

## EAGLE VALLEY.

### The Work of Circulating Petitions Goes on.

### INJURED BY A RUNAWAY TEAM.

Fine Winter Weather—And still they Dance—Personal Notes.

New Butte, Jan. 22, 1891.  
Miss Elsie Bennehoff is still very sick.

There is some hay in the valley for sale yet.

Ben Longley has added some new buildings to his premises.

C. T. Wise started for the east on a visit to his mother, on the 22nd inst.

There is some stock on the range yet, which are doing very well for winter rustling.

After about seven weeks of illness, R. B. Gibson is able to work in his blacksmith shop again.

A social dance was had at Fred Simon's residence Jan. 16. Although the crowd was small, a good time was had.

Dancing is still in practice, with occasionally a pugilist getting on the war path, but doing no damage whatever.

D. J. Sanders, our shoemaker, will in a few days have on a new supply of leather. He expects to move his shop in to the blacksmith building.

Oscar Kendall will soon close a long, successful and well-managed term of school in the Middle district. He is a good teacher and has given splendid satisfaction.

Tom Bashaw, our noted carpenter, has been doing some very creditable work, making pickets for the graveyard fence. The work will be completed early in the spring.

We have been having nice weather for this time of year. Who ever saw a better winter for feeding stock? No snow in the valley, but lots of fog on the snow-capped hills around the valley.

Ben Longley and George McGowan, our noted stockmen, have shipped several car loads of beef cattle to the Portland market. These cattle were fattened on alfalfa hay and were in good condition for shipping.

Mr. E. Samis, while hauling a load of hay recently, his team became unmanageable and ran away, throwing him from the load on the frozen ground, sustaining severe injuries on the right arm, jaw and hip. Although his elbow is badly bruised, it is believed that no bones were broken.

The following is a list of work done by our road supervisor, Chas. Howell: One bridge, 12 ft. span; 1 bridge, 16 ft. span; 4 bridges, 8 ft. span and 14 culverts, making in all 6 bridges, 14 culverts built and one-half mile of new road graded, besides working 23 miles of old road. Charley has made a good supervisor.

If Baker City wants to be so good to this valley let them build a wagon road down Powder river to us. They get most of our trade and would get more if they would do us a favor occasionally; but instead of doing us a favor they do us an injury by trying to get the right of way through our ranches to build a railroad(?) for the small sum of nothing. Such an injury is not very easily overlooked by our people.

Charles Duncan, of Baker City, has been circulating a petition here to have Eagle and Pine valleys annexed to Baker county. What has Baker City done for us? Nothing, only injury, and they are still trying to do us more, and will if our citizens do not wake up and remonstrate against their scheme. They say they will build us better roads if we will go to their county, but why haven't they done this before now? Because they thought they would get us in their county and then we could build our own roads or go without. Union county had better get in and rustle or we may fall under the blow.

NEWTON BRADFORD.

### FROM ALBANY.

A New Year Letter From an Occasional Correspondent.

ALBANY, ORE., Jan. 18, 1891.

EDITOR OREGON SCOUT—

The State legislature is now all the talk. Each man has his pockets full of "bills," mostly for appropriations of one kind and another. We hope they may not all pass.

The "Wm. M. Hoag" was the first river steamer to come to Albany this winter. She passed down Friday, bound for Portland. We see no reason why we should not have an open river at least half of the year, if not all the year.

Albany's charter will be presented to the legislature for amendment. The amendments will give our city fathers some chance to do city improvements. Issue \$75,000 bonds to build sewers and a steel bridge across the Willamette river at this city.

There has been no snow in this section this winter and the coldest weather we had would hardly freeze potatoes. Of course, we can have lots of bad weather yet, but the backbone of weather is broken for the Willamette valley this season.

The editor of the Halsey News, a brother of your's truly, has a new "devil" at his establishment. We have not yet enjoyed the pleasure of gazing on his majesty, but from all accounts he "looks just like his dad." His apprenticeship began on the 16th inst and bids fair to be an honor to the fraternity as well as mankind generally.

Your correspondent notes with a great deal of pleasure the, in the language of the "Democrat," squally weather predictions of the past few days. "Baby's got a tooth" will soon be the pleasant greeting the numerous papas will receive on returning from their daily vocations. Let the good work go on forever.

The G. A. R. post of this city gave "The Veteran of 1812," to a good house on both Friday and Saturday evenings. This is a strong military drama with some fine acting and most excellent tableaux. The proceeds go into the fund of the post for relieving the sick and disabled members who need assistance. We were pleased to see so large an audience each evening.

The bill boards announce for the 20th the Goodyear, Elitch, & Shilling company and for the 21st the Hill-Park Concert Company. Both play in other towns and Portland to large houses. The enterprising lessors of the opera house, Messrs. Warner & Cranor, have been associated with traveling troupes and being well acquainted will spare no pains to give Albany her share of the best shows on the road at all seasons.

We are enjoying a great deal of good whole-soul religious work in our city. The Baptist, Methodist, United Presbyterian and Young Men's Christian Association, are all holding services on week days, and it is pleasing to note that all are doing some good work. We don't think there can be too much of this kind of work done. The present is a very wicked, sinful time, and we only hope that every one may be led to take up the cross and be a pure-in-heart Christian. Let us all hope that everyone who has not confessed Christ may be led by some of the noble workers in the cause to do so.

### THE COVE.

Items of Interest From Our Regular Correspondent.

Cove, Ore., Jan. 25, 1891.

The measles still linger with us, but seem to be, lately, in a rather milder form.

Jack Thomas expressed his deer to Iowa friends Sunday. The expressage was the trifling sum of forty dollars.

Mr. J. H. Fisher is preparing to build a dwelling house on his land in East Cove, for his own accommodation.

Mr. John Chadwick had a barrel of hickory-nuts arrive direct from old Wisconsin last week. If you show proper respect he may give you a handful.

Eddie Payne, who has been attending school over at Walla Walla, last Thursday, slipped while jumping, and suffered a fracture of his left wrist. His mother will go over this week.

Mr. H. W. Stevens arrived from "Webfoot," Oregon, a few days since and in company with his wife and child, who have been visiting in Cove, left for Chillicothe, Mo., where Mr. Stevens intends engaging in the mercantile business with his brother.

Cove Literary Society will meet as usual at the Morrison building next Friday evening. The question for debate is, "Resolved that in assessing, indebtedness should be deducted"; leader on the affirmative, Albert Conklin; colleagues, O. Eckersley, J. E. Hough and others; negative, Prof. Horner, of Frosty school, with colleagues M. B. Reese, M. W. Mitchell et al. Besides the regular debate, music, declamations, etc., will be on the programme.

### NOTICE.

God's Blessing to Humanity—So Says an Oregon Pioneer, Ninety Years Old. FOSTER GROVE, Ore., March 19.—I have used the OREGON KIDNEY TEA and obtained immediate relief. It is God's blessing to humanity. I take pleasure in recommending it to the afflicted. I am now nearly ninety years old, came to Oregon in 1842 in the employ of the Hudson Bay Company, and since I began using the OREGON KIDNEY TEA I enjoy good health. DAVID MUNROE.

## OUR FARMERS.

### The Cause of Their Financial Embarrassments.

### THE WAY FOR THEM TO PROSPER

"Homo" Discourses on the Condition of The Tillers of the Soil.

EDITOR OREGON SCOUT—

In the last issue of THE SCOUT, J. J. Blevans, of Three Buck, Wallowa county, gave a graphic account of the deplorable condition of the farmers' condition there, and from what information I have from sources worthy of credit, I find that the majority of the farmers of Union county are borrowers rather than depositors in our banks. Considering the quality of our soil and the favorable seasons, the reverse ought to be true. Our farmers ought largely to be depositors in the banks, or at least ought to have sums of money, more or less, laid aside. That they have not, can only be accounted for by something affecting them being radically wrong. Now why is this? This is a very pertinent question, in fact there are few questions more pertinent. The farming community of any country is its most important class, and from their condition can be judged pretty clearly what the country itself is. If the farmers are poor, the country is poor. If they are rich the country will be rich; moreover they are the best distributors of its wealth, and when they are prosperous we need have no fear as to the amount of money needed to carry on the business of the country. Furthermore, a rich farming class is the best preventative against the power of the Wall street kings to fluctuate the money market to the serious detriment of the country. We know when the farmers have plenty of money they spend it freely, and the towns and cities and all dependent on them will feel the beneficial results. These conclusions cannot very well be denied, and those who have seriously studied the matter will at once admit this truth.

Three things to my mind are required to make farmers prosperous, whose lands are as good as those in Union county. First, their own industry. Second, a ready market for the sale of the products raised on the farm. Third, the purchase, at their normal value, of those things which they are necessitated to buy. Without the first it is idle to talk about what is or is not beneficial, not only to the farmer, but to anyone else. Industry is the first condition for success of any kind, and the farmer must have a ready market where he can sell the productions of his labor without let or hindrance. If it is otherwise he might as well be idle. If his markets are subject to partisan legislation his goods can never be relied upon to bring their normal price or to pay him for his labor. At present, with our farms yielding a greater supply than the demands of home consumption, it is of as much importance to nurse and care for the foreign markets as the home. If the surplus products cannot find a foreign market the farmer had better be resting himself, rather than wasting his energy in raising them. On these two first points there does not seem to be much discrepancy of opinion. The third is the bone of contention between the politicians and the political parties, yet there ought to be no more discrepancy of opinion on this than on the other two, for no matter how industrious a man may be, no matter how readily he may get a normal or a good price for the product of his labor, still if he has to give two or more prices for the things he must buy, so far his industry is gone for nothing. The extra price or two which he has to pay robs him of that which is his and transfers it to the pocket of another. Thus the robbery makes him poorer and the other richer. Now this is exactly why so many farmers are in distressed circumstances. They have to give two, and oftentimes more, prices for the things they have to buy. Take as an example, hats, stiff or soft, which they or their boys usually wear. The common price for them is \$2 to \$3 apiece. These hats are made for about 18 cents apiece and can therefore be sold for a good profit at 25 cents each, and for an enormous profit at 50 cents each. Anyone can see this for himself by weighing one of them, then the truth of my assertion will at once appear. It will be still more plainly seen by comparing the work expended on these hats with the work expended on shoes sold for \$1 or \$1.50 a pair. These hats realize a profit of about ten or twelve hundred per cent. Who gets this, it is not necessary to stop to find out. All that

concerns the farmer and other consumers in the transaction is that they have to foot the whole bill. It is almost as bad with the great majority of things the farmer has to buy. His walking plows, I am told, cost him about \$14 each. They are made for about \$4 or \$5. His hay forks are made for 20 or 25 cents and he buys them for 75 cents. The farmer can set it down as pretty near the truth that he pays an average of 300 per cent. on everything he has to buy, some very few things excepted. How, therefore, can he be otherwise than in close circumstances? There is one thing that the average per cent. of profit cannot as yet be known. That is on the product of the American Harvester Co., but the farmer will soon know it. If, however, they are wise and energetic, they can easily cope with that gigantic and deliberate robbery. First, let them have the government subsidy or give a bonus to four or five competitive factories as it has already done in favor of sugar refiners. But the granger, with hay seed in his hair, we are glad to note, is waking up and making demands and asking why are we left thus. He is going to be represented more fully in the halls of congress and state legislatures. His interests have not been looked after, only to his detriment.

The retail merchant is between two millstones—the wholesale houses and a score of worthless customers—and some of our laws seem to be so framed as to make it as easy as possible for a man to get out of paying his honest debts. It is about time some good law was being framed to enable every man in business, or otherwise, to collect what is justly due him. For every honest man who wants to pay his debts, but cannot, there are six dead beats who would not if they could, and the merchants will bear me out in this. There is no fair-minded business man but what will give an honest man plenty of time on his account, but a dead beat, from principal, neither deserves, nor should he receive aid or sympathy from the law.

HOMO.

JOSEPH JOTTINGS.

W. M. Newby has returned from the hills, where he has been looking after stock for several days past.

Miss Julia Ellis has gone to Elgin to visit her sister, Mrs. Goble.

A great many eastern made sleighs are being used in this valley.

Bert Cole and Will Wurzweller took a flying trip to Enterprise today.

A grand ball will be given at Jossph on the evening of February 13th.

Prof. Dunnigan is teaching a good singing school at Alder this winter.

R. R.

### The Road to Wealth

Cannot be successfully traveled without good health. To reach wealth or any coveted position in life requires the full possession and operation of all the faculties that nature has endowed us with. These conditions cannot exist unless the physical being is in perfect working order, and this is impossible when the liver and spleen are torpid, thus obstructing the secretions, causing indigestion and dyspepsia, with all of their accompanying horrors.

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