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Of the Grand Ronde Valley Agricultural
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5th, 1891.

FIRST DAY.
Running, one-half mile, for 2 year-olds,
free for all, purse \$150—goldings to carry
110 pounds, fillies 107; winner of any 2 year-
old race this season 3 rounds extra.

SECOND DAY.
Running, one-half mile and repeat, 2 to 3,
purse \$50. Novelty, 2 to 3, for 2 year-
olds, free for all, purse \$200.

THIRD DAY.
Saddle-horse race, one-half mile, purse
\$50, entrance \$5. Entrance money to go
with race. First money 60 per cent, second
30 per cent, third 10 per cent. The direct-
ors reserve the right to bar race horses.
Trotting, 3 in 5 for 3 year-olds, purse \$200.

FOURTH DAY.
Running, one-half mile dash, free for all,
purse \$100. Trotting, 3 minute class 3 in 5,
purse \$250.

FIFTH DAY.
Running, one and one-half mile, free for
all, purse \$300. Trotting, 3 in 5 free for all,
purse \$300.

SIXTH DAY.
Running, one mile, novelty, 1st qr. \$50,
2nd qr. \$50, 3rd qr. \$50, 4th qr. \$50, purse
\$200. Trotting, 2:40 class, 3 in 5, purse
\$50.

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WASHINGTON.
News of the Week From Our Regular Cor-
respondent at the Capital.
WASHINGTON, September 18, 1891.
EDITOR OREGON SCOUT:
Mr. Harrison has been able to de-
vote very little time to private confer-
ences since his return to the White
House, as his time has been fully
taken up with public callers of promi-
nence, many of whom have taken
advantage of a five minute chat, with
a score of men in the room, to say a
good word for a friend who is an appli-
cant for some one of the numerous
desirable places now at Mr. Harrison's
disposal. It is said that he intimat-
ed to a gentleman that he would not be-
gin the consideration of the new U. S.
judicial appointments until about the
time congress meets, owing to the
pressing nature of other business.

The court of claims meets for the
fall session this day week, and it
would be very desirable to have the
vacancy upon its bench filled before
that time. It is a position that is
much sought after, as the duties are
not arduous and the salary is \$6,000
per year and the tenure for life. All
the sessions of this court are held here
in a commodious room on the ground
floor of the department of justice.
Some time ago when Mr. Harrison
held that much talked of conference
with Senator Quay he partially prom-
ised the position, not then vacant, to
a protege of the senator, but it is now
stated that owing to Mr. Quay having
since then openly pronounced against
Mr. Harrison's nomination that his
friend will not get the appointment.

The two vacancies upon the inter-
state commerce commission are said
to be causing the commission consid-
erable embarrassment and inconveni-
ence, and a hint has been given to
Mr. Harrison that early appointments
will greatly please the other commis-
sioners. It is regarded as almost
certain that the democrat to be ap-
pointed will be from the south,
and ex-Representative Clements, of
Georgia, is believed to stand the best
chance of being the fortunate man.
The republican will, it is thought, be
taken from the west, but there are
many applicants from other sections.
Ex-Senator Spooner's name had been
mentioned for the appointment, but a
close personal friend of his, in Wash-
ington this week, is authority for the
statement that Mr. Spooner will ac-
cept no federal office as he expects to
be the republican candidate for gov-
ernor of Wisconsin next year.

Mr. Harrison also has two vacancies
to fill in his cabinet, as the attorney
general was forced to confess to an
Indiana republican who asked his
assistance in getting a seat upon the
bench of the new circuit court, that
he had himself accepted the tender of
a seat thereon which settled the other
Indiana man's aspirations most effect-
ually. This has not been officially
announced and probably will not be
until the attorney general's resigna-
tion is handed in, and when that will
be will depend entirely on the will
and convenience of Mr. Harrison.

Secretary Foster made glad the
hearts of Sir Henry Wood, Mr. James
Dredge and Herr Wermuth, the
world's fair high commissioners of
Germany and Great Britain, by assur-
ing them that all tariff restrictions up-
on importations of foreign goods for
exhibition at the fair would be removed
either by rulings of the department or
by special acts of congress when it
can be done in no other way. These
gentlemen afterwards called on Mr.
Harrison and told him how much the
people of Germany and England are
interested in the coming world's fair.

Mr. Wanamaker regards his scheme
for an inspection of all the post offices
in a county by the postmaster at the
county seat as an assured success.
He has already received more than
300 replies to his circular letter, many
of them from democratic postmasters,
and in nearly every case the postmas-
ter willingly agreed to do the work
asked of him, indeed a number of
them have made the inspection and
submitted their reports already.
Treasury department officials who
have to do with immigration matters
are much put out by the decision
made at Detroit, Michigan, this week,
of Judge Swan, which they think will
result in flooding this country with
Chinamen, who will come by way of
Canada, they being allowed to land in
Canada upon the payment of \$50.

The decision held that a Chinaman
caught entering this country from
Canada will be returned to Canada
instead of to China as has been held
by the department. To send them
back to Canada is only to encourage
them to make continual efforts to
cross the line until they finally suc-
ceed.
J. H. C.
Crop-Weather Bulletin, No. 29.

The observer of the Oregon Weather
Bureau, of Portland, Oregon, has is-
sued the bulletin for the week ending
Saturday, Sept. 26, 1891, the same be-
ing based upon reports received from
147 correspondents, which is as follows:
WESTERN OREGON.
Weather.—The fore part of the week
was cloudy and rainy; the latter part
cool, generally cloudless, with fog in
the mornings. Light frost was quite
general on the morning of the 23rd.
No damage is reported from it. This
is the first frost of the season. Smoke
has entirely disappeared from the at-
mosphere.
Crops.—Harvesting of cereals is
over. There are a few small amounts
of wheat and oats to thresh. There
was no appreciable damage done by
the rains. The buckwheat crop of
Clackamas county is very good; small
portions of it were damaged by rain.
Hops are about all baled. Experi-
ments show that sugar beets and
sorghum do very well in Washington
county. The rains softened the earth
sufficiently to allow of plowing in
many counties. In portions of Linn
county the corn is not ripening well.
In Douglas county the wheat was not
over an average in quantity and qual-
ity per acre; oats are, however, above
the average. In Jackson county
grapes are ripening and wine making
will begin next week. In Curry coun-
ty a 200 acre field of barley, oats and
wheat averaged 50, 51 and 33 bushels
per acre respectively. Reports indi-
cate that every one is well satisfied
with the result of the harvest.

EASTERN OREGON.
Weather.—The fore part of the week
was cloudy, and occasional showers
fell; the latter part was generally
cloudless and cool, with frosts on the
20th and 23rd, the first general frosts
of the season.
Crops.—Harvesting and threshing
is generally over, except in Union,
Wallawa and Baker counties where
threshing is being finished up. Crops
have been secured without any dam-
age from climatic conditions, as is the
rule. Large yields are reported from
every county, varying from 40 to 60
bushels per acre. The average yield
varies from 15 bushels per acre in
some localities, to 30 and 40 bushels
per acre in others. In Union county,
for example, one field of 600 acres
averaged a fraction over 40 bushels
per acre. The corn in Umatilla coun-
ty is unusually good. The fruit along
the Snake river was never so good and
plentiful. In Wasco, Umatilla and
Union counties the orchards are filled
with fruit, and the smaller orchards
of the other counties have done re-
markably well. The harvest has been
one of plenty, and the quality of
cereals and fruit a good average.

B. S. PAGUE,
Observer, U. S. Weather Bureau.
The Boomers.
To read the news from Oklahoma,
one would think that the Union was
full of men eager to engage in the
tilling of the soil. Thousands of ostensi-
ble settlers, white and black, are
encamped on the borders of the reser-
vations which are about to be
opened to occupation; and when the
embargo is raised at the signal from
Washington, they will pour over and
take possession of the fields which lie
waiting their coming. Deeds of vio-
lence are already reported from among
them, so great is their excitement, and
they are armed with shotguns and
rifles which it is feared they will use
freely to settle their disputes as their
contests reach their consummation.
Do these men really want to become
farmers? Are they sincerely seized
with an insatiable yearning to drive
the plow across the rich prairies,
to overturn the soil and to sow and reap
the harvest? And in order that they
may not be thwarted of their ambition,
are they submitting to all these hard-
ships in advance, and ready to fight
should it turn out to be necessary? If

this is true, it is certainly very curious.
In New England, close to large cities,
farming land can be had for nominal
prices, and in Minnesota there are
thousands and thousands of acres
which have never borne a crop, and
which promise a handsome return to
him who has the energy and courage
to cultivate them. In the states west
of us are quarter sections after quarter
sections which were taken from the
government by men masquerading as
actual settlers in the years gone by,
lying as they did when the Indians
owned them, except for the ornamenta-
tion which a foreclosed mortgage
affords. If there are so many tillers
of the soil out of a job, why do they
not take up these districts, which can
be had without the use of either a
shotgun or a rifle? The reason is that
they mean work, self-denial and pa-
tience. It is not for these things that
the boomer is looking. He does not
want a farm to till. He wants a farm
to sell. His tools are not the plow
and threshing machine, but the mori-
gag and promissory note. The best
encamped in Oklahoma is not a colony
eager to produce. It is a horde of
speculators, ready to destroy.—St.
Paul Globe.

ALICE! NOTES.
I gave you one batch of notes and
thought I would wait for Minerva Ann,
but she failed to come as regularly as
she usually did with her epitome of
news, so here I come again.
Harvest in full blast.
R. M. Oliver's fall wheat yielded 40
bushels and his oats 21 bushels per
acre.
School began Sept. 21st, with Mr.
Hawley as teacher.
Prof. Pearson and wife were in town
this week.
Quite a large number from our Sun-
day school attended the picnic at the
red pepper school house last Sunday.
John Laramore is delivering several
car loads of oats here.
There has been a large amount of
wheat shipped from here the past two
weeks, and as soon as threshing is over
there will be a good deal more. It is
hard to get cars fast enough at present.
Bill Couper shipped two car loads of
calves from here to supply the veal
trade of Portland.
Earney Johnson is running the
blacksmith shop while Mr. Watts is in
Nebraska. His work is as good as that
turned out by many older smiths.
Al. Glidwell, the genial deputy
sheriff, was here last week.
Charley Cochran has quit work at
the Summerville bank and is at home
for a short time. He will go to work
for Wade Bros. soon.
Miss Mollie Brown has gone home
to attend the Dry creek school. I will
bet a pretty she will be a school marm
by spring.
Bert Oliver makes his regular tri-
weekly trips to La Grande. Some say
he goes to study medicine; others say
he has a dear patient at McDonald's.
AMMY TURE.

COVE CULLINGS.
COVE, September 30, 1891.
H. J. Geer has finished picking hops,
having near 400 boxes.
Threshing continues, and bosses say
it is not near completed.
The potato crop is so great that
prices are not being made as yet.
Born.—To the wife of Ed. Wilson, a
son. Mother and babe doing well.
George Stewart has gone to Union
to work. We did not learn his voca-
tion.
Work on the new church is pro-
gressing, part of the frame being com-
pleted.
Hay baling is getting to be quite an
industry. There are five balers run-
ning at present.
Wm. Russell has rented the black-
smith shop of Alex Cochran, who has
accepted a position in the store of E.
P. McDaniel & Son.
Miss Mollie Hendershott has re-
turned from Baker City, accompanied
by Mrs. W. H. Powell. She reports a
very enjoyable time.
Mrs. James Hendershott was greatly
surprised one day this week by the
arrival of her brother, B. S. Vincent,
from Pennsylvania. She had not
seen him for 40 years. He is quite an
aged gentleman.