

## THE COVE.

A Condensed Record of Recent Interesting Happenings.

July 2, 1890.

H. H. French has commenced baling hay and will soon finish up last year's crop.

Mr. Chas McDaniel, who passed the winter at Eugene, attending the State University, has returned home.

Mr. Bert Benton, who has been working for Mr. Shirley, started Monday for the Sound, and will try his fortune at Fairhaven.

The La Grande baseballists failed to put in an appearance last Sunday and thus saved themselves from disastrous defeat.

Several Cove farmers say that their grain fields never were in a more flourishing condition, and that they should have splendid crops this fall.

Mr. P. A. Millard, father of Edward Millard of Cove, died a few days since at his home in Lake Mills, Wisconsin. Mr. Millard was in Cove on a visit to his son several years ago.

M. B. Rees in connection with his butcher shop is running a peddling wagon through the Cove and on the ridge. This will be a great convenience to the farming community.

Mr. Geo. E. Foster and family, of Wallowa county, are visiting relatives in Cove. George had the good fortune to lose a valuable horse, of mountain fever, just before leaving home.

Jesse Jewell commenced carrying the mail between Cove and Union last Tuesday. He leaves promptly at 7:30 a. m. Mr. Robinson still drives a daily passenger and freight back to and from the depot.

The public school closed last Friday with a very interesting programme, in which the scholars acquitted themselves with much credit. Teachers for this fall have not yet been engaged and the exact time for opening school has not been decided upon.

From present indications there will be a grand exodus from Cove to Big creek on the Fourth. The boys do not know whether to go to Big creek with the band or spend the day at Summerville, and compete for the baseball prize.

Mrs. Judd Geer returned from a visit among relatives in New York, Monday. Had she not suffered a delay in Chicago, the return trip would have been made in four days, or with about the speed traveled by Geo. Francis Train in his recent tour around the world.

The census enumerators, Messrs. Eugene Conklin and Eugene Holmes, have completed their labors and straightened themselves out from an interrogation mark shape. The next time they receive a like appointment they will demand fifty dollars per diem, for their services as a just recompense for such toil.

Additional particulars of the drowning of Charles Kelley near Stone City, Iowa, have been received. It seems he was attempting to ride across a small creek, swollen by recent rains, when he got beyond his depth, and horse and rider disappeared. Help was at hand, but nothing more was seen till an hour later. He was then dragged from the water, still holding to the horn of the saddle. Every attempt was made at resuscitation, but to no avail. The deceased was a good swimmer, but either became frightened or made a mistake by holding to the horn. Only a few days before he got into the water at the same place and had a narrow escape from drowning.

## REDUCED RATES

Over the U. P. Railroad to Various Meetings to be Held Soon.

Rates on the Certificate Plan have been made for meetings specified below:

Passengers paying full fare going will be returned at one fifth fare on Certificates signed by the secretary of the meeting as per Rate Circular No. B 37, 1890.

Meeting of Grand Lodge A. O. U. W. at Astoria, July 8th to 13th, inclusive, 1890. (From stations in Oregon and Washington sell to Portland only.) Newton Clark, grand recorder, will sign certificates.

For the Mardi Gras to be held at Ogden, June 30th to July 5th, 1890, round trip tickets, will be sold, form L 104, from Union to Ogden, at the rate of one first class limited or unlimited fare, as the case may be. Agents west of Huntington will sell on June 25 to 30th, inclusive. Agents east of Huntington inclusive, will sell on June 29th to July 1st, inclusive, 1890. Limit tickets returning up to and including July 10th, 1890.

A. E. ELLIS, Agt.

## Cooper Shop.

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To exchange goods for 30 cords of wood.—Mrs. L. B. Rinehart.

## EAGLE VALLEY.

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FARMERS AND STOCKRAISERS.

Recent Mining Discoveries—Narrow Escape From Drowning—Social Notes.

NEW BRIDGE, JUNE 23, 1890.

Now is the time to buy hay and get first chance for feeding grounds.

All the ranchers have stopped haying to-day on account of rainy weather.

Mrs. W. W. Kirby will start to-morrow to Iowa to see a sister who is sick and not expected to live.

Mr. Ben Longley has just returned from the east where he disposed of 8000 head of mutton sheep. He started another band since he got back home and will rest for a few days.

Buyers are in the valley most every day purchasing beef cattle for the Portland and other markets. There will be a large amount of cattle stalled here next month.

Our people will attend celebrations of the fourth at Big creek, Pine valley and Cornucopia. We will have our Harvest Home picnic in August and hope to have the best time in the world.

Union should feel well disposed toward the eastern part of the county for standing by it in the county seat contest. We proposed to let the honest taxpayers act in the matter and not a lot of scalawags. I think the trouble is over. let us unite now in building up a prosperous county.

We are very thankful to the county court for the commencement of a bridge across Powder river at Swisher's ford. We never expect to have another judge that will stand by the taxpayers like O. P. Goodall has done. He has been a friend to the honest toilers. Wait till two years roll around and we will see how the matter stands. We hope our new judge will be as efficient.

Low Jennings, O. S. Buckland and others have struck the richest quartz that has ever been found in this country. It is situated about 8 miles west of the valley on the south side of the river we are in hopes that other good ledges will be found. K.

EAGLE VALLEY, JUNE 28, 1890.

The sick list is blank.

The strawberry season has passed.

We have an excellent school in this valley.

Plenty of fruit is expected in Eagle valley.

We expect to have a shoe shop soon, which we need very badly.

Mr. Frank Craig returned home on June 27th, from Missouri.

Tomatoes are in blossom. Young potatoes are large enough to eat.

The range in this section is better than it has been for years and stock is doing well.

Our postoffice has a new cabinet which improves the appearance of the room somewhat.

New and rich gold mines are reported to have been discovered on Powder river above Eagle valley.

The hay crop will yield about three tons to the acre, and some of our farmers expect to get three crops this year.

Some of the energetic farmers of this valley have put up water wheels to turn grindstones and do the churning.

Mr. Lester Holcomb returned from Missouri about two weeks ago where he has been selling horses. He reports hard times in that section.

Mr. J. G. Thompson, an old pioneer of this valley, but who has been living at Prairie City for some time, returned and made us a visit recently.

Mr. A. T. Neill and a Scotchman, who came up from Union, while attempting to cross Powder river were so unfortunate as to tip the buggy over in the water. Mr. Neill managed to get out of the water, in some way, and the other saved the team and buggy. It was a narrow escape for both men and team.

NEWTON BRADFORD.

## Lost—A Pocket Book.

On June 22, 1890, somewhere between the Probstel bridge and La Grande, a black pocket book, containing \$50—one ten and two twenty-dollar bills. I will give \$10 to anyone who will return it to me or leave the same at the Island City bank.

E. A. WILLIS, Summerville, Or.

## HOW WE WENT TO CHURCH.

Churches and Church Matters as they Exist in the Sunny South.

RALEIGH, N. C.

EDITOR OREGON SCOUT.—Appropriately following our last letter, perhaps an account of our going to church on a particular Sunday, and a description of the building itself may not be uninteresting to our readers.

About four miles from where we were stopping, stands an old Presbyterian church, which was the only church in that half of the county. On a bright and beautiful Sunday morning in April, a gentleman of energy and kind intentions determined that our settlement should be represented at that church. About nine o'clock, a mule team hitched to a lumber box wagon, and driven by a black man, came to our door. Eight chairs were placed in the wagon and eight persons were placed on the chairs. The wagon was without springs, the chairs without cushions, and the road without stones, but yet very rough; made so by roots and rains. It was not a highway, simply a track through the woods. Hence, rough as it was, we must use it, and that too without the luxury of grumbling about Commissioners or Path Masters. "Do you know how to go to the old saw mill?" was a question put to the negro driver. "Yes sah, I knows dat road." And so we jolted along for a couple of miles, in a quiet contemplation of the beauties of Nature. At the end of two miles we became certain that our driver knew how to lose himself and his load much better than he knew how to find the old saw mill. However, by the use of a little know and more guess, we found the old saw mill, and pushed on to church without further adventure.

We found the people assembled and services begun. The pastor was giving a record or report of the work of the church, its increase, etc., during the past year. The record of money contributed to benevolent work, and the number of persons admitted to the church in the year, were such as to honor a large and wealthy church, and one which enjoys the services of a pastor for the whole time. And yet this church, without rich members, is composed largely of scattered farmers just living from their farms, and enjoys a preaching service only twice each month. A half of a pastor is better than none; sometimes perhaps better than a whole one.

The church building itself is worthy of a special description. It stands in one of the loveliest spots Nature can make. Upon a knoll slightly elevated above the surrounding plain, which in turn is the bottom of a bowl like amphitheatre, stands a two story, nearly square, plain weather beaten building. Without steeple of any kind, and until quite recently without chimney. Near the west side of the building, a bell is elevated upon a post about half the height of the building.

Man has erected a shelter within which to worship God. God has surrounded it with beauties beyond the conceptions of man. The little hills around; the shady glen with its spring of pure water; the flowers and the trees, to-day white with the dogwood blossom; and the beautiful quiet of the solemn resting place of the dead, all combine to form a picture from the hand of the Divine Artist which cannot soon be forgotten.

This church edifice was erected before the war. It has six entrance doors; four for the white people and two to the galleries for the slaves. The colored people and the whites now have their own separate churches; but before the civil war, the slaves must sometimes go with their masters; and then they must go into the gallery by themselves. The floor will seat about three hundred persons, and on this Sunday was well filled. The outside has been painted, but no paint brush ever touched the interior. Floors, seats, walls, ceiling, gallery fronts, casings, doors and windows, are of the best Southern Pine. Columns ten inches square, of handsome curled pine, and some without a crack, support the galleries. The walls and ceiling are covered with heart boards ten and twelve inches wide, so thoroughly seasoned before being used that very few joints have opened enough to admit a knife blade. This building was all done by hand labor; evidently the labor of an honest love for the cause.

The people would not build poorly in their work; they could not build poorly in material; for this splendid old pine was all they had with which to build. It cost them but little; but if some fairy could in a night transport to any of our readers the lumber in the interior of that attractive old church, it would make you rich. Age has spread a rich mantle of brown over the whole. Good men have preached within these walls to the passing generations. Good men and women have sung and prayed there and have been carried thence to their last home. It is unpretentious; but beautiful in its surroundings and in its whole; and dear to the hearts of the people who come from far and near, twice each month to worship the Creator of all beauty.

J. T. PATRICK.



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A. E. ELLIS, Ticket Agent.

TIME TABLE.

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No. 2 Express, 11:55 A. M.

No. 4 Mail, 7:45 P. M.

WEST BOUND.

No. 1 Express, 1:25 A. M.

No. 3 Mail, 4:35 P. M.

Main Line, Nov. 1 and 2. "The Overland Flyer," carry through Pullman Sleepers, Colonist Sleepers, Free Chair Cars and Conches, between Portland and Denver, Omaha, Kansas City, St. Louis, St. Paul or Chicago.

Main Line, Nov. 3 and 4. "The Limited Fast Mail," carry Pullman Dining and Sleeping Cars between Portland and Chicago.

OCEAN DIVISION.

The Union Pacific will dispatch Steamers between San Francisco and Portland, as follows:

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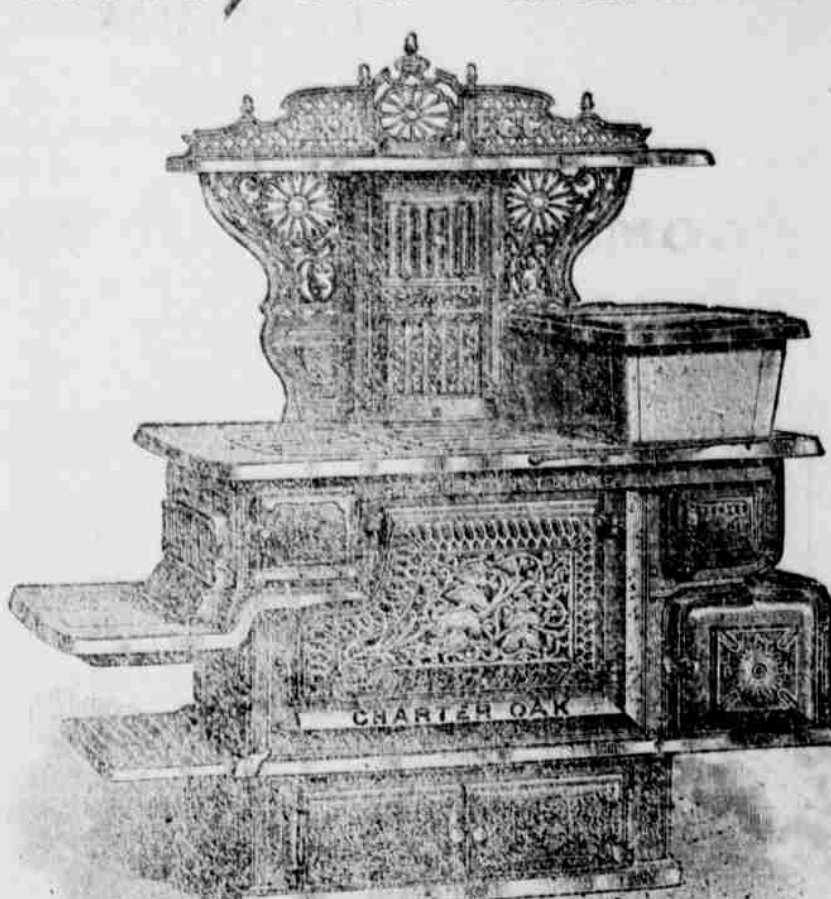
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