

EAGLE VALLEY.

A Synopsis of the News of the Week.

THE SCHOOLS OF THE VALLEY.

Sale of Stock—Salmon Fishing—Boy Hurt While Flewing—Notes.

New Babos, Or., Sept. 27, 1890.
Haying is almost a thing of the past.

Peaches and grapes in abundance and selling at good figures.

Miss Nadie Holcomb is teaching school in Dry creek district, Pine valley.

Miss Cleaver and Miss LaBret have gone to Baker City to attend school this winter.

Mr. Joe. Ritter anticipates building a new dwelling house and barn on his place in a short time.

Several of our stock men have been speaking of selling some of their fat beeres to Mr. Gettis, of Baker City.

Born, to the wife of Mr. Wm. Gover a son. It is nearly a week old. The last account mother and child were doing nicely.

Rev. Yoakum is to preach next Sunday (tomorrow) at eleven o'clock a. m. He has not visited us for almost two months now.

Albert Saunders is improving again and it is hoped he will not undertake to eat English walnuts until he can stand such food.

We were informed that Rev. McCarty, the new preacher, was in the valley last Sunday but whether there was services or not I am sure I could not say.

Mr. J. Thompson's folks are expecting the arrival of some of their near relatives very soon from the east. They are coming from Albany New York.

Mr. Joseph Hartley has employed Mr. H. H. Grubb of Pine valley to build a new dwelling house on his place. I have not learned the size it is to be.

We have a good school so far in the Middle district. The pupils seem to be pleased with their teacher, Mr. O. Randall. When scholars like a teacher they are almost sure to make a success.

Mrs. Candiff and her little son Walter arrived at her sisters, Mrs. Summers, last Wednesday. She came from Nebraska to see her daughter, Lillie, who is sick but is now slowly improving.

Mr. J. Frasier has moved his family to their ranch on this side of Powder river, so his children are near enough to school to easily avoid any tardy marks and Mr. Carter and family who have been residing on the above mentioned ranche this summer have gone to their place.

Chas. Perry was hurt to-day while riding a horse hitched to a single shovel which his brother Waldo, was using to plow potatoes with. He shows a few bruises and scars but we hope he is not badly hurt inwardly and will soon be all right. The horse fell, rolled all the way over him once, and a half way back leaving the child in a tight place. He could not get out until the horse was lifted some and the boy himself assisted in moving.

GUESS.

Sept. 27, 1890.

The atmosphere is very smoky.

Mr. Reynolds was in the valley, Thursday.

Mr. G. W. Moody expects to go east, shortly, on a visit to relatives.

Quite a lot of lumber is now being hauled from the Sparta saw mills.

Mr. C. G. Ludwig is in the valley again after about two months absence.

Dr. Musser, the dentist, visited our valley recently and did some good work.

Mr. W. W. Kirby started east a few days ago. He will be gone about a month.

Mr. Tom Bashaw is building a cellar for I. N. Young which is to be two stories high.

Mr. Oscar Kendall is now teaching school in Craig school house. There is a fair attendance.

Messrs. E. and W. Chandler have improved their places by putting up some new buildings. Dave Kirby was the architect.

The fall run of salmon has found the young sportsman in good condition and several of the funny trials have been taken.

Married, at the groom's residence, on Sunday last, Mr. J. N. Holcomb

and Miss Clara Gale, both of this valley. We wish the happy couple unbounded success and happiness.

We are pleased to note that Cornucopia is beginning to liven up again. Quite a number have passed through here bound for that place, recently.

Mr. Ed. Mathison, of La Grande, arrived in the valley, Friday, on a visit to relatives and friends. There seems to be a strong attraction here for Ed.

NEWTON BRADFORD.

To the Liberals of Ore. on—

DEAR FRIENDS—

I wish to call your attention to the second annual congress of the Oregon State Secular Union, to be held in Portland, at New Arden hall, corner of Second and oak streets, on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, the 11, 12 and 13, of October next.

The object of this meeting and of the Oregon State Secular Union, is to guarantee civil and religious liberty to the people; secure the taxation of church property and oppose the union of church and State.

The speakers who are to be present will be the best that have yet been together. Among them will be, viz: Miss Katie Keim, of Iowa; S. P. Putnam; Prof. Geo. H. Dawes; Mrs. M. P. Krekel, of Kansas City; Hon. C. J. Curtis, of Astoria; Mrs. A. Scott Dunaway; Judge Winsor, of Seattle, President of the Washington State Secular Union; Elder Alonza T. Jones; John E. Remsburg; Moses Hull and others.

The congress will close Monday evening, with a grand ball.

We want these meetings to be a grand success, and we ask every liberal in the State to co-operate with us, and aid us in making them so. Will you come forward, one and all, and "lend a helping hand?" Announce the congress through your local papers; circulate cards of invitation; post up notices at your post office, and country stores—in fact, do all you can to let every one know of this great important meeting, that all may attend if they so desire.

Write to President C. Beal, Portland, and let him know what you are doing toward aiding the congress—Let words of cheer resound from every city, town and village in the state.

We most cordially invite every liberal—every person who is in favor of the total separation of church and state, to be present.

We need financial aid. Rents are as high as they were last year and it will cost quite a sum to pay the expenses of the congress, and we ask every liberal, who is willing and able, to forward a few dollars to help defray the expenses. All financial aid will be most thankfully received. Send all money to Pres. C. Beal, Portland, and he will give you credit for it, in the San Francisco Freechought. Don't wait until it is too late for now is the time we need encouragement. We can make our congress a grand success, if we only try. If everyone will help, even a little, our meetings will be all that we desire them to be.

We have lately had some neat blanks printed, petitioning the legislature of Oregon for the taxation of church property, and we would be pleased to place copies of this petition in the hands of every earnest liberal in the State, for circulation. The exemption of ecclesiastical property from just taxation is a gross injustice to the people. It is unconstitutional and not in keeping with the general principle of our government, and all laws favoring this unjust exemption should be immediately repealed.

We also have had copies printed of the constitution of the O. S. S. Union, and we ask you, liberal friends, to send for them, and circulate them throughout the State, and secure as many signatures for membership as possible. There is no membership fee—All that is required is the name and address of those who indorse the objects of the Union, and wish to become members. We would like to have the name of every liberal-minded person in the State recorded on our membership book we already have a large number of names.

Now liberals, one and all, if you think you can secure any signatures for the petition, or for the constitution of our Union by presenting them to your friends and neighbors in your locality, please send for them at once and they will be promptly forwarded to you. Both the blank petition, and copies of the constitution are to be obtained from either President Beal or myself.

With best wishes for the success of our Congress, and sincerely hoping that as many as possible will attend our grand and useful meetings, and hoping to promote liberty, truth, justice and equality, I am ever,
Yours faithfully,

ELVA DAYTON BLACKBURN,
Asst. Secy., Oregon State Secular Union,
Oswego, Or., Sept., 23rd, Era of Science 290.

THE COVE.

An Extremely Good Yield of Wheat and Barley.

FOREST FIRES ON THE MINAM.

Sale of Lands—Several Happy Days—Personal Notes.

Oct. 1, 1890.

Mr. Guy McCully of Joseph is passing a few days with Cove friends.

A Buckhart, shoemaker, is fitting up a neat shop in the Wright building.

Mr. L. Corpe is hauling lumber for a commodious barn near his residence.

Mrs. Frank Nowell of Whitewater, Wis. is expected here on a visit shortly.

A census agent has been looking after mortgages this week in and about the Cove.

Mr. Alex. Cochran has purchased of C. C. Coffinberry of Union his share in the Cove blacksmith shop.

Threshing is temporarily stopped on account of the rain. The crops will be about all threshed in ten days run.

The heavy dust is settled for this fall. The great teaming at this time of the year will pack the roads hard and smooth.

Mr. Wm. Holmes and newly made bride are expected in town this week on their way to their future home in Enterprise.

Prof. L. J. Rouse, Clerk of Wallawa county was in town recently. He was thinking of attending the Industrial Exposition.

Born, to the wife of Jasper G. Stevens, in Eugene, Sept., 20th an eleven and a quarter pound son. Mother and child doing well.

Large loads of wood are daily hauled from the mountains several miles east of town. Good dry wood can be had for three dollars per cord.

Mr. Albert Adams and S. G. White have gone to the Sound and will spend the winter in trapping and hunting in the famous Olympic mountains.

Indians, or white campers have set out fire on the Minam which is now a destructive roaring conflagration. The rain may extinguish the flames.

Andrew Anderson has bought of John Martin 65 acres of the north part of the Olive Barnes place and 40 acres of timber land adjacent. Considerative \$1150.

Mr. S. M. Bloom has sold one of his hay balers to the Sturgill Bros. of Powder river. They will bale hay for the mining market in the eastern part of the county.

Mr. Bert Benton who went to Fair Haven this summer, was overtaken by bad luck. He was attacked by a fever and was compelled to remain in a hospital for some time.

Reports of extra grain yields still come in. Mr. John Allen who owns and farms the old Corpe place threshed 53 bushels of wheat per acre and 64 bushels of barley per acre.

Born, to the wife of Mr. Franklin Mitchell Sept 29th, an eight pound daughter. All concerned convalescing. Frank is supposed to be the best pleased man in the great and growing county of Union.

Mr. H. H. French has bought of J. C. Downey about 1400 assorted fruit trees which he will plant on his place near Hendershotts. Mr. F. will also build a house and put out several acres of strawberry plants.

The Cove public school opens next Monday. The indications are that the school will be carefully managed and a credit to the place. Every person of school age in the district should grasp this golden opportunity by attending every day of the six months.

Our merchants are receiving large and full assorted stocks of fall goods which they propose to sell as cheap as any house in the valley for cash. The good people of the vicinity should patronize exclusively home establishments when they buy as favorably as elsewhere.

WASHINGTON.

An Interesting Letter from Our Regular Correspondent at the Capital.

Washington, (D. C.) Sept. 22, 1890.

EDITOR OREGON SCOUT:—

Mr. Blaine's last letter in favor of reciprocity created quite a sensation in congressional circles, for which it is generally believed it was specially intended. It indicates that Mr. Blaine is not altogether easy in his mind as to what action the Conference committee will take on the reciprocity amendment to the McKinley bill. He knows that at least two of the republican senators on that committee—

Messrs. Allison and Sherman—are not particularly enamoured with the idea, and that Mr. McKinley, who heads the republican representatives on the committee, would shed no tears if the amendment should suddenly die. In fact he probably has a suspicion that the latter gentleman would take pleasure in playing the role of executioner on this occasion. So the letter was written as a final argument. Mr. Blaine may have exceptional courses of information that caused him to get alarmed, but the impression is general here that the reciprocity amendment will not be disturbed by the Conference committee now at work on the senate amendments to the McKinley bill.

The democrats are accusing Speaker Reed of having tried to use the River and Harbor bill, which he has just signed after more than a week's delay, as a weapon to compel them to agree to remain on the floor of the House to make a quorum while the republicans passed certain bills.

The democrats have the republicans of the House at a decided disadvantage just now, and they are enjoying and making the most of it. The republicans have no quorum of their own men, and the indications are that they will not have again this session, though they say they will. Whenever anything is called up that the democrats don't like, contested election cases, for instance, the House suddenly finds itself left without a quorum on account of the democratic members leaving the chamber. The democrats might have prevented the Tariff bill being referred to the Conference committee in the way it was if they had been so disposed, and if they should take a notion to make trouble when the bill is reported from that committee, which will probably be the first part of next week, there will certainly be a circus in the House. The republicans here are not speaking in the kindest terms of their thirty or forty absent colleagues, but the absentees who are all looking after their "fences," probably console themselves with the thought that they are only following the example of the eminent gentleman who presides over the House.

The lottery lobby is very much chagrined at its failure to have the anti-lottery bill, which the Senate has passed, postponed until next session, but it has not yet given up the fight, and proposes, it is said, to offer President Cleveland and Senator Everts \$250,000 as a retainer if they will undertake to get out an injunction to restrain the Postmaster General from putting the new law into operation until a case shall have been taken to the Supreme court to test its constitutionality. In the meantime Mr. Wansmaker is preparing to carry out the law in a manner that will certainly cripple, if it does not kill the lottery business in the United States. I am informed that one of the lottery men stopped abusing the newspapers long enough to say that his company would willingly give \$500,000 if an injunction could be had which would enable them to continue using the mails until a test case is tried by the United States, even though they knew in advance that the case would be decided against them. That gives an idea of the profits of the business.

Mr. Harrison is expected to return to the White House next week, and then the question of an extra session will be decided. It is believed to have already been decided in the affirmative by the republican leaders in Congress, and the only remaining point to be decided is as to who shall assume the responsibility. Shall Congress take a recess after passing the tariff bill, or shall it adjourn, leaving the president to call an extra session. There are lots of people who don't believe a resolution for an extra session could be passed in the House. If that be so, the leaders will not attempt it, knowing that their object can just as well be accomplished by means of a presidential proclamation.

The House let Representative Kennedy off for making the speech abusing Senator Quay quite easy. The objectionable portions of the speech are to be left out of the bound edition of the Record. What difference will that make after the abusive language has been read in the newspapers from one end of the country to the other?

J. H. C.

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