

THE COVE.

A Condensed Record of Recent Interesting Happenings.

Ed. Robinson and wife have occupied the house vacated by Mr. A. R. Robinson.

Mrs. Seamons of Walla Walla has been quite sick at her sister's, Mrs. Sully, but is now improving.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Rice of Gambier Ohio are passing a few days with Cove relatives. Mrs. Rice is a sister of Mr. H. H. French.

The warm days of this month has greatly improved the outlook for a good yield of hay. Grass has grown as if by magic.

Mr. Guy Bridges is suffering from the disease so common called "overdone Fourth." Gene Foster is measuring calico in Jaycox's during his convalescence.

Mr. Chas. Cochran of Cornucopia, is in town preparing to go into the mountains, seeking rest and pleasure. He says the lakes near his own town still are full of ice.

Mr. Joseph Flick died after a long and painful illness, 2nd inst. His age at the time of death was forty-five. A funeral sermon was preached by the Rev. R. J. Johnson on the 3rd.

Dr. McDonald and family of La Grande came over Monday. The doctor returned the same day to attend to his large practice but Mrs. McDonald will remain several days visiting friends and relatives.

Rev. Mr. Powell returned from Portland Sunday. He completed arrangements and will move with his family to East Portland about the 15th prox. The Ascension school will be opened as usual this fall.

Mr. A. R. Robinson and wife, also Mrs. D. H. Layne have moved to Union and have occupied the Ostrander residence property. This change is to be regretted for we have no good citizens to spare.

About twenty couples from Cove and Union spent the Fourth at Judge Sanborns. Mrs. Sanborn prepared for the picnics a splendid dinner and all thought it an agreeable change from the usual smoky, noisy celebrations.

Uncle Crooks Barnes, who never had to go far from home to find an honest man, dropped down from the Park to Cove this week. He intends paying his only brother whom he has not seen since 1859, and who lives in California, a visit this fall.

Mrs. Frank Mitchell and sister Miss Lynch met with an exciting runaway Sunday. They were riding in a phaeton and the horses started near Jaycox's store and ran at a great pace entirely home. The ladies, with admirable presence of mind, kept the team in the road and suffered no injury except a severe fright. The vehicle was only slightly injured.

The visitors abroad from the Cove to the various celebrations all report a good time. Those who repaired to Big creek are enthusiastic over the hospitality shown them. They were treated to two declarations, one with a flag presentation for the subject the other old time honored one which always arouses patriotism in the American breast. The celebrators at Summerville also enjoyed themselves. The dinner on the grounds was first class the local brass band furnished excellent music under the skillful leadership of Harvie Rinehart, and the Cove-Union base ball nine got gloriously whipped. They however, were granted the freedom of the town also the right to pay for their own meals, dressing room, etc., although the Summerville pulled down the purse of \$30. Wonder if the S. club were so considerably and generously treated when they played at Cove?

A Scrap of Paper Saves Her Life.

It was just an ordinary scrap of wrapping paper, but it saved her life. She was in the last stage of consumption, told by physicians that she was incurable and could not live only a short time; she weighed less than seventy pounds. On a piece of wrapping paper she read of Dr. King's New Discovery, and got a sample bottle; it helped her, she bought a large bottle, it helped her more, bought another and grew better fast, continued its use and is now strong, healthy, rosy, plump, weighing 140 pounds. For fuller particulars send stamp to W. H. Cole, druggist, Fort Smith. Trial bottles of this wonderful Discovery free at Brown's drug store, Union, Oregon.

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IN IDAHO.

Mining And Agriculture of Weiser River.

LAKE SUPERIOR COPPER MINES.

A Wise Man Who Wants to Trade Horses for Union Real Estate.

EDITOR OREGON SCOUT:

Washington county, Idaho, has an area of 2900 square miles. The Snake river runs along its western boundary, and to the east ragged ranges of mountains diversify its surface. About a half million acres are subject to improvement by irrigation. The Weiser river and its numerous tributaries drain this country, but even the valley of the Weiser needs extensive irrigation works. The mines, though promising in silver and copper ores, are altogether undeveloped and the sole products of the county are stock and agriculture. It is remarkable that grass will flourish in the Weiser valley under the snows of winter. Weiser is the capital of the county. It is situated on the Oregon Short Line and has a population of about 800. If the government would use some of the surplus in the treasury in opening up Snake river from Lewiston to the head of navigation it would open up a magnificent country. But it is hard to get congress to appropriate money for the rivers of the west. The east wants it all. They have had millions in money from the government in the last century and now after these rivers are opened instruct their congressmen to cut down appropriations. Their excuse is that they wish to reduce the surplus and the taxes; that the U. S. treasury is full and that we will have to build a new one etc., etc. It seems to me as though it would be broader statemanship to employ the surplus in public improvements, on rivers, harbors, fortifications and etc., circulating the money back again among the people, from whence it came. The taxes are not heavy and the people of the U. S. are prosperous above any other nation. It was one of the reasons why Napoleon the Great was so popular with the people of France. He circulated the money of the nation among the people in public improvements. His road across the Alps alone gave employment to thousands for a long time and it still stands a lasting monument to his greatness. The Seven Devils mining district is in Washington county. The lodes are very extensive. Some of them are from eighty to one hundred and fifty feet wide. The ore averages about seventy per cent. copper, eight dollars silver and ten in gold. The principal mines are bonded until the first of July to Montana and Boston capitalists. The Boston men own the Lake Superior copper mines. They will make the camp boom or let the mines lay idle for years, so as to not hurt their property in Butte City and Lake Superior. Silver and copper is up now, and it is to be hoped if they buy the mines that they will work them and not let them lay idle. The smelter that is building at Baker City will have all it can do on Seven Devil ore if the steamboat is a success on the river. They are employing about forty men now on the smelter and will put more on as fast as they can work them. Baker City has a fine public school building. They have 700 scholars in attendance and nine teachers, and will employ twelve next term. They have the eastern system of dismissing the scholars. At the sound of the bell they all fall in ranks and march out, and at any time at the sound of the fire alarm they instantly form ranks and file out of the building. Mr. Tom Pierce who has a fine farm on Daly creek at the lower end of Eagle valley across Powder river in Baker county, has sixty head of fine horses and naves he would like to trade for real estate in Union or Baker county's, farm or town property, Town property in Union or Baker City preferred. Tom is a firm believer in the future of Baker City and Union and thinks corner lots will sell for \$1000 a front foot on the principal streets of those towns in a few years.

Some things I know, and some things I do not know. One of the things I do not know is the reason why potato balls grow on all the vines out here. I have inquired of a number of persons, and they all appear as ignorant as myself on the subject. Some say they cultivate them for cock. But they grow on all potato vines back east, or did twenty-five years ago, when I was a school boy back in Massachusetts.

C. F. HINCKLEY.

IN THE SOUTH.

Interesting Account of the First Declaration of Independence.

RALEIGH, N. C.

EDITOR OREGON SCOUT:— Business sent our letter writer, on the 20th of May, to the city of Raleigh, the Capital of North Carolina. Many of the important places of business were closed. At the banks curtains were down and cards, hung upon the door knobs, bore the to us strange device of Legal Holiday.

Why should the 20th of May be a legal holiday? A little thinking, and memory responded by reminding us that the people of Charlotte, N. C., claim that the first Declaration of Independence was made there; that they kept this claim active, and the memory of the great event fresh by an annual celebration, going on this very day. A celebration which was drawing people to that beautiful city from all parts of the State. A little inquiry elicited the fact that, as a proper observance of the anniversary of that event of history, Legislative enactment has made the 20th of May a legal holiday in the State of North Carolina.

The ordinary Histories of the United States made little or no mention of this first Declaration. It has been denied that such an event ever occurred. But evidence is in its favor. The city of Charlotte celebrates the event and day. The State has made the day a legal holiday. Moores' Histories of North Carolina are accepted as authority; and in his large standard History of the State, he gives the text of the Declaration.

The people of North Carolina then, as now were conservative, intelligent, and determined in what they believed to be right; and being intelligent, they perceived that true conservatism then consisted not in maintaining the existing order of things, but in defending their own rights and in resisting oppression. They foresaw that oppression of Massachusetts meant oppression for them; that if men could be slain by British soldiers in Boston, they could be slain by British soldiers in any town in their own State.

Early in 1775 a Provincial Congress was established, which sat from time to time in different towns of the State, until late in the following year. As we understand it, this Provincial Congress was in session at Charlotte in May, 1775. On the 19th, news of the battle of Lexington reached the town just one month after the battle was fought. On the 20th a Declaration of Independence, consisting of three parts, was made. The first part refers to the acts of British oppression; the third part states the duties of civil and military officers, as officers of a free and independent nation.

The second part is the part of greatest interest. It is here given verbatim and italicized as in the text: "That we do hereby declare ourselves a free and independent people; are, and of right ought to be a sovereign and self governing association; under control of no person, other than our God, and the general government of the Congress. To the maintenance of which independence we solemnly pledge to each other our mutual cooperation our lives, our fortunes, and our most sacred honor."

The Congress meant in this resolution was probably the Provincial Congress mentioned above. In April, 1776 this Congress met for the fourth time, at Halifax. On the fourth of that month, it instructed the delegates to the Continental Congress as follows:

"Resolved, That the delegates for this colony, in the Continental Congress, be empowered to concur with the delegates of the other colonies, in declaring independence, and forming foreign alliances. Reserving to this colony the sole and exclusive right of forming a constitution and laws for the colony, and of appointing delegates from time to time. (under direction of the general representation thereof) to meet delegates of the other colonies for such purposes as shall be hereafter pointed out."

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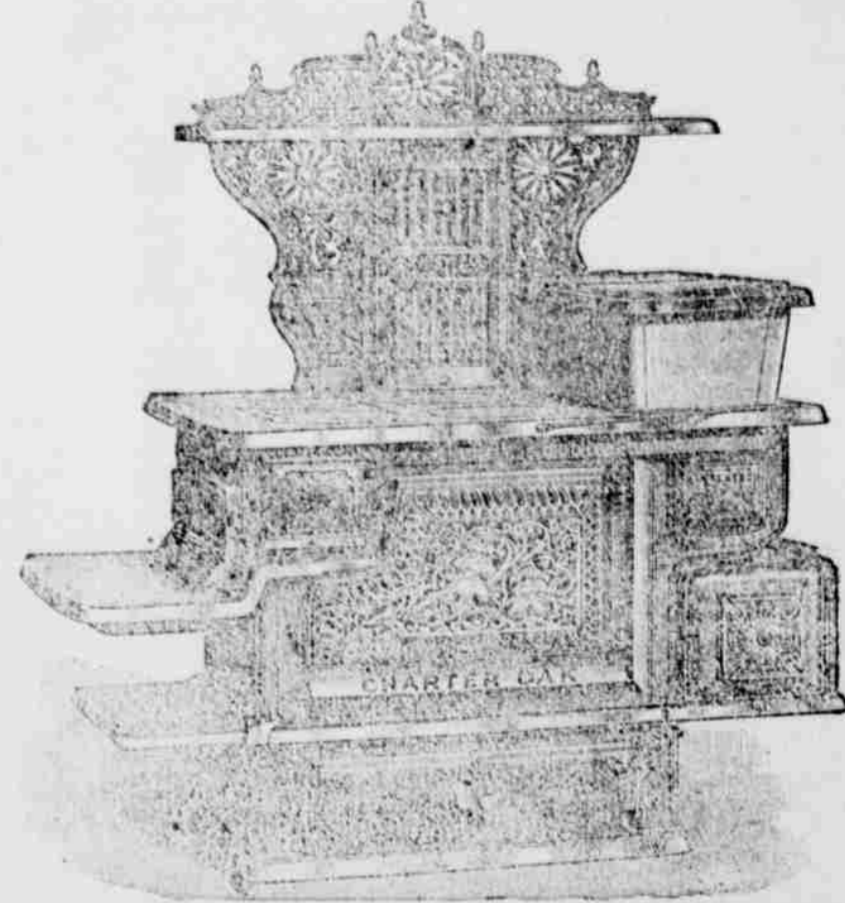
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