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Written for The Scout.

HAST THOU GONE?

Yes, it seems that thou hast gone
That thou hast passed away
That loves have parted on
While here on earth I stay.

Oh, who will be my comfort now,
As them has been so long?
And who will soothe my aching brow
Of all the busy throng?

In twilight's hour with weary step
As I to home draw near,
Oh who will meet me at the door
With words of love and cheer?

Oft have I clasped thy snowy hands
And oft thy lips caressed,
And often in a fond embrace
Thy lovely form have pressed.

But now no more those comely hands
Their thrilling life possess;
That kindly voice of love and cheer
No more those lips express.

For in the cold and silent tomb
Thy lovely form doth lie;
Unfettered now thy spirit roams
In realms beyond the sky.

Yet, when alone, my mind is fraught
With peace and joy and cheer,
Although unseen—oh happy thought,
I feel that thou art near.

And I would wish that I might live
The remnant of my days
In seeking for the truths that give
The boon of wisdom's ways.

That when my lamp has burned low
And I must pass death's night,
My spirit too shall onward go
With thee in realms of light.

UNION, OREGON. —H. C. E.

Malheur Cave.

The following was written by G. C. Duncan, a curiosity hunter who recently visited Oregon. In time no doubt the fame of this wonderful cave will spread and cause it to be an object of much interest:

Malheur cave is located on a sage brush plain about one mile from the head of the south fork of the Malheur river. There is a small basin at its mouth. The cave is twenty feet high and six feet wide at its entrance, and has an incline downward for the first 200 feet, and then turns to the northeast and runs very nearly straight to the water, a distance of one-half mile from its mouth. It will average fifty feet wide and twenty feet high and is very uniform in its structure; the walls running up about six feet on either side, and then commences to arch over, and certainly form the finest arch in the whole family of caves that were ever discovered. It is grand almost beyond description, and rivals the Mammoth cave in its smoothness of character and uniformity. The first 250 yards the bottom is as smooth as a floor, then are found piles of rubbish or debris that have accumulated by falling from the ceiling above, 100 yards or so apart, the last one being something over 100 yards from water. There is no difficulty in reaching the water, it runs back on either side in a trough from the main pool the distance of 100 feet, settling down on either side, leaving the floor crowning.

The water is remarkably clear; one can see the sand in the bottom at the depth of four feet, and it appears to have no outlet, as it is perfectly still and quiet; it is good drinking water.

This wonderful curiosity has to be seen to be fully appreciated. It is truly of basalt formation and is quarentary, the walls are honey-combed in many places; the wall on the south side sets on a horizontal basement of eruptive rocks.

This magnificent cave has evidently been used in time by the Indians as a fortification; the entrance has been walled up with stone, and there are, also, two walls or breastworks on the inside, running from each corner of the entrance diagonally near the center some fifty feet long; this was for a second defense in case they were driven back from the mouth. Around and above the mouth of the cave there are considerable fine chippings where the aborigines have sharpened their stone implements which were made out of obsidian, or volcanic glass. I think that the water is in the end of the cave, but cannot tell without further exploring. I was informed by two parties that fish have been caught in the cave that were of blue color and eyeless.

For Sale.

A few thoroughbred Cotswold bucks. For prices and terms call on or address L. R. Holmes, Cove, Oregon.

THE O. & W. T. RAILROAD.

Interesting Account of the Origin and Progress of this Popular Road.

The October number of the Northwest Magazine contains an interesting history of the origin, progress and purposes of the O. & W. T. Railway Company—"the Hunt line"—with views and descriptive sketches of Pendleton, Athena, Walla Walla, Dayton, Wallula, Helix, Fulton Station, and a biographical sketch of Mr. Hunt.

After first sketching the situation as to grain raising and its transportation prior to 1887, the article on "the Hunt lines" mentions the organization of the Pendleton Company and their contract with Mr. Hunt, who, "by the time he had finished thirty miles of grade discovered that the company had no money and was not likely to raise any." He therefore bought the stock and became the owner, and soon after obtained money on his bonds from C. B. Wright and others. While building this road Mr. Hunt made a careful study of the condition of affairs in the entire region south of Snake river, and made up his mind that a much more extensive system of new roads, competing with the lines of the O. R. & N., and connecting with the Northern Pacific, could be made to pay. His plan was to reach all the important towns, not paralleling the existing roads any more than necessary, but running through the rich agricultural belts, on the ridges and over the upland, thus making his roads pre-eminently farmers' roads. Selecting his starting point at Hunt's Junction, a mile east of Wallula, he pushed across to Pendleton and Athena; then by a winding course to Walla Walla, through the rich Eureka Flat region; and is now fast constructing another extension to Dixie, Waitsburg and Dayton, a distance of thirty-three miles from Walla Walla.

"Mr. Hunt is by no means at the end of his projects for railway building. He means to construct a line southward and eastward from Walla Walla along the foothills to Milton, Weston, and across these mountains to the Grande Ronde valley. This will be about seventy-five milse in length. Other lines projected are from Dayton, to Whetstone Hollow, twelve miles; from the head of Eureka valley to Riparia; and from Fulton to Foster," in this county. The present mileage of the Hunt lines is 163 miles; when the new branches now decided on are built it will comprise over 330 miles of track. His roads are exceptionally well built, and have already increased the price of the farmers' products and greatly cheapened imports.

Mr. Hunt is his own manager and controller of his very extensive business operation, owning and operating his own mills, grading outfits, etc.; he also owns grain farms, a half interest in the Pendleton Roller Mills, and stock in the new Tacoma mill. He is his own business man and saves the profits of contractors and middle men.

Mr. Hunt was born in Mayville, Chautauqua county, N.Y.; May 4, 1842. His only education was in a district school, and one term in an academy. At the age of sixteen he left for Pike's peak; and for many years passed through rough experience in freigting, prospecting and mining; and his operation at one time or another extended much of Colorado, Utah, Nevada, California, Oregon, Washington and Idaho. For the past few years, however, he has been engaged in extensive railroad-building contracts, for the Short Line, Northern Pacific, Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern, Oregon Pacific, and others, and now for himself and his individual backers. It is probable that Mr. Hunt has constructed more lines of road with his own individual exerations than any other man living. He selects his own routes, appoint his own engineers, owns his own teams, wagons, and tools, saws his own timber, buys his own engines, cars and rails, and after first paying very large sums out of his own pocket he offers his bonds to Eastern investors.

Mr. Hunt is a thorough Western business man, accessible to everybody, and with as friendly a word for grader or brakeman as for a banker or a millionaire. He is always "on the go," apparently tireless, is firm and decided in all his business propositions, fully determined to carry out his own plans in his own way and at his own terms; but is always fair and just, and scrupulously exact in the performance of all his contracts.

Mr. Hunt was married in 1866 to Miss Leonora Gaylord at Boise City. The family lived for a while in the Payette Valley in Idaho, and after at Corvallis, Or.; but now reside in a fine mansion at Walla Walla. Mr. and Mrs. Hunt have five children, four boys and one daughter; the three older boys now being in Eastern cities attending educational institutions.

Such is a very brief sketch of a really wonderful enterprise, and of its energetic and successful head.

JIMMIE CREEK.

Mr. George Ashby succeeded in killing a deer the other day.

Mr. Charles Cusic left for the Willamette on the 17th of October.

Dave, Joe and Daniel Bradford started for Wallowa valley, recently.

Mr. Samuel Miller, of Union, was on Jimmie creek some time ago.

John and Ed Conlin, of Antelope valley, were visiting here recently.

The hay balers have been baling hay at Mr. D. W. C. Nelson's ranch.

Mr. J. G. Nawles and G. E. Allen, of Clover creek, visited Union last week.

Miss Libbie Ashby, of Pyle canyon, visited her sister, Mrs. S. F. Cusic, recently.

It is reported that the mill on Hog valley mountain burned down on the morning of the 3rd inst.

It is said that some men are so cruel as to beat an egg, maul rails, thresh wheat or even lick a postage stamp.

Mrs. J. Bradford, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bradford, A. T. Hewitt and Newton Bradford were in Pyle canyon a few days ago.

Mr. Nelson Schoonover expects to quit work on the Hog valley road before long. He has made a good deal of improvement on the road, which has been needed for some time.

On October 27th the summit of the Jimmie creek hills were white with snow. At the present writing the temperature ranges from 32 to 40 degrees above zero with a cool wind from the northwest and plenty of clouds.

A stray copy of the La Grande Gazette came under my spectacles some time ago, and in reading over the letter list I noticed the name of F. Liat. I think that the person lives in Pyle canyon. Maybe it is from your best girl, Fred.

REPORTER.

Resolution of Condolence.

At a meeting of Blue Mountain Lodge, No. 28, K. of P., held in this city on the 30th of October, 1889, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted on receipt of the intelligence of the death of Mrs. A. C. Howland which recently occurred at Pendleton, Oregon:

WHEREAS, the Supreme Chancellor of the Universe has been pleased to remove from our midst and exalt to a higher and nobler sphere of action the wife of our beloved brother, N. Howland, and

WHEREAS, there has been lost to us a true friend, to our brother a faithful companion and to little ones a loving mother, therefore be it

Resolved, by Blue Mountain Lodge, No. 28, K. of P., that we regard her death as a great loss to her loving husband, to her darling children and to the community at large, in which she was a bright and noble example of purity and nobility.

Resolved, that the bereaved husband and children have the sympathy of the members of this lodge.

Resolved, that a copy of these Resolutions, under seal of the lodge, be sent to our brother, and a copy furnished to each of the papers of this city for publication.

J. C. SUMMERS, M. F. DAVIS, A. J. HACKETT, } Committee.

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EUGENE CITY.

A Readable Letter From the University by Union County Students.

EUGENE, OR., Nov. 2, 1889.

Six students from Union county are attending the University here.

The University opened on the 16th of September, with a larger attendance than is usual.

Eugene is a lively town, improving very fast, and property rapidly increasing in value.

Cameron, the horse dealer, of Portland, is in Eugene this week purchasing horses, but has not secured many as yet.

From present indications there will be a large vote polled by the Union Labor Party, in this part of the country, at our next election.

Mr. Bert Oliver, of Summerville, arrived here last Saturday and entered the University, Monday.

"Are there more worlds than one?" This is the question which will be debated in the Laurean Society Friday evening.

We learn through a private source that Union county's able deputy clerk, Turner Oliver, has been on a visit to Forest Grove. Querry: Wonder why?

Hallowe'en was duly observed in Eugene. The gates and fences were broken up and quite a number of gates were carried to distant parts of town by mischevious spirits, and Mayor Hovey's gate was spirited up the city flag pole.

A great many of the hop growers have consigned their hops to New York and London dealers, hoping to realize more for their crops than dealers are willing to pay here. They are worth from six to seven cents per pound—barely enough to pay expenses.

We are pleased to note that Milton F. Davis, formerly a student of the University of Oregon, will graduate at the military academy at West Point next June. He now stands high in his classes, and a promising future awaits him.

Circuit court is in session in the city this week. Among the lawyers in attendance we notice G. O. Holman, formerly of Baker City. Court will not adjourn before the middle of next week. All the criminals indicted have plead guilty.

Samuel P. Putnam, the liberal orator, delivered a lecture here on the 20th ult, to a small but appreciative audience. His arguments were forcible and convincing, and produced quite an impression upon the minds of those who heard him for the first time, and were thus enabled to find out what "liberalism" really means.

We were startled this afternoon by the ringing of the fire bell, and upon rushing into the street we soon discovered the cause of the alarm. Smoke was seen rising in the eastern part of the town, and proceeding to the scene of conflagration we found the fire to be in a house on High street. The wet weather of the past month, together with the prompt action of the firemen, saved the house from total destruction.

The rain has been descending into the valley of Willamette during the last week, making mud—sticky mud—and in some places, we are informed, it adheres to the wheels of wagons to such a degree as to make them solid. Imagine a Grande Ronder with his wagon in such a condition, or plodding around through the mud with several pounds sticking to his shoes.

SILENCE DOGOOD.

THE COVE.

Depredations of Wild Animals---Railroad Matters--Society Topics.

COVE, Or., Nov. 6, 1889.

Your school tax can now be paid at the Cove drug store.

Mr. James Payne and daughter, Miss Pearl, returned from the east Monday.

Mrs. H. J. Geer is somewhat better. A child of Mr. J. L. Gibson is seriosly ill with typhoid fever.

Mr. E. E. Willard, of Lower Cove, has about completed a commodious residence. L. B. Stearns suprentended the work.

Mr. John Conklin, is erecting a dwelling just above town for the use of himself and mother. John says it is to be a nobby cottage.

A shooting match for turkeys to be held in Cove Saturday of this week. Vivian Kennedy will supply the fowls which are young and toothsome.

Mr. Mark Sturtevant, formally a student of the Leighton Academy, is over from Pilot Rock purchasing calves. He wants several hundred and will pay fair prices.

Dame Rumor has it that a popular young Jehu and a hansome young lady, both of the Cove, will shortly embark on the good ship of matrimony and sail away on the sea of bliss. Hundreds of friends will wish them a pleasant voyage.

Thomas & Delang have been compelled to move their cattle from the Minam on account of the depredations of wild animals. A few days since a bear distroyed two head of cattle, but they were unable to capture them who so dearly loved fresh beef steak.

Mr. A. J. Hackett and Mr. John Kennedy, prominent and well known citizens of Union, were in Cove last Saturday. They were the guests of Mr. H. H. French who entertained them at dinner. We forgot to mention that Mr. G. W. Hunt, the railroad magnate, and E. S. McComas accompanied the party.

Mr. Hunt said, Saturday, that it was very possible that a branch road would be built to Cove, tapping the main line in the valley and that it would not be a very expensive piece of work and that he was of the opinion it would be constructed in a comparatively short time.

From Our Exchanges.

The two Dakotas were admitted as states by Presidential proclamation, Saturday. What's the matter with Washington?

Baker City is to have a street railway. A franchise has been granted by the city council and the line will be in operation by the first of next June.

Frightful floods have been experienced in China and Japan this year. Nearly 50,000 lives have been lost by floods in China during the year, and now Japan reports 2500 lives lost and 90,000 people deprived of the means of subsistence by the floods.

Some time ago a couple of eggs were found in a field in Yamhill county, by some children, and were given to Mrs. J. E. Brooks who placed them in a cabinet with other curiosities. A short time ago she was surprised upon looking over the cabinet to find a young turtle, which had hatched and was crawling around in the cabinet.—Telephone-Register.

After the 17th of this month the O. R. & N. will be known as the Western Division of the Union Pacific. A change will be made in the time card, and it is also stated that a fast train scheduled at forty miles an hour will be run between Omaha and Portland.

In a few weeks the postage stamps are to be changed in color and size. The colors will be as follows: One cent ultramarine blue; 4-cent, chocolate; 5-cent, light brown; 6-cent, vermillion; 10-cent, melon green; 15-cent, steel blue; 30-cent, black; 90-cent, orange. The old two cent stamp will be cut down about one-fourth smaller, and be of metallic red or carmine color.

We hope, says the Cowlitz Bulletin, our reader will excuse us for coming ont late last week for we could not help it. Our patent inside had been brought from the depot early in the week, and had been left in our front end among the groceries. Farmer Dusenbury came in and bought horse feed, pork, etc., and on leaving, loaded in our patent insides—mistaking it for a roll of bacon, and failed to return it until Friday. We hope such a thing will not occur again.

One of our exchanges has suggested that the assessors of Oregon hold a meeting, and that some uniform plan of assessment be adopted for the state. This is timely, says The Dalles Times-Mountaineer, as there is no question which is entitled to more just criticism than the uniform plan of assessing property in different counties. If property was assessed at a certain proportion of its real valuation, complaint could not be made that some counties paid a larger pro rata of state taxes than others. The statute is not explicit enough in this matter, and each assessor adopts his own plan.

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