

## FROM ALICEL.

### Record of Recent Interesting Local Happenings.

Brief Description of the Famous Wallowa Valley as Seen on a Hasty Visit--Personal Notes.

Everything dull at Alicel. Mr Jesse Imbler of the lone pine was in the city recently. Mrs. Samuel Cochran returned last week from a visit to Iowa. Mr. Samuel Cochran butchered a fine lot of hogs a few days ago. Mr. C. C. Stanley has accepted a position with a Chicago firm as a drummer. Mr. Ousley had a cow killed by the construction train, near Alicel, a few days ago. Mr. Tacker, teacher at Fairview, attended the teacher's examination at Union last week. Hon. J. L. Roe, will soon take his departure for a short visit to his parents in Wayne county, Iowa. There is to be a large store put in at this place as soon as the proper arrangements can be perfected. Mr. S. L. Brooks and G. W. Ruckman started for the Sound this morning with several car loads of hogs. Mr. Lockwood, right-of-way agent for the U. P. railroad, was in Alicel a few days ago looking at its future prospects. Married, at the residence of Thomas Ruckman, Nov. 27, 1890, Mr. John Vanderpool and Miss Jennie Allen, both of the Sandridge. May many little Pools rise up and call them blessed. The construction company is about to finish up the U. P. railroad. They have about 175 men at work. It is all finished from Elgin to a point near Alicel. They will have it all ballasted and ready to be received in a short time, as there is another gang of men coming this way from Island City. Ye correspondent took a flying trip to the Wallowa valley, hence nothing has appeared in your paper from Alicel lately. I will try and give you an account of my travels. We jumped in our hack one fine beautiful morning, and at noon we were in the booming little city of Elgin, where everybody was putting on metropolitan airs. Surely this is a wonderful little city. Only a few short years ago there was nothing to mark the place except the "Fish Trap Bridge." There the Indians would gather at certain times of the year to fish and put in a fish trap and catch the dog salmon as they passed up the river. We took dinner at the Western hotel with our old friend, J. R. Johnston. No one can eat with him and go away half starved. We took our leave of the thriving little city amid its cares and bustle and rode over the hills and rolling country of Elk flat, which is fenced almost into a continuous lane to the Wallowa. Stopping at night with Mr. Deering, proprietor of the Pine Grove house, we received all the care a traveler need have. Then came the long descent of the Wallowa hill, at the base of which flows the bubbling Wallowa and Minam rivers, which come together here. Then came our long tedious ride through the famous Wallowa canyon, for nine miles, emerging into the lower Wallowa valley and its changing scenes. A person would think for a moment that he had come into another world. Here we find the roads as smooth and level as though the people took a special pride in keeping their highway in good repair. The next place of interest was the Lower Wallowa. There the M. & M. company seem to have everything their own way. They have several large buildings and have laid out several acres in town lots. They keep one of the best arranged country stores in the valley, which is presided over by our genial friend, Johnny McDonald. From here we passed through what seemed to be a level stretch of country of eight miles till we came to the town of Lostine. The town seems to be on the decline as no improvements are going on. From here we ride over a hilly stretch of country, about nine miles, dotted here and there with farm houses, till we come to the flourishing little city of Enterprise, the county seat of Wallowa county. Everything indicates a steady improvement. Here is situated the principal branch of the M. & M. Co's. business, and they have made the town what it is. After remaining in Enterprise a few days and forming many old acquaintances, and meeting many new ones, we took our departure for Joseph, away up at the foot of the snow clad mountains, near

the famous Silver lake. Joseph is nicely situated, and has one of the best water works in Eastern Oregon. After several days we took our departure for our own beautiful Grande Ronde. Nothing attracted our attention till we were safe into our valley, when we were informed by one of our citizens that a new town was about to be born on the Sandridge. We asked what the name of the new town was to be and was informed that it was "Kettle-belly," the most appropriate and euphonious cognomen that could be thought of.

MINERVA ANN.  
THE PARK.  
It was of the Week as Noted by Our Regular Correspondent.  
Dec. 8, 1890.  
Very nice fall weather. Sam'l Rutledge and wife are visiting in La Grande. Some snow last week but all gone from the Park now. J. S. Vandevanter is butchering some fine hogs today. Mose has not returned yet, married or not married, for the peanuts. The health of the community very good. Diphtheria is a thing of the past. The stock, which are scattered over the range, are being gathered in slowly. J. S. Vandevanter, for the past three weeks has been a resident of Big creek. The mills have been shut down for some time. They are getting in a nice lot of logs. R. M. South's new wagon is laid up for repairs caused by very poor and brash timbers in the bounds. It is reported that Mr. Dolby, of Dolby had, Big creek, is in Baker City very sick with heart disease. Sad news to hear. School will commence on the 15th inst, with George Koffman as teacher. George is said to be an excellent instructor. Several of the Park folks attended the Thanksgiving ball at Medical Springs. All report having a good time except A. M. Mr. and Mrs. I. Haller, of Telocaset were visiting in the Park recently. Ike always has a fine brogue on his face and a smile on his tongue. Mrs. E. M. South has discharged her patient and pronounces his eyes sound and well. She is now ready for some one else who is bothered with sore eyes. I would like to ride the brute that took the bridle off my horse at the dance--D. F. I should have bent a club over his head for hitting me with a spur--D. I go down to church on Big creek to see the girls and to let them look at me--Honey Boy. Sam'l Vanorder, has gone to Baker City with a load of butter that ought to have gone to Union. The prices are better over there. Union loses many a pound of butter and eggs from here. Who is to blame. W. T. Martin is hauling oats to Union. Baker doesn't get those, any way. Some of the Christian denominations assert that they are able to build four churches a day. Now, my Christian friends, don't fret because the soldier is getting a pension, but rather rejoice to think that if the soldier gets a whole lot of money, you will get some of it to build your churches. Four churches a day that cost as least \$10,000 apiece. What would the cost be to the actual members of the churches in one year? Think of it please.  
MOIKE.  
JOSEPH JOTTINGS.  
JOSEPH, Wallowa County, Dec. 2, 1890. Jeff Ellis started this morning for La Grande for a load of freight. Bill Wright has arrived here from Elgin where he has been spending the summer. The dance at Joseph on Thanksgiving was well attended and all seemed to enjoy themselves. Everybody seem to be hauling wood. Probably when the snow does come it will fall come at once. Prof. Dunnigan has commenced another term of singing school at Alder. School meets every Wednesday evening. D. N. Nicholson's team ran away last Sunday morning, with the buggy, but no one was hurt. The buggy was somewhat badly damaged. It is at the shop now for repairs.  
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## HIGH VALLEY.

### Changes and Improvements Recently Made There.

The Public School--An Extremely Dry Spell--Homo's Views on the Political Situation.  
Dec. 8, 1890.  
High valley is awake and improving. Peter Goyette and Warden Hathaway have each built new and commodious dwelling houses. A new school house 20 by 30 feet has been completed by Thomas Anderson, architect. The district pays for the house by subscription. Taxation is not appreciated here by any means. John Minnick is building a feed barn 28 by 100 feet. Mr. Robert Lloyd of Union is the builder and painter. At present writing the drouth remains unbroken and things are beginning to look quite billious. The streams are drying up. A few wells are being dug by parties who have heretofore never known what it was to be short of water. In fact we need a big rain badly and since the good book says that the prayers of the righteous availeth much, let all the righteous pray for it. Those who don't know how to pray will find this a good time to learn and the sooner you learn to pray the better. Our little enterprising school ma'am, Miss Nellie Welch, closed her school here on the 5th by giving a grand exhibition at night in the new school house. The merits and demerits of all the recitations and dialogues we will not attempt to criticise in-as-much as every one appeared to fully appreciate the entertainment, and the dance which lasted till 3 o'clock in the morning. The school has truly proved a success in every way and henceforth we can accommodate a teacher with better facilities and the wages of the future applicant ought to be correspondingly reduced. After a protracted threshing spree and wood sawing exercise we have returned home to try to form the acquaintance of our family. How pleasant the thought of being actually at home. We think, as others do, that there is no place like home. Since our last letter to THE SCOUT there has been many changes, both real and imaginary, sweet and sour, sad and mournful, with the good and bad. Friends and relatives have come and gone; the sad death of the young wife of Edward Gagnon--a brief term of wedded life, then sickness and the chill composure of death. Numerous times have we been asked what upset congress and thereby spilled out all of the republican members, save your Reed and a few other republicans germs, but it will never do to shear democracy of any part of the glory. That must come to them for the pleasant duty of pitching Tom Reed out of the speakers chair. The grand old party of lofty patriotism and high moral ideas--the gang and the so called gang smashers--this God and morality party, universally stand before the people convicted. The war is among the leaders of the party who have written many a platform abounding in sentiments of lofty and glowing patriotism and glittering qualities that sound so well and mean so little. We are reminded of the old adage "Big fleas have little ones to bite 'em, and little ones have lesser still and so ad infinitum." The great reform party is conceived and will be born at full term when the great body of farmers, laborers and mechanics, the makers and conservators of civilization shall study and know more about political economy than they do of scientific politics. As I look out upon the busy agonizing world, I have to be a worshiper of labor; yes, real, dirty, sweaty labor; for without it all leisure, culture, wealth, every amenity and every aspiration would soon abandon its erect position and be going on its hands and knees. The tariff is not a tax, by no means, but the people say it is, and don't you forget it.  
HOMO.  
EAGLE VALLEY.  
Residence of Daniel Tarter Burned--The Public Schools--Personal Notes.  
Fred Givens and Charley Wise are on the sick list. Deputy Sheriff W. R. Usher was in the valley a few days ago. Mr. R. B. Gibson, who visited Pocatello, recently, has returned. Mrs. W. R. Wise left for California, Dec. 1st, to visit her mother. She will be gone about six weeks.

If you want to see a race horse, call on Doc Russell. "Grey Eagle" can get there and don't you forget it. The schools of this valley are progressing nicely under the management of Mr. Oscar Kendall, in the Center district, and Miss Cora Compton, lately of Michigan, in the Lower district. Last Saturday fire was discovered near the stovepipe in the house of Daniel Tarter. Vigorous efforts were made to check the flames, but were of no avail. The flames leapt in the air and soon the entire building was ablaze. A large portion of the household furniture and goods were removed, but \$500 in bills was burned and \$300 in gold was melted and stuck together. This was recovered after the fire. The house was insured for \$400 which will help the old people out a little. The fire caught from the stovepipe. It is to be hoped that it will be a long time before another occurrence of this kind. People cannot take too much pains with their stovepipes.  
NEWTON BRADFORD.  
AS OTHERS SEE US.  
The City of Union as Seen by a Visiting Newspaper Man.  
Mr. Anthony Noltner, editor of the Portland World, visited Union recently, and this is what he has to say about us: "Union is the county seat of Union county. It is situated about two miles off the main line of the U. P. railroad, and this fact has in a great measure retarded the prosperity of the town. Unfortunately for Union, the people have waited and prayed too long for the railroad companies to come to their assistance, and in a measure neglected their own opportunities to advance the interests of their town. There is ample wealth and enterprise in the place to have long since built a branch road from the town to the depot, and thus made the connection complete and not in anywise be left at the mercy of the railroad management. In order to secure the Hunt system, the people agreed to give a substantial bonus. This same subsidy, if applied to a branch to the depot and then another into the rich timber lands within a distance of ten or twelve miles from the place would be far more beneficial. Union has all the advantages of other towns, to become a prosperous place, and the people should not fail to take advantage of their opportunities. It is a most handsomely located town, and surrounded by an extensive and productive farming section. Several new buildings have been erected, and at present two new bricks are in the course of construction, one belonging to our democratic friend Mr. Wm. Wilson, who has always been the firm and substantial friend of the place. Benevolent societies have all prosperous lodges and the society of the place will compare favorably with any town on the coast. The Scout is the only paper now published in the town, and is a prosperous and well edited local paper." [It will be observed that THE SCOUT is credited with being the only paper published in the town. This is correct, in one sense, but we have another alleged paper here known as the Republican, and if there is any credit in having such a thing, "Tony" should not overlook it. It is quite probable that he, like almost everybody else, never saw or heard of that delectable sheet.--EDITOR SCOUT.]  
THE CRY OF MILLIONS!  
OH, MY BACK!  
STOP IT NOW.  
SOON IT WILL BE TOO LATE.  
I have been troubled many years with disease of the kidneys and have tried many different remedies and have sought aid from different physicians without relief. About the 15th of April I was suffering from a very violent attack that almost prostrated me in such a manner that I was bent over when I sat down it was almost impossible for me to get up alone, or to put on my clothes, when kind Providence sent Dr. Henley, with the OREGON KIDNEY TEA, to my hotel. I immediately commenced using the tea. It had an almost miraculous effect, and to the astonishment of all the guests at the hotel, in a few days, I am happy to state, that I was a new man. I will recommend the tea to all afflicted as I have been.  
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