

EAGLE VALLEY.

Preparations for the Har-vest Picnic Next Month.

EXCELLENT CROP PROSPECTS.

Sam'l Putnam to Visit the Valley—Base-ball Club to be Organized.

All kinds of stock are getting very fat. Everything is looking fine in our valley now.

Farmers are about through cutting the first crop of hay.

Some of our people are getting rich raising bees and honey.

The boys of Eagle valley will organize a base ball club in a few days.

The Methodist people will commence a campmeeting just after the picnic.

Mr. James Scott and family, of Baker City, will reside with us hereafter.

Mr. Ben Longley is still buying sheep. Any one wanting to sell would do well to call on or address him at Newbridge.

There will hardly be as much fruit this year as there was last, but it will be larger. Vegetables will be plentiful and very fine.

Mrs. W. W. Kirby who started recently to Iowa to visit a sick sister arrived safely and found her sister still alive but with no hopes of recovery. It is hoped that Mrs. Kirby will return to her Oregon home in safety.

We are preparing to have the grandest picnic on the first day of August that has ever been given in Eastern Oregon. It will be seen by circulars which have been issued that our programme is very lengthy and will furnish amusement to everybody all day. A great many premiums will be given. We will have plenty for everybody to eat and drink. All are cordially invited to attend on that day and partake of our hospitality. As a member of the committee on invitation I think this method of invitation is just as good as to write it and send to each individual in Union and Baker counties. Let all come, we assure them of a welcome. The editors of Union and Baker counties are respectfully invited. The committee has chosen Mr. Crawford of Union, and Mr. Anderson, of Baker, as the speakers on that day. Hon. Sam'l P. Putnam, the great Free thought orator, will arrive in the valley July 30th and remain till August 2nd. He will lecture each day during his stay.

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FROM ALBANY.

An Extremely Interesting Letter From Our wide Awake News Gaffer.

July 14, 1890.

EDITOR OREGON SCOUT:

As it has been some time since we wrote you, it seems to be time to send in a few lines again.

Business in our city is very good at present and especially so for this time of year. Election time being past and people getting back into the old channel, we suppose has something to do with it. Then again the brightened prospect of good crops make everybody feel good, and like spending their money.

We have just seated a full set—except surveyor—of Democratic county officers, and they have gone to work like old stage horses, knowing what to do and doing it earnestly. Albany has a very bad epidemic preying on her people at present, one that may prove fatal in more than one case namely: the base ball craze. First the small boys, then the college nine. Now the barbers challenge the grocers and after the game was played they wished they hadn't. Yesterday the real estate dealers and lawyers crossed clubs with an overwhelming victory for the land sharks of 53 to 32. The printers have challenged the victorious grocers for a battle which will take place on the square tomorrow afternoon. We can not surmise where this will end. It seems to be lots of fun for those who win.

Our manufacturing establishments are all running at their fullest capacity and all are crowded with orders. The woolen mill is turning out some of the best cloths in the state, and are away behind with orders. The flouring mill can't keep up with their orders, so popular is their flour. They ship to Portland and Sound points, besides supplying various valley towns.

The Bank of Oregon's fine three-story building is nearly ready for the plasterers. It has a massive stone front, and will be one of the handsomest fronts on Main street.

A stock company has been incorpo-

rated to build a four story brick hotel on the corners of Second and Broad-albin streets, to cost \$40,000. Work will be begun probably this fall. We are glad to see this move forward as it is in the right direction.

The foundation of the Baltimore three story block is nearly finished and judging from the looks of it the block will be a splendid one.

We are pleased to note that the La Grande wire pullers could not vote da-goes enough to get the county seat from Union. We have no sympathy for LaGrande or its backers, the O. R. & N. Co. The Grande Ronders should hold a grand celebration when the Hunt road is completed as it will be the greatest Godsend that has ever hap-pened to them. We of Albany know what it is to have rail road competition you bet. No work on the Oregon Pacific yet this year, but we can only wait the pleasure of the owners as we feel assured the road will be built sometime in the future. The survey on the Albany and Astoria road is now nearly completed and we are informed by one of the incorporators that work will be begun in the near future. This will give Albany the best railroad connection of any town in the valley.

Many immigrants are arriving every day from the east and all speak highly of the country. Most all of them have "come to stay." More anon.

WALLOWA LETTER.

Matters of Interest Reported by Our Regular Correspondent.

UPPER WALLOWA, July 14, 1890.

The general health of the people in this valley was never better.

Notwithstanding we are being hard pressed to-day for money to meet current expenses, we dream of freedom from duns and debts when the rye and barley are gathered in.

It should not be inferred that because of the smallness of our valley farming is done on a small scale. W. H. Winters has over 400 acres, in one block, sown to grain, grass and alfalfa.

Old mowers and reapers are being repaired and oiled, and new ones are being bought. Rye and timothy will be ready for the sickle in a few days, and then the whiss and rattle of machinery will begin.

Mrs. Grundy says A. W. Gowan will serve notice of contest on E. W. Barnes, soon. I am persuaded that Mrs. G. is at fault. Though there were irregularities at some of the voting places, and a few fraudulent votes were cast for each candidate, in the main the vote was fair and free. I believe A. W. Gowan to be a gentleman and that he will indignantly refuse to try to thwart the wishes of the majority of his fellow citizens.

Should one brother sit in judgment in a judicial capacity over another's interests? This was done in Joseph, recently. A. owed B. \$15 on account. A. went to B. with \$20 and proffered to bet it with B. on a horse race. B. took the money and asked A. if it was his. He said it was. B. then put the double-eagle in his pocket and offered A. \$5, remarking, "That makes us even." A. refused it. At this juncture C. appeared and claimed the \$20 as his. B. refused to honor C's claim. Thereupon C. went before his brother, a Justice in and for Joseph precinct, and procured a warrant for the arrest of B. for stealing \$20. The case came on for hearing. B. was fined \$25 and costs. B. will take an appeal. Again I ask: Should one brother sit in judgment in a judicial capacity over another's interests?

CAROLINE C.

Hits 'Em Hard.

Sorry to infer that our old friends and old subscribers, G. W. Wood and Byron A. Harris, of Lewistown, Idaho are dead. We hope the inference is incorrect, as Mr. Wood owes us \$25 and Mr. Harris about half that amount on this paper, which they do not take from the office at Lewistown now. All exchanges will please copy, so if our old friends are not dead we may get to hear from them. Mr. Harris used to be a member of the Masonic lodge in this place and no doubt the brethren will rejoice to learn that the inference of his death is incorrect. Mr. Wood was at one time a granger. —Pomeroy Independent.

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We take this method of informing the public that in order to make a change in business our entire stock of millinery goods are being disposed of at cost. The goods will be sold in wholesale or retail lots. We mean just exactly what we say and those wishing anything in our line should avail themselves of the opportunity to get the same at actual cost.

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ELGIN.

Description of the Thriv-ing Little City.

A RAILROAD AND TRADE CENTER

Surrounded by a Fine Country—Some Needed Industries.

From the last number of the Pacific Farmer we clip the following excellent article on our thriving little neighbor-ing city, Elgin:

There has been a great deal written and said about the rich and productive county of Union and some of its beautiful and flourishing towns and cities, and I do not believe there can be too much said in their praise. Union county is fast becoming one of the most prosperous in the State. In any portion of it one can find a home to his satisfaction. There is no portion of the State that can claim more, and claim it truthfully, than can Union county. This county is rich with her many natural resources; she has thousands of acres of fine tillable soil, vast and practically inexhaustible forests, rich mineral deposits, a healthful climate, crystal springs and streams of running water sparkling in the sun-light as they course through the rich and fertile soil.

Elgin the thrifty little town of which I shall attempt to write, is situated at the northern end of the Grande Ronde valley and at the extreme southern edge of the famous Indian valley. It is beautifully located on a hogback or ridge, in a shady grove of oak and majestic pine on the banks of the spark-ling Grande Ronde river. It is just 20 miles north of the city of La Grande, according to the survey of the Union Pacific R. R., which company are now building a branch line to this point.

At the time I visited Elgin the grade was just being completed and the cars are to be running by the end of the present month—July. The Hunt system, which is building from Union to Walla Walla, will also touch at Elgin, the depots being located within half a mile of each other. The grade of the latter road is completed to Summer-ville, nine miles south of Elgin, and work is being prosecuted in order to get through the mountains before snow flies.

With two new railroads, productive and extensive valleys both north and south, and peopled by a thrifty, intelligent, energetic people, I fail to see why Elgin should not make a most excel-lent town; at present it has a popula-tion of nearly 400, and new additions are coming in every day.

The first house in Elgin was built in 1886, but the town did not take a start until last April. Town property as yet is remarkably reasonable; in Hindman's addition, which lies di-rectly north and adjoining the very business part of town, lots can be had at from \$30 to \$150 on easy terms, while the Union Real Estate and Mining Exchange of Union have plat-ted and are selling a beautiful 40 acre tract adjoining the business part of town on the south at these same re-markably low figures. With these prices and terms to suit yourself I fail to see why every man should not own a spot that he could at least call home. Excellent farming lands three to eight miles from Elgin, can be had at from \$10 to \$20 per acre, while fair govern-ment lands are obtainable at a distance of from five to fifteen miles of town.

As a proof that Indian valley is a superior wheat growing region, it is only necessary for me to state that the wheat which received the first pre-mium at the Centennial Exposition in 1876 was raised within three miles of the spot where Elgin now stands. The country directly tributary to Elgin produced last year 400,000 bushels of wheat, and as soon as all of this country is put to cultivation double that amount will be raised.

The country which is and will be for years to come tributary to the town, embraces a scope of 200 square miles. Looking Glass valley, 16 miles north which is 20 miles in length, is covered with a magnificent growth of yellow pine, fir and tamarack. Wallowa county with a population of 5000 people will on completion of the railroad to Elgin, draw all its supplies from this point.

This country contains thousands of acres of excellent farming lands, much of which is still government, and also produces large quantities of wool. Elgin should have a woolen mill, flour-ing mill, sash and door factory, small bank, a shoemaker and a small news-paper. All of these institutions would

be paying investments. The Grande Ronde river would furnish sufficient water power to run any number of fac-tories or mills. Considerable attention is now being paid to the improvement of the horse stock in this section; the handsome young stallion Better Times owned by J. C. Christianson, sired by Dandy Jim, alias True Briton, register number 1239, is making his second season in this locality. He is a dap-ple bay, and at four years old weighed 1600 pounds. I cannot understand why people will struggle along on eastern lands that will not produce over 12 bushels of wheat to the acre, when lands in this favored spot that will yield from 40 to 60 bushels to the acre can be procured so cheaply.

THE COVE.

News of the Week as Noted by Our Reg-ular Correspondent.

Mrs. J. W. Magann late of Boise City is visiting her mother Mrs. Bab-ington this week.

Mr. Edward Robinson has accepted a position in the establishment of J. Alberson, Cornucopia.

Mr. W. A. Martin has returned from Kansas to the land of red checked girls. Perhaps one of the said r. c. g's had something to do with his coming back.

Seeking the succulent huckleberry is the popular pastime. They seem fairly plentiful in some places. The largest party started for the Park Sun-day and will be gone some days.

A contortionist, trapeze performer and legerdemain man gave a free show at the hotel Tuesday night. Some of his acts were very good. Edgar Jones rendered material assistance on the harmonica.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Rice of Ohio, left for Tacoma Tuesday. Mrs. Rice and H. H. French made a satisfactory division of the French property, the upper portion of the farm being awarded to the latter.

The directors of Cove school district No. 15 have not yet engaged teachers for the ensuing year. Applications from aspiring welders of the birch are in order. A. G. Conklin Esq, has the honor to be chairman of the board.

Born, to the wife of J. S. Shoemaker, July 21st an eight pound daughter. John is able to be around. He says he had fondly hoped for a young voter but has since made the discovery that boys now days generally turn out bad anyway.

S. G. White disposed of his Gray's Harbor possessions consisting of an undivided one half of five acres lying adjacent to the town to J. M. Phy for \$750. If the Harbor makes a second Seattle this will be a valuable property before many years.

The saw mill firm of Bloom and Zeigler have secured a steam engine for their Indian creek mill and now are making use of this power in place of water. As soon as they have finished cutting the logs on the yard at the present site, they will move their mill to Indian valley near Elgin.

The ladies of the Cove will give an ice cream festival at Wright's hall, Cove, Saturday evening Aug. 2nd. Doors open at 8. The proceeds will be applied to purchasing an organ for the Morrison church. A cordial invitation is extended to all. Come and get a supply of ice cream made by experts and also help in a good cause.

The busy season has arrived and everybody who is not constitutionally tired gets plenty of opportunities to make hay while the sun shines, at good wages. The crop will average very well. Where plenty of water could be had for irrigating the grass it is unusually heavy. Hands in quest of a job will find it profitable to come this way.

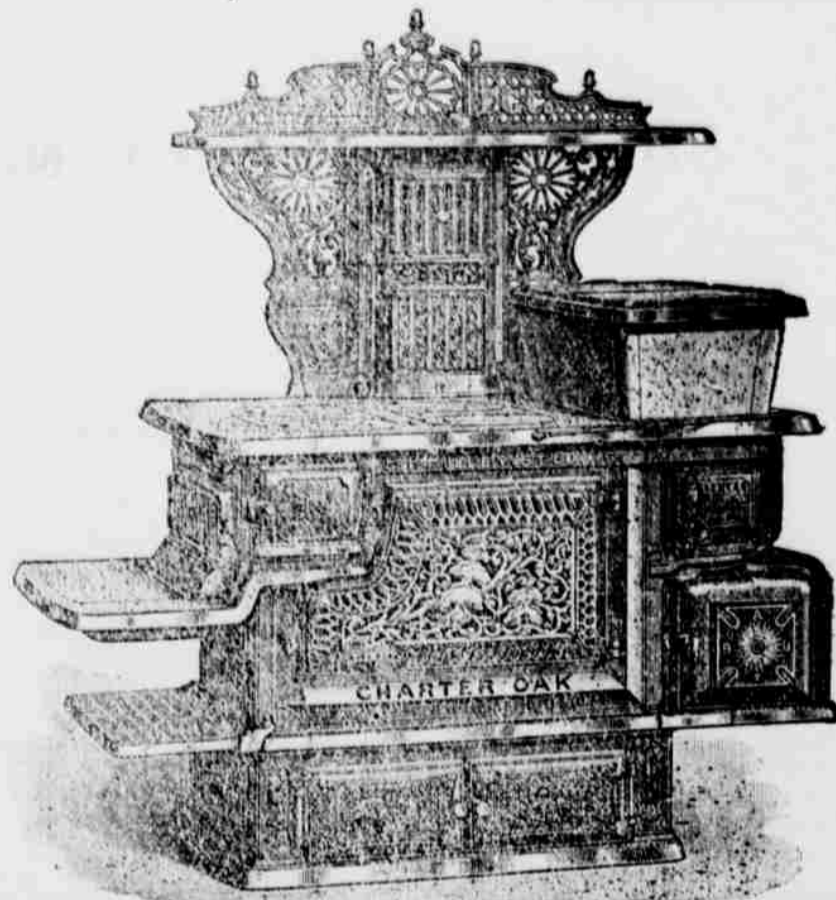
Our town is one of the most deligh-tful summer resorts on the coast. While the neighboring towns are swel-tering in heat and in vain hunting an unbraguerous retreat we, under the brow of Mt. Fanny lie in the cool shades of Mill creek and find the temperature agreeable, just about comfortable. The mercury keeping from the dizzy heights among the eighties and nineties, that is generally.

Special Excursion to Salt Lake City.

On Tuesday, July 29, low rates will be in effect for the round trip between Union Pacific points and Salt Lake City, giving all an opportunity of visiting the great metropolis of Utah and indulging in the luxury of a salt water swim at the celebrated Garfield Beach; making a daylight trip through the beautiful Cache valley and enabling passen-gers to view the magnificent scenery of Snake river. Tickets, detailed time of trains and general information can be obtained upon application to any ticket agent Union Pacific System.

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