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### COVE CULLINGS.

Cove, March 26, 1890.

Rev. Mr. Jackson is holding a series of religious meetings at the Morrison church. The attendance is fair.

The camp of graders on the Hunt extension is now located at the Holmes bridge on Catherine creek.

The Fred. Mitchell farm has been deeded to the Imbler Bros. They have already commenced making necessary improvements on the place.

The taking of testimony in the water ditch cases before Referee Slater was brought to a close Monday. Further proceedings will probably be resumed later.

Drake the photographer was in town last week. While here he made a flash light picture of the Cove brass band. Strange to say the instrument came out whole.

Mr. Lyons is in town looking after the interests of the La Grande "Gazette." An effort will be made to induce him to wield his facile Faber, bringing to light our many attractions and natural advantages.

The summer term of public school will be opened in Cove April 7th. Miss H. E. Pierce an instructor of experience lately from Wisconsin has been engaged as teacher. The school house fence will be whitewashed, a new gate built and other necessary improvements made by the directors.

It is reported in Cove that there is a klu-klux society in La Grande which has a pleasant custom of decorating the doors of political opponents with skull and cross bones and a notice to vamoos at once. A town including such citizens within its limits should certainly be a county seat.

Coveites are talking of securing a franchise to extend a branch of the Union electric light line to this place. This with the motor line to the Hunt railway, new water works, a part of the pipe which has already been ordered and a cable line to the summit of Mount Fanny for summer tourists, will make us "some punkins" yet.

Mr. Jack Thomas who went last fall to Iowa with a car load of horses has returned. He reports the horse market overstocked and consequently sales at a profit are hard to make. Like most residents of Oregon, since his trip east he has fallen decidedly in love with the land of red cheeked apples and handsome girls. Chas. Kelly who accompanied him is expected home later.

### JIMMIE CREEK.

Dan. Lucas is on the sick list. The farmers in this neighborhood are happy to see the snow go off.

Mr. C. C. Hewitt caught a small beaver a few days ago.

The wild, yellow spring flowers are beginning to show themselves.

Born, to the wife of Al. Graham, of Clover creek, March 20th, a son.

Mrs. Blade Ashby, of Pyle canyon, is on Jimmie creek visiting her son.

Plowing has commenced on Clover creek and it will soon commence here.

Gen'l J. H. Stevens of Clover creek, expects to visit La Grande in a few days.

Mr. Jos. Younces, formerly of Eagle valley, has moved his family back to this neighborhood.

Ben. and Cam. Edwards have returned from Washington where they have been staying for some time.

Mr. John Graham arrived at Clover creek on the 20th, from Snake river, where he has been staying all winter.

Mr. John Shaw has been having a new house built in Clover Creek valley, which will make the valley look more pleasant.

Mr. W. C. Cusick has been making preparations to plant cabbage seed. He has got the soil and knows how to raise the plants.

Dr. Biggers, of Baker City, was summoned the other day to attend Mrs. G. E. Allen of Clover creek. She had the influenza, but is able to be about again.

The Graham Boys, of Clover creek, expect to start for Snake river in a few days with their stock, where they expect to reside and engage in the stock raising business.

From a private letter written by my brother, Frank Bradford, of Nebraska, we learn that corn is 14 cents per bushel, and times are hard. He makes inquiries about Oregon. He can learn something about Oregon by reading THE SCOUT.

The O. N. G. of North Powder, have taken in several members lately and are now drilling regularly. Some of the members who live on Jimmie creek don't find it as pleasant now as they thought they would at first, and on account of the mud, do not attend every meeting.

I received a letter from one of THE SCOUT'S correspondents, March 19th, in regard to that place in the bible that I spoke of some time ago, concerning the crucifixion of Christ. What I want to know is, who did the work and under whose influence, if any, they were?

NEWTON BRADFORD.

### WASHINGTON.

An Interesting Letter from Our Regular Correspondent at the Capital.

Washington, (D. C.) March 14, 1890.

EDITOR OREGON SCOUT—

The Blair educational bill, which has grown to be a long drawn tale will come to a vote March 20. Senator Blair was opposed to this action but was overwhelmed by the will of the majority. He seems willing to have the bill before the Senate and to speak on it himself for the rest of his natural life. In his speech advocating an early vote, Senator Frye stated bluntly that there appeared to be no desire on the part of Senators to listen to more speeches on the educational bill. He had frequently counted as few as seven Senators present during the debate. Finally it was agreed that the bill should be before the Senate Tuesday of next week for discussion. Mr. Blair will be allowed the floor for a final hour and more, and the vote will be on the amendments and bills. And thus the agony in the Senate will be over for a time.

Senator Dolph's investigating committee has about terminated its labors. Mr. Dolph is now busily engaged upon what it is supposed is his report on the case, but its tenor is not revealed. Mr. Dolph's adherents in the Senate are growing beautifully fewer, and it now appears that he will not have a majority to back him when the resolution to punish the newspaper correspondents for contempt comes to a final vote. The outcome of the matter will probably be the discussion with open doors of the proposition to discontinue the practice of considering nominations in secret session. The feeling is growing that the secret session privilege has been abused, the only things of sufficient importance to necessitate secret sessions being important treaties and there has been no important treaty in twenty years.

If the decision of the House is concurred in by the Senate the Territory of Oklahoma will be a thirty land, at least until the legislature of the new territory acts on the subject. The discussion in the House was lively and good humored. The result of the vote was a triumph for prohibition, but as it only holds good until the meeting of the legislature it is of doubtful utility. The strong prohibition movement to forbid the introduction of intoxicating liquors into the territory for any purpose, the only thing that could absolutely prohibit a liquor traffic, failed.

Ex-Representative William Preston Taulbee, who was shot in one of the corridors of the House by Charles E. Kincaid, correspondent of the Louisville Times, died Tuesday morning. Kincaid lies in jail utterly prostrated, and in his delicate condition of health seems likely to go into a decline, in which death will outstrip the law. Public feeling is much divided as to merits of the case, the murderer having zealous friends and being criticised on the other hand for shooting his man in the back. The defence will be conducted by Representative McCreary, who represents the districts adjoining that formerly represented by Taulbee, and by Representative Caruth, formerly the brilliant and dashing and fire prosecuting attorney at Louisville. The defence first undertook to enlist the services of Senator Blackburn but the wily Joe was not eager to take hold of a case over which feeling may run high and bitter in Kentucky. Taulbee, despite the scandal which he blindly entered a year or so ago, and out of which grew his death, retains many friends in Kentucky. The press generally will support Kincaid, believing that he had been hounded until life was made a burden by Taulbee for simply doing his duty as a newspaper man. Inasmuch as hangings are rare in Washington and murders many, the defendant has the advantage of precedents in his favor. He could not, however, survive three or four years imprisonment unless his health should show marked improvement.

The board of pension appeals in the Interior department proper is in arrears about two years with its work. There are now on hand 3600 appeals and they are coming on at the rate of three hundred per month. The force on hand is disposing of them at the rate about one hundred per month. Of

course a great majority of these appeals have been filed by ignorant and incompetent "pension attorneys." A knowledge of law is not required in order to practice before the Pension Bureau. These men blindly appeal any case that may strike their fancy. What cases there are of merit are thus held back. Still, as there is no power to prevent these bunglers from making foolish appeals, and as every appeal must receive consideration and an exhaustive reply, Congress should see that the claims of merit are not held back by sufficiently increasing the board as to enable it to keep up with its work.

J. H. C.

### HIGH VALLEY.

Some Excellent News Items and Pointers by Our Correspondent, "Home."

March 24th 1890.

Mrs. Emma Gagnou is visiting her mother at Pendleton.

George Baugher will take his family to Montana for a protracted visit with a son-in-law.

We see our friend Bert Huffman can wield the ox gad as well as the vicious Faber. Success to his ingenuity.

Wilkinson & son have a fine lot of dry lumber for sale at the saw mill. They will soon begin this season's run.

R. V. Davis has returned from Portland where he sought relief through a noted Oculist in a severe case of granulated sore eyes.

Mr. M. E. Wilkinson is raising an elegant crop of whiskers and the most bewitching smiles of the young ladies all point in his direction.

Our school board have hired Mr. Nathaniel Conklin to teach our school the second term. He comes on his own merits and recommendations already proven by experience.

High valley wants a music teacher and would prefer a sedate old maid, very astute in all things, with a gentle touch as of the angels above, a voice of Patti enduring to the end and everlasting.

What is termed the floating population at elections is usually a class of men whom it would improve if they would quit floating and dive a few times. The floating population of La Grande would be very much improved by a bath.

School district No 35 in High valley have ordered a special meeting of the taxpayers and patrons of the school to raise means for a new school building, either by subscription or tax. Nothing is so much desired as a new house by the majority.

Yes, Martin and his mate started to the party but lo! the cayuse was a chip out of the old block and lay down, to take a drink, throwing the fair rider "cerflumax" in the water, chilling every desire to tip the light fantastic and causing the immediate return to mother for repairs. The course of true love never did run smooth.

Now that the weather is somewhat changeable our health man dropped in and gave us the following hints which it would be well for us all to follow: Don't shake a horse's nest to see if any of the family are at home. Don't try to take the right-of-way from an express train. Don't blow in the gun your grandfather carried in the war of 1812; it is more dangerous now than it was then. Don't hold a wasp by the other end while you throw it out in front of the stove to see if it is alive; it is generally alive. Don't try to persuade a bulldog to give up a yard of which he is in possession; possession is ten points of law. Don't go to bed with your boots on; this is one of the most unhealthy practices that a man, especially a married man, can be addicted to. Don't go sleigh riding in the mud; you are likely to get mad and say something you otherwise would not.

The grumbler who is all for self and naught for his neighbor, who tears down others that he may survive and climb upwards, who rides as a dead weight on the car of progress and refuses to roll a wheel, him does the new city pity and despise. It wants broad-minded men in council, men who love their town and who will make sacrifices for its welfare. The council is where the fittest survive, where the hustlers are in the swim. All may be invited, none are barred. The qualifications for membership are money, brains and grit, whoever does not possess a reasonable share of these would be of little use. The city of Union to-day has no room for the croaker and heaven can never be the home of the man whose voice is always raised against a good move. We have men in our midst—precious few to the city's joy—who are absolutely without an excuse for living. "Kick" is their watchword and they obey so well that their very presence is a nuisance. Some one has said, and said well, that the Guinea hen and a couple of crows can drown all the bird music in the field and wood. So can two or three groaners and croakers in a community put a damper on life and business.

### WALLOWA COUNTY.

Its Stock, Interest-Pointers on the Political Situation.

UPPER WALLOWA, March 22, 1890.

EDITOR OREGON SCOUT—

The weather has moderated some since my last, but the hills and high valleys are still under snow. Stock are still dying in some localities, being too weak to climb the steep sides of the canyons to grass.

The destructive winter, coupled with the almost lawless extravagance of some of our republican county officials will rest heavily upon the shoulders of the taxpayers of the county. My neighbor says the 16 months of republican rule in this county is only a prelude to what is to follow. If this be true the exodus from this county will be very marked, in the near future.

Three men have announced their fitness and their willingness to act as high sheriff of Wallowa county provided the republicans will honor and trust them. They are Durance, Erwin and Funk. I am told D. B. Reavis is also a candidate for sheriff, but I do not know to which party he looks for the nomination. L. J. Rouse, the present incumbent, announces himself as a candidate for re-election as county clerk. I am told J. A. Rumble aspires to same honors as Mr. Rouse. Mr. Rouse holds the key to the position. He is of Enterprise. Mr. Rumble is of Joseph. The republicans of Joseph are dependent upon the republicans of Enterprise for political crumbs. The lines are as taut as they were when the key to the county seat was located at Enterprise. The Chief-tain of the 13th inst. sounds a note of warning on this subject. At our last election for county officers Joseph got the assessor and treasurer, while Enterprise got all the rest. The editor of the Enterprise full in the face when he says: "When we say a good ticket, we mean one composed of men that will fill the respective offices with ability and fidelity to the county's interest. The people will demand such men at the coming election." Now, when it is known that O. A. Rinehart, the ex-efficient sheriff and the bungling and expensive county court are all Enterprise men, one will see the full force and intent of Editor McCully's remarks. It seems to me it would be well for the coming republican county convention for this county to subject its self-offered fitness for favor to a short catechism. It should not be too long or there might be trouble in completing the jury.

CAROLINE C.

### IN DIXIE.

The First of a Series of Letters to be Received from the South.

BUREAU SOUTHERN NEWS, 1 RALEIGH, N. C.

EDITOR OREGON SCOUT—

The great desire of the general public is to know what is transpiring throughout the civilized and uncivilized world. Many northern people think the South is a part of the uncivilized; that it is inhabited by mosquitoes, negroes, and cut throat and aristocratic whites; that it is largely covered with swamps, and that there is little in the section to commend it to the best class of people. The majority of the writers and correspondents of the Southern News Bureau are of northern birth, and the General Manager takes this opportunity to say that he has selected them equally from the two great political parties, Republican and Democratic; and that a truthful, fair and candid statement of facts as they exist and transpire in this part of the Union, shall be given.

Your readers are doubtless interested in the manner of living of the southern people; what the land is capable of producing how the farmers plant and harvest; how cotton, rice, peanuts, sugar cane and oranges are cultivated. All these subjects will be taken up and interesting pen pictures of "down in Dixie" will be given. The news of the day will be reported. The readers of these letters will be kept fully posted as to what the Southerners are doing in the industrial world. For instance, it is reported this week that the greatest smoking tobacco factory in the world, "The Durham Bull," of Durham, N. C., has been purchased by an English syndicate for three and a half million dollars. This business

was owned equally by a southern and a northern firm, and was started not many years ago with less than ten thousand dollars.

Those interested in the mineral resources will be posted as to the latest news in this line. We have this week the great gold find in Montgomery County, N. C., where in less than a week, in one spot, there was taken out of surface or placer mines by cradle working, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars worth of the precious metal.

Those who think the South is one vast stretch of sand and swamp are very much mistaken. There are lofty mountains of more than six thousand feet elevation; fertile valleys through which flow streams that afford many opportunities for the utilization of power by the capitalist and manufacturer; immense forests of oak; hickory, walnut and other woods; beautiful hills covered with native grass and underlaid with almost every known mineral and precious stone. It was a northern man's good fortune to find in the South a mine from which is taken a stone more rare than the diamond, and equalling it in value. This mine was discovered by Prof. Hidden, and in honor of him the stones are termed Hiddenites. Among the mountains the trout fisherman finds the finest sport, while the woods and fields abound with quail. The largest sporting club in America owns the right of hunting over a wide territory in the Piedmont section and has an annual trial of bird dogs.

It is about this wonderful unknown Southland that we propose to furnish information from week to week. One of the principal features will be our descriptive letters. "How to make money at farming in the South." We will start out next week with, "The physical geography of the South," and follow with "How cotton is planted and cultivated." With this letter we send to the editor a package of cotton seed so that those interested in the subject may see the seed of plant from which the larger part of our clothing is made. The seed will germinate and grow if planted in hothouses about the first of May; so the lady friends of the editor can speak in advance for a cotton seed to plant.

We will treat of the humorous side of life down South. How Uncle Sambo and Aunt Dinah spend their happy, contented lives with song and jolly, health-giving fun. The letters will be made amusing, interesting and instructive.

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