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Growing Town With Many Natural Advantages—A Small Blaze —Directory.

HAINES, OR., May 3 1891.

EDITOR OREGON SCOUT:—

Since my last communication the march of improvement has not waned and building of all kinds still continues to be the order of the day. Many new residences have been erected on both sides of the railroad track, and in consequence of the sale of lots Judge Haines, tho owner and originator of the town plot, has just finished up laying off an additional plot of fifty more lots on the west side.

A PLANING MILL

was erected some time ago and is now in operation, owned by Sanguested & Co., which greatly aids business here, it not now being necessary to haul lumber twelve miles and return in order to have it dressed. The capacity of the mill is twenty thousand feet a day and capable of turning out any description of planed lumber. Its location being on Main street, objections arise on account of the danger of fire, but we learn it will soon be moved to a new location on the west side.

PIONEER HOTEL.

Mr. Ben. Toney, proprietor, has recently leased the reastaurant building on Main street and consolidated the business into one—using the restaurant building as a lodging house. He is enjoying a good business now and furnishes a good table, so say his boarders, those directly entertained. Too many cooks, it is said, will spoil the broth, and by the same reasoning too many public eating houses in a small town spoils a business.

A LUMBER FIRM

under the name of J. J. Ainslee & Co., of Portland, now have an agent who resides in town and manages their interests at this place. They are buying and shipping about all the lumber from the mills tributary to Haines, and paying fair prices, thereby adding renewed interest to this important industry—one of the principal and "main stays" of the town. They have come to stay and we are glad of it, as the more solid business men we have the more business will follow.

NEW QUARTZ MINE.

W. W. Ellis, Mark Hurley and another party have recently discovered and are busy opening up a new mine about a half mile north of Mr. Ellis' place on North Powder river. Free gold is to be seen in the samples shown us and the owners are over-sanguine of having "struck it rich." They have five teams on the road, hauling ore to Robbins' mill on Pine creek for reduction. Like the mirage in the desert we hope it will not fade away, but prove a bonanza to the owners.

SAW MILL INDUSTRY.

Endspringer & Henry's mill is located near, and Mrs. Williams', mills, on Rock creek, about five miles west of Haines. Teamsters make two trips daily, with lumber, to town. Ballengal's and Hutchinson's mills are situated respectively on North Powder river and Anthony creek, near the river, about eight and ten miles distant. Two more mills have or will be placed in operation in that locality soon, whose productions will necessarily find a market here.

WATER WAR PENDING.

Farmers residing on and near Rock creek, and the citizens of Haines and all others directly interested in irrigation from the waters of that stream, are signing a protest, now being circulated by Henry Fisher, enjoining an incorporated or any other company from utilizing a portion of its waters, for gain or otherwise, for the very simple reason that there is *none to spare* only to the detriment of those now owning ditches and whose dependence for irrigation water is from this stream. The people of this part of the valley are now, and have been, in peacable possession, for many years, of the waters of Rock creek and as possession is said to be "nine points in law," do not propose to be defrauded out of their rights and will bitterly oppose any scheme proposed whereby their land is rendered valueless. Were a surplus available, no objections would be raised, but on the contrary an insufficient supply is now afforded, hence the protest.

A SMALL BLAZE.

The first visit of the "fire fiend" occurred here on Friday about noon, destroying two dwelling houses for Peter Hanson, on Call street. The origin of the fire is unknown, but was first discovered in a vacant building, which was speedily consumed, from whence it spread to the adjoining building, occupied by D. J. Camble's family, burning it to ashes in a few minutes. Mr. Camble's household furniture, clothes, etc., were saved, with slight loss. For want of fuel the flames here died out, there being no more buildings in line—the wind keeping the flames and heat towards the south and thereby saving the block and possibly the town from destruction. Fortunately the wind, as well as the "water bucket company" hastily formed, prevented the further destruction of property. Some system should at once be organized by our citizens to enable us to more successfully combat our worst enemy—fire.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

The business directory of Haines at present is as follows:

Wilcox Bros., general merchandise.
Al. Toney, groceries and provisions.
Dr. Saylor & Son, drugs and stationery.
J. Ingraham, fruits and confectionery.
Toney & Mark, general meat market.
Andy Toney, general blacksmith.
Sangested & McMahon, planing mill.
J. Toney & Co., wines, liquors, etc.
J. B. Taylor, agent Pacific Express Co.
B. F. Toney, Pioneer hotel and livery.
M. Young & Son, blacksmiths and wagon makers.
E. Ellitson, saloon and wholesale liquors.
Prof. C. Baker, principal public school.
A. L. Saylor, M. D., physician and surgeon.
Judge I. D. Haines, attoroney and real estate.
Mrs. King, millinery and dressmaking.
John Christenson, sewing machines.
Wayman Miller, city feed yard.
Ah John, Chinese laundry.
M. Ainslee, agent Ainslee & Co., lumber.
Rev. Walsh, pastor Baptist church.

Only one secret society—the farmers' alliance—exists, but others are contemplated as soon as a suitable hall is erected.

SECUNDUM ARTEM.

STARKEY STRIKES.

STARKEY, Oregon, May 1, 1891.

Ranchers are all busy sowing grain.

With plenty of moisture in the ground, the ranchers are expecting a good crop this year.

Snow fell Thursday night, making the ground quite white, reminding one of days not long ago.

About 180 head of cattle, belonging to Mr. Caviness of Grande Ronde valley, were driven in on Starkey last Saturday by one James Russell who has since been herding them on the ranch of Joe Laurris. If this is not a case of pure, unadulterated gall we would like to know what is?

Dr. Smith, of the firm of Blaylock & Smith, came over from Walla Walla last Friday to see B. L. Bennett, and for the purpose of taking him to Walla Walla for treatment. Ben will have to have the bone from the knee joint removed. The doctors have kindly volunteered their services free of charge, as Mr. Burnett is not very well off in this world's goods. Blaylock & Smith are a credit to the profession.

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WASHINGTON.

News Items From the National Capital.

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Wrestling With the Silver Problem—Massachusetts Veterans—Simpson Makes Another Hit.

WASHINGTON, April 24, 1891.

EDITOR OREGON SCOUT:—

The Senate Finance Committee met here this week to consider what action it would take under the senate resolution adopted at the last session, ordering this committee to investigate the general working of the McKinley tariff act and its relations to the business and industrial interests of the country. It was decided to entrust the investgation to a sub-committee of five senators, three republicans—Allison, Aldrich and Hiscock, and two democrats—Carlisle and Harris. These gentlemen will devote several months to collecting statistics, and will then take considerable personal testimony.

The resolution under which this sub-committee is acting was adopted by the senate because of the refusal of the House conferees on the McKinley tariff bill to agree to the very sensible and useful amendment, proposed by Senator Plumb and adopted by the senate, providing for the establishment of a permanent tariff commission, the duties of which would have been to have kept themselves posted on the cost of all classes of manufactured articles, including the labor, in this and all other countries, and to impart the information gained to congress, which would have given the profits of our own and foreign manufacturers as they have never yet been given, and would have enabled future congresses to have legislated on this very important subject free from the interested statements which have in the past governed the legislation, or attempted legislation, of both political parties to a much greater extent than they should if the interests of the whole country are to be considered, as they ought to be.

I have never been able to understand why the House conferees refused to agree to that excellent amendment. Such a commission is absolutely necessary; and I have no doubt that it will sooner or later be established on a strictly non-partisan basis. There is no question so important as the tariff upon which accurate information is so hard to obtain. The reason is obvious. It takes years of careful study to thoroughly understand it in all of its manifold details, and the number of members of the Fifty-first congress who so understood it might have been counted upon the fingers of one hand. The average member of congress simply follows his party leaders on the tariff, not having either time or the inclination to master the subject for himself, which makes it all the more necessary to have a source from which such information may be obtained free from partisan or personal bias. This question may appear dull and uninteresting to many people, but upon it depends the future prosperity of this country.

Secretary Foster has been wrestling with one aspect of the silver problem. There are $18,000,000 in silver half dollars in the treasury, which all efforts have so far failed to put into circulation. In two hundred national banks scattered all over the country the government has $24,000,000 deposited. It is proposed to check upon this money from time to time, and to replace it with deposits of those silver half dollars until they have all been thus put into circulation. It was absolutely necessary for Secretary Foster to get the use of this money, as on the first of July he will have to pay about $30,000,000 for pensions, and the present available surplus in the treasury, aside from these silver half dollars, is only $12,000,000, and it is not expected that it will be materially increased by the first of July.

The veterans of the Sixth Massachusetts regiment, which was mobbed in the streets of Baltimore in 1861, visited Waghington this week. The present lieutenant governor of New York, "Jones he pays the frieght," was colonel of this regiment in '61. He did not accompany them, whether because he wasn't asked, or because his duties at Albany prevented, I am unable to say.

Representative Jerry Simpson made a hit among the old soldiers by a speech delivered before a meeting of John A. Logan command, Union Veterans, here this week, advocating the payment by the government of the difference between the value of the greenbacks paid the soldiers during the late war and the value of gold at that time. He called attention to the almost forgotten fact that Gen. Scott had promised the soldiers that the dollars they received would be redeemed in gold, and said that now while so many newspapers were prating about the honest dollar was a good time to make those dollars received by the soldiers honest.

J. H. C.

NORTH POWDER NUGGETS.

Warm weather is with us again.

We report F. T. Shaw as our most successful fisherman.

Mr. Al. Graham and wife are up from Snake river, visiting friends and relatives on Wolf creek.

Grain that was sown early looks very well, while the late sown we fear will not come up unless we have rain.

The sale at Mr. J. W. Kimbrell's on the 2nd inst. was very well attended. Everything sold at a reasonable price.

La grippe has almost entirely left our country. There are none of us that care about entertaining such a visitor.

Gorham & Rothchild have a supply of carts and hacks on hand. Those wishing such will do well to call on them for prices.

J. W. Kimbrell will leave in a short time for Pendleton. We are sorry to lose any of our good citizens, but hope our loss will be his great gain.

J. L. Baty, who is nearing the seventy-fifth milestone of life, has had a very severe tussle with la grippe, but has won the victory, escaping with a supply of strength and energy remarkable for one of his age.

A little daughter of H. O. Gorham, of Wolf creek, was violently thrown from a horse on the 28th ult. Her arm was broken in the fall. Dr. Dodson, of Baker City, was called and she is now rapidly recovering.

North Powder is surrounded by the best of farming country and fine timber and should be one of the booming towns of Eastern Oregon. Better facilities for a thrifty, business town are not to be found. What we need is more enterprising, energetic business men. We have enough of those "Oh Lord help me and my wife, my son John and his wife, us four and no more" men. We want those who have the general welfare of the people at heart.

OBSERVER.

ALICEL NOTES.

ALICEL, Oregon, May 4, 1891.

Rain badly needed.

James L. Woodell was in the city a few days ago.

There will be preaching at the sandridge church next Sunday by an old gentleman from West Virginia.

Prof. Hawley visits Alicel very frequently. Whether he is after his mail or that young widow, we don't know.

Sunday school at the sandridge church every Sunday morning. Thos. Gilliam, superintendent; John McCart, assistant.

We are all going to La Grande next Thursday evening to see grandfather's hat if the Dago Central will run an excursion and give us a pass.

Mr. Watts, of Nebraska, has located at Alicel. He is an experienced blacksmith and is prepared to do all kinds of blacksmithing in a workmanlike manner.

Prof. Rork gave a lecture at Alicel a few weeks ago, but failed to organize an alliance on account of people being too much interested in their work to participate in his meetings.

One more week and most all the farmers will be through seeding. It seems that the farmers are behind with their work this year, but the grain that was put in the ground early has not come up yet on account of no rain. Most of the farmers begin to feel a little blue, but on second thought rejoice at the promise that those who sow shall reap.

MINERVA ANN.