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## WASHINGTON.

### Peffer Denies Having the Presidential Itch.

**SOME PERTINENT QUESTIONS.**

A Satisfactory Arrangement Between  
Blaine and Harrison—In-  
dian Soldiers.

WASHINGTON, May 1, 1891.

**EDITOR OREGON SCOUT:**—

Senator Peffer does not like the  
charge that has been made against him  
of his being a victim of the presiden-  
tial itch, and he told a friend that he  
thought it was but a part of the pre-  
arranged programme to use ridicule or  
any other weapon that might be avail-  
able to break the force of the arguments  
he has made since he came east in de-  
fence of the rising of the common peo-  
ple, as represented by the Farmers'  
Alliance and organizations in sympa-  
thy therewith. He says further that  
he isn't a candidate for president, and  
doesn't expect to be, as he calculates  
to devote the next six years to the  
service of the people on the floor of  
the United States senate chamber, and  
that is about as large a contract as he  
cares to undertake during that time.

What is the actual condition of the  
United States treasury? How much  
cash, available for immediate use, has  
the secretary of the treasury at his  
command? These questions would  
seem to be simple and easy enough to  
answer, but what knowledge does the  
public gain when the daily treasury  
balance sheet gives the surplus of  
available cash as between eleven and  
twelve millions; the director of the  
mint gives it as \$258,000,000, and Sec-  
retary Foster as \$70,000,000. Which,  
if either, is right? Certainly all can-  
not be. Mr. Foster very sensibly says  
that he believes it is wise to discuss  
the financial affairs of the government  
with the public, and most people will  
agree with him; but a solid foundation  
is necessary in order to discuss the  
matter understandingly, and this founda-  
tion cannot be had until the people  
are given an authoritative statement  
concerning the present condition of  
the treasury. Let a plain statement  
be prepared of the seven hundred and  
odd millions of dollars that are known  
to be in the treasury, showing just  
which are trust funds and which the  
money owned outright by the govern-  
ment, and be given out in the place of  
the present complicated statement  
that nobody outside of the treasury de-  
partment seems to understand at all  
and which is interpreted differently  
inside that building.

It is believed that the friends of Mr.  
Harrison have succeeded in getting Mr.  
Blaine to promise that he will write a  
letter which will make it impossible  
for his name to be longer considered  
as a presidential possibility, and which  
will throw the entire Blaine influence  
to Mr. Harrison. Mrs. Blaine has  
been a valuable ally to the Harrison  
forces, as she is most bitterly opposed  
to her husband ever going through  
another campaign at the head of his  
party's ticket, believing that the worry  
would certainly kill him. Mr. Blaine,  
if one may believe his close personal  
friends, needed very little persuasion  
as far as the use of his own name is  
concerned, as he had long ago reached  
the conclusion that he would never be  
president, and made up his mind never  
again to be a candidate. The Harrison  
boom has received an unexpected  
accession in the support of Senator  
Quay and Mr. Clarkson, who have  
been considered as being opposed to  
the renomination of Mr. Harrison, and  
this is understood here to mean that  
there will be no organized opposition  
to him.

Ex-Senator Blair will not go to Chi-  
na as United States minister, for the  
very plain reason that the emperor of  
China has notified the department of  
state that he does not want him to  
come. Mr. Blair will be sent else-  
where, probably to Japan.

The report of the investigation made  
by U. S. officials of the records of the  
Italians lynched at New Orleans has  
been received at the department of  
justice and turned over to Mr. Blaine.  
It will probably not be made public  
until after Mr. Harrison returns and  
possibly not until the Italian govern-  
ment is again heard from.

The house and senate joint commit-  
tee charged with the investigation of  
the printing and distribution of public  
documents has, after doing consider-  
able work, adjourned until June. It  
is already apparent that the committee  
will be able to point out the way to  
save several hundred thousand dollars  
a year without injury to public inter-  
ests.

General Schofield says he is pleased  
with the progress made in en-  
listing Indians in the army, and that  
he hopes some of the Indian troops  
may be organized and sufficiently  
disciplined to be stationed at the  
World's fair in '92.

Considerable interest in the speaker-  
ship fight was aroused this week by  
the presence here of Mr. McMillin  
and several of his lieutenants in con-  
ference. None of the gentlemen  
would say what they came for, but it  
was evident that they thought it im-  
portant. J. H. C.

**County Court.**

Road petitioned for by J. W. Kim-  
brell et al; report of appraisers adopt-  
ed and clerk ordered to issue warrants  
for \$160 in payment for same, and  
road declared a public highway.

In matter of improvement of  
county jail; continued for term.

In matter of appropriation for road  
east of Elgin; \$150 appropriated to  
improve said road and John McDonald  
appointed supervisor.

Road petitioned for by Lou Mahaffey  
in her own right; dismissed.

Road petitioned for by J. C. Oliver  
et al; report of appraisers read and ap-  
proved and warrants drawn in favor of  
claimants for amount allowed; road  
ordered opened.

In matter of Catherine creek im-  
provement; continued until July term  
of this court.

Road petitioned for by Rudolph  
Hug et al; ordered opened.

Road petitioned for by Joseph Hartly  
et al; ordered opened.

In matter of distribution of road  
funds; continued for term.

In matter of settlement with sheriff;  
all delinquent rolls turned back with  
new warrants; new roll to be made  
out at once and turned back.

In matter of J. H. Smith's tax;  
special warrant to sheriff recalled;  
clerk to send copy of order to Hamil-  
ton and he to account for taxes and  
costs.

In matter of Jos. Huffman road;  
road ordered opened.

In matter of return of surveyor's in-  
struments; instruments returned and  
surtees released.

In matter of resignation of Al.  
Keifer, road supervisor; resignation  
refused; clerk ordered to write Keifer  
and urge him to continue.

Road petitioned for by C. B. Leep et  
al; A. P. Greener, Dan Moore and  
Chas. Oliver viewers, J. L. Curtis sur-  
veyor, to meet at beginning of road on  
Saturday, May 30, 1891.

In matter of bonds of Geo. Hender-  
son; notice by bondsmen given that  
they will not continue as surety and  
clerk ordered to notify Henderson and  
ask him to file a new bond.

Road petitioned for by H. H. Grubb  
et al; Dan Moore, S. S. Pindell and  
Geo. Brown viewers, J. L. Curtis sur-  
veyor, to meet at beginning of road on  
Friday, May 29, 1891.

Road petitioned for by E. E. Taylor  
et al; Sam Thompson, John Graham,  
Jr., and T. F. Galloway viewers, J. L.  
Curtis surveyor, to meet at John Elli-  
ott's old place May 23, 1891, or place  
of beginning.

In matter of appointment of road  
supervisor for district No. 32; D.  
Haynes refused to act and Henry  
Hunter was appointed.

In matter of Benjamin Burnett, a  
pauper; it appearing that Burnett  
needs an operation, ordered that May  
allowance be sent as usual, and they  
instructed that at any time they can  
have operation performed he can have  
one quarter's allowance in advance.

In matter of wood for county; con-  
tract let to L. A. Robertson for 60  
cords at \$3.50 per cord.

In matter of improvement of court  
house; clerk ordered to advertise for  
bids, etc.

In matter of resignation of Geo.  
Henderson, road supervisor; resigna-  
tion accepted.

In matter of resignation of J. B. Al-  
derman, constable; resignation ac-  
cepted.

## HIGH VALLEY.

### Brief Personal Mention and News Notes.

**FARMERS' ALLIANCE ORGANIZED**

A Visit to Elgin—Encounter With an In-  
sane Man—Advice to the  
Alliance.

High Valley, May 11, 1891.

Mother Davis is suffering from brain  
affection.

Sam McMaster and Al Minnick  
trapped another old leprosy recently.

Mr. Meritt Wilkinson has gone to  
inspect Jackson county, Oregon, in  
quest of a new location.

Joseph Logsdon just sailed from  
Kansas City to find his brother here,  
whom he has not seen for sixteen  
years. We had a larking good time  
with Jo, while in Kansas City some  
eighteen months ago and now extend  
to him a hearty welcome to our circle.

Prof. Rork has organized the High  
valley farmers' alliance, with nine  
charter members and seven new ap-  
plicants at the first meeting. The  
officers are as follows: President, B.  
Logsdon; vice-president, Andrew Wil-  
kinson; secretary, J. W. Minnick;  
treasurer, Meritt Wilkinson; chap-  
lain, M. E. Wilkinson; steward, Wm.  
Alexander.

From the effects of the late rain,  
frost, dry weather and hard times the  
most of us did a fair half day's work  
on the 10th inst. and went to church  
in the afternoon to hear a discourse  
delivered by Rev. Mr. Hughes from  
Union. The running gear of a Sun-  
day was framed. However, the hard  
shells of all the old timers will be hard  
to crack with the devil's threatening  
hammer.

While on a visit to our brothers, ten  
miles northeast of Elgin, last week we  
saw many new things and learned of  
many more. The sandridge is the  
farmer's Paradise. There we met Mr.  
G. W. Ruckman; he told us that the  
past year he had loaded on his farm  
eleven fine colts, every one of them  
males, and out of twenty-seven calves  
four only were heifers. So we quietly  
drove on, passing many nice farms  
and handsome farm dwellings until we  
reached the narrows of Grande Ronde  
river where it cuts through and winds  
down some six miles to where it widens  
out to give spreading room to the  
pretty little town of Elgin. From  
there on the whole face of the earth is  
blackened by the plowman. Elgin is  
destined to be a great grain center and  
supply point. From every indication  
the amount of potatoes being planted,  
if they mature well, will fill Grande  
Ronde valley four inches deep on a  
level, from bluff to bluff.

There came near being a shameful  
tragedy enacted there by crazy Chris  
Lawson, a Dane, who is demented at  
times. Being a strong, powerful man  
of over 200 pounds weight, a little  
lame in one leg, he is a holy terror to  
the neighborhood. The spells  
seem to come on from sixteen to twenty  
days apart and some three or four  
days prior to them he seems wild and  
sullen, claiming the devil is filling him  
full of fire. He wants to kill some-  
body and the small children have been  
threatened till their lives are miserable  
to them. On the evening of May 4th  
Mr. Gyise Muhlenbergh came in from  
plowing and was standing watering his  
team when Lawson came up behind  
him with a big club in his hands and,  
without one word of warning, struck  
him on the head with such force that  
his victim was sent the earth uncon-  
scious, then like a savage beast he set  
to work to make a final finish, but  
John Vass happened to be close by  
and by superhuman efforts, with a  
club in both hands, succeeded in beat-  
ing his death grip loose. He has made  
several other attempts, but with less  
success. It is a shame and a disgrace  
to that settlement to let this man  
Lawson remain at large. School opens  
there on the 11th and a number of the  
children have to pass close to where  
the brainless loiter lives. He was taken  
to Elgin not long since and examined  
by a board of some description, but  
the examining committee, whoever  
they were, turned him loose and now  
he is seeking revenge.

The farmers' alliance should always  
bear in mind that it is not means but  
ends they are after. They can never  
get the legislation they favor through  
either of the old parties. By no means  
tie yourselves to either end of them,  
but hold aloft, sharpen up, stand  
together. Don't stop over. Be con-  
servative, but keep a stiff upper lip.  
Don't be swallowed up. Keep the  
bees out of your bonnet, and keep your  
eyes on the demagogue. So, if we are  
ready and waiting, out from the dark-  
ness and gloom of adverse circum-  
stances shall come the dawn and the  
day's risen splendor of triumph and  
success. The farmers are the greatest  
sufferers from all combinatories. The  
prices on all their farm products are  
made by them, even on every egg be-  
fore the old hen has determined to  
lay it. Now the farmer never was the  
aggrieved. The object of nearly all  
the trusts is to crush him. He makes  
three-fourths of all the wealth of the  
country, but is not permitted to enjoy  
but a small portion of it. He makes  
2 1/2 per cent. on capital invested, with  
all his hard work, while the dear, pro-  
tected manufacturers, on an average,  
make 36 per cent. Our business men  
and farmers must stand together and  
help each other, the only way that in-  
sures success; but the farmers have  
done about all the standing together  
and helping that has been done for  
years past. They have helped their  
towns to grow and prosper; to see  
their cities' school facilities become the  
best, outranking the farmers' fifty to  
one; to see their cities enjoy free de-  
livery of mails at the expense of all,  
and notwithstanding all this, and  
more, to their utter mortification they  
have known their towns to quietly use  
their combined force, so easy of access,  
in our legislature and secure class laws  
against the farm interests. Let 500  
bodies of men be at liberty to make  
rate sheets at pleasure and to make  
or cut and recut them in every di-  
rection at their own unlimited discre-  
tion, or want of discretion, and with  
little restraint on the part of the law,  
which lets the bondholders go scot  
free, railroads and corporations pay  
taxes on only a small portion of their  
wealth, and makes the farmers pay  
three-fourths of the taxes for the sup-  
port of the government, and then tell  
how contented and happy they ought  
to be that they live under a govern-  
ment of equal rights. They pat him  
on the back with one hand, telling  
him how prosperous he is, while they  
have the other hand in his pocket  
squeezing from him the fruits of his  
honest toil. Happy, happy farmer!  
How the rainbow of promise illumina-  
tes his future pathway!

J. W. MINNICK.

### NORTH POWDER NUGGETS.

Business is prospering.  
A prospect for rain is encouraging  
the farmers.

We had a beautiful snow fall and  
quite a frosty freeze, recently, and we  
fear the frost has injured the early  
sown barley.

Mr. Will Shaw, Jr., the genial and  
obliging agent for the Frank Bros.  
Implement Co., is doing a fair business  
in this community.

It is too bad, girls, that the little red  
wagon was so sadly demolished; but  
don't die in despair; it will soon be  
repaired, with new handles, and then—  
watch out.

We think there is a marked increase  
in the wealth of all the young men in  
this community, every "best fellow"  
being in possession of a new buggy,  
which is at the command of the fair  
sex.

We think, by the number of fine  
horses we see parading our streets, that  
the farmers are becoming greatly in-  
terested in the improvement of the  
stock of their horses. We carefully  
note such an improvement as being  
one that is needed.

Elder E. P. Waltz, of this place, was  
agreeably surprised on the 6th inst. by  
a large number of the young people  
assembling at his residence in honor  
of his fiftieth birthday. A nice pres-  
ent was made. A good, social time  
was the unanimous vote of all present  
May be have many happy returns of  
the anniversary of his birthday.

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