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Of the Grand Ronde Valley Agricultural Society, for its first meeting October 5th, 1891.

FIRST DAY.
Running, one-half mile, for 2 year-olds, free for all, purse \$25, addings to carry 110 pounds, miles 107, winner of any 2 year-old race this season 3 points extra.

SECOND DAY.
Running, one-half mile and repeat, 2 in 3, purse \$50. Novelist, 2 in 3, for 2 year-olds, free for all, purse \$250.
Saddle-horse race, one-half mile, purse \$50, entrance \$5. Refractive money to go with race. First money 90 per cent, second 10 per cent, third 10 per cent. The directors reserve the right to vary race horses.

THIRD DAY.
Running, one-half mile dash, free for all, purse \$100. Trotting, 3 minute class 3 in 3, purse \$250.

FOURTH DAY.
Running, one mile, novelty, 1st qr. \$50, 2nd qr. \$50, 3rd qr. \$50, 4th qr. \$50, purse \$200. Trotting, 2:10 class, 3 in 5, purse \$200.
The purse aggregate \$2,200
Premiums \$3,500
Total \$5,700

FIFTH DAY.
Running, one mile, novelty, 1st qr. \$50, 2nd qr. \$50, 3rd qr. \$50, 4th qr. \$50, purse \$200. Trotting, 2:10 class, 3 in 5, purse \$200.
The purse aggregate \$2,200
Premiums \$3,500
Total \$5,700

SIXTH DAY.
Running, one mile, novelty, 1st qr. \$50, 2nd qr. \$50, 3rd qr. \$50, 4th qr. \$50, purse \$200. Trotting, 2:10 class, 3 in 5, purse \$200.
The purse aggregate \$2,200
Premiums \$3,500
Total \$5,700

SEVENTH DAY.
Running, one mile, novelty, 1st qr. \$50, 2nd qr. \$50, 3rd qr. \$50, 4th qr. \$50, purse \$200. Trotting, 2:10 class, 3 in 5, purse \$200.
The purse aggregate \$2,200
Premiums \$3,500
Total \$5,700

Third Annual District Fair!
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AUTUMN.

[Written for THE SCOUT.]
Sweet Autumn with pleasure we hail thee once more,
With thy tints of clouds and health-giving
Our beautiful harvest's now gathered in store,
Enough for ourselves, and for others a share.
Delighted we praise thee, twin sister of Spring,
With thy rich tints so blended no art can coin
With the beauty of thy breath and its sharp,
To-day stinging
Thou givest the warblers in beauty most fit,
T. W. Birds and the blossoms that spring did
And thy summer days forest to fruit on the trees,
Most as, truly we bless thee, as we may behold
Gleams of light, that's ripening by thy cooling
breath.

Thou givest new strength to our overwrought
That best of the summer so heavily unstrung,
Thy health-giving beauty assuredly deserves
That song to thy praise be cheerfully sung.
And while we are a legend may we hear in song
That life's spring and summer are passing away,
And the child of life's autumn till now we will
And are ripe for each one of death's wintry day.
—H. C. ENERY,
UNION, SEPT. 17, 1891.

A MILLION A YEAR.

Lottery and Prize Schemes Used to Sell Alum and Ammonia Baking Powders.

A New York concern, manufacturers of an ammonia baking powder, boasts that its yearly profits are over a million dollars. While, perhaps, none of the makers of alum powders individually can show so large earnings, yet their profits are enormous.

A business so profitable will always attract to itself those whose greed will cause them to utterly disregard the effect their traffic may have upon the health or life of others.

Alum baking powders are introduced largely by gifts, prizes and lottery schemes. A piece of glassware or china, a child's wagon, sled, a pewter spoon or some other article of attractive appearance, but of small intrinsic value or cost, is given with each purchase or a number is attached to the can which entitles the customer to a similarly numbered article or to a prize of some kind. It is in some such way as this that the trade in alum and ammonia baking powders has now attained such giant proportions and their consumption by the public has reached an extent which is truly alarming.

The highest authorities of all countries condemn the use of alum in bread without reserve. In America the most distinguished physicians, chemists and hygienists have declared that the traffic in alum baking powders should be suppressed by law. In England and France where the subject of pure food, and its effect upon the system has been more fully considered and made the subject of extended experiments by the scientists, so serious a matter is the use of alum in bread or other food considered to be, that most stringent laws have been enacted to prevent it. These laws are rigidly enforced, and the sale of alum baking powders would not be permitted for an hour. Any one who attempted to make them for use in food, or attempted to use them for raising bread, biscuit or cake, would suffer severe penalties.

The ill effects upon the system of food raised by alum baking powders are the more dangerous because of their insidious character. It would be less dangerous to the community were it fatal at once, for then such food would be avoided; but their deleterious action because imperceptible at first is no less certain.

The puckering effect which alum has when taken in the mouth is familiar to everyone. Physicians say this same effect is produced by it upon the delicate coats of the stomach and intestines. What housewife would take home to her family a can of alum or ammonia baking powder if she knew it. Such powders not only undermine the system, but it is pointed out that ammonia taken into the system in infinitesimal doses day after day, imparts a sallow and blotched appearance to the complexion.

It is safe to discard all baking powders sold with a prize or gift.

What a misnomer are the words "Absolutely Pure," as applied to baking powders. Two of the largest selling brands, one made from alum, the other containing ammonia and both of those drugged baking powders, have stamped upon their labels and circulars those words, "Absolutely Pure." As a matter of fact they are "Absolutely Poor," as shown by official examinations.

Better Than Ever!
The North Pacific Industrial Exposition at Portland September 17 to October 17, 1891. Reduced rates via the Union Pacific.

WASHINGTON.

News of the Week From Our Regular Correspondent at the Capital.

WASHINGTON, September 21, 1891.
EDITOR OREGON SCOUT:—

Mr. Harrison is, in the language of the sporting men "playing in luck" in the matter of patronage, and, being a very shrewd politician, it may be set down as certain that in the distribution of it he will not injure the chances of his own nomination. He has one cabinet position certain, and possibly two or three to give out, two positions on the Interstate Commerce Commission, with salaries—\$8,000—equal to members of the cabinet without the responsibility, worry and hard work attached to the administration of the affairs of the great executive departments of the government; there are nine life-time positions on the bench of the new circuit court, one of which is believed to have been pre-empted by Attorney-General Miller, besides a number of diplomatic appointments and prominent positions elsewhere including the collectorship of customs at New York which Fassett will resign. It has been seldom that a president has at one time had the disposition of so much patronage so late in his term.

There was a rumor here this week that representative Mills would shortly write a letter modifying his position in regard to the free coinage of silver, but it was not generally believed. One member of the house said of it: "Take my word for it there is nothing in it. As you know I am not in favor of Mills for speaker, but I have known him for years and believe him to be too honest a man to change his views or pretend to do so in order to curry favor with anybody or to secure any position. He has for years been an ardent advocate for the free coinage of silver and I shall be greatly surprised if he does not remain such to the end. But even granting that he would be foolish enough to swallow his honest convictions, such a course would kill him at home, for the sentiment in Texas is all for free coinage."

The big lawyers who practice before the United States Supreme Court are looking forward to some very rich picking in the proposed suit against the Bell Telephone company by the Western Union Telegraph company, for the purpose of reopening a case recently decided by Judge Lowell in the U. S. court district of Massachusetts against the Western Union company, the claim being that evidence will be produced to show that the judge was by reason of relatives owning stock therein unduly influenced in favor of the Bell company. This is not the first time that judicial and executive officers of the United States government have been charged with aiding by illegal methods the Bell company, and now it is hoped that the Western Union monopoly, which has quite as much money to spend in finding out the truth as the Bell concern will spend to conceal it, will succeed in letting it be known to the public, upon which both concerns have grown bloated by taxing the people upon millions of watered stock. It is not probable that one of these monopolies is one whit worse than the other, but it is only by their fighting each other that the truth will ever be found out. It is but another exemplification of the adage: "When rogues fall out" etc., and it will be some satisfaction to see the lawyers bleed them as they have bled the people.

The two men upon whose opinions the Chilean steamer Itata was chased in the open sea by the cruiser Charleston—Secretary Tracy and Attorney General Miller—had the satisfaction this week, as representatives of this government, of making an agreement with the representatives of the new Chilean government which ends that episode without expense to this country. Under this agreement the Itata is to be released and the case against her nolle prossed, and the Chilean government is to pay the expense of the Charleston's long trip. Much regret is expressed here at the resignation of Judge T. M. Cooley, of Michigan, chairman of the Interstate Commerce commission, on account of bad health.

It is now settled that Mr. Blaine will return to Washington by October 1st, and his residence is now being prepared for his family. He will find

the officials of his department in a somewhat disgruntled condition, owing to Mr. Harrison's having, for some reason, seen fit to transmit his orders for that department through Secretary Tracy instead of communicating with the department direct. This has ruffled their dignity very much.

Uncle Sam's guarantee that all the pork exported from this country shall be pure is catching the European powers. We had hardly finished rejoicing over the action of Germany in removing the restrictions upon the importation of American pork when little Denmark took similar action, and Uncle Jerry Rusk says France will do the same before long.

J. H. C.
Crop-Weather Bulletin, No. 28.

The observer of the Oregon Weather Bureau, of Portland, Oregon, has issued the bulletin for the week ending Saturday, Sept. 19, 1891, the same being based upon reports received from 147 correspondents, which is as follows:

WESTERN OREGON.
Weather.—The temperature has been lower than the preceding week. The weather has been cloudy or partly cloudy, with rain in the latter part of the week. An earthquake was felt, especially in the Willamette valley, about 9 o'clock on the evening of the 16th.

Crops.—Hop picking is nearly over. The hop crop will amount to about two thirds of a crop, the lice and mould having damaged the other third. Corn in Jackson and Josephine counties is being cut. The yield is larger than for many years. Grapes in the southern counties are ripening and wine making will begin within a few weeks. Threshing is generally over except an occasional small stack in a few localities. Reports continue to indicate that the farmers are all pleased with the products secured, save hops. Peaches, pears, apples and melons are very plentiful and the yield has been more than an average. The prune crop has been fully an average and the drying of them yet continues. Some plowing has been commenced.

EASTERN OREGON.
Weather.—Cooler weather has prevailed, with light winds and clouds. On the more elevated portions, light frosts have occurred.

Crops.—Wheat, oats, barley and rye have all been cut and threshing is in progress, especially in the counties east of and south of the Blue mountains. Threshing is practically over in Umatilla county. In Morrow county there were not enough sacks to hold the wheat and more have been ordered. In other counties the supply of sacks was about used up, showing the grain to have yielded so much more than was expected. The yield of cereals is unusually great in all interior counties. Preparations are being made for preparing the ground for seed, summer fallow is being worked and many sections expect to have as large or larger acreage next year, than they had this year.

B. S. PAGUE,
Observer, U. S. Weather Bureau.

Drunkenness a Disease.

The new treatment for drunkenness and the opium habit, says the Central News, for which an institute at this place is proposed, is a decided innovation on the old method of treating these things as nothing more or less than moral depravity. These habits are now described, named and diagnosed as nothing but diseases, and the craving for narcotics as but their symptoms. The patient is dosed with bi-chloride of gold and at the same time furnished with all the whiskey he wants. It is claimed that in from three to six days all desire or inclination for whiskey or opium leaves the patient. The patient is not, however, deprived of his favorite drug if he wants it. So far from that he is furnished with a bountiful supply and left to quit of his own accord. The bi-chloride is said to be just as efficacious in the case of the tobacco habit. An old smoker and chewer of forty years will commence taking the remedy, and is surprised in a few days to find himself forgetting to light his pipe or whittle on his plug. Before he knows it he is neither chewing nor smoking, and this without any effort at all on his part. Some of the cures sound like fairy tales, and would be entirely discredited but for the voluminous evidence adduced in their support.