

OUR NEIGHBORS.

Clippings from our Neighboring Exchanges.

A rather odd wedding took place a few days ago at Cotton Wash. In a party of tourists, journeying from the coast up into Northern Idaho, by team, were a young man of eighteen years and a maiden of fifteen summers who were desirous of being "hitched," and arriving at Cotton they hailed a preacher who married them on a license from Columbia county but on consideration the minister concluded this was not legal, so the hero of the cloth got him a buggy and followed the couple, and upon overtaking them, again, while they were standing under the wagon covering, and she was "a chewing of her bonnet string" pronounced them man and wife. The picture as presented to the mind of a witness was ludicrous indeed. He with overalls and ducking shirt, and a hay belt acting as suspenders. She with calico dress—running string in the waist—and sunbonnet, making as odd a pair as Josh Billings ever saw—Times Mt. Neer.

If you wish to send a letter in a hurry, says an exchange, be sure to write "in haste" on the envelope. The postmaster and clerk will then fall over each other in their haste to get it in the first mail, then the postal clerk will yell to the engineer, "pull her wire open; there's a letter that's in a rush," and the train will just fly. It is expensive for the railroads as accidents are liable to happen, and officials will not thank us for giving the snap away, but this is the way to get a letter through real quick.

Perry King, apparently a hothead being arrested the 26th inst., at Baker City for vagrancy, through remorse of conscience, confessed to having committed murder on the 13th of July, 1885, in Wallout, Kas., by killing John Page. He claims to have escaped, after being arrested and placed in jail. While making the confession, the Democrat says, he shed tears, and his whole demeanor was that of a man who had undergone great torment of mind.

Waterspouts were quite numerous in parts of the county last week. A heavy fall of water did considerable damage to crops by the rise in the streams, and on Hay creek quite a lot of alfalfa hay that was down was damaged and some fences were washed away.—Ochoco Review.

The yield of grain in Grant county has not been unusually large this year, yet there is plenty for home consumption. In some localities it was far below the average, while in others it was just ordinary. Where conditions were most favorable, there will be some grain for shipment.—Sentinel.

Additional Items.

—Dr. McPheeters is living in the M. N. Feghtly residence.

—Mrs. Ada Jaeger, dressmaker is getting all the work she can do.

—W. F. Grimette and his son in law D. P. Roberts are occupying the A. C. Worthington residence.

—Chas. Johnson moved into the house of Prof. Chas. Newell, yesterday.

—B. H. Fine a former resident of our town but now of Wagon tire, was in Burns last Monday.

—A few blackberries were grown, this season, on the ranch of P. G. Smith two miles south of Burns.

—Prof. Newell moved his family to Harney last Monday. We presume he will commence his term of school there next Monday.

—T. S. Potter is expected back in Burns in a short time to take further evidence, as referee, in the county seat contest case.

—Fredrick Zorn, who murdered his wife and mother in law last October, was hung at Pendleton in the jail inclosure on Friday, the 19th inst.

At Chicago the 18th inst., the pacer Hal Pointer, driven by Geo. Giers, made a mile in 2:05 1/2, beating the record of Direct three quarters of a second.

—A little boy of A. W. Gowen ran the point of a needle into the palm of his hand several days since, which has caused the little fellow much pain. His hand is very much swollen and is not getting any better. The Dr. fears blood poisoning.

—When G. C. Duncan, the old fossil hunter was asked, at The Dalles, having lately unearthed an almost perfect kit of tools of very ancient make why it was that these tools, which could not have been used by no other than human hands, still the evidence of man was missing, he answered in the following language: "Well, I'll tell you; as near as anybody can ever find out, its just this: when the fearful crash of world's occurred in those days, man took to the hills; the animals took to the streams; and the altitudes did not contain the elements of preservation that the low lands did and the trace of man was lost, while relics lead us to know that the animals did exist. The tools of man, pointing to some very valuable fossils, including a saw, a knife, etc., are all we have to reveal to us his existence in this region then."

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