W.

## JIMMIE CREEK.

Happenings of the Week as Noted by Our Regular Correspondent.

Oct. 18, 1889.

The Hewitt Bros. have built a house on their ranch on Jimmie creek. They expect to go on a hunting expedition before long.

Mrs. W. F. Thompson, of Powder river, visited her mother, Mrs. J. Bradford, last week.

Mr. Nelson Schoonover has commenced work on the Hog valley county road.

Mr. Granville Huff started for Nebraska this morning.  
Mr. E. Samis has sold his rancho to P. M. Coffin of Union.

We had a nice rain recently, which has started the grass to growing a little.

Several flocks of wild geese have been seen flying southward. It is a sign of coming winter.

Mr. E. Samis started for Eagle valley a few days ago.  
Edgar Coffin and Wm. Zimmerman, of Grande Ronde, were on Jimmie creek the other day.

Mrs. Wm. Stafford, Mrs. H. Thomas and Miss Laura Huff, who have been on the sick list, are improving.

## REPORTER.

The Verdict Unanimous.

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