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Written for The Scout.

MY WIFE.

As I stood by the grave of my loved one,
My thoughts wandered back to the past
When we pledged our vows to each other
Nor thought of the parting at last.

And I little did think of the morrow
That I was so surely to see
When the parting in anguish and sorrow,
With the loved one so dear and true.

We, as lovers, were always together,
And love was our true guiding star;
Hand in hand we oft passed through the heather;
No jealousies causing a jar.

Three children have passed on before us,
Together our them did we weep;
Our love to each other did assure us,
As we laid them to rest in their sleep.

But now I go alone in my sorrow,
With no one to wipe off my tears,
And yet with the coming to-morrow,
Calm thoughts to my mind these appears.

It will not be long till I meet her,
My loneliness then will be o'er,
I know that ere long I shall greet her,
And journey with her evermore.

H. C. KIRBY.

UNION, March 17, 1890.

ELGIN ECHOES.

News Notes From Indian Valley's Booming Young City.

Rev. John Hindman, father of Jesse Hindman, arrived from Nebraska a few days ago.

J. R. Johnson will build a large addition to his hotel, soon.

A. Meachem of Summerville will move his law office to Elgin shortly.

The town is full of strangers now, and the hotels are overcrowded.

The Pleasant Hill school commenced March 3 with Prof. Swinehart as teacher.

R. D. Ownbey and C. Z. Harris are putting up a building on main street and will engage in the butcher business.

The Elgin school commenced last Monday with Prof. Bean as teacher.

W. H. Galloway sold his hotel to A. W. Courtney, who will remodel and enlarge it, and O. A. Rinehart will be landlord.

W. H. Galloway is putting a large house on main street.

Elgin is taking after Chicago in spreading itself. It has now about 200 acres laid off in town lots and there is more available on the outside.

ITEMIZER.

Important Decision in Water Case.

The celebrated case of Mrs. A. J. Curtis versus the La Grande Hydraulic Company, was decided in the Supreme Court last week. The case involved the right of defendant to take the water from Mill creek in the town of La Grande to supply the city with water. The case was referred to Attorney J. R. Crites as referee to take testimony and report a decree. The referee decided in favor of the plaintiff. His decission was appealed to the circuit Judge who reversed the decission of the referee. The case was then appealed to the Supreme Court which now reverses the decission made by the Circuit Judge and affirms the decission made by the referee. The case involved the intricate questions of water rights in this state which are little understood. It was contested on both sides by some of the ablest lawyers in the state and certainly establishes the ability of the referee as an equity lawyer, knocks the water works in La Grande completely out and firmly establishes the right of the riparian owner to the water of the creek.

A Bright Dog.

The following is from the Lexington Budget, and it tells about a dog deserving a pension: "One morning last week when B. E. Hathaway, of this place, opened his door he found a shepherd dog waiting to be admited. Tied to his collar was a note from Mr. and Mrs. Russell, parents of Mrs. Hathaway who live about four miles west of Lexington, stating that they needed attendance and a physician. The intelligent animal had been started off at 2 o'clock in the morning and faithfully performed his errand. Mr. and Mrs. Russell are recovering."

Plant Trees.

Why is not this a favorable season for tree planting? Many of our town residents ought to plant trees this spring in their yards and gardens. The shade alone that a healthful grove of trees furnishes during the heated season will amply repay all the trouble and expense of growing them. They are great absorbers of poisonous matter, and the ornamentation they furnish to a village home makes it doubly valuable. By all means plant trees.

Boom! Boom!! Boom!!!

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THE COUNTY SEAT QUESTION.

A Caustic Letter From Postmaster Cates of Telocinet.

TELOCINET, Ore. April 8, 1890.

EDITOR OREGON SCOUT:—

In the last issue of THE SCOUT there appears a communication from J. W. Knowles attempting to give its readers some reasons why the county seat should be changed to La Grande. Any reasons for a change, to be logical, should be based upon the general interests of the entire county, keeping in view always "the greatest good to the greatest number" interested in the change, and there can be no one more interested in the change than the taxpayer, who will have to foot the bills. The only reason for such change which Mr. Knowles seems able to present is that the county officials have caused a road to be built from Union to Cornucopia, and therefore, have *compelled* the "ranchers" of that section to trade at Union. It would appear from this line of reasoning that the opening of a county road through the Wallowa canyon was for the purpose of *compelling* the people of Wallowa to trade at La Grande, instead of going out to Lewiston, and likewise the construction of the Pyle canyon road was to prevent the people of Antelope from going to North Powder to trade.

Now if Mr. Knowles will examine the Union—Cornucopia road business a little farther he will find that the notorious Oregon Legislature is responsible for the construction of said road, at least an appropriation was made by that august body to the amount of "thousands of dollars" for its construction.

I presume when he finds out that the legislature is responsible for that which he charges to the county court of Union county he will advocate the removal of the state capitol from Salem, the headquarters of said legislature, to some remote point along the coast.

If Mr. Knowles is a man capable of sound, logical reasoning, we would be pleased to have him tell the readers of THE SCOUT which, in his opinion, would be the cheapest for the taxpayers of this county, to remove these obnoxious and "outrageous" county officials from office next June, or move the county seat *away from them?*

Mr. Knowles' proposition to the "ranchers" of Pine and Eagle is to help La Grande get the county seat and La Grande will, in turn, help them to be cut off into Baker county, (it is presumed that La Grande and Baker city are in accord with this proposition.)

Now please tell us Mr. Knowles, as a reasoning man, if you sincerely think it would be right, or honorable,—if the people of Pine and Eagle *expect* to leave Union county—to vote a tax on the people of this county which they *do not expect to help pay?*

"But" you answer, "they will carry their proportion of the indebtedness with them into Baker county," but bear in mind, that if the county seat should be removed by reason of the assistance you propose for La Grande, you will expect La Grande to perform *her part of the contract* when the next legislature meets, and, if successful, you would be out of Union county before any levy could be made by the county court to meet the expense of removal; and even if you should carry with you your proportion of indebtedness for new buildings, do you think it prudent for the voters, or taxpayers rather, to vote an unnecessary burden of debt upon themselves when they could as well get out without it? Would it not seem much more considerate and fair-minded on the part of all voters in that section if they *actually* want to go into Baker county, to say to the taxpayers of Union county: "As we expect to leave you we will not be instrumental in voting a tax upon you, but will exert our influence, in every way possible, for our own good, as well as yours, to keep the indebtedness of this county as low as possible until we leave."

Evidently if that section expects to withdraw from this county it is not prudent for them to assist in voting unnecessary burden of debt upon us, for if they do, we will most certainly insist on their remaining with us to help pay it. This is a matter that *all* taxpayers should consider well before they act, as they must foot the bills; and those voters who are not taxpayers should be most considerate toward those who are.

Respectfully,
W. A. CATES.

IN THE SOUTH.

Description of a Pine Forest in the State of North Carolina.

BUREAU SOUTHERN NEWS, RALEIGH, N. C.

EDITOR OREGON SCOUT:—

The Pine tree grows in all parts of the globe; but in the largest forests, and to the largest size in northern Europe and North America. The pines of Europe are often called fir. The pines of North America may be divided into two great families; viz, the white or soft pines of Maine, Canada, Michigan and Wisconsin; and the pines of the Southern States. These may be generally divided into long and short leaf pines. Both good for lumber, but the long leaf pine the more valuable for lumber and naval stores.

It is a long leaf pine forest of North Carolina and Georgia which we wish to show to our readers in this letter. Many if not all of you know what a pine forest is. You have seen the pines with short trunks and long lateral branches near the ground. You have seen the ground beneath them well covered with dead twigs or branches, and without anything green growing upon it. You know it would be impossible to drive a team through such a forest, except where roads are cut. You know that the thick tops of the trees nearly if not quite exclude the sunshine for the whole day. A long leaf pine forest is very different in all of its possibilities and appearances. Many of the trees grow to a height of fifty feet without a branch. Then a bush like top is formed, with no twigs or small branches. The limbs grow in all directions and in all shapes; and do not make a handsome top or a thick shade, and yet the long leaf pine is a beautiful tree. With trunk as straight and perfect as a Corinthian column, and top gracefully nodding in the breeze, this tree always presents a work of Nature pleasing and attractive to the eye. A forest of these trees which has not been touched by the axe is a sight, once seen, never to be forgotten. For fifty feet from the ground, the vision is almost clear in all directions; obstructed only by the trunks of trees, beautiful columns in Nature's great temple. The ground green with tufts of the emerald hued grass, the white sand gleaming between these tufts of grass in the shafts of golden sunshine, falling between the swaying tops of the trees.

Instead of being compelled to cut a road through such a forest, no roads are needed. No stones or stumps or fallen trees encumber the ground, no dead branches endanger the eyes of the incautious traveler; but where in any or all directions, it is not only possible but pleasent to drive the largest team, the finest pleasure carriage, or to ride horseback, on the hottest day, without let or hindrance. There are few highways, and no fences in these forests. The whole ground is as good a highway as could be made; and fences are not needed. The traveler has only to be sure of his direction and go as he will. To an observant person riding or walking in a long leaf pine forest, the trees themselves present a very interesting and ever changing study. Occasionally a tree with knobs on the trunk is seen; these trees are likely to make the celebrated cat faced or curled pine lumber. Again we may see a long slender tree bent over until a large part of its trunk is parallel with the ground. Such trees never recover their lost straight and upright position, but live and grow as they are bent. Sometimes we see a very large, tall, straight tree inclined like the tower of Pisa. It has stood so for centuries perhaps, and will continue to stand in that position for centuries, unless the axe of the cutter drops it to the ground.

The long leaf pine forest furnishes almost as much for man as the Oriental bamboo and palm. It furnishes hard and handsome lumber; strong and durable timber; the best possible fuel; rosin and spirits of turpentine, and a life and health giving home to overworked and prostrated bodies, and to people afflicted with any diseases of throat or lungs. And they grow in the most desirable and healthful climate within the continent of America.

J. T. PATRICK.

To The Pioneers Of Union County.

After returning from an extended ramble throughout the eastern states and through Canadas to the home of my choice in Grand Ronde valley, nothing has more impressed me than the fact that many of my old pioneer friends are quietly sleeping in the silent city of the dead, and that those who yet remain are rapidly yielding to the ravages of time. There is a fraternal tie that binds together those who bravely met the arduous vicissitudes of pioneer life in this valley and other sections of Eastern Oregon which I earnestly desire to see strengthened and fostered. For this purpose I believe it to be our duty to organize a Union County Pioneer Assocation. Will as many as endorse this view write me on the subject and let us all meet at the court house in Union on the 24th day of May at 10 o'clock sharp, to form a permanent organization. Bring the pioneer mothers and all their children.

E. S. MCCOMAS.

Epoch.

The transition from long, lingering and painful sickness to robust health marks an epoch in the life of the individual. Such a remarkable event is treasured in the memory and the agency whereby the good health has been attained is gratefully blessed. Hence it is that so much is heard in praise of Electric Bitters. So many feel they owe their restoration to health, to the use of the Great Alterative and Tonic. If you are troubled with any disease of Kidneys, Liver or Stomach, of long or short standing, you will surely find relief by use of Electric Bitters. Sold at 50c. and $1 per bottle at Brown's drug store, Union, Oregon.

THE COVE.

Death of James Payne. Recent Local Happenings.

COVE, April 9, 1890.

Our quiet community was greatly shocked last Thursday by the sad intelligence that Jas. Payne had taken his life in his own hands and commited suicide. Mr. Payne had been in poor health for some time past and it is thought his business affairs so preyed on his mind that depondency which he was unable to throw off overtook him and the result was self destruction in a moment of temporary aberration. He arose early and kissing his wife went to the barn near the house and by means of a rope thrown over a beam managed so suspend himself, though his feet almost touched the floor, till choked. He seemed to have died without a struggle. His features were composed and his neck scarcely discolored. Mrs. Payne soon after five o'clock noticed that her husband had left behind on going out his coat and vest, something very unusual for him, and suspicioning that all was not right, hurriedly dressed and went in search. She soon came to the awful sight of the limp body hanging just over the stairs leading into the upper story of the building. Her screams soon brought help, but they could do nothing except take the unfortunate down and tenderly carry the lifeless form into the house. The funeral was conducted Saturday by the Masonic order, members from different parts of the valley attending. Rev. Wm. Powell preached the funeral sermon and read the obituary following. The procession to the cemetery consisted of over thirty vehicles. The family of the deceased are almost heart-broken over the sorrowful occurence. They have the sincere sympathy of their many friends in their great loss.

[The obituary was received too late, and being lengthy, we are unable to publish it this week. It will appear in our next issue.—EDITOR SCOUT.]

Arbor day will be observed by the Cove public school on Friday afternoon of this week at 1 o'clock. The observance of the day will be under the direction of Eugene Conklin. A suitable programme has been prepared and will consist of songs responses, short addresses, etc. Maple, boxelder locusts, balm-of-gilead and other trees will be planted near the school building and appropriately named. The board of directors will lend their dignity to the occasion. Should the weather be unfavorable, the exercises will be held inside. Arbor day is now observed in almost every part of the United States. Tree planting around school houses is certainly praiseworthy and deserves special observance. It is to be hoped Cove will turn out in a body and by attending the exercises encourage the school in the good work to be commenced this week. All are cordially invited to be present, a good time will be assured them.

We noticed in the postoffice this week an enlarged portrait of E. B. Conklin taken from a photograph. On inquiry we found that Mr. Conklin having been offered very low rates had accepted an agency for this style of work and will begin to canvass the country at once.

At the republican primaries Saturday H. J. Geer, M. B. Rees, O. Eckersly and Jasper G. Stevens were chosen delegates to attend the county convention.

The water ditch cases before referee Slater are again in session this week. The testimony taken will fill a large volume.

The public school commenced with Miss Pierce as teacher, Monday, with an attendance of over 50.

Unclaimed letters remaining in the Cove postoffice: Frank Clark, John Patterson, Frank Pinkley.

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A Pointer For You.

If you want to make every dollar do full duty, catch on to some of the cheap bargains in farm or city property now offered by Wilson & Hackett, managers Union Real Estate Association.

Meeting Of Central Committee.

The Democratic County Central Committee convened in this city last Saturday, pursuant to a call made by A. C. Craig, chairman. The attendance was not as full as the committee wished. This was owing to the shortness of the time allowed for the call.

The basis of representation to the County Convention is one delegate at large from each precinct and one for each fifteen votes or a fraction of eight or over cast in the various precincts for congressmen at the June election in 1888. Under this apportionment the precincts will be entitled to the following representation in the County Convention:

Union	11	North Powder	6
La Grande	14	Antelope	3
Island City	6	Big Creek	3
Summerville	10	Bedrock	3
Indian Valley	9	Eagle	3
Cove	8	Pine Valley	6
Hilgard	4	Cornucopia	4
Starkey	1	Sanger	2
Camp Carson	2	Sparta	2

The committee by resolution recommends that the precinct polls be kept open at least four hours commencing at eleven a. m. and closing at three p. m.

Primaries to be held April 12th.

The County Convention to be held at the court room at Union April 21st at 10 o'clock a. m., for the nomination of a full county ticket and the election of delegates to the State Convention.

A. C. CRAIG,
Chairman of the Democratic County Central Committee.

Tally One For Oregon.

Special to THE SCOUT.

SPOKANE FALLS, April 5.—L. Remillard formerly of Oregon, but now an extensive horse dealer of Butte City, arrived at the Spokane sale stable, last Monday morning, with four blooded stallions, from Union, Oregon. He sold them this afternoon to stock men residing in, and near this city, for handsome prices. One Clydesdale horse which was offered for sale at Union for $1000 was sold readily here for $1275 cash. The Cleveland Bay, which was offered for sale in Union for $500 went here for $825 cash. The gray three year old colt, which was stabled in the Green feed stable at Union all winter was sold for $610 cash, in hand. The stallion belonging to Jas. Bell, personally, purchased by him from John Elliott of Union, last spring, was sold for the handsome price of $440 cash. This speaks for itself. Spokane Falls is one place where horse flesh is valued for its worth, and good stock demands good prices. Tally one for Oregon and Remillard. Wake up Jonah, and look around you, the sun of prosperity is rising high in the sky above your head. Union county, take the hint and act.

ELGIN ECHOES.

The U. P. R. R. Co. have settled with J. L. Hindman for the right-of-way and work will be commenced on the depot grounds, soon.

The republicans held their primary here on the 5th and made a good choice of delegates, men who are not afraid to chance themselves in the so-called unsafe court house.

P. E. Wade and J. C. Christianson exhibited their fine stallions in Elgin on Saturday, the former having a black Norman and the latter a Clydesdale. Both were fine specimens of their breed.

The hills are green with new grass and stock are being turned out on the hills.

It Frequently Happens So.

A man who knows whereof he speaks puts this unvarnished truth in print: "A doctor will sit down and write a prescription; time five minutes; paper and ink one-fourth of a cent, and a patient pays $1, $2, $5, $10, as the case may be. A lawyer writes ten or twelve lines of advice and gets from $10 to $50 from his client. An editor writes a half column puff for a man or mining company, pays a man 50 cents to $1 for putting it in type, prints it on ten dollar's worth of paper, sends it to several thousand people, and then surprises the interested parties if he makes any charge.

A Real Mossback.

The man who wipes his nose on his sleeve; picks his teeth with his fork; squirts tobacco juice on the cook stove hearth; drives to market with hickory bark lines; deposits his money in his last winter's sock; rides to mill with corn in one end of the sack and a stone in the other; insists on paying his taxes with coon skins and wild honey; fastens his one gallous with a wooden peg and wears "possum-belly" pants, is the same old rooster who has no use for the home paper, and his brother is the fellow who tries to do business without a line of advertising.—Ex.

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