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Written for THE SCOUT.

STEADY GAINS.

As on the steps they sat in bliss,
One summer evening fair,
He claimed from her a lover's kiss
For every falling star.

The fair one first demurred to this,
As became a modest maid,
But what damsel e'er refused to kiss
When a darling lover prayed?

Her warm heart even prompted her
To call her sweet-heart's eyes
To every falling meteor
That flashed along the skies.

And when a fire fly chanced to flare
Athwart that summer sky—
"There goes another falling star,"
The artless maid would cry.

At length her bright eyes saw a star,
On the horizon beaming,
Dancing and flitting from afar,
Now lost—then brightly gleaming.

She got him down to steady gains
By that illusive ray—
'Twas but a lantern switching trains
About two miles away.

—E. C. B.

FOREST DELL DOTLETS.

PINE VALLEY, Nov. 23, 1889.

First snow storm of any consequence to day. A couple of inches fell, but is melting rapidly.

Bert Curry, who recently had his breast bone seriously injured by the fall of a horse, is around again.

Mr. John Irwin, who sold his farm of 80 acres, a short time since, to a Mr. Ora, of Cornucopia, for $1600, has departed with his family for his old home in Nebraska.

We are informed by Mrs. Laura Irwin, who returned not long since from the funeral of her daughter, Miss Emma Laura Coggan, of Tacoma, that although her daughter died Tuesday morning and she did not arrive in Tacoma until Friday morning, that she was still in time to attend the funeral which took place that afternoon. All arrangements for the funeral were made before the mother arrived and were in harmony with the mother's wishes as well as with the circumstances of the youthful heiress thus cut down in the bloom and beauty of early womanhood. All that kindness and sympathy could do was done to comfort the mother, who finds a melancholy pleasure in the thought that all that money and sympathizing friends could do was done to minister to her only daughter's last hours on earth. When Miss Coggan visited her home in Pine this summer she looked unusually well. One can scarcely realize that she sleeps now in the silent tomb; truly has the poet said of Death:

"We know when moons shall wane,
When Summer birds from far shall cross the sea,
When Autumn's hue shall tinge the golden grain,
But who shall teach us when to look for thee?"

Mr. Wallace Stalker, brother of A. R. Stalker of Halfway, recently arrived here from the Willamette valley. We learn that Mr. Stalker has purchased forty acres adjoining the little town of Halfway, of Mrs. Lloyd, for the sum of $800, and will make that his future home.

Married.—At the residence of the bride's mother, Nov. 10, by Rev. Ira Wakefield, Presiding Elder of the M. E. church, Miss Susie Lloyd, of Pine, to Mr. A. W. Parker, of Eagle valley. Miss Lloyd was one of our handsomest and most estimable young ladies. Mr. Parker is a successful teacher and prosperous farmer of Eagle valley, but for all that the beaux are growling around, saying, "What business had he to come over here and take one of 'our girls'?". However, all unite in wishing them smooth sailing on the sea of Matrimony.

Mr. John McFadden, while working on a building a short time ago, met with a serious accident which resulted in the loss of an eye. He was driving a nail when he probably gave it an accidental slanting stroke causing it to fly, and striking him in the eye burst the eyeball. Could the sincere sympathy of friends avail to restore his eyesight, it would be restored.

Itemizing is like you say, Mr. Editor: "No editor or correspondent can get all the items going, unaided." Sometimes we think there isn't much to write, and in a retired place like this, and not "rustling for items," we don't always hear what there is until it is old. People know we can't spend for SCOUT. If they care to see marriages, births, deaths, etc., among the items to SCOUT, it might not be amiss to let us know, unless they prefer to send them direct to the editor.

And now Rumor says the king is not only "in the parlor counting out his money" to see if he has enough to set up in housekeeping, but that he has already, on the sly, taken unto himself a queen of his heart and home. Don't know how true it is, but just think it awful mean if he has. No chance for the fellows to charivari ("shiveree") or the reporter to report him until late in the day. No cards, no cake, no invite, no "publicity." Over here we are used to all these cake, etc., passing the reporter by.—and don't like 'em anyway—but we do like the particulars—cos we need 'em in our business.

CARRIE B. DOVE.

THE COVE.

Minnick Creates an Excitement—Sale of Farm Lands—Notes.

COVE, OR., Nov. 27, 1889.

Services will be held at Methodist church Thanksgiving Day by Rev. Mr. Powell.

Everyone is going to the thanksgiving ball at the Cove hall. Mrs. A. J. Foster will furnish the supper and that speaks volumes.

The butcher shop has undergone a change of proprietors, Messrs. Rees & Haggerty now being the knights of the cleaver.

The teachers and pupils of the public school are preparing for an entertainment to be given at the hall during the holidays.

The young turkeys in Cove have formed a trust and not one could be induced to partake of a grain of corn for over a week. The result is they are not fit to kill and are granted a longer lease of life.

The swine crop is ripe and is being gathered and cured. John Wagner sold a choice lot of hogs for 4 cents. Other transactions have taken place at 3 1-2 to 3 3-5 cents per pound on foot.

Mr. Win Sterling paid Cove friends a brief visit this week. He is on his way east to see his father who is seriously ill. Win says he can't throw off on Oregon, so invested in a round trip ticket.

There is some talk of arranging for a public Christmas tree in Cove. We have musical talent, plenty of children and a good hall, so why not enjoy festivities appropriate to the holiday season. Who will make a start and start the ball rolling?

Wm. Makin, of Wallowa county, has sold his farm near the red bridge on the Sand Ridge to Mr. A. B. Conley at the rate of $15 per acre, amounting to $4,845. Mr. Conley has also bought of M. B. Rees 200 acres lying adjacent at $20 per acre.

Mr. Eugene Holmes has resigned his position as manager of O. P. Jaycox's mercantile establishment and will accept a clerkship in the M. & M. Co's. store at Island City. Henry Jaycox and Guy Bridges are now measuring calico at Jaycox's.

The time has come when the old cow with one horn and a mild eye standeth by the side of the store and keeps careful watch for the farmer to drive in that she may climb into his vehicle and modestly assist herself to whatever surplus feed in the way of wild grass, hay, or an occasional cabbage or turnip he may have brought with him.

Probably the first traction engine ever seen in Cove steamed up main street Friday. It was Minnick's wood sawing outfit, and as it came puffing through town many thought it was Hunt's train and that a day of deliverance had at last come. One enthusiastic individual was seen to offer the amount he had subscribed to the subsidy to the engineer, but everyone knows Mr. Minnick is too honest a man to take advantage of even a Coveite.

A Sound Legal Opinion.

E. Bainbridge Munday Esq., County Atty Clay Co., Tex., says: "Have used Electric Bitters with most happy results. My brother also was very low with Malarial Fever and Jaundice, but was cured by timely use of this medicine. Am satisfied Electric Bitters saved his life."

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Dedication of the Catholic University of America—Interesting Notes.

WASHINGTON, (D. C.) Nov. 15, 1889.

EDITOR OREGON SCOUT:—

With the rain falling in a steady and relentless flood and the wind sobbing through the naked branches of the trees, in the presence of one of the most imposing assemblages of ecclesiastical and civic dignitaries ever gathered in this country, the Catholic University of America was dedicated on Wednesday. The ambitious program of outdoor exercises had to be abandoned, but the interior ceremonies lasted all day. The crush was tremendous.

At 10:30 o'clock Cardinals Gibbons and Taschereau and a large retinue of priests arrived by special train and shortly afterward began the exercises. Cardinal Gibbons, in his robes of scarlet, heading a long procession of distinguished prelates, first blessed the building, sprinkling holy water on the walls and followed by a great choir chanting the "Miserere." The cermonies seemed interminable.

At the conclusion of the dedicatory services, the dignitaries of the church and invited guests to the number of three hundred, repaired to the athletic hall beneath the chapel. The two Cardinals sat side by side. To their right sat Rev. Mgr. Satelli, swarthy, slow, dignified, the Papal envoy. To their left smiled the familiar face of Secretary Blaine, Secretaries Windom, Noble, Tracy, Rusk and Proctor and Attorney-General Miller. Postmaster-General Wanamaker's absence seemed conspicuous. The first toast was "His Holiness Pope Leo XIII." Mgr. Satelli responded in Latin, which of course only the clergy understood well enough to appreciate.

A wild burst of applause greeted Mr. Blaine when he arose to respond to the toast of "Our Country and the President." The speech was very carefully prepared and the speaker took care to avoid any strong eulogy of the Roman Catholic church. It was an endorsement in a general way of morality and education and religious liberty. Very clever, Mr. Blaine.

While Cardinal Taschereau was speaking in French of "Sister Universities," President Harrison entered the hall and was greeted with immense cheers. He was followed by Vice-President Morton and Mrs. Morton. The president bore the expression that is generally attributed to a feline in a strange garret. The audience insisted upon a speech and in a few short halting sentences Mr. Harrison thanked them for their warm reception. It was a characteristic speech, spoken only in a sense of deep duty, and fell on the enthusiasm of the crowd like a wet sponge. A child might have known that tempest-tossed seas of old prejudice surged between the speaker and his hearers.

After an immense deal of painting and plastering and remodeling and furnishing, the old Seward mansion is again occupied and once more by a secretary of state. Mr. Blaine and his family moved in last week. The decidedly old fashionen exterior has only been changed by enlarging the windows. Inside changes necessary for extensive entertaining have been effected. The furniture is magnificent. The house is full of ghosts. From its windows, when it was a club house, Barton S. Key often signalled Mrs Gen. Sickles, and almost in front of it Sickles waited for Key to emerge and shot him to death. In the very room now occupied by the Secretary of State came the assassin Payne to kill Seward, who lay ill in bed and who came so near meeting his death that fateful April night nearly three decades ago.

The International American Association excursion party steamed into the Pennsylvania Station Wednesday evening after an absence of forty-two-days. The same train and locomotive accomplished the entire journey of over 6,000 miles ending the most extensive trip ever accomplished by a solid train.

During his visit here this week congressman McKinley refused to be interviewed as to his chances of obtaining the speakership. His friends claim that he he is the second choice of over one hundred and fifty members, and these gentlemen insist that he has the written assurances of the support of a score of men confidently counted on by Mr. Reed for himself. It is stated that the western members have combined to beat Mr. Reed with "McKinley or any one else".

In accordance with the law passed by the last congress for the distruction of useless papers in the government archives, commission appointed by Secretary Windom has been through the Treasury department files selecting papers to be destroyed. The report must be approved by congress before the actual destruction begins.

J. H. C.

SANGER NOTES.

SANGER, OR., Nov. 19, 1889.

Some rain and snow. Plenty of soft roads.

Very nice winter weather at present.

Ed Turner, having completed his lumber contract, will soon move to Big creek.

The whistle at the hoisting works can be heard regularly. Also at the mill.

W. K. Aldersly has returned from Baker City.

The mills are kept going night and day.

Mrs. Wm. Holcomb has returned from Eagle vally where she has been visiting friends.

Richard Colman has returned to camp after a short visit to Baker City.

We hear that Parker, the coal burner, has completed his contract and gone to Big creek.

Mr. Hamm, the wood contractor, is delivering wood for the company.

Everybody in camp is busy.

A LECTURE

Recently Delivered by J. Newman, of North Powder.

We publish by request the following lecture recently delivered by Mr. J. Newman. He said:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—I wish to tell you some things I heard and saw at the convention of the Oregon State Secular Union held at Portland, Oregon last month. The object of this convention was to organize what they call a State Secular Union, which was accomplished with great enthusiasm. They propose next to have county organizations and then town organizations. They had some of the ablest speakers, both men and women, that California, Washington and Oregon could produce, and some from the eastern states. California and Washington, no doubt, will be the next to organize. The object of this organization is to oppose the union of church and state. Men and women of every faith and creed may join it.

As I said, the main object of the organization is to maintain the entire separation of church and state, and cultivate a love of liberty, of truth, justice, equity and country. Perhaps in the days of Saul the son of Lish, the first king of Israel, is the first instance we have of the connection of church and state, and it worked badly with Isreal from that time on as long as she was a nation. In spite of all the prophets could say and do the kings would go to battle. They would say, "These men of God prophesy evil," and two or three kings would get together and hold a council and say, "We can whip them anyway," and nine times out of ten they would get badly defeated.

I do not know of a nation to-day in which church and state is not more or less connected except the United States, and it appears there is some effort being made to accomplish that in this country.

One speaker in the convention said he had been put into prison in the eastern states for not believing, and another man was put in the same prison for believing. When men are put into prison for their religious opinions or belief, it looks as though church and state was getting very close together.

They say the declaration of independence is the first declaration of Free Thought ever given to the world, and must remain inviolate. They say we are not afraid of free thought, but we are afraid of thought, bound.

They had a beautiful banner on the platform with the inscription, "Universal Mental Liberty." That, friends,

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