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## WASHINGTON.

Peffer on the Farmers Alliance.

THE CHASE OF THE ITATA

President Harrison Returns From H Long Tri and Finds Plenty of Work to do.

WASHINGTON, May 15, 1891. EDITOR OREGON SCOUT :-

Senator Peffer, evidently speaking by authority, says that no third party will be formed by the convention which is to be held in Cincinnati next week, and he considers that the silly rumors about there being danger of the convention being controlled by socialists and anarchists were the work of parties opposed to the gathering which promises to be so important and fruitful. "We have not come," said the senator earnestly, "to destroy, but to build up. Our mission is not to compel the rich man to give up what he has, but to devise some way by which the poor and oppressed may be relieved. We are united upon the necessity of benefitting labor-and when I say labor I mean the work of every one who helps to add to the wealth of the country by what he produces. This includes the builders, the railroad employes, the factory hands, Ewin. and, most of all, the farmers.

"This is a government of the people, for the people and by the people. The people will see that the reform comes in good season. This conference which we will held at Cincinnati will be one step toward reaching the final result, and we have arranged also for a series of mammoth mass meetings in all sections of the country during this summer. When the Farmers' Alliance movement was confined to Kansas we had to work down among the people and reach them by word of mouth. The newspapers continually hard knockers. misrepresented us snd distorted our speeches. We have now come to that point where they are giving us a respectful hearing, and we can feel sure at Elgin, last Friday. that our meetings will be correctly reported.

"We do net expect to form a third party at Cincinnati. There will be no them and report them doing well. discussion of candidates or preparation of a party platform. These things, if they come at all, must come later. We shall content ourselves with issuing a brief address to the people of the country, and then we will go out again among them preaching this new gospel of relief from debt at usurious interest and from labor which continually adds to the wealth of the employer and leaves nothing for the employe.'

leaving Senator Peffer, I met ex-Senabig crop of potatoes in the care of his getting feeble. hired men. Mr. Ingalls declines to say what brought him here just at this time, but there is a rumor in inside circles that he was sent for by Mr. Harrison, who is desirous of making him his friend, for the purpose of asking his advice about some very important matters, and that if he proves agreeable he will be tendered an important federal position, possibly the Secretaryship of War. Of course there may be nothing at all in this, but the fact that Mr. Ingalls should come here at this season, entirely unexpected by any of his friends, gives it a plausibility.

The minor officials of the Navy department regard the chase of the Chilian insurgent steamer Itata as a firstclass lark, and regrets are heard on all sides that the speakers are not aboard one or the other of the United States vessels now in the Pacific ocean. No one believes that it will be anything more than a jolly picnic, and nobody cares three snaps about either the Chilian government or the insurgents. Of course the government was compelled to act upon the request of the Chilian minister and seize the Itata; but if it had desired to keep her, a stronger force than a single deputy marshal would probably have been placed in charge. It was a good deal like the prize crews of one man each which were placed in charge of captured Canadian sealers in Behring Sea season before last.

Mr. Harrison has returned safe and sound from his long trip, and he undoubtedly knows a heap more than he

did when he started; but it is yet to be seen whether his increased knowledge is to be wisely used, or whether it is to swell his head with egotism. He finds plenty of work waiting for him, and if the fear expressed by many that Mr. Blaine will not be able to resume his duties until he takes a long rest is verified, he will find it extremely difficult to dispose of some of it, particularly that relating to foreign nations, much of which is at this time in an unfinished condition, where it requires skillful handling, if we are to maintain the prestige which Mr. Blaine has undoubtedly given us by his administration of the State department, I do not think that Mr. Blaine's health is in the condition that some people are trying to make the country believe it is. He had his own reasons for remaining in New York a few days, and his health had nothing to do with it. See if you don't hear more about Blaine before long. J. H. C.

COVE CULLINGS.

Cove, Oregon, May 27, 1891. Hotel wanted.

The prospect for heavy crops was never more encouraging.

A number of excursionists are out in the mountains east of town.

Mr. J. Lientance has commenced work on the addition to his residence. All the sick in this vicinity are improving under the treatment of Dr

contracts to fill.

Quite a number of transient are visiting the Coye this season. It is the most attractive place in the valley.

Royal Jones was kicked in the face by a colt, cutting him very badly. He has been troubled with exsessive bleed-

49 to 36 in 8 innings in favor of the

good evidences that bee culture will be a success here. Some few parties have

Dr. A. L. Richardson of La Grande, has arranged to have an office in Wright's building. He will be here Mondays and Thursdays of each week

Mr. John Smith of Axvans, Mo. has joined his wife, who has been visiting her sister for the past two months. They are the guests of Mrs. E. P. Mc-

A niece of Mr. J. M. Cravins ar-By a curious coincidence, just after rived from the east this week. She came for the purpose of making the tor Ingalls, who has evidently left that old gentleman a companion, as he is

> Why don't some energetic person with some means start a hotel in this place? It-is one of the most economical and favorable locations for that business. There are at present nine boarding houses, and all would give up the business. There were twelve carriage loads of people in town last Sunday and if there was good accommedation many more would come. We invite you all to come and examine so that you may recommend our location, if not persuaded to remain yourselves.

#### Reduced Rates.

Rates over the Union Pacfic line, on the certificate plan, have been made for meetings specified below; passengers paying full fare going will be returned at one-fith fare on certificates signed by the secretary of the meeting:

The State Convention of the W. C. T. U to be held in Portland May 23d to 29th inclusive, (from rail stations in Oregon.) The Grand Lodge, Grand Encampment and Grand Assembly of the I. O. O. F., to be held at Seattle, Wash., May 11th to 25th inclusive, (from rail stations in Washing-

ton.) Agents will sell to Portland only. Meeting of the Washington State Grange, to be held at Goldendale, Wash., June 2nd to 5th inclusive, (from all rail stations in Oregon and Washington.) Agents will sell to Grants Pass only.

Meeting of the Seventh Day Adventists, to be held at Walla Walla, Wash., May 19th to 26th inclusive, (from rail stations in Oregon and Washington.) U. B. Church Conference, to be held at

Hood River June 17th to 22nd inclusive,

(from rail stations in Oregon.)

W. H. HUMLBERT.

### HORTICULTURE.

Report of the Commissioner of this district.

UNION COUNTY IN THE LEAD

She Produces a Larger Amount And Better Variety of Fruit Than any Other.

We are indebted to James Henderthott, of the State Board of Horticulture, for a copy of the report of the beard. For the benefit of our readers we herewith present a few extracts from Mr. Hendershott's report of the fifth district, of which he is commissioner. He says:

The fifth district, comprising as it does, the counties of Umatilla, Union, Baker, Wallowa, Malheur, Grant and Harney, comprise a vast extent of territory so great that to do ample justice to its horticultural interests would require the constant service of the commissioner at least eight months in each year.

I have, in the past two years, in an official capacity, visited many parts of the State and have as yet to see any fruit that excels that grown in East-

Until quite recently it was not deemed necessary for its inhabitants to turn their attention to agricultural The Cove Souring mills continue to or horticultural pursuits. The unlimirun day and night as they have heavy ted bunch grass supplied sufficient food for the countless thousands of horses, cattle and sheep that roamed over the vast hills and plains; but the bunch grass is fast disappearing; the cattle interest is no longer king; instead the culture of fruit is fast becoming one of Eastern Oregon's chief industries, and will, in the near future, be one of its many sources of wealth.

A very rigorous game of base ball In many places where not long took place here Sunday, resulting in since naught could be seen save a a small inclosure and a few cowboys, may now be seen a comfortable resi-Mr. E. P. McDaniel, son and dence, an interesting family, a live daughter attended the laying of the man and a thritty young orchard; but corner stone of the Presbyterian church | we are fast becoming surrounded on all sides with that deadly enemy of Some seem to think and not without fruit and the disturber of man's morals, the codlin moth, from which, unless the greatest vigilance is maintained, our fruit interests will suffer as

greatly as in Western Oregon. Umatilla county has some very extensive fruit belts, Milton and vicinity being the most extensive. The young orchards are, save a few exceptions, thrifty and well cared for; the older ones in many places are sadly neglected and badly affected with codlinmoth and other pests of a less harmfu

Much of the fruit affected with moth is sold as "windfalls," thereby scattering the pests throughout the country. With but few exceptions those who are engaged in in the fruit industry in Umatilla county are alive to the importance of a thorough and systematic care of their orchards, yet you will occasionally find an old fossil who has 'No pride of ancestay nor hope of reward," whose orchard presents a sad picture, whose slovenly manner is an neat appearance of their orchards.

for her fine fruits; the acreage in having perched itself upon the top of creases at least three hundred per the shed all right side up. cent. each year. Apples, pears, plums, prunes and cherries grow to perfection in the Wallowa valley proper, while in the eastern portion of the county, bordering on Snake river, known as the "Imnaha Valley," in addition to the above mentioned fruits, peaches, apricots and grapes grow to perfection, and as for vegetables, it is truly wonderful; watermelons from 50 to 75 pounds, squash from 75 to 200 pounds are no unusual things.

Union county, perhaps, produces more fruit and a greater variety than any other county in this district. Grande Ronde valley is the most extensive valley in the county; it is 32 miles long and about 18 wide. The fruit belt is confined mostly to the foothills. The Cove is considered to be the best fruit section in the valley, and as for berries and small fruit it cannot be excelled. Five hundred they sold for 50 and 75 cents a gallon -that, too, on land that can be pur- OREGON KIDNEY TEA I enjoy good chased for from \$25 to \$40 per acre. health. DAVID MUNROE.

Eagle and Pine valleys, in the southern part of Union county, are well adapted to the culture of fruit, and are unsurpassed for the production of alfalfa, which, during the season, produces from five to seven tons per acre, Bees in Eagle valley do remarkably well, and bee culture is fast becoming one of the chief industries. The valley is also noted for its time vegetables, surpassed only by the Immaha valley. of Wallowa.

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Baker county's fruit belt, in a general point of view, is confined to Burnt and Snake rivers. In addition wall other varieties above mentioned, English walnuts, peanuts, sweet potatoes, grapes and peaches grow to perfection. The coglita moth made sad havon with the apple crop on Snake and a portion of Burnt rivers this season.

Mallour was the last county to declare that the cattle interest was no longer king, consequently her orchards are young and limited in extent. Fruit where tried has done well; already the settlers are planting orchards extensively. In a few years Mallieur county will grow large quantities of excellent fruit.

We have in Union county one orchard badly affected and two slightly with the codlin moth, and in each case the importation of infected fruit or boxes did the work.

The culture of fruit is fast becoming one of Oregon's principal industries and chief sources of wealth. The thorough protection of this industry hould command the carnest attention of the entire State.

The law creating the State board of horticulture should be so amended as to give the board the power to declare all orchards and nurseries affected with fruit pests a nuisance. They should have power to prevent the importation or exportation of diseased trees or fruit.

should be prohibited, under a heavy penalty, from receiving or carrying trees or fruit unless accompanied by a certificate of the shipper that said articles were free from pests. It is only a question of time when

Common carriers or private persons

the fruits of Eastern Oregon will be as badly affected as in other portions of

unless the greatest vigilance is used,

NORTH POWDER NUGGETS. North Powder is still kicking.

Excessive dry weather is being had t present. How about the "League" you have formed, boys? Is it a conspiracy?

doomy one and farmers are beginning to look "blue," Mr. Rothehild, of the firm of Gor-

The outlook for a good crop is a

ham & Rothchild, returned recently from a business trip to Portland. Mr. Henderson, residing a few miles from this place, is growing better after

an illness of some six months. The Graham brothers are preparing to locate permanently on Snake river, having made preparations to sell off all their horses, cattle and farming implements on the 17th of June.

R. T. Wakefield has a buggy with a wonderful propensity that but few eye-sore to those whose pride is in the have acquired. Recently, when preparing to take his best girl out riding, Wallowa county will soon be noted he found his buggy had gone to roost,

> Quite an exodus has occurred here during the past week. A party consisting of four families departed for Jackson county, Oregon. Most of the party went intending to locate at that place, while some went for the purpose of renewing their health. We are sorry to lose so many from our little community, but hope they may be successful wherever they may cast their anchor. Their progress was somewhat impeded by nine head of horses, belonging to Mr. Gooch, making their escape at Auburn. Having failed to find them, they have again resumed their journey.

OBSERVER.

NOTICE.

God's Blessing to Humanity-So Says an Oregon Pioneer, Ninety Years Old.

FOREST GROVE, Or., March 19 .- I have used the OREGON KIDNEY TEA and obtained immediate relief. It is God's blessing to humanity. I take pleasure in and sixty (560) gallons of strawberries recommending it to the afflicted. I am have been grown on one acre, and now nearly ninety years old, came to Oregon in 1842 in the employ of the Hudson Bay Company, and since I began using the