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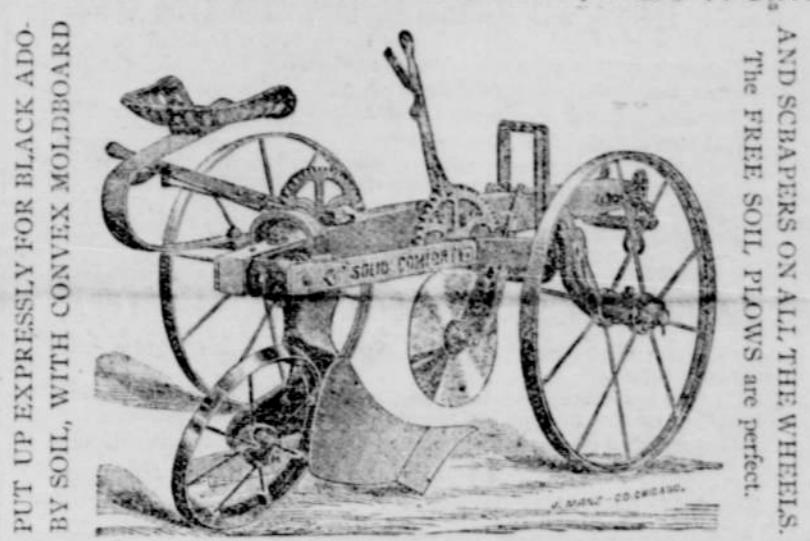
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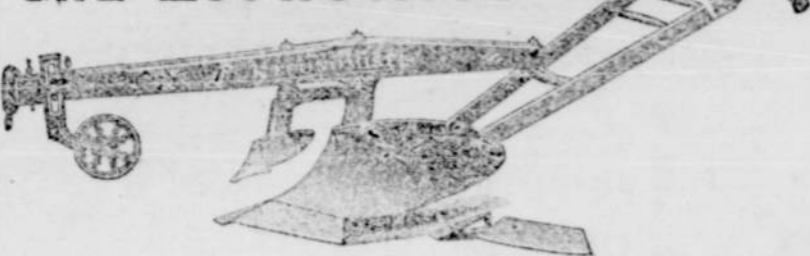
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IN MEMORIAM. BY T. J. B.

A little face Most pure and fair, and delicately shaded, Wee pattering feet whose music had invaded

Each nook of home and heart, Soft baby hands whose clinging touch brought nearer

All precious things that earth or heaven can know; This was our darling and all love seemed dearer,

Because we loved him so-- Our Baby. A little grave Oh, little life outgrowing all, and wearing

So soon the robes of immortality; Yet earth abides though earthly hopes have perished;

While we are mourning for one blossom cherished So tenderly in vain-- Our Baby.

Yet he is ours; The mysteries of the valley intervening Have grown less dim since he went safely through;

How brief the pathway to that open door Where he will wait to welcome those who love him And we shall find once more-- Our Baby.

(Special Correspondence to the Courier.) LETTER FROM LAKEVIEW.

The Horse Swap-Enterprising Indians-Efforts to "Boom" Lakeview, Its Future - Two Notable Deaths - Appointment of Judge Cogswell-the new M. E. Church - the Fire Company and Ball-Signs of the Times-the Beautiful Snow-Accidents, &c.

DEAR COURIER:-In the distant past I promised the dear COURIER that as soon as I reached my base of operations, I would pen a missive of current events transpiring in and about Lakeview, and Lake county generally. In the fulfillment of that promise, I send you the following which you can digest as best you may, for the benefit of your readers.

Ah! how the suppressed emotions swell within me as my mind reverts to the time when Yokum and myself was compelled, through force of sheer circumstances, to swap horses, after crossing the stream (Rogue river). During that memorable "impediment" our horse, "snuffing the difficulties from afar" refused to budge, and I might say here by way of parenthesis, that no amount of urging (lambasting) would act as an incentive to make him move, so realizing our desperate situation, and a lone horseman passing us at the time, we prevailed on his good qualities to unsaddle and help us out of our dilemma, which he did. After our discovery of the animal's constitutional weakness, (another term for downright laziness) we broached a trade to the stranger, which he accepted, by ourselves giving him \$5 with the trade. Although it has been six months since the above occurrence took place, yet the memories of that farcical burlesque will ever remain indelibly impressed on my mind.

We had a delightful trip until after we reached Linkville. After leaving Bonanza, we took the wrong road, and notwithstanding scientific precision and accurate astronomical bearings, we succeeded in guiding ourselves into a yawning cavern--an almost perpendicular canyon--where progress was most almighty slow and our surroundings peculiar. But after finding ourselves once more, we started in pursuit of the serpentine Bly road, which we reached with no small amount of difficulty.

Although we received a great many impressions of the people of the country and the land, in no instance was it more strongly so than on our tour through the Sprague river country. It has been our good fortune in days gone by, to have witnessed the manners, customs and traditions of various tribes of Indians in different parts of the Union; but nowhere have we witnessed such thrift and enterprise on the part of the red man as along the Sprague river. Here may be seen excellent ranches, and thousands of heads of stock in the best possible condition. Their houses are marvels of neatness and design, and stand out in bold contrast to the flimsy structures of their Indian brothers. The Indians belong to the Klamath and Modoc tribes, and are indeed a thrifty and enterprising people.

The solons of Harney valley and upper Lake county are making strenuous efforts to boom the country in advance of the projected railroad to that section.

Lakeview has a promising future before her. What with the erection of the projected buildings, the placing of her fire department on a solid footing, the application by her citizens to the legislature for incorporation, the wonderful growth of the town, the startling impetus to business this spring will have, we may look for great results, for when the people once become awakened here there is no knowing where they will stop or what they will do. This is a good place for a No. 1 tooth jerk-er. Like our friend Beason. In the brick line there is a wide range for talent; a brick-yard here would pay well, and with a brick-maker at its

head like our friend "Four Kings," would yield 200 per cent., and he is the one equal to the occasion.

Two notable deaths occurred here early last month, A. W. Fitts, our county judge, and James W. Evans, well and favorably known throughout the State. The former was an Odd Fellow, and the latter a Mason in high standing.

Attorney Charles Cogswell has been appointed county judge by the Governor, vice A. W. Fitts, deceased. The appointment is one of the best that could have been made.

The new M. E. Church was completed a few weeks since and dedicated by the Rev. Colin Anderson on the last Sabbath of February. Interesting exercises were indulged in to the gratification of all.

The Lakeview fire department, with their beautifully decorated engine and hose cart, drawn by four cool black chargers, headed by the Lakeview band, paraded the principal streets, and presented a very flashy and neat appearance. On the evening of the 22d ult., the company gave a ball, which was very well attended, considering the cold snap.

Frequent complaints are heard in almost every quarter in regard to the closeness of the times, the dullness of trade, and the general scarcity of money. It is no doubt a fact that there are considerable funds here in the hands of a few; but it is confined strictly to iron safes and barred doors, and in consequence, but little, if any, is in general circulation. What a contrast to last fall! Everything then was in full bloom; saloons, hotels, stores and people were taxed to their utmost capacity to do anything like justice to the increased demand of the times. But how different now! Everything is at a complete standstill, with no indications for a change until spring.

The "beautiful snow" at present lies dormant on our streets, and slowly disappears as each struggling, momentary ray of sunshine blows its warm breath on the vanishing crystals. The enjoyments of sleighing have been splendid, the skating excellent, and the coasting more exhilarating and exciting than even Canadians, with their unapproachable toboggan could wish.

Yet withal, but two serious accidents occurred, and those accidentally happened to a young school-miss, by one of the sleighs running against her, breaking one or more ribs, and other injuries, and the other to a young man who had his leg badly fractured. The coasting hill is almost perpendicular to the improvised toboggans and rustic sleds descend is almost enough to take ones breath away.

Will the COURIER allow me a digression, (parenthetically speaking) to enable me to pass on that which is of paramount importance to the young and beautiful ladies of Grants Pass? Yes! for I feel your honest thoughts in this particular, run in happy accord with my own, and no doubt pervade your being just as jealously and sensibly as my own.

If there be truth in impressions of the past, then I have before me (in fancy) the sweetest, innocent, yet cultured faces of hundreds of ladies I have seen at Grants Pass. They seem to peer over my shoulder as I write; dance before me in a fitful procession of true womanly beauty and forms of symmetrical exquisite-ness that seem prone to dwell among the nymphs and naiads of Lohengrin's bover of beauty! Do not understand me to say that all the beautiful ladies in Oregon are centered in and around Grants Pass. No, no. But I do say, and wish to have it so understood that for pure, unadulterated beauty (the genuine article), no powder and paint imitation, where nature in her wisdom has penciled the rose-tint of health in the cheeks and lips of cherry crimson, the arched brows and long sweeping lashes, and luxuriant tresses, the angelic beauties at Grants Pass takes the plum! We have some types of beauty here; but they are not so pronounced as in your section. At a party here not long since, surrounded by a levy of young ladies, the subject drifted to beautiful women. I was called on to decide, and because I awarded the palm to Grants Pass as the "Eden of Beauty" (among ladies) in Oregon, they felt sorely slighted, and, I believe, have given me the last invitation of the season. I informed them if they doubted my veracity, to take a run up to the Pass and discover that "living reality" for themselves. We don't speak now.

Mr. Editor, do inform me what ever has become of that chronic institution--the "Inebriates' Home." Does the "spirit" still pervade the canvas inclosure, and does the candle of the devotee's--the worshippers of Bacchus--still hold out to burn? Do they still crawl into the silent folds of the tent, boots and all, and roll over into the abyss of forgetfulness--only to awake and hunt up a drink to assuage their grief and cares--to "dream the happy

hours away" beyond the call of anxious friends and relatives? Ah! how many times have I watched them, as they manoeuvred around to get within the tent unseen; but it was no use, for the eagle eye of your correspondent, always alert, perceived them, and spoiled their little game. Such thoughts crowd upon me as I write, that it is a relief to me to shape them on paper and give them from life, in my fancy once more.

Some of the happiest moments of my life I spent with those friends I left behind at the Pass, and time will not erase the favorable impression of the most hospitable and friendly people--friends--in the world. I shall never forget their goodness to me their pleasant words, kind advice, and above all, their ministrations to me when I met with the accident by falling in the well, spraining my foot. To this day my ankle has never recovered, and at times I suffer intensely with it.

There are so many subjects to write upon here that, as the week is drawing to a close, I shall not be able to give you more than passing notice of events; but in my next, I shall try to interest your readers in a subject of much importance all over the southern portion of the State, and shall attempt to show the comparisons, differences and relations other parts of the State bear to your wonderful section. I shall also attempt to give your readers a resume of the wonderful resources of Lake county. For if ever there was a county slighted by the press of Oregon, it is this one in particular. Not even our own paper makes mention of the fact that such things exist as a county's resources. There is room here for a good, wide-awake newspaper man; and a man of enterprise could make a handsome profit, too. If a weekly letter from this point will be of value to your enterprising, newsy paper, I shall only be too happy to undertake the task, as I feel assured there are in your section, many who would like to hear from this place. More anon. FRANCIS M. DRUM.

Our Wealthy Men. Much has been said in newspapers of men who have made large fortunes in comparatively a few years in various business industries. Many of these articles are written by correspondents of prominent newspapers, and copied into others of lesser note. Correspondents generally are seldom men of business qualifications and wrongfully picture these men and their business as a thing of accident; this is not the case with those we have met. We find that where men have made large fortunes by their own business talent and industry, they chose with sagacity and forethought such business as would lead to success when handled with business judgement. No man has been brought before the public as an example of success, both in wealth and magnitude of his business (outside of stock and railroad men) more prominently than Dr. G. G. Green of Woodbury, N. J. He is at the head of many large business industries, and yet comparatively a young man. When the fact that August Flower, for dyspepsia and liver complaint, and Boschee's German Syrup, for cough and lung troubles, has grown to a wonderful sale in all parts of the world, it proves that it was not an accident or spontaneous strike at wealth. His medicines are recognized as valuable and established remedies and the business has grown gradually and permanently during the last eighteen years on account not alone of Dr. Green's abilities as a business man or his "good luck," but on the actual merits of the two preparations. [Copied from the N. Y. Weekly Sun of Dec. 22, 1885.]

From the Ashland Tidings: The State allowed Jackson county's bill for keeping state patients, amounting to over \$2,000, which has been applied to our state tax.

Geo. Chase and Fred Cliff went through from Linkville to the railroad last Sunday on the first trip with their stage.

Charges seriously affecting the integrity of Mr. Wilder, superintendent of the railway mail service of the Pacific coast, have been filed with the Postmaster General and made the basis for a request from leading Democrats of California for his removal. Postmaster General Vilas has the matter under consideration.

The DeMoss family who have been in Roseburg for about three months, left Wednesday morning. While here they have made many friends who will be pleased to hear of their success wherever they may go. [Success.]

About 2000 men are scattered along the works from the Salt Works to Klamath river, and the forces are being increased by new recruits, principally Sikhion boys.